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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李美辰女士 榮譽院士 贊辭

李美辰女士是李宗德博士之長女,李博士為本地社會企業及社區建設的先驅,一直 受人敬仰。李女士成長於香港,在瑪利諾修院學校接受教育,完成中四後赴美國及英國 深造。獲得芝加哥大學公共政策研究榮譽學士學位,及牛津大學比較社會研究學碩士學 位後,李女士於1999年回港。過去廿載,李女士與父親一起經營成功的製造和貿易業 務,並逐步發展社會企業。除了帶領和富慈善基金及和富社會企業穩步前行,李女士亦 擔任蒲窩青少年中心及頌恩醫療護理有限公司董事,以及新界婦孺福利會副主席。

李女士的博雅教育背景及其人性本善的信念,啟發她在教育、管理、社會服務和公 共政策的跨領域參與。她銘記父親一直推動的「人和家富 民和國富」的和富信念以及 「和而富足」的價值觀;而在她敬愛的已故祖母李吳劍鳴夫人的鼓勵下,李女士三度擔 任其祖籍寧波市的政協委員。李女士曾於 2010 年至 2015 年成為中華全國青年聯合會特 邀委員香港代表,並於 2011 年至 2016 年擔任香港特區選舉委員會(進出口)委員。

李女士曾獲委任為多個香港政府諮詢委員會成員,包括城市規劃委員會、輸入優秀 人才及專才諮詢委員會、社會福利諮詢委員會及社會企業諮詢委員會。目前,她亦繼續 服務多個委員會,當中包括扶貧委員會、課程發展議會的價值觀教育常務委員會、公務 員薪俸及服務條件常務委員會。這些公職機會驅使她用心服務香港,盡其所能協助建設 國家,為世界和人類謀福祉。

教育被很多人視為是解決社會問題的關鍵,但同時有人認為是教育衍生社會問題。 李女士對教育極為重視,兼顧理論與實踐,致力推動學界發展。她於2010年獲得布里 斯托大學教育研究及專業研修學碩士學位,這是她獲得的第二個碩士學位。其後,她於 2015年取得香港浸會大學學位教師教育文憑(英文)及本地教師註冊資格。

作為香港浸會大學諮議會成員、香港教育大學基金董事會成員、香港教育大學宗教 教育與心靈教育中心榮譽特別顧問及職業訓練局學生發展學科顧問委員會委員,李女士 積極與本港教育體系不同發展階段的持分者緊密合作。

作為辦學團體的領導層,李女士積極提升年青人的教育質素,並向數以百計的有關 導師提供支援。她現為大埔的新界婦孺福利會梁省德學校校監、天水圍的和富慈善基金 李宗德小學校董、新界婦孺福利會幼兒學校聯合校董會主席、天主教香港教區轄下的聖 博德學校校董,以及其母校瑪利諾修院學校中小學部法團校董會校董。

和富慈善基金配合和富領袖網絡,在學生發展、應用研究等方面給予多間香港高等

教育機構大力支持。同時,李女士非常重視與嶺南大學和富李宗德諮詢及輔導心理學研 究中心的長期合作,促進教育工作者的整體福利,向屯門區和元朗區的小學和幼稚園推 廣正向教學心理。

李女士秉承祖母和父親貢獻社會的精神,一直全心全意幫助有需要及貧困人士。她 不僅提倡經濟援助,更慷慨分享自身的心力時間服務社會,是教師和年輕人的楷模。

總括而言,李女士對嶺南大學、本地社區、內地以至亞洲地區均作出重大貢獻, 成就斐然。主席先生,本人謹恭請 閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予李美辰女士。

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