

## **Ng Kwai-wah**

As a student from 1983 to 1986 and an employee since then, Mr Ng Kwai-wah has been a genetic element of Lingnan for over a quarter of a century. From research assistant to Head of the Office of Research & Staff Development, he has been a loyal witness and contributor to Lingnan's transformation from college to university. In 2002 he received an Outstanding Performance Award, and in 2010, the Dr and Mrs James Tak Wu Award for Outstanding Service. Kwai-wah needs little introduction on campus. He is well known as a meticulous professional, guardian of staff interests, facilitator of management-staff communication, and pious caretaker of cats. He has been elected to the Lingnan College and University Councils for nine consecutive terms as a staff representative since 1994. Among his university committee services is his work as Chairman of the Catering Committee, which makes him the official "gastronomic monitor" on campus. What is less well known are Kwai-wah's extramural pursuits. Jokingly dubbed a "misplaced aristocrat" by a close friend, this student of sociology is also a fine photographer, a player of the guitar and Chinese erhu, a badminton and squash player, and a semi-connoisseur of art without the wealth to indulge his taste. He is also a practical man engaged in traffic design under the Tuen Mun District Council, and the tireless chairman of a charitable foundation endowed by a deceased Lingnan teacher, aimed at supporting the education of underprivileged children in Mainland China. He took early retirement in 2012 but remains actively involved with the University as a Court Member and Member of the Christian Activities Committee of the University Council. Since January 2023, he has been elected Vice-Chairman of the Lingnan Education Organization. Kwai-wah rejoined the workforce in 2021 as Chief Education Officer of the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong. He is concurrently the Principal of YMCA College of Careers and a School Supervisor of various secondary schools, primary schools, and kindergartens.