

Honorary Fellow A Citation



Mr Peter Ting Chang Lee, BSc, JP

Mr Peter Ting Chang Lee is a member of a distinguished Hong Kong family whose generosity to this University is well illustrated by the excellent teaching building in which this Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony is now being held. With its state-of-the-art acoustics, this beautiful timber-paneled concert hall provides a venue for choral, chamber and orchestral musical performances that is second to none in the region. The hall is of course named after Mr Lee's grandfather, the pioneering entrepreneur, Lee Hysan. It was the munificent gift of the Lee Hysan Foundation, of which Mr Peter Lee is a Governor. Other such gifts to the University include a very large donation from the Foundation to construct a new annex to the Art Museum for the display of archeological finds. These farsighted contributions will enrich the study of the arts and humanities at this University for generations to come.

Mr Lee had his early education at St Joseph's College in Hong Kong, followed by boarding school in England and a degree in Civil Engineering at the University of Manchester. He then qualified as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales, spending a period in legal practice in the City of London before returning to Hong Kong to join the family business.

In 1988, Mr Lee joined the Board of Hysan Development Company, a leading listed property investment company in Hong Kong. He became Managing Director in 1999 and Chairman of the Board in 2001. In his capable hands the Company has performed strongly in recent years, throughout various phases of the property cycle. He is also a Director of Lee Hysan Estate Company. As well as this role at the centre of corporate life in Hong Kong, Mr Lee also plays a part in shaping the property industry as a whole. He is Vice-President of the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, the organization that represents all Hong Kong property developers and overseeing its industry practice and standards. Other roles played by Mr Lee in key Hong Kong corporations include his being an Independent Non-Executive Director of Cathay Pacific Airways, Hang Seng Bank, South China Morning Post, and Maersk China.

Mr Lee has also been active in public and community service. He has been a Part-time Member twice of the Central Policy Unit both before and after 1997, as well as being a Member of the Education Commission of the Hong Kong Government. He was a founding Member of the Council and Treasurer of the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Some of Mr Lee's current community contributions include being an International Council Member of INSEAD, one of the leading international business schools, which aims to create a learning environment that brings together people, cultures and ideas from around the world. Nearer to home, Mr Lee is one of the well-known community leaders to contribute advice to the Salvation Army Hong Kong and Macau Command, as a Member of its Advisory Board and as Chairman of the Board's Administration Committee. He is also a Council Member of the Employers' Federation of Hong Kong, the largest advocacy body for employers that is also concerned with promoting best employment practices in the territory.



Mr Lee has long taken a close personal interest in the promotion of quality education and research at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. As a Governor of the Lee Hysan Foundation, he has given generous support to the University, including long-time funding for scholarships, academic conferences, seminars, professorships, acquisition funds, the promotion of Chinese studies, as well as archaeology and art. The huge donations made for the buildings and amenities already mentioned are only part of an ongoing programme of support. Staff and students of the University and of Chung Chi College will be long-term beneficiaries of the generosity of Mr Lee and his family.

Mr Chairman, it is an honour to present to you Mr Peter Ting Chang Lee, distinguished corporate leader and benefactor of the University for the award of an Honorary Fellowship.

This citation is written by Professor David Parker