

Honorary Fellow Mr Wong Ming-yam

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Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President:

Mr Wong Ming-yam, the Founding Director of InnoLink Investments Limited, is dedicated to the work of innovation and technology. He has also participated actively in and promoted the development of innovation and technology in the public sphere. With his great enthusiasm and rich experience, he has spearheaded the sustained development of technological innovation in Hong Kong.

Early in his career, Mr Wong was Senior Vice President of Royal Philips Electronics, where he worked for 30 years and oversaw areas including product design, manufacturing, business management and market development. All this gave him unique insight into how to apply technological research results to the development of commercial products. His departure from Royal Philips Electronics in 2003 did not slow him down. He continued his efforts to strengthen the competitiveness of technology-based industries at various levels. In addition to serving as consultants to different companies, Mr Wong has participated in mentoring programmes for start-ups in different organisations, such as mentorship of the InnoTech Scholarship programme, tirelessly nurturing young talent.

Mr Wong firmly believes that innovation and technology are the main forces propelling the long-term development of Hong Kong and its economy. In his view, cultivating innovative talent starts with education. Parents should encourage their children to discover their interests, especially in innovation and technology. Schools should promote the teaching of STEM subjects and strengthen related training for teachers to broaden students' knowledge. The government should work hand-in-hand with professional and education circles to sketch out a long-term vision of technological development and to foster a favourable environment for technological research.

His long years of working around the world have brought Mr Wong in contact with different cultures, allowing him to see that at the heart of every technological success lies the human factor. He found that only by combining human and social resources is it possible to create a manufacturing model that addresses the needs of local cultures and that a new idea is but the first step in the innovative process. To turn an idea into a successful commercial product, technology must be applied to the manufacturing process through research and used to coordinate promotion and sales to put the product on the market. Every step involves people communicating and working together.

For more than 35 years, Mr Wong has devoted himself to social affairs and has served on many government committees and public organisations. He has been a Member of the Assessment Panel of Small Entrepreneur Research Assistance Programme for the Innovation and Technology Commission of the HKSAR; a Member and Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Productivity Council; Director of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation; and Chairman of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute. He is currently Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong Electronics and Technologies Association, and the Hong Kong Critical Components Manufacturers Association, and a Member of the Steering Committee on Research Themes and Topics of the Research Grants Council of the HKSAR.

Mr Wong was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the HKSAR Government in 1999, and was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star and the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2012 and 2018, respectively, in commendation of his active participation in public affairs and the outstanding contribution he had made to further the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong.

Mr Wong has long been associated with City University of Hong Kong (CityU). As early as in 2000, he arranged a summer internship for a group of students of the then College of Science and Engineering in Shajing, Shenzhen. Since then, his involvement with the University has steadily increased. He has served as the Chairman and a Member of

the Departmental Advisory Committee of the Department of Electrical Engineering. From 2016 to the present, he has been a Member of the Advisory Board on a Theme-based Research Project funded by the Research Grants Council, and between 2002 and 2007, he was the Honorary Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Cooperative Education Centre of the College of Engineering.

Optimistic and magnanimous by disposition, Mr Wong is full of curiosity about the myriad things around him, making him an exemplar of the motto “to live is to learn”. With his numerous public engagements, Mr Wong has a packed schedule, but by setting his priorities prudently, he uses his time wisely for the benefit of society.

Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President, Mr Wong Ming-yam is passionate about the development of innovation and technology in Hong Kong and has made an enduring contribution in related domains. He has rendered impressive service to the development of Hong Kong through his active participation in social affairs, and the College of Engineering at CityU has benefited greatly from his involvement. I respectfully present to you Mr Wong Ming-yam for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of City University of Hong Kong.