

Honorary Fellow Ir Dr Lo Wai-kwok

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Chairman of the Council and President:

Ir Dr Lo Wai-kwok is a prominent public figure in Hong Kong, where he is known not only for the contributions he has made in the field of engineering, but also in different facets of public life as a member of various government organisations, professional bodies and trade associations.

A native of Hong Kong, Dr Lo has wide-ranging international and cross-regional experience. He studied engineering in Hong Kong and later obtained a doctorate from the University of Warwick, UK. For more than 30 years, he has held top management positions in multinational technological groups. His illustrious career in engineering, industrial management, technology innovation and market development has taken him to different countries in the world, where he presents the transformation of Hong Kong from a low-tech regional economy to a hi-tech international business and industrial centre. In recognition of the increasingly close relationship between Hong Kong and the rest of China, he has worked diligently in recent years to bring the advantages of Hong Kong's infrastructure to bear on China's development.

Dr Lo's active public service covers a wide scope, including town planning, housing, technology, industry, education, infrastructure building and maintenance, the environment and other community services. He represents the Engineering Functional Constituency as a member of the fifth term of the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (2012-2016), and serves as the Chairman of the Public Works Subcommittee under the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. Currently, he is Chairman of the Hong Kong Quality Assurance Agency, a member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, the Housing Authority, the Hospital Authority, and the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority. He is the

Vice-Chairman of the Business and Professionals Alliance for Hong Kong, and the Founding Chairman of the Hong Kong Green Strategy Alliance as well.

For his extensive contributions to Hong Kong, Dr Lo stands deserving of the accolades he has received. He was honoured as one of the “Ten Outstanding Young Persons” and a recipient of the “Young Industrialist Awards of Hong Kong” in 1992. He was awarded the Medal of Honour of the HKSAR Government in 2001, the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2009 and the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2015. He was inducted into The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers’ Hall of Fame in 2015, and he has been a Justice of the Peace since 2004.

Educational circles in Hong Kong have benefited greatly from Dr Lo’s active involvement in the cultivation of future talent for Hong Kong. For years, he has enthusiastically promoted international scholarly and professional exchanges, encouraging students in their studies of Chinese culture, and science and technology. He has been named honorary fellow at various institutions, including the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the Hong Kong Vocational Training Council, and Industrial Fellow at the University of Warwick, UK. His relationship with City University of Hong Kong, where he currently teaches as an adjunct professor, is especially noteworthy. Previously, he served as a member of the University Council, and as a member of the Board of the former City Polytechnic of Hong Kong.

As a public figure, Dr Lo participates in public forums on issues that affect the well-being of Hong Kong. He is a regular contributor to newspapers, where his comments help shape public opinion. His positions on various current issues speak to the urgent concerns of the general population of Hong Kong. He chaired the Bills Committee on the Promotion of Recycling and Proper Disposal (Electrical Equipment and Electronic Equipment) in 2015, and the Bills Committee on Product Containers in the same year. Working on the principle that decisions on environmental issues should not be left solely to market forces, but should be made only after proper consultation with all stakeholders, the Committees succeeded in

pushing through the Legislative Council the bills on the reuse and recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) and glassware, respectively.

Mr Chairman and Mr President, I present to you Ir Dr Lo Wai-
kwok, whose dedication to Hong Kong has made it a better place. His
contributions to education circles in general and his longstanding friendship
with, and support for, City University of Hong Kong in particular deserve
our recognition. It is my pleasure to present him to you who has been
conferred the title of Honorary Fellow.