

Ms Katherine Cheung Marn-kay, JP

Honorary Fellow

Citation

Ms Katherine Cheung Marn-kay is a distinguished leader in Hong Kong's financial sector, a philanthropist, and a longstanding champion of education and youth development. A graduate of the University of British Columbia in Canada, she holds a double Bachelor's degree in Economics and Psychology. She went on to build an outstanding career in international finance, serving as Managing Director of BlackRock (North Asia), and is currently Vice Chairman of CrossGate Advisors. Widely respected in investment and corporate governance, she has devoted years of international expertise and leadership to education, philanthropy, and public service, consistently giving back to society in meaningful ways.

Born and bred in Hong Kong, Ms Cheung has always cared deeply about the city's long-term development. Her family values — particularly her grandfather's emphasis on academic excellence and her father's arduous journey overseas for education — instilled in Ms Cheung a profound belief in the transformative power of learning. Convinced that professional success entails a duty to serve the community, she has channelled her energy into public service and educational work.

Since 2011, Ms Cheung has applied her expertise to financial regulation, anti-corruption, education, governance, and community services, serving on the Securities and Futures Commission, the Independent Commission Against Corruption, Lingnan University, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA), and various government fund investment committees. By integrating financial competence and international management experience into public policymaking, Ms Cheung has helped ensure that Hong Kong's institutions are fair, clean, and credible. In 2026, she was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in recognition of her outstanding contributions.

In the realm of education, Ms Cheung shares a close and enduring bond with Lingnan University. Since 2012, she has been involved in university governance, serving as Treasurer, Council Member, and Court Member. As Treasurer, she used her investment banking and asset management experience to steer the University's investment portfolio, laying a stable, diversified, and sustainable financial foundation. She also took part in the selection of the President and Vice-Presidents during a pivotal phase of the University's development, helping to assemble a leadership team that would drive transformation and innovation. Over the years, Ms Cheung has actively engaged alumni, donors, and the wider community to promote Lingnan's liberal arts vision and rallied support for its educational mission.

Her commitment to education extends well beyond the tertiary level. From 2012 to 2018, she supported special education initiatives; from 2017 to 2023, she advanced assessment standards at the HKEAA; since 2023, she has served on the Standing Committee on Language Education and Research, pursuing its "biliterate and trilingual" policy; and in recent years, she has taken on the role of School Supervisor at a primary school. Across special education, assessment systems, and foundational schooling, her focus has remained unwavering: ensuring equal and high-quality educational opportunities for young people.

Beyond education, Ms Cheung is a passionate champion of youth development, particularly for women. From 2021 to 2023, she served as President of the Golden Bauhinia Women Entrepreneur Association, setting up a Youth Committee and refining the "Future Leaders Scholarship and Training Programme" to provide comprehensive support for underprivileged female students. Now in its sixth iteration, the programme has grown into an indispensable platform for young women.

From a pre-eminent financial leader to a committed public servant, from a key contributor to university governance to a lifelong champion of education, women and youth, Ms Cheung has consistently focused on nurturing talent and serving society. Her constant efforts to strengthen institutions, advance education, and inspire young people have made a lasting and far-reaching impact on Hong Kong's long-term development.

Ms Cheung often encourages young people with these words: "Everything carries its own light — you are your own sun", which is both a message to the younger generation and a reflection of her own philosophy. She believes that education unlocks potential, builds character, and helps young people shine. Her dedication to holistic growth, community care, and social service resonates strongly with the liberal arts ethos of Lingnan University.

Mr Chairman, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to education, public service, and social development, I respectfully present Ms Katherine Cheung Marn-kay for the conferment of an honorary fellowship of Lingnan University.

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贊辭

章曼琪女士是香港金融界傑出領袖，亦是公共服務、教育發展及青年培育的長期倡導者。她畢業於加拿大英屬哥倫比亞大學，獲經濟及心理學雙學士學位，其後於國際金融界建立卓越事業。她曾出任貝萊德資產管理（北亞區）董事總經理，現任龍匯創建諮詢有限公司副主席，在金融投資及企業管治領域聲譽卓著。多年來，她將國際經驗與領導才能應用於教育、公益及公共服務，持續回饋社會。

作為土生土長的香港人，章女士心繫香港長遠發展。自幼受家庭薰陶，尤其祖父重視子女學業，父親曾遠赴海外勤奮求學，讓她深刻體會到教育的力量。她深信專業成就應回饋社會，這份信念成為她投身公共服務與教育工作的不懈動力。

自2011年起，章女士投身公共服務，至今逾十五年。她先後服務於香港證券及期貨事務監察委員會、廉政公署、嶺南大學、香港考試及評核局，並負責政府轄下多個基金的投資管理工作，範疇涵蓋金融監管、廉政建設、教育發展、公共管治與社區服務。她將金融專業與國際管理經驗融入公共決策，為香港維護公平、廉潔且具公信力的制度作出重要貢獻。2026年，她獲香港特別行政區政府委任為太平紳士。

章女士與嶺南大學淵源深厚。自2012年起，她參與大學管治逾十三年，歷任司庫、校董會及諮議會成員。任司庫期間，她運用投行及資產管理經驗，推動大學財政管理穩健及多元化發展，建立可持續財務基礎。在大學發展重要階段，她參與校長及副校長遴選，協助組建帶領大學轉型與創新的領導團隊。多年來，她積極聯繫校友、捐贈者及社會各界，推廣嶺南大學博雅教育理念，凝聚社會支持。

章女士對教育的貢獻不限於大學。她於2012至2018年支持特殊教育發展；2017至2023年參與考評局工作，推動提升教育評核標準；2023年起加入語文教育及研究常務委員會，促進「兩文三語」政策；近年擔任小學校監，從特殊教育、評核制度到基礎教育，始終聚焦讓年輕人獲得公平優質的教育機會。

教育以外，章女士亦積極推動女性及青年發展。2021至2023年出任金紫荊女企業家協會主席，任內成立青年委員會，並優化「未來領袖獎學金及培訓計劃」，為基層女學生提供全面支援。計劃現已舉辦至第六屆，成為培育青年女性的重要平台。

從國際金融領袖到公共服務參與者，從大學治理貢獻者到教育、女性及青年發展推動者，章女士始終致力培育人才、服務社會。她參與完善制度建設、支持教育發展、推動青年成長，為香港社會長遠發展作出持續而深遠的貢獻。

她常勉勵年輕人：「萬物皆有光，你就是自己的太陽。」這句話既是對年輕一代的寄語，也是她人生信念的寫照。她相信教育能啟發潛能、塑造品格，幫助年輕人實現理想。多年來，她始終言行一致，將這份信念貫徹於事業與服務之中。

章女士以真誠謙厚之德、樂善好施之心、扶掖後進之志、公正持平之風及心繫社群之情，贏得社會各界廣泛敬重。其卓越成就、高尚品格與無私奉獻精神，不僅為香港帶來莫大裨益，亦充分體現嶺南大學博雅教育所重視的領導力、人文關懷與服務精神。

主席先生，為表彰章曼琪女士在教育、公共服務及社會發展方面的卓越貢獻，本人謹恭請 閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士銜予章曼琪女士。

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