Dr Fok Wing-huen Honorary Fellow

Citation

Dr Fok Wing-huen, a true Hong Kong native, has come a long way from humble beginnings, transforming himself into an esteemed expert in the field of engineering. "Efficiency, diligence, self-discipline, and sincerity" sum up Dr Fok's motto and character, serving as the keys to his journey towards success.

Dr Fok is a highly experienced civil engineer and project manager known for his exceptional efficiency. With a remarkable 42-year career in civil and structural engineering, he has been involved in planning, designing, assessing, and managing numerous large-scale infrastructure and construction projects across cities and regions in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and Singapore. His exceptional expertise and skills guarantee the timely and high-quality completion of projects, leading to profound contributions to the development and construction of diverse areas throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

Diligence characterises Dr Fok, as he approaches his work and contributes to the advancement of the engineering industry with unwavering dedication. He has always been active in the training of engineering graduates. Serving as a planner and executor of training policies, he has formulated practical training approaches for hundreds of engineering graduates, ensuring their effective completion of training under professional guidance and subsequently their successful performance in the professional qualification examinations conducted by various engineering institutions. His work ethic and devotion to training make him both a role model and a mentor for the younger generation.

Moreover, Dr Fok is a staunch advocate of self-discipline, setting high standards for himself. Throughout his professional journey, he has pursued multiple postgraduate degrees through part-time study and research in different disciplines, not just a doctorate in engineering but also master's degrees in science and arts. As a dedicated scholar-practitioner, he is not just a lifelong learner but also a teacher who channels industry insights into universities and then "translates" fresh research findings into industrial applications. He maintains a busy schedule, yet actively participates in international conferences and tirelessly authors and publishes academic journal papers.

Dr Fok's authentic, amiable, and compassionate demeanour has won him widespread recognition. He is understated, never flaunting his achievements. He has fostered deep connections with individuals of all ages, notably the younger generation, serving as a positive role model. His long-standing involvement in Rotary Club activities, particularly in youth services and mentoring, highlights his genuine care and support for the community. In acknowledgment of his contributions, he has received prestigious accolades from the Rotary International including the Club Builder Award and the Avenues of Service Citation for Individual Rotarians.

From 2017 to 2022, he was appointed as a member of the Lingnan University Council and Court. During this tenure, he acted as a member of various committees, namely the Campus Development and Management Committee, Career Development Committee, Honorary Awards Committee, and Main Tender Board. As the Chairman of Campus Development and Management Committee, Dr Fok established a systematic approach for evaluating and overseeing new facilities and maintenance projects, resulting in key construction works including the renovation of Fong Sum Wood Library and the enhancement of Chan Tak Tai Auditorium. His leadership also played a pivotal role in securing adequate gross floor area from the government, an essential move for anticipated future campus development. This allocation has enabled the University to put into action comprehensive developmental strategies, notably the ongoing construction of Lingnan Hub.

Dr Fok has actively engaged in leadership within the Council and Court, driving substantial progress in development and management at Lingnan University. His outstanding expertise and exceptional abilities have firmly established him as a crucial force in campus construction. He has undertaken critical responsibilities within multiple committees to ensure the seamless execution and top-tier delivery of projects.

Across the domains of engineering, education, and community service, he demonstrates his exceptional qualities of efficiency, diligence, self-discipline, and sincerity. Through his substantial contributions rooted in his expertise, he has risen to become a figure of high regard and admiration within the industry. Dr Fok's forward-looking and strategic approach, alongside his rapport with the people around, has equipped Lingnan University with visionary directions for development, inspiring and guiding stakeholders to pursue excellence and actively contribute to societal progress.

Mr Deputy Chairman, in recognition of Dr Fok's dedication and outstanding contributions to the field of engineering, the community and Lingnan University, I respectfully present Dr Fok Winghuen for the award of the title of honorary fellow of Lingnan University.

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