

Ms Christina Maisenne Lee
Honorary Fellow

Citation

Ms Christina Maisenne Lee is the eldest daughter of Dr Joseph Lee, one of our city's pioneers of social entrepreneurship and community building. Ms Lee grew up in Hong Kong, where she attended Maryknoll Convent School until Form 4, and then continued her studies in the US and the UK. She returned to Hong Kong in 1999 after receiving a BA in Public Policy Studies with Honours from the University of Chicago and an MSc in Comparative Social Research from the University of Oxford. For the past 20 years, Ms Lee has worked by her father's side as he shifted focus from running his successful manufacturing and trading business to building his social enterprises. Besides Wofoo Foundation and Wofoo Social Enterprises, Ms Lee is also Director of The Warehouse Teenage Club and Grace Healthcare Limited, and Vice-Chairperson of the New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association (NTWJWA).

Ms Lee's liberal arts background combined with her firm belief in the human potential for goodness inspires her multidisciplinary approach to issues in education, management, social services and public policy. She takes to heart the Wofoo (和富) Vision of personal, familial, ethnic and national abundance laid out by her father, who believes that harmony (*wo* 和) is the foundation of abundance (*foo* 富). Owing to the encouragement of her beloved grandmother, the late Mrs Amelia Lee Wu Kee Ming, Ms Lee is serving her third term as member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of her ancestral city, Ningbo. Ms Lee was a Hong Kong delegate of the All-China Youth Federation from 2010 to 2015, and a member of the HKSAR Election Committee (Import and Export sector) from 2011 to 2016.

Ms Lee has been appointed to a variety of government advisory committees in Hong Kong, including the Town Planning Board, the Advisory Committee on Admission of Quality Migrants and Professionals, the Social Welfare Advisory Committee, and the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee. Currently, she serves on the Commission on Poverty, the Curriculum Development Council's Standing Committee on Values Education, and the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service. All these opportunities to serve have shown her how she can best serve Hong Kong, and how her humble efforts may fit in with the much larger enterprise of building a country that is better for the world and humanity.

From theory to practice, Ms Lee endeavours to step up her support for the school sector which, rightly or wrongly, has been seen as either the cure for or alleged cause of most social

ills. After completing a second Master's degree in Research and Professional Studies in Education from the University of Bristol in 2010, she obtained a Postgraduate Diploma in Education (English) from Hong Kong Baptist University and a teaching certificate in 2015.

As Court Member of Hong Kong Baptist University and Board Steward of The Education University of Hong Kong Foundation, Honorary Special Advisor of the Centre for Religious and Spirituality Education at Education University, and the Student Development Discipline Advisory Board of the Vocational Training Council, Ms Lee works with the different stakeholders at their various developmental stages in Hong Kong's education system.

In her role on the School Sponsoring Body (SSB) and as an SSB-appointed School Manager, Ms Lee actively seeks to improve the education of thousands of young people and support the hundreds who educate them. She is School Supervisor of NTWJWA Ltd Leung Sing Tak Primary School in Tai Po, School Manager of W F Joseph Lee Primary School in Tin Shui Wai, Joint Nursery School Management Committee Chairperson for NTWJWA, School Manager of St Patrick's School, which is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong, and School Manager of her alma mater's Secondary and Primary Section Incorporated Management Committees.

While the Wofoo Foundation generously supports many of Hong Kong's higher education institutions in the areas of student development, applied research, and in the form of the Wofoo Leaders' Network, Ms Lee also greatly values the ongoing collaboration with Lingnan University's Wofoo Joseph Lee Consulting and Counselling Psychology Research Centre in enhancing the well-being of educators and the educational climate in primary schools and kindergartens in Tuen Mun and Yuen Long.

Following in the footsteps of her grandmother and her father, Ms Lee has devoted herself wholeheartedly to helping the needy and the poor, not only financially but also by sharing her time and energy. Ms Lee is a role model for school teachers and young people.

In summary, Ms Lee is an outstanding person who has contributed greatly to the University, the local community, mainland China and Asia. Mr Chairman, I am honoured to present Ms Christina Maisenne Lee for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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