

Mr Augustine Lui Ngok-che

Honorary Fellow

Citation

Mr Augustine Lui Ngok-che, whose modest family came from Chaoyang City, Guangdong Province, was born in Hong Kong. After high school, a friend suggested he take a professional diploma in accounting at Lingnan College - a suggestion that not only set him on the path of his career but also allowed him to form a lasting connection with the Lingnan community.

In the 1970s and '80s, Hong Kong's economy was booming, and the professional services industry was taking shape. At that time, accounting was a growing field but not yet a popular university subject. Mr Lui was good with numbers and believed that a career as an accountant would suit his modest and prudent nature. Moreover, Lingnan College's accounting programme offered exemptions from six of the exams required for accounting certification. Besides focusing on his studies, Mr Lui played sports. He even represented the College in football competitions and participated in inter-house volleyball games - memories he still holds dear.

After graduating, Mr Lui began his career in accounting. In 1990, while working in Singapore, he obtained a Bachelor of Business and an MBA from the University of Southern Queensland in Australia, and also an Australian CPA qualification, taking another step on his professional journey.

Mr Lui's accounting career went smoothly for the most part, but it was not without its challenges. He experienced a brief period of unemployment in 2001 due to the September 11 attacks, but with the help of Dr Peter Wong Pak-heung, a fellow Lingnanian, he soon found an opportunity to go to Nanning and Zhejiang, where he assisted the family of another Lingnanian, Dr Gennie Lee Lin Gen-hwa, with her family's business operations in Mainland China. This got him back on track, and also gave him valuable insights into Mainland China's accounting practices during the reform and opening-up periods. His mainland experience laid a firm foundation for his later work in asset management for Mainland investors when he returned to Hong Kong.

In addition to his active career in the accounting industry, Mr Lui has also played a leading role within the Lingnan community. He has expressed very frankly his appreciation for the warmth and camaraderie of the Lingnan family, both during his studies and afterwards, and has always sought to give back whenever possible. In 1994, he joined the Lingnan University Alumni Association (Hong Kong), and served in the Lingnan Club as a board member. A few years later, he got involved in the Lingnan Education Organization (LEO). For many years he was a manager and supervisor at Lingnan Dr. Chung Wing Kwong Memorial Secondary School and Lingnan Hang Yee Memorial Secondary School. Mr Lui's competence, diligence, and dedication earned him high praise from his colleagues at LEO; he was elected honorary secretary and then vice-chairman of LEO's Board of Directors, and in 2023 he became chairman.

During his tenure as vice-chairman, Mr Lui persuaded Mainland investors to support Hong Kong's education sector. He arranged the sale of the original site of Lingnan Primary School and Kindergarten at Tung Shan Terrace at a price above market value, providing LEO with substantial funds to further its educational initiatives. Thanks to the efforts and recommendations of Mr Lui and his colleagues at LEO, and with the unanimous backing of the board, LEO has generously donated considerable sums of money to help transform Lingnan University into a leading research-intensive liberal arts university in the digital era, making a major contribution to the future development of the Lingnan community.

Mr Lui has forged a strong bond with Lingnan, where he studied and matured. He has contributed unstintingly throughout his career. He embodies the Lingnan motto of "Education for Service", and is a role model for his fellow Lingnanians. Mr Chairman, I humbly present Mr Augustine Lui Ngok-che for the conferment of Lingnan University's honorary fellowship.

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呂岳枝先生祖籍廣東潮陽，生於香港的草根家庭；高中畢業後，他受好友力邀升讀嶺南學院會計學系，自此走上會計專業的道路，也與嶺南大家庭結下了深厚的情緣。

上世紀七八十年代，香港經濟蓬勃發展，專業服務行業也隨之興起。當時，會計是一個新興行業，卻非大學的熱門學科。呂先生對數學類學科有濃厚的興趣，他認為會計師安定平穩的事業也符合他謙厚敬慎的個性，加之嶺南學院的會計專業可以在報考會計師資格試時免考六張試卷，於是毅然入學。在嶺南學院就讀期間，呂先生不僅專注於學業，還積極參與體育活動，代表學院參與大專學界足球和學院級社排球比賽。呂先生在學界征戰多年，這段經歷至今難忘。

呂先生畢業後即投身會計專業。1990年，呂先生趁著在新加坡工作之便，修讀澳洲南昆士蘭大學商學學士及工商管理碩士課程，並成功考取澳洲CPA資格，為他的職業生涯增添了更多亮點。

呂先生預期的會計師生涯大致上順利安穩，但也有意料之外的波折。2001年911事件後他一度失業，未幾經黃伯鏗學長介紹，前往南寧和浙江協助李林建華學長的家庭成員處理內地業務；既延續了會計師的事業，也積累了改革開放時期的內地會計經驗，為他此後回港替內地投資者處理資產管理業務打好基礎。

除了積極投入會計界的職場生涯，呂先生在嶺南大家庭中也扮演著重要的角色；他坦言無論在學期間或者畢業後投身社會，都深切感受到嶺南一家親的溫情；他也深受感動，行有餘力即回饋嶺南大家庭。1994年，他加入嶺南大學香港同學會和嶺南會所，並出任會所理事一職。數年後加入嶺南教育機構，多年來曾經出任嶺南鍾榮光博士紀念中學及嶺南衡怡紀念中學校董及校監等職位。呂先生行事專業可靠，為人勤奮，做事投入，深得嶺南教育機構同仁讚許；因此先後被選為嶺南教育機構理事會義務秘書及副主席，並在2023年被推舉出任主席一職。

呂先生在擔任副主席期間，成功說服內地投資者支持香港教育事業，以高出市價購入東山台原嶺南小學及幼稚園地段，為嶺南教育機構套現可觀資金推動嶺南教育的發展。在呂先生及嶺南教育機構的同事努力解說與推薦，並在董事會一致支持下，嶺南教育機構慷慨捐出鉅資，推動嶺南大學發展成為一所在數字時代領先的研究型博雅大學，為嶺南大家庭的未來發展作出重大的貢獻。

呂先生與嶺南情緣深厚；學於斯，長於斯，用於斯；體現了嶺南校訓「作育英才，服務社會」的精神，是嶺南人的表率。主席先生，本人謹恭請 閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士銜予呂岳枝先生。

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