

## **Honorary Fellow – Citation**

### **Mr Carlson Tong, *JP***

After many years of solid and impressive development, the accountancy profession in Hong Kong has greatly enhanced its profile and reputation and is currently held internationally in high regard. Also, in response to events the world over, great improvements have been made to Hong Kong's financial system to ensure the SAR retains its preeminent place as a world financial centre. But these important changes in the SAR would not have taken place were it not for the efforts of individuals who have dedicated themselves to their career, profession and community. Mr Chairman, we have one such person with us today, Mr Carlson Tong.

Mr Tong graduated from St. Paul's Co-Educational College in 1971, and qualified as a Chartered Accountant in the UK in 1979. He is a fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Mr Tong's career as an accountant has followed a consistently upward trajectory. He joined the international accounting firm of KPMG in the UK in 1979, returned to Hong Kong in 1985, and became a partner of that same firm in Hong Kong in 1989. He was elected as Chairman for KPMG in Mainland China and Hong Kong in 2007, and last year became Chairman of KPMG Asia-Pacific and a member of the company's International Global Board and Global Executive Team. He is currently the KPMG client partner for a number of major organisations listed on the China and Hong Kong stock exchanges.

Mr Tong has played an active part in the accountancy profession in Greater China. He has served as Vice-President and Council member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and is presently advisor to the Accounting Standards Committee under the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China.

Mr Tong has also been heavily involved in enhancing the financial infrastructure of Hong Kong. He served as Chairman of the Main Board and GEM Listing Committee

of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Ltd between 2006 and 2008. He has also been a member of both the Takeovers & Mergers Panel and the Dual Filing Advisory Group of the Securities & Futures Commission, and a member of the Standing Committee on Company Law Reform. He is currently a member of the Exchange Fund Advisory Committee.

Additionally, he is presently serving as a member of the Hong Kong Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Appeals Board, and as Chairman of the Employees' Compensation Insurance Levies Management Board.

In spite of undertaking these many and challenging roles, Mr Tong has also found time to donate his services to organisations involved in athletic and artistic pursuits. He is currently a Board member of the Hong Kong Sports Institute Ltd, and is an advisor and former Vice-Chairman of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra.

Mr Chairman, for his outstanding services to his profession and to the community, may I now present Mr Carlson Tong to you for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

*English citation written and delivered by Prof Phyllis Mo Lai-lan*