

# **Mr Simon Ip Shing-hing**

## **Honorary Fellow**

### **Citation**

Mr Simon Ip Shing-hing was born and raised in Hong Kong and received his legal training at The University of Hong Kong. He is currently the senior partner at Christine M Koo & Ip, Solicitors & Notaries LLP, and holds directorships at CCB International (Holdings) Limited, Far East Hotels and Entertainment Limited, Binhai Investment Company Limited, PC Partner Group Limited, The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Limited. Mr Ip was a member of the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and has been Vice Chairman of Hong Kong Young Legal Professionals Association Limited since 1997. He has served The Law Society of Hong Kong in various capacities, including as Council member (1991-2002), Vice President (1999-2002) and President (2002-2004). He was also the President of the Association of China-Appointed Attesting Officers Limited (2012-2014).

During his long and distinguished legal career, one case stood out as particularly memorable for Mr Ip, an extraordinary experience that continues to inform his meticulous approach to professional and community work. This litigation case was initially handled by a legal team that included a prominent barrister, but the case was lost so disappointingly that the barrister was certain that an appeal had “zero” chance of success. The client, however, insisted on an appeal, and as the original team wanted nothing more to do with the case, Mr Ip took on mission impossible. Thanks to Mr Ip’s patience, perseverance and keen eye for detail, and much to everyone’s surprise, the appeal was successful. To this day, Mr Ip continues to believe that even in the most seemingly impossible situations, there is always a chance to turn things around.

Apart from his achievements in the legal profession, Mr Ip has also made valuable contributions to the Lingnan community. Mr Ip was appointed to Lingnan University’s Council in 2009 and served as its Deputy Chairman and ex-officio Member of the Court between 2014 and 2020, serving on a variety of important committees during an important period of the University’s development. He was appointed Chairman of the Board of Governors of The Community College at Lingnan University (CCLU) and Lingnan Institute of Further Education (LIFE)\* in February 2013, serving until October 2020. Mr Ip was appointed Convenor of the Inquiry Panel of the CCLU and LIFE in October 2012, with responsibility for reviewing the operations of CCLU and LIFE during the admission exercise of 2012-13. Between October

and December 2012, the Panel held 14 meetings, totalling over 70 hours, including interviews with 51 individuals. Under Mr Ip's leadership, the work of the Panel laid important foundations for CCLU and LIFE's further developments.

Mr Ip's work in the Council and Court, and this intensive bout of work with the Inquiry Panel deepened his knowledge of and interest in Hong Kong's higher education sector, including the complexities of its operations. As he believes that quality education must not only nurture students to develop their potential but also serve society's changing needs, lifelong education is of paramount importance not just for our students but for everyone. Mr Ip is certainly one who walks the talk in this regard; he leads by example. Not only does he have a keen interest in cutting edge innovations; he has also recently completed another degree and has plans for further research on the legal ramifications of new technologies.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of Mr Ip's outstanding achievements to the legal profession, and his significant contributions to Lingnan University, I am honoured to present Mr Simon Ip Shing-hing for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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葉成慶先生在香港出生及成長，於香港大學接受法律專業培訓，現為顧張文菊、葉成慶律師事務所高級合夥人，並於建銀國際(控股)有限公司、遠東酒店實業有限公司、濱海投資有限公司、栢能集團有限公司、香港中華總商會及中國委托公証人協會有限公司擔任董事。葉先生曾任公民教育委員會委員、香港律師會委員(1991-2002)、副會長(1999-2002)和會長(2002-2004)、中國委托公証人協會主席(2012-2014)，自1997年起出任香港青年法律工作者協會副會長。

在葉先生多年傑出的法律生涯中，有一宗案件讓他特別難忘，亦深深影響著他對其專業和社區工作的取態。這宗訴訟案件最初由一法律團隊處理，其成員包括一位著名大律師，可惜案件卻最終敗訴，而該名大律師當時堅稱上訴成功的機會是「零」。然而，當事人堅持上訴，但由於原來的團隊不想再參與案件，葉先生即挺身而出肩負這項不可能的任務。憑著葉先生的耐心、毅力和抽絲剝繭的精神，案件最終得以上訴成功，超出所有人的預期。時至今日，葉先生依然深信，即使在看似最不可能的情況下，事情總會有扭轉局面的機會。

除了在法律專業的成就，葉先生亦為嶺大社群貢獻良多。2009年，葉先生獲委任為嶺南大學校董會成員，並於2014年至2020年期間擔任校董會副主席及諮議會當然成員，在大學發展的重要時期參與多個重要委員會的工作。他於2013年2月至2020年10月期間，擔任嶺南大學社區學院(CCLU)及嶺南大學持續進修學院(LIFE)校董會\*主席。2012年10月，葉先生獲委任為該兩院調查委員會召集人，負責檢討社區學院與持續進修學院在2012-13學年的收生程序運作。2012年10月至12月期間，調查委員會共舉行過14次會議，共計70多個小時，並與51位人士進行面談。在葉先生的領導下，調查委員會的工作與建議為該兩院進一步發展奠定重要基礎。

葉先生在校董會和諮議會的多年工作經歷，加上在調查委員會期間的密集工作，加深了他對香港高等教育界的了解和興趣，包括其運作上的複雜議題。他認為優質教育不僅要培養學生發展潛能，亦應迎合瞬息萬變的社會需求，因此持續教育無論對學生甚或是每個人都至關重要。葉先生當然也知行合一，以身作則。他對創新科技深感興趣，最近還完成了另一個學位，並計劃就新興科技的法律層面作進一步研究。

主席先生，為表彰葉先生在法律界的傑出成就，以及對嶺南大學的重大貢獻，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予葉成慶先生。

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