

Honorary Fellow Mr Johnny Yeung Chi-hung

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Mr Johnny Yeung Chi-hung, Chairman and CEO of Fujikon Industrial Holdings Limited (Fujikon), took the lead in 2004 to encourage industry to work together with the then College of Science and Engineering of City University of Hong Kong (CityU) to conduct research on radio frequency integrated circuits and to nurture technology talent. In recent years, the HKSAR Government has been very proactive in fostering collaboration between industry, academics and researchers, which is considered the most effective way to boost innovation and technology, and promote economic growth. Mr Yeung steered this collaboration years ago and is certainly a pioneer with great foresight.

Mr Yeung is a mover and shaker in the electronics and acoustics industry, with over 50 years of experience. Under his leadership, Fujikon has grown and evolved into a world-renowned enterprise, engaging in research and development, product design, manufacturing and marketing. It is also the first electronics and acoustics manufacturer to be listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Actively involved in the industry, Mr Yeung is an Executive Committee Member of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong (CMA); Chairman of the Small and Medium Enterprise Committee and Consultant of the Innovation and Information Technology Committee of the CMA; Honorary Chairman of The Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Industries; Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Electronics Industries Association; Honorary Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Dongguan Electronics Industries Association; and Chairman of the Electronics and Telecommunications Training Board of the Vocational Training Council.

He has worked diligently in promoting the development of local industry, particularly in fostering communication between the Government, local universities, Cyberport, Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation and the industry. In recent years, he has helped drive re-industrialisation in Hong Kong. In recognition of his efforts, Mr Yeung has received numerous prestigious recognitions, including the Director of the Year Award from the Hong Kong Institute of Directors, Honorary Fellow of the Professional Validation Council of Hong Kong Industries, Industrial Fellow of Warwick University, and Honorary Fellow of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Vocational Training Council.

In addition to promoting the development of industry, Mr Yeung is dedicated to charity work. He is particularly enthusiastic about education, as he considers talent to be a key asset of a country or region. In view of the lack of engineering professionals in Hong Kong, which will hamper the development of industry and society as a whole, he helps to convince the Government and universities to support the nurturing of engineering talent. He has personally led tours for local students to enterprises on the Chinese mainland to enable them to better understand the exciting prospects offered by the engineering and other industrial sectors. In 2000, his donations supported the establishment of G. T. (Ellen Yeung) College in Hong Kong, named after his wife, to nurture local talent.

Mr Yeung believes that collaboration among industry, academia and the research sector will result in a win-win scenario. With the support of industry, universities can stay at the forefront in both teaching and research. Industry can prosper with the help of the cutting-edge technology developed, and the engineering talent nurtured, at universities. Over the years, Mr Yeung has built up a strong relationship with CityU. Apart from facilitating cooperation between industry and CityU, his company has made use of many of CityU's research developments and has employed many of our engineering graduates, two of whom are now the most senior engineers in his company. In 2005, Mr Yeung helped coordinate donations from Fujikon, AV Concept Holdings Ltd, and Mobicon Group Ltd for CityU's development. One of CityU's lecture theatres was named the FAM Lecture Theatre in recognition of their valued contributions.

A highly respected industrialist, Mr Yeung said the key to success for young people is to get as well-equipped as possible, as opportunity favours those who are well-prepared. He reminds the young generation to be less calculating, but more proactive and dedicated. They should strive to broaden their horizons and minds, and be observant and innovative, he added. Boasting a strong emotional attachment to Hong Kong, Mr Yeung has full confidence in the future of our city. While there have been plenty of challenges in recent years, he believes that Hong Kong will soon be back on the right track, ready to scale new heights. He encourages young people to make the best use of the opportunities brought about by the development of the Greater Bay Area.

Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President, the mission of CityU is “to nurture and develop student talent and to create applicable knowledge for social and economic advancement.” Mr Johnny Yeung Chi-hung has been a close friend of CityU and has made an exceptional contribution to nurturing young talent and contributing significantly to society through his stellar accomplishments in industry. May I thus request the University to confer upon Mr Johnny Yeung Chi-hung the title of Honorary Fellow.