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Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*

Citation

"In human society things are never as bad as they appear, and it is up to each of us to make things better." This piece of philosophy by Dr Anthony Neoh demonstrates very well his passion in life and his ambition in his multiple areas of service, ranging from public, legal and business to academic, all of which have earned him extraordinary recognition and respect both within and beyond the territory.

Dr Neoh embarked on his successful career as a civil servant after teaching at his own secondary school for two years. From 1966 to 1979, he served in a wide range of government administrative positions, including City District Commissioner for Kowloon and Assistant Director of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC). From 1975 to 1976, he took a year off to pursue his LLB Degree at the University of London and was called to the English Bar by Gray's Inn. In 1979, he left the Hong Kong Civil Service and commenced practising at the Hong Kong Bar. His legal practice soon took on an international dimension when he practised as a Member of the California Bar, having been admitted in 1984. He returned to full time practice at the Hong Kong Bar in 1986, and in 1990 he was appointed Queen's Counsel (now retitled Senior Counsel). His legal practice covers a wide spectrum of private and public law matters and he is especially known for dealing with international investment disputes in international arbitration.

Apart from his distinguished professional career, Dr Neoh has shown a firm commitment to public service and has served on various public boards and committees over the years. He took up the Chairmanship for the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission between 1995 and 1998, and was the first Asian elected to serve as the Chairman of the Technical Committee of the International Organization of Securities Commissions from 1996 to 1998. At the personal invitation of Premier Zhu Rongji, he served as the Chief Advisor to the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) from 1998 to 2004 and was given the duty of proposing policies to revamp the stock market in China. He remains a member of its International Advisory Board. From July 1997 to June 2008, he was also a member of the Hong Kong SAR Basic Law Committee under the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, contributing to many fundamental interpretations of the Basic Law of Hong Kong. In 2010, he was designated by the People's Republic of China to sit on the Panel of Conciliators and Arbitrators of the World Bank's International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID). In addition, he has served as Independent Non-Executive Director for many publicly listed companies, such as Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Citic Limited, the Bank of China, China Life Insurance Limited, the Link Real Estate Investment Trust, and China Shenhua Energy Holdings Limited.

On top of his manifold duties, Dr Neoh has shown continuing support and passion for education and nurturing our future generations. He has held various adjunct, honorary and visiting professorial appointments in many prestigious universities, including Harvard University, Peking University, Tsinghua University, National University of Singapore, Zhejiang University and Zhongshan University. From 2004 to 2008, he was Chairman of the Planning Committee to found the Law School (now the Faculty of Law) of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), and also served first as a member and then Deputy Chairman of CUHK's Council. Legal and financial history and current issues in financial regulation, as well as private/state arbitration, are among the topics he has lectured on extensively both locally and internationally. He was conferred the Honorary Degree

of Doctor of Laws by The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2003, and the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Social Sciences by The Open University of Hong Kong in 2013.

When asked to share his life experience with us, he mentioned:

"Because of impecunious family circumstances, I was not able to follow a formal education, so I have had to educate myself in whatever way I could and in whatever time I could find."

Perhaps his deep understanding of impecunious circumstances gained from his childhood days could also help explain why he remains deeply humble and grateful despite the honour and reverence he has gained across sectors and regions. "As I look back, I find myself incredibly lucky that Hong Kong and Mainland China has given me so much scope and opportunity. But I do not think that I would have achieved much had I not followed the teachings, examples and advice of my elders, teachers, friends and family who have shaped my attitude to life and exercised a continuing influence on me."

Lingnan University is also lucky to have Dr Neoh with us. He has been serving on the Social Sciences Advisory Board since 1997, providing valuable advice to our programmes. He became a member of the Advisory Board of the Master of Science in International Banking and Finance (MIBF) Programme in 2009, and took up the Chairmanship of the Board in 2012. With the generous donation of Dr Neoh, the "Anthony Neoh Scholarship" was established in 2010 to reward MIBF students with excellent academic performance. Dr Neoh is indeed a full personification of the Liberal Arts ideal.

Mr Chairman, for his outstanding professional achievements and distinguished public service, may I present Dr Anthony Francis Neoh to you for conferment of the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*.

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「在人類社會，事情往往並非像看來那麼糟；我們每個人都有責任讓事情變得更好。」這是梁定邦博士的人生哲學，亦充分反映他對生命的熱情，以及對服務社會的抱負。梁博士對法律界、商界、學術界及社會的貢獻，令他贏取了本地以至海外的廣泛讚譽和尊重。

梁博士的事業發展起點是他的中學母校。他在母校當了兩年教師後，加入了政府公務員行列。1966至1979年期間，他擔任過多個不同的政務工作職位，包括九龍民政專員及廉政公署助理署長。1975至1976年，他向政府申請休假一年，負笈英國倫敦大學攻讀法律，並獲頒法學士學位，及後更獲得英國大律師（格雷律師學院）資格。1979年，梁博士離開政府，任職私人執業大律師。1984年，他獲美國加州律師資格，曾在彼邦執業。梁博士於1986年回港全職任執業大律師，並於1990年獲委任為英皇御用大律師（現改稱資深大律師）。他的律師業務涵蓋多方面的私人及公共法律事務，尤其擅長處理涉及國際投資爭議的國際訴訟。

梁博士除了在事業上有傑出成就外，亦一直熱心公共事務，多年來曾為多個委員會擔任公職。在1995至1998年，他曾任香港證券及期貨事務監察委員會主席。1996至1998年，他成為首位亞洲人士出任國際證監會組織技術委員會主席。梁博士亦獲總理朱鎔基先生邀請，在1998至2004年出任中國證監會首席顧問，為改革中國證券業提出政策上的建議。他現時仍留任中國證監會國際顧問團成員。1997年7月至2008年6月，梁博士出任全國人大常務委員會香港特別行政區基本法委員會的委員，為解釋香港基本法提出建議，貢獻良多。2010年，他獲國家商務部及財政部提名擔任世界銀行國際投資爭端解決中心調停及仲裁員。此外，梁博士亦是多家上市公司的獨立非執行董事，其中包括中國工商銀行、中信泰富、中國銀行、中國人壽、領展及中國神華。

雖然身兼多重職責，梁博士仍一直熱衷於支持教育事業，致力培育下一代。他曾擔任多家大學的客座教授，包括哈佛大學、北京大學、清華大學、新加坡國立大學、浙江大學及中山大學。2004至2008年，梁博士出任香港中文大學法律學院籌劃委員會主席，亦先後擔任香港中文大學校董及校董會副主席。梁博士在香港及海外大學講學的課題，主要是有關法律與金融歷史、金融監管的當前問題，以及私人和國家的仲裁。2003年，梁博士獲香港中文大學頒授榮譽法學博士學位；2013年獲香港公開大學頒授榮譽社會科學博士學位。

梁博士這樣分享他的人生經驗：

「由於家境清貧，年輕時沒有機會接受正式的大學教育，因此我必須善用所有方法和時間，用來進修學習。」

可能由於童年時對貧窮生活的深刻體驗，致使梁博士縱然今天已在本地及海外多個領域獲得眾多榮譽及備受尊崇，卻仍能保持謙卑和感恩之心。「回望過去，我發現自己真的非常幸運，香港社會及中國給予我這麼多的空間和機會。但如果我沒有跟隨我的長輩、老師、朋友和家人的教導、榜樣及建議，我相信我不會獲得那麼多成就。他們培養了我的人生態度，為我帶來正面的影響。」

嶺南大學很幸運，可以獲得梁博士一直以來的支持。他自1997年起擔任社會科學諮詢委員會成員，為我們的課程提供寶貴建議。自2009年起，他成為國際銀行與金融碩士課程的諮詢委員會成員，並於2012年擔任委員會主席。2010年，我們獲得梁博士慷慨捐贈，成立了「梁定邦獎學金」，讓成績優異之國際銀行與金融碩士生受惠。可以說，梁博士本人正是博雅教育的理想典範。

主席先生，為表揚梁博士卓越的專業成就，以及對公共事務的貢獻，本人恭請　閣下頒授榮譽社會科學博士學位予梁定邦博士。

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