

Honorary Fellow

Mr Andrew Fan Ka-fai

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Pro-Chancellor, Deputy Chairman of the Council and President:

Allow me to introduce to you Mr Andrew Fan Ka-fai, a successful business leader and, perhaps most significant for all of us here at the City University of Hong Kong, an ideal CityU graduate. Mr Fan is a trailblazer with the adventurous spirit of a pioneer always ready to take on new challenges and explore new possibilities. When CityU was founded 25 years ago, he was among the first cohort of students enrolled, for he appreciated the opportunity to study in a new university and help to shape what a CityU student should be. He was vigorously engaged in student life and was elected a Councillor and then Chairman of the Council of the Students' Union. The leadership talent already evident in his student days and the ambition to make greater achievement are sterling qualities that made Mr Fan a successful manager and leader when he entered the business world. Just as he had chosen to enrol in CityU as a new institution of higher education in Hong Kong back then, Mr Fan joined Nu Skin Enterprises Inc in its early days in 1991. The company actually started, by an interesting coincidence, in the same year as CityU in 1984. Working in that relatively young company provided him with opportunities to chart new territory and design new strategies for development. Over the years he has helped the company grow and open new markets with great success in Southeast Asia, and then in the Greater China Region. Now as Regional President of the Greater China region for Nu Skin Enterprises Inc, overseeing business in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau, Mr Fan has retained the same adventurous spirit that made him a student leader in the formative years of the University, and embellished his character through his depth of experience and a genuine sense of social responsibility.

For Mr Fan, success has come with a moral obligation to give to society in return for opportunities and resources. He has developed a culture of

generosity among Nu Skin employees and encouraged them to act as a "force for good." When an earthquake devastated much of Sichuan in southwest China in May last year, Mr Fan initiated quickly a campaign and successfully collected in two weeks more than RMB 35 million in cash and in kind for the different remedial efforts, amongst which, with the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation part of the funds formed the base to set up the Nu Skin 5.12 Earthquake Micro-Finance Fund to assist people affected by this dreadful natural calamity to be back on their feet. He has been active in charity and community work and has assumed important responsibilities involving many charity organisations, such as the Paediatric Cardiac Surgery Foundation of Thailand, the ASEAN Children Heart Surgery Fund, the China Children Heart Surgery Fund, the Guangzhou Senior Citizens' Affairs and Development Foundation, among others. Since 1997, starting from Thailand, now covering the whole of Southeast Asia, as well as Mainland China, the different Children Heart Surgery Funds have saved almost 4,000 lives of the children who were born with this heart disease and had no financial ability to go for appropriate medication. With China's rapid development offering numerous business opportunities, Mr Fan has found the right place to bring his talents to fruition.

As a CityU graduate, Mr Fan has always remained loyal and generous to his alma mater. He has been very supportive of CityU in various capacities, including as a member of the University Council, Chairman of the Convocation, Advisor to the Alumni Giving Club, Alumni Ambassador, a Diamond Sponsor of the "Bridge to Success" educational advancement project, and the founding sponsor of "Top Outstanding CityU Student Leader Awards" and "Academic Improvement Awards for Student Leaders." With confidence, vision, and success in his career, and with a sense of moral responsibility and concern for the wellbeing of others, Mr Fan is an excellent role model for all our students. His example is an eloquent testimony to the high quality of all-round education we offer at CityU, and also to the tremendous progress we have collectively made to transform CityU into the great university it is on its 25th birthday. It is therefore especially gratifying for us at this joyful time of CityU's silver jubilee to welcome back one of our own graduates and honour him for his outstanding contributions to the University and society at large.

In recognition of Mr Andrew Fan's many accomplishments and contributions to the development of the University, Mr Pro-Chancellor, Mr Deputy Chairman of the Council and Mr President, I have the great honour to present to you Mr Andrew Fan Ka-fai for conferment of the title of Honorary Fellow.