Honorary Fellow - Citation Mr. Selwyn MAR

Mr. Selwyn Mar graduated from the London School of Economics with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. He is a certified public accountant and is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Mr. Mar is currently the Managing Partner of Nexia Charles Mar Fan & Co. (NCMF), Certified Public Accountants, established over 56 years ago. NCMF is a member of Nexia International, an international network of independent accounting and consultancy firms which currently has approximately 14,000 professional staff in 96 countries. Mr. Mar was the Chairman of the Asia Pacific Region and also a Director of the International Board of Nexia International from 1999 to 2004.

Mr. Mar has extensive experience in commerce and industry. He was the President and the Executive Director of Sincere Department Store in Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland from 1974 to 1994. His active involvement in the retail industry on the Mainland led to the setting up of a joint venture department store, the first of its kind, in Shanghai in late 1991. Since then he has travelled extensively and frequently to the Mainland and has set up associated offices in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou for his accountancy network. Mr. Mar is currently on the board of many renowned corporations.

Mr. Mar has contributed significantly towards the development of the accountancy profession by serving the then Hong Kong Society of Accountants (now known as The Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants) in various capacities for more than ten years. He was the President of the Society in 1991 and during that year, he spearheaded a system of practice review, a system for reviewing the quality of the professional work of practitioners on a random basis, despite strong opposition from some small-scale accounting firms. This has, to a large extent, led to an improvement in the quality of accounting and auditing practice in Hong Kong.

Mr. Mar has also contributed to the community by serving as a member of the Accountancy Training Board of the Hong Kong Vocational Training Council, the Consumer Council, the Council of the Hong Kong Management Association, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Council and the Tuen Mun District Board. He is a past President of the Hong Kong Rotary Club.

Last but not least, Mr. Mar is also actively involved in the education field. He was one of the founding members of the Chinese International School (CIS) where he acted as Treasurer and Governor for a number of years.

Mr. Chairman, may I now present Mr. Selwyn Mar to you for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of Lingnan University in recognition of his significant contributions to the accountancy profession and his outstanding public service.

榮譽院士贊辭 馬紹援先生

馬紹援先生畢業於英國倫敦經濟學院,取得經濟系學士學位。他爲執業會計師,並且是英格蘭及威爾斯特許會計師公會,以及香港會計師公會的會員。馬先生現爲擁有超過五十六年歷史的馬炎璋會計師行的最高合夥人。馬炎璋會計師行爲「Nexia 國際」的會員。Nexia 國際是一個由獨立會計及顧問公司組成的國際會計網絡,會員公司目前在九十六個國家共聘請約一萬四千名專業會計人員。於 1999 至 2004 年間,馬先生曾分別出任該會之亞太區主席及國際董事局董事。

馬先生在工商界擁有廣泛和豐富的經驗。1974至 1994年間,馬先生曾出任香港及中國內地的先施百貨的行政總裁。他積極參與內地的零售業市場,並於 1991 年年底,在上海首創以合營模式,成立一聯營百貨公司,開展內地百貨業務。自始,他便經常往返內地,更於北京、上海及廣州等城市設立辦事處,作爲他會計業務的網絡。現時,馬先生亦爲多家知名企業的董事局成員。

在過去十多年裏,馬先生以不同身份參與香港會計師公會的工作,對會計專業的發展,貢獻良多。於 1991 年,他曾出任該會主席。在任期間,他率先提倡推行「執業審查」的制度,以隨機方式評核業界從業員的工作質素和水平。當時該政策雖曾遭業界小型會計公司的強烈反對,但是該政策的確大幅提升了香港會計及審計行業的質素。

馬先生樂於貢獻社會,他先後出任香港職業訓練局會計業訓練委員會、消費者委員會、香港專業管理協會理事會、愛丁堡公爵獎勵計劃理事會,以及屯門區議會等成員。另外,他曾任香港扶輪社主席。

馬紹援先生在教育界亦相當活躍。他是漢基國際學校的創辦人之一,曾爲該校擔任司庫及校董多年。

主席先生,本人謹恭請 閣下頒授領南大學榮譽院士銜予馬紹援先生,以表揚他在會計專業及社會服務等方面所作出的重大貢獻。