

Mr Adolf Hsu Hsung SBS, ISO, JP

Mr Adolf Hsu Hsung, whose ancestral hometown is Panyu in Guangdong Province, was born in Macau in 1938 and moved to Hong Kong at a young age. After graduation from St Joseph's College in 1955, Mr Hsu relied on self-study to complete his matriculation studies and attained good public exam results. Yet, instead of furthering his study, he started working full-time. As his father had died at the age of 48, Mr Hsu, the eldest son among eight siblings, needed to start making a living for his family.

Mr Hsu joined the Hong Kong government as an interpreter/translator in 1958, and was appointed an administrative officer in 1968. In the following decades, Mr Hsu served in a number of key positions in the then Government Secretariat and various government units, including the Finance, Civil Service and Administration Branches, the New Territories Administration, and Government Supplies and Regional Services Departments. After 40 years as a civil servant, Mr Hsu retired as Director of Regional Services in 1998. During his time in the government, Mr Hsu oversaw the management of manpower, finance, materials supply and land administration at the regional level, and thus has a wealth of experience in these fields.

From 1998 to 2004, Mr Hsu was employed by New World Holdings Ltd and served, among other positions, as Managing Director of New World First Bus Services Ltd and New World First Ferry Services Ltd. Over this six-year period, Mr Hsu played a key role in the successful takeover of the then China Motor Bus and Yaumatei Ferry Services, hoping that these endeavours would help modernise Hong Kong's public transportation services and provide key support in ensuring Hong Kong's future as a dynamic world-class city. In addition, Mr Hsu continued to share his knowledge of good corporate governance when he worked for other publicly-listed companies. He was an executive director of Kwoon Chung Bus Holdings Ltd, and has been serving as an independent non-executive director of Dah Chong Hong Holdings Ltd since 2007.

In addition to serving Hong Kong at both the public and corporate levels, Mr Hsu has been active in community services. He has been Vice-president of the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association since 1990, a member of The Hong Kong Tourism Board from 2001 to 2004, a member of the Council of Lingnan University from 2004 to 2009, and Honorary Chairman of several district councils of the scout associations of Hong Kong. He was also the Secretary-general of HKSAR Chief Executive Mr Donald Tsang's Re-election Office in 2007.

In recognition of his contributions to public service, Mr Hsu was made a Companion of the Imperial Service Order in 1992 and awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2006. In recognition of his work in the area of private governance in Hong Kong, Mr Hsu received three distinguished awards in 2002. He was honoured with the "Director of the Year" title by the Hong Kong Institute of Directors, the "Hong Kong Business Executive Award" by DHL and South China Morning Post as well as the accolade of being one of "China's 100 Outstanding Reformers" by the People's Republic

of China. He is currently a Justice of the Peace and a Fellow Member of both the Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport and the Hong Kong Institute of Directors.

Mr Chairman, for his remarkable track record in public and community services, may I now present to you Mr Adolf Hsu Hsung for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.