

Ms Christina Maisenne Lee
Honorary Fellow

Address

Council Chairman Mr Andrew Yao, President Professor Leonard Cheng, Honorary Fellows, faculty and members of the Lingnan community, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It is my great honour to be awarded an honorary fellowship by Lingnan University. It is a true privilege to be able to deliver this speech on behalf of my fellow awardees – Mr Chan Wai-nam, Mr Simon Ip and Mr Nelson Yip.

Lingnan University strives to excel as a leading Asian liberal arts university with international recognition, distinguished by outstanding teaching, learning, scholarship and community engagement. We can trace its excellence to the founding ideal of its pre-cursor, the Canton Christian College, founded 133 years ago by the American Presbyterian Church. That ideal was to synergize the best of the Chinese and Western traditions. That synergy can be summed up in the 4Cs: Creativity, Critical Thinking, Communication, and Collaboration, which are underpinned by the University's motto "Education for Service".

As Andreas Schleicher, Director for the Directorate of Education and Skills at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), commented in 2019, "Education is no longer about teaching students something alone; it is more important to be teaching them to develop a reliable compass and the navigation tools to find their own way in a world that is increasingly complex, volatile and uncertain. Our imagination, awareness, knowledge, skills and, most important, our common values, intellectual and moral maturity, and sense of responsibility is what will guide us for the world to become a better place."

In supportive and close-knit communities at Lingnan University, students learn to adopt different perspectives and show respect for one another, recognizing that despite their differences, they are and can be connected in so many ways, in particular through the belief in the human capacity to strive for the greater good.

One can never underestimate the value of the ability and determination to ask Big Questions, like "What does it mean to be a truly educated person? And what are the responsibilities to self, others, and society of an educated person?" I believe this is a question that educators at Lingnan University ask constantly as they endeavour to equip their students with the tools they need to develop answers and apply them to particular cases, putting theory into practice. The Lingnan Entrepreneurship Initiative just to cite one example, invites students to identify and solve pressing humanitarian challenges through a sustainable development mindset and an entrepreneurial spirit. Many of us discover that to answer these important questions through thoughtful practice, meaningful experiences, and intellectual inquiry is actually to embark on a lifelong pursuit.

As a beneficiary of Catholic schooling and liberal arts education, I cannot be more grateful for the holistic nurturing I received in academically rigorous yet caring environments. It has been in this reflective yet active space of learning, knowing, being, and serving that I have experienced personal growth, well-being and a sense of purpose. Through education, civil society, and entrepreneurship, my family has served and proudly called this bustling cosmopolitan city home for four generations over seven decades.

Today I am humbled to stand amongst these distinguished Fellows who have not only excelled in their lines of work, but have been outstanding leaders, serving the community in diverse ways. Mr Chan Wai-nam inspires by surviving the war to build a successful business legacy and a personal legacy, too, through his generous philanthropy not only to his ancestral home of Chaozhou, but also to Hong Kong and Lingnan University. Mr Simon Ip not only excels within the legal profession with his patience, perseverance and keen eye for detail, but also in his dedicated service to leading many of Hong Kong's civic organisations and government boards, including his great contributions to the Lingnan community. Paralympian Mr Nelson Yip's entrepreneurial leadership and exceptional perseverance has enabled many to be more engaged and empowered to contribute more fully to society; Mr Yip has made his mark in advocating for Hong Kong to become a barrier-free international city. Together, these Fellows demonstrate the love of learning, the pursuit of purposeful living and the dedication to serving others with their unique talents. Not all of us were educated at Lingnan University, but we can be joined by the Lingnan spirit of passion, loyalty, perseverance, openness to different ideas and cultures and a readiness to serve.

In closing, may I once again, on behalf of Mr Chan Wai-nam, Mr Simon Ip and Mr Nelson Yip, express our gratitude to Lingnan University for the award. In supporting Lingnan University, we support not only the young people it nurtures, but those that the Lingnan community serves. We give our most sincere wishes to Lingnan University as it goes from strength to strength.

Thank you very much.

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謝辭

校董會主席姚祖輝先生、校長鄭國漢教授、各位榮譽院士、嶺南大學同仁、各位嘉賓：

今天獲嶺南大學頒授榮譽院士銜，我深感榮幸。同樣獲頒榮譽院士銜的還有陳偉南先生、葉成慶先生及葉少康先生，能夠代表諸位榮譽院士致辭，我亦感到無限光榮。

嶺南大學致力成為享譽國際、領先亞洲的博雅大學，在教學、研究和社會參與方面有傑出的表現。嶺南大學的前身是廣州的格致書院，133年前由美國長老會創立。學校融合了最優秀的中西博雅傳統，兼容並蓄，辦學使命一直延續至今。嶺大積極培養學生創新、明辨、溝通和協作的的能力，這亦正好體現了嶺大「作育英才，服務社會」的校訓精神。

世界經濟合作及發展組織的教育與技能總監 Andreas Schleicher 在 2019 年說：「教育並不僅限於教授學生某些知識和技能。在這個日趨複雜多變及難以預料的世界，更重要的是指導他們掌握可靠的指南針及導航工具，認清自己的道路。我們需要依賴的不僅是想像力、洞察力、知識與技能，更要依賴共同價值觀、成熟的心智和道德觀以及責任感去建設更美好的世界。」

在嶺南大學這個互相關愛和緊密連繫的社群，學生得以開闊眼界，懂得尊重別人，明白每個人都是單一獨立的個體，卻可以和而不同，群策群力，一起為人類社會的福祉作出貢獻。

懂得鏗而不捨地提出重要問題，這一點極為重要。一個真正接受過教育的人有哪些特質？一個受過教育的人對自己、他人和社會有甚麼責任？我相信這就是嶺大不斷提出並裝備學生去回應的問題。嶺大致力將理論付諸實際行動，比如通過「嶺大創業行動」培養學生可持續發展的思維模式以及創業精神，從而發現及解決有關人道主義方

面的迫切問題。我們發現，要在理論及實踐層面不斷求索去解答這些問題，是一個畢生追尋的過程。

我曾於天主教學校就讀，深受博雅教育薰陶，在既注重學術又充滿關愛的環境下接受全人教育，我心懷感恩。在一個鼓勵反思及互動的地方學習、認知、體驗和服務，我經歷到個人的成長及發展。透過參與教育工作、公民社會、以及企業活動、我們李家四代人，在香港這個匯聚東西方精萃的繁華大都會扎根逾 70 年，一直視香港為家。

今天我有幸與三位獲頒榮譽院士銜的優秀人士同台站在一起，他們不單在各自的專業領域成就斐然，且在社會不同界別獨當一面。陳偉南先生經歷過戰亂的磨煉，繼而成為商界傳奇，更慈善為懷以身作則，多次向家鄉潮州、香港以及嶺南大學慷慨捐獻。葉成慶先生在法律界以耐心、毅力及細緻入微見稱，又竭誠服務多個公民組織及政府委員會，並對嶺大社群的發展作出重大貢獻。殘奧運動員葉少康先生致力推動香港成為傷健共融的國際都市，他在創業方面的領導才能以及過人毅力，激勵更多人積極貢獻社會。這幾位院士所展現出的是學習的熱忱，他們不懈追求有意義的生活，並且善用個人的天賦服務他人。「嶺南精神」體現為熱情、忠誠、堅毅、兼容並蓄及服務社會；縱使我們並不都在嶺南大學接受教育，但我們均因「嶺南精神」而走在一起。

最後我謹代表陳偉南先生、葉成慶先生和葉少康先生，由衷感謝嶺南大學向我們頒授殊榮。我們支持嶺南大學，不只支持這裡的莘莘學子，還支持整個嶺大社群所服務的人群。我們衷心祝願嶺南大學百尺竿頭，更進一步。

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