

Honorary Fellow Professor Sun Kai-lit Cliff

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Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President:

Professor Sun Kai-lit Cliff, Chairman of Kinox Enterprises Limited and Kin Hip Metal and Plastic Factory Limited, remembers well how an interruption in his education became an extremely valuable experience. He was attending college in Canada in 1974 when he was suddenly called home to assist the business set up by his father. The 1973 oil embargo had caused many businesses to fail, and it was only through unremitting hard work and strict financial discipline that the Kin Hip Metal and Plastic Factory pulled through. In 1975, Professor Sun returned to Canada to resume his education and finished his degree in engineering in two years while working part time.

That experience taught him not only the practical management and financial skills needed in any business operation but also induced him to be vigilant against complacency. After joining Kin Hip in 1978, he oversaw production, working on expanding the company's international market and exploring opportunities elsewhere, including setting up production bases in Guangdong. He was among the very first group of business people to take advantage of the opening up of China. His company, Kinox Enterprises Limited, which he set up in 1980, is famous for its high quality kitchenware.

A successful industrialist and entrepreneur, Professor Sun has assumed positions in many professional bodies and in public office. These include Chairman of the Hong Kong Exporters' Association from 2002 to 2006, Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries from 2009 to 2011, and Chairman of the Hong Kong Q-Mark Council from 2003 to 2009. He has been a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference for the Shenzhen, Ningbo and Zhejiang committees at various times since 1994 and is Chairman of the ICAC Business Ethics

Development Advisory Committee. He was appointed Justice of the Peace in 2003 and awarded the Bauhinia Bronze Star in 2006.

Professor Sun attributes his success to the support he receives from home. He took a hands-off approach to bringing up his children, giving them constructive advice but trusting them to make the right decisions. Today, each plays important roles in the running of the family business; while at home they are the filial sons that they were brought up to be.

As the second generation is now taking up the mantle, Professor Sun has withdrawn from the operation of the family business, and instead spends a considerable amount of time promoting corporate social responsibility in Hong Kong. The key to sustainability, he believes, is to share. While the benefit of corporate social responsibility may not be immediate or easily quantifiable, everyone stands to gain from a harmonious society. Professor Sun's persistence in this area has led to programmes such as "Industry Cares", which for the past seven years has recognised companies that benefit society, while encouraging other businesses to implement corporate social responsibility.

Professor Sun's connections with City University of Hong Kong (CityU) began in 2014 when the University was introducing veterinary medicine to the curriculum. Professor Sun quickly recognised the importance of this initiative, which in his view would train top-notch veterinary professionals and improve public health. Since then, he has been a staunch CityU supporter, serving as a member of the Court of CityU and the Board of Governors, Honorary Vice-President of the CityU Foundation and an Adjunct Professor of the College of Engineering. His son, Mr Eric Sun Yung-tson, who also identifies with the University's mission, is now serving on the Steering Committee of the CityU Industrial and Business Leaders Circle.

Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President, Professor Cliff Sun is both a worldly and a family man, who excels in business and, as a father, is endowed with a combination of practical wisdom and traditional family values. With his success, he has turned his

attention to help build a better society. City University of Hong Kong is proud to have such a faithful supporter. I request the University award Professor Cliff Sun the title of Honorary Fellow.