

The Hon Liao Cheung-kong Martin, GBM, GBS, JP

Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*

Citation

Mr Liao Cheung-kong Martin was born in Hong Kong with family roots in Wuhua County, Guangdong, and hails from a family of military background. His grandfather, uncle, and father attended the Whampoa Military Academy and served in the armed forces, dedicating their lives to safeguarding the nation. From a young age, Mr Liao was profoundly influenced by his family's patriotic spirits, which laid the foundation for his lifelong commitment to serving the country.

Mr Liao completed his secondary education in the UK, after which he attended University College London, where he received his Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Economics and Master of Laws degrees. Having been Called to the Bar in England and Wales, he returned to Hong Kong to practise law. Here, he was Called to the Bar and was subsequently admitted as Advocate and Solicitor in Singapore.

While practising law in Hong Kong, Mr Liao earned the respect of his peers for his exceptional advocacy skills and considerable legal knowledge. Specialising in commercial, intellectual property, company, and constitutional law, he not only provides professional services to clients but also participates in discussions on legal reform and public policy. His unwavering and impartial commitment to the legal profession has significantly advanced the development and practice of the rule of law and legal system in Hong Kong, and established him as a leader of the profession.

Beyond his practice, Mr Liao has also given generously for the benefit of the wider society. His public service has included roles in the National People's Congress, the Standing Committee of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, the Executive Council of the Hong Kong SAR, the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong SAR, the Central Policy Unit of the Hong Kong SAR Government, the District Court, the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, the University of Hong Kong Council, the Independent Commission Against Corruption's Advisory Committee on Corruption, the Amusement Game Centres Appeal Board, the Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorist Financing Review Tribunal, the Banking Review Tribunal, the Capital Adequacy Review Tribunal, the Bar Disciplinary Tribunal, and the Copyright Tribunal. In recognition of his benefactions to society, the SAR government has made him a Justice of the Peace, and awarded him with the Silver Bauhinia Star, the Gold Bauhinia Star, and the Grand Bauhinia Medal.

In 2012, Mr Liao embarked on a new chapter in his life and career when he was elected to the Fifth Legislative Council, representing the Commercial (Second) Functional Constituency. Since then, he has been involved in public governance and social development in Hong Kong, and served as convenor in the Sixth and Seventh Legislative Councils, holding multiple key committee positions driving crucial legal reforms and formulating economic policy. Mr Liao's strong sense of responsibility in matters of constitutional development and national security legislation is revealed in his valuable advice and endeavours in balancing diverse societal views, thus laying a solid foundation for Hong Kong's prosperity and stability.

In addition to public office, Mr Liao is also actively engaged in professional and business organisations such as the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. In 1988, he joined the Hong Kong Jockey Club and has been elected Voting Member, Steward and Deputy Chairman of the Club. In August 2025, he was elected Chairman, and now leads this world-class organisation in its ongoing support for sport, youth, charity, gerontology, entertainment, and leisure, continuing to serve the people of Hong Kong on yet another important platform.

Mr Liao's career trajectory offers powerful inspiration to the youth of Hong Kong: law is not merely a professional skill, but also a vital force in upholding justice and promoting social progress. His huge contributions to the Law, public service, and social development in both Hong Kong and the entire nation exemplify the ideals of professional excellence and civic duty in Hong Kong.

Mr Chairman, it is my honour to present Mr Liao Cheung-kong Martin for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

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贊辭

廖長江議員祖籍廣東五華，生於香港。祖父、伯父、父親均曾入讀黃埔軍校，參軍參戰，以保家衛國為職志；廖議員年少即深受家族長輩愛國情懷感染，結下日後投身愛國事業的因緣。

廖議員初中即負笈英國，完成中學後入讀倫敦大學學院，獲頒經濟學榮譽理學士及法學碩士學位。廖議員取得英格蘭及威爾斯執業大律師資格後回港投身法律界，先後取得香港大律師執業資格、新加坡訟務及事務律師執業資格。

廖議員在港執業期間，以其精湛的辯護技巧及深厚的法學素養贏得業界尊重。他專注商業法、知識產權法、公司法及憲制法律，不僅為客戶提供專業服務，更積極參與法律改革與公共政策討論，並以公正不阿的專業精神推動香港法治和法制的發展與實踐，成為香港法律界的翹楚。

除了服務法律界，廖議員亦善用專業知識服務社會，參與的公職包括全國人民代表大會、全國政協常務委員會、香港特區行政會議、香港特區立法會、香港特區政府中央政策組、區域法院、香港學術及職業資歷評審局、香港大學校務委員會、廉政公署貪污問題諮詢委員會、遊戲機中心上訴委員會、打擊洗錢及恐怖分子資金籌集（金融機構）覆核審裁處、銀行業覆核審裁處、資本充足事宜覆核審裁處、大律師紀律審裁團、版權審裁處等。特區政府先後授予廖議員太平紳士、銀紫荊星章、金紫荊星章、大紫荊勳章等榮譽，以表彰其對社會所作的貢獻。

2012年，廖議員迎來人生和事業另一階段的發展，成功獲選第五屆立法會商界（第二）功能組別議員，投身於香港的公共治理與社會建設。在第六屆及第七屆立法會內，他擔任「班長」及多個重要委員會職務，推動多項關鍵法律修訂與經濟政策制定。此外，他在憲制發展與國家安全立法過程中展現高度責任感，積極建言獻策，平衡社會多元聲音，為香港的繁榮穩定奠定堅實基礎。

除了公職，廖議員亦積極參與專業及商業組織的工作，包括香港大律師公會、香港中華總商會等。1988年，廖議員加入香港賽馬會成為會員，此後逐步晉升至遴選會員、董事、副主席等位置。2025年8月，廖議員榮任香港賽馬會主席，領導一個世界領先的國際體育組織支持體育、慈善、娛樂、消閑等方面的持續發展，從另一個平台為香港市民做好服務。

廖長江議員的生涯軌跡為香港的青年作出了重要啟示：法律不僅是專業技術，更是維護正義、促進社會發展的重要力量。廖議員於法律專業、公共服務及社會發展領域為國家和香港社會作出卓越的貢獻，是香港專業人才和公職人員的楷模。主席先生，本人謹恭請 閣下頒授榮譽法學博士學位予廖長江議員。

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