

Mr Nelson Yip Siu-hong, MH
Honorary Fellow

Citation

Mr Nelson Yip Siu-hong's story is about perseverance, resilience and not about disability.

Diagnosed with cerebral palsy in infancy, Mr Yip spent much of his childhood in the hospital, not the playground. While other children of his age played with toys, he had to get around on crutches. But he did not let his disability get into his way of achieving his dreams and aspirations.

Having personally experienced disability and gone through rehabilitation, **Disability** and **Diversity** are his passions. He devotes much of his energy to improving the lives of people in his shoes. Noteworthily, he was one of the founders of the NGO Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power in 1995, and subsequently founded the Unleash Foundation in 2012, among many other contributions.

When it was first founded, Hong Kong Rehabilitation Power (HKRP) focused primarily on the physically disabled community. Under the astute leadership and direction of Mr Yip and his fellow co-founders, it now has grown to serve a wider spectrum of disability including the hearing impaired and people with mental ailments. HKRP is a firm advocate in transforming Hong Kong into a barrier-free international city. To empower beneficiaries to lead an independent life, it provides employment opportunities. To date, 70% of HKRP's staff are people with disabilities.

Unleash Foundation, on the other hand, focuses on unleashing the hidden potential of ethnic minorities. Over the last decade, it has successfully developed an extensive network, bridging the public-private divide to promote the humanistic spirit of the human race.

On the entrepreneurial front, Mr Yip is a serial entrepreneur. Founding CEO and Director of EP Venture Company Limited and Appetizup Company Limited, he is a business strategy consultant to start-ups, public organisations and firms transitioning to efficient and sustainable business models. He believes that effective uses of technology, e-commerce and green energy make for a bright business future.

On the academic front, he holds a BSc in Statistics and Computer Science from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, an MA in Quantitative Analysis in Business from City University of Hong Kong and an MBA from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He has also been conferred an Honorary Fellow by City University of Hong Kong for his accomplishments and contributions to Hong Kong society.

To Mr Yip, culture is the way we think, act and interact. He believes Hong Kong is an international city and a cultural bridge between China and the world. He founded the China Hong Kong Culture Exchange Association, facilitating hundreds of cultural ambassadors to embrace diversity. The Association is also instrumental in discovering and nurturing talents for collaboration in the Greater Bay Area, promoting shared values across cultures.

He is also active in serving as a consultant in a variety of government and non-government bodies to raise Hong Kong's competitiveness and professional standards. He currently serves on the Trade and Industry Advisory Board; at the Dashun Policy Research Centre and in Lung Cheung Government Secondary School.

Horse-riding is another passion. Through sheer determination and perseverance, he became the first qualified representative of Hong Kong, China in the Paralympic Equestrian Event at the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. A proud athlete, he was a torchbearer. He has been awarded the Medal of Honour by the HKSAR Government for his contribution to sport for disabled athletes.

Apart from his academic and athletic endeavours, he is also a certified PADI Open Water Scuba Diver, a saxophonist, a Chinese opera singer, and is a frequent contributor to newspapers and magazines. Well-trained in sports psychology and a certified NLP Practitioner, Meta-NLP Practitioner and Meta Coaching on Neuro-Semantics accredited by the International Society of Neuro-Semantics, he was honoured with the Lion Rock Entrepreneur Award in The Spirit of Hong Kong Awards organised by the South China Morning Post in 2014.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of his devotion to disability inclusion, his entrepreneurial wisdom in driving sustainable business solutions, and his extraordinary perseverance in the face of physical impairment as an outstanding Paralympic athlete, I am honoured to present Mr Nelson Yip Siu-hong for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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葉少康先生的人生彰顯出的不是殘疾，而是堅韌不拔、百折不撓的精神。

葉先生嬰兒時期就患有腦麻痺，童年經常在醫院而非遊樂場度過。其他同齡孩子在玩玩具時，伴隨他生活的卻是柺杖。然而，這並沒有阻礙葉先生實現他的夢想和抱負。

葉先生親歷殘疾和復康的過程，熱衷於「殘疾和多元共融」的議題，一直投身於改善殘障人士生活的工作。他於 1995 年參與創辦非政府組織香港復康力量，其後，又於 2012 年創立聘志發展基金，作出貢獻。

香港復康力量成立之初，服務對象主要為肢體傷殘人士，葉先生和其他聯合創辦人領導有方，其服務對象現已擴展至聽障人士和精神病康復者。香港復康力量積極推動香港發展成一個無障礙國際城市，為了鼓勵殘疾人士自力更生，更向他們提供就業機會。今天，香港復康力量的員工當中，有七成為殘疾人士。

聘志發展基金則專注於鼓勵少數族裔發揮潛能，於過去十年成功建立龐大網絡，彌合公私之間的鴻溝以宣揚種族異同的人文精神。

葉先生是一位連環創業家，擔任商策顧問有限公司和誠滙創方有限公司的創辦執行董事，同時更是一名商業策略顧問，提供諮詢服務協助初創企業、公營機構和公司提升效率及轉型為可持續的商業模式。他相信有效利用科技、電子商務和綠色能源將是企業未來持續發展的重要因素。

在學術方面，他擁有香港中文大學統計及電子計算學系科學學士學位、香港城市大學工商數量分析文學碩士學位、以及香港中文大學工商管理碩士學位。因其卓越成就以及對香港社會的貢獻，他亦獲頒香港城市大學榮譽院士名銜。

對葉先生而言，文化是我們思考、行動和交流的方式。他認為香港作為一座國際城市，是中國與世界文化交流的重要橋樑，因此他創立了中港文化交流促進會，招募數百名文化大使推廣多元文化，並致力發掘和培養大灣區人才，促進文化間的共同價值觀。

葉先生同時積極向多個政府和非政府機構出謀獻策，以加強和提升香港的競爭力和專業水平。他目前出任多個公職，相關機構包括工業貿易諮詢委員會、大舜政策研究中心和龍翔官立中學等。

馬術是葉先生另一個熱衷的領域。憑著無比的決心和毅力，葉先生成為首位合資格參加 2008 年北京奧運會殘奧馬術項目的中國香港代表。作為一名成績驕人的運動員，他成為當年的火炬手之一，更獲香港特區政府頒授榮譽勳章，表揚他對殘疾運動員體育發展的貢獻。

除了在學術和體育方面的成就，葉先生在其他領域亦涉獵甚廣。他是合資格 PADI 開放水域潛水員、色土風手、粵劇愛好者及專欄作家。他在運動心理學方面訓練有素，亦是國際身心語義學會認可的身心語義學執行師、高級執行師和大成教練。2014 年，葉先生獲南華早報頒發香港精神獎之獅子山企業精神獎。

主席先生，為了表彰葉先生對傷健共融的貢獻、推動可持續發展營商策略的創業智慧、以及作為一名傑出的殘奧運動員所展現的非凡毅力，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予葉少康先生。

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