

榮譽理學博士學位

梁智仁教授

副校監先生：

香港在有限的自然資源條件下，依然能夠發展成為充滿活力的世界級都會，這與擁有高質素的人力資源是息息相關的。香港一直以來都能夠吸引、培養、及保留優秀人才，包括了眾多的專業人士。梁智仁教授就是這樣一位傑出人士，為香港今天的成功作出了卓越貢獻。儘管已年屆七旬，梁教授依然在醫管局主席的崗位上為香港繼續竭誠奉獻。

梁教授的人生歷程當中，大部分時間都是在香港渡過的。他出生於香港，中學畢業於聖若瑟書院，1965年香港大學醫學院畢業後在香港大學任教長達38年。

在教學和研究方面，梁教授的鏗而不捨的幹勁，迅即奠定了他在學術界的崇高地位。梁教授是世界著名的矯形及創傷外科（骨科）專家，成就非凡，貢獻卓著。他於1969年、1970年、1985年及1993年分獲愛丁堡皇家外科醫學院院士、英格蘭皇家外科醫學院院士、澳大利亞皇家外科醫學院院士及香港醫學專科學院院士資格；並於2001年及2007年當選泰國皇家骨科學院榮譽院士及香港骨科學院榮譽院士。並於2001年獲選為中國科學院院士，是香港第一位獲此殊榮的臨床醫生出身之學者。同時，梁教授在國際學術及專業界活躍非常，經常獲邀請往世界各地進行講學及參與學術活動，又擔任及主持眾多學術及專業團體的發展。其中特別令梁教授引以自豪的，是他曾經作為首位華人出任超過110個國家會員組成的世界矯形及創傷外科協會會長一職。

梁教授取得的傑出學術成就，是其輝煌職業生涯的真實寫照。從1981年直至他從香港大學榮休，梁教授一直擔任香港大學骨科學系講座教授、系主任；其間還出任瑪麗醫院矯形及創傷外科部門主管一職。並在1985年至1990年，兼任香港大學醫學院院長；1993年至1999年，任職香港大學醫學院深造教育與培訓學院總監。梁智仁教授目前為香港大學榮休教授。

作為一名學者，梁教授同時也是一位十分熱忱而投入的優秀的教育與科研管理者。在他領導下，香港大學骨科學系取得了驕人成就，無論是教職員人數還是提供的臨床服務均顯著擴充，同時學系的研究成果碩果累累，發表論文超過 200 篇、專著 35 部。

自香港大學榮休後，梁教授沒有選擇去享受自由舒適的私人生活，而是繼續迎接了新挑戰，於 2003 年 12 月出任香港公開大學校長一職。

梁教授加入香港公開大學時，正值大學處於重新定位與轉型的十字路口。香港公開大學的最初使命，是向社會提供遙距式教育，但遙距課程的入讀人數在 90 年代達到頂峰之後，自 2000 年開始下滑。這對大學的財政收入，產生負面影響。當時正值政府已推出計劃，大幅增加全日制專上教育的學額。公開大學亦已開始試辦全日制課程，但應否照此方向進一步拓展，在大學內部卻是一個非常具有爭議的話題。

面對此種情形，在傳統大學擁有多年高等教育管理經驗的梁教授明確指出，提供全日制課程理應成為香港公開大學的正確發展方向。為此，他積極推動大學全日制課程的拓展，極力營造有利的環境與條件。他引導公開大學加入香港的大學聯合招生辦法（JUPAS），擴展學校相關設施的建設，並同校董會成員一道，積極尋求新的辦學資金來源。

在梁智仁教授卸任校長一職時，全日制課程已發展成為香港公開大學的辦學主流之一，吸引了近 8,000 名學生入讀。另外，三項新的教學設施，包括兩座新教學大樓的建立，亦已圓滿完成；所需資金全部到位，大學財政日益穩健。對於那些由政府資助的大學來說，這些擴展也許算不上什麼，但對於像公開大學這樣的自資院校來說，取得這些成就卻非同尋常。正是梁教授的不懈努力，香港社會每年可以多出 1,500 名中學文憑畢業生獲得入讀大學學位課程的機會，另外，500 多名擁有副學士資格的學生可以進一步修讀學位課程。

梁智仁教授於今年三月底自香港公開大學榮休；為表彰其對大學所作出的卓越貢獻，大學校董會頒授梁教授榮休校長之榮譽。

梁智仁教授在繁忙的學術生涯之中十分積極參與各類社會活動。他現為香港醫院管理局主席、西九文化區管理局諮詢會主席、公共圖書館諮詢委員會主席、廉政公署社區關係市民諮詢委員會主席。並於 1992 年至 1999 擔任政府助學金聯合委員會主席，

1999 年至 2003 年擔任香港學術評審局主席，以及在 1995 年至 2013 年擔任青山醫院管治委員會主席。

梁智仁教授於 1993 年獲奉委為太平紳士，1996 年獲頒大英帝國勳章，2009 年獲頒銀紫荊星章。梁教授是香港理工大學院士、亞洲知識管理學院榮譽院士、香港大學榮譽科學博士，並曾獲星島新聞集團頒發的教育 / 科研組別 2011 年領袖獎。

副校監先生，梁智仁教授在其傑出的職業生涯中，取得了無數令人仰慕的成就，在其學術和專業領域作出了無可爭議的重大貢獻；而在高等教育領域，梁教授的貢獻尤為突出。作為香港公開大學的前任校長，他曾領導大學卓越進取，成功向社會證明自資院校足以提供高質素的學位教育。梁教授對事業的熱切投入與獻身精神，使其無愧為業界之楷模、當今之人傑。為表彰梁智仁教授的傑出貢獻，本人謹恭請校長先生引介梁智仁教授接受香港公開大學榮譽理學博士學位。

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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, *honoris causa*

Professor John Leong Chi-yan, SBS, JP

Mr Pro-Chancellor,

With limited physical resources, Hong Kong has still been able to develop itself into a world-class city with a vibrant economy. One of the important factors which is commonly recognized to have contributed to its success is its human resources. Hong Kong is able to attract, nourish and maintain a quality workforce, including professionals of a high calibre. Professor John Leong Chi-yan is an exemplar of the people who have made Hong Kong what it is today. At over 70 years of age, he is still making substantial contributions to Hong Kong as he is now the Chairman of the Hospital Authority, having been appointed to this public service body in December of last year.

Professor Leong was born, raised and educated in Hong Kong; and, except for a few brief periods, he has lived and worked here for his whole life. He completed his secondary school education at St Joseph's College and then studied medicine at the University of Hong Kong where he obtained his MBBS degree in 1965. Right after his graduation, he joined that University as an assistant lecturer and worked there for 38 years.

With his total commitment to teaching, research and scholarship, Professor Leong quickly established his academic standing. He developed into a world-renowned clinician-scientist of spinal and paediatric orthopaedics. He obtained Fellowships in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in 1969, the Royal College of Surgeons of England in 1970, the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1985, and the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine in 1993. He was made an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons of Thailand in 2001 and of the Hong Kong College of Orthopaedic Surgeons in 2007. Professor Leong was elected as an Academician into the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2001 — the first clinician in Hong Kong to be so honoured. His academic standing was also reflected

in frequent invitations from academic and professional institutions to lecture and give speeches, and to serve as President or officer on their boards. Professor Leong served in these institutions with enthusiasm and pride. In particular, he was proud to be the first Chinese to serve a term as President of the Société Internationale de Chirurgie Orthopédique et de Traumatologie, the global orthopaedic association, with members from more than 110 nations.

His outstanding academic and professional achievements have paved the way to a fulfilling and significant career. He was appointed Chair Professor and head of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of the University of Hong Kong in 1981, a post he held until his retirement from that institution. During that period, he also took up responsibilities as head of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at Queen Mary Hospital. He was concurrently Dean of the Faculty of Medicine from 1985 to 1990. From 1993 to 1999, he also served as the Director of the School of Postgraduate Medical Education and Training in the Faculty of Medicine. The title of Emeritus Professor was bestowed upon him on his retirement from the University.

Professor Leong's service as an administrator has been marked by his enthusiasm and devotion. Under his leadership, the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Hong Kong witnessed significant growth. The number of faculty staff and variety of clinical services were expanded, and research in the Department, including but not limited to his own, flourished. He led the Department in research output, publishing more than 200 papers and 35 monographs.

Rather than settling into a leisurely life on retiring from the University of Hong Kong, Professor Leong chose to take up a new challenge, assuming the post of President of the Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK) in December 2003.

He joined the OUHK when it was at a crossroad. The provision of open education through distance learning was the original mission of the University. Enrolment for its distance learning programmes reached its height at the end of the 1990s but declined from the year 2000. Even though the decline was gradual, the trend was clear, and it was hurting the University financially. At the same time, the Government promulgated its plan to greatly increase the first-year intake of full-time post-secondary education places. The University started to offer full-time programmes on a very small scale, but whether to move forward with more full-time programmes was an issue of heated debate.

With many years of higher education experience in a traditional university, Professor Leong believed that the provision of full-time programmes was the right direction to pursue; and with his usual passion and commitment, he pushed for the further development of full-time programmes. At the same time, he worked hard to provide the environment to make this part of the University's operation viable. For example, he got the University to join the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS); he advocated the expansion of physical facilities; and, together with members of the University Council, he put in an extra effort to look for funding.

By the time he left the OUHK, full-time programmes had become a major part of the University, enrolling close to 8,000 students. Three new facilities, including two new buildings, were added to the campus; and the required funding was all provided for and the University was put on a firm financial footing. While this may not be a significant task for government-funded institutions, it is by no means a simple feat for a self-financing institution like the OUHK. More importantly for Hong Kong, as a result of Professor Leong's efforts, every year an additional 1,500 graduates of the Diploma of Secondary Education (DSE) have had the opportunity to study for a degree, while 500 more Associate Degree holders can articulate to degree-level study.

Professor Leong retired from the OUHK at the end of March this year. He was awarded the title of Emeritus President by the University Council in honour of his contributions to the University.

Professor Leong has been active in community service. In addition to his current appointment as Chairman of the Hospital Authority, he is the Chairman of the Consultation Panel of the West Kowloon District Authority, the Public Libraries Advisory Committee, and the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations of the ICAC. He previously served, for example, as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Student Finance from 1992 to 1999, the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation from 1999 to 2003, and the Hospital Governing Committee for Castle Peak Hospital from 1995 to 2013.

His hard work and professional achievements have brought him wider recognition. He was awarded the OBE in 1996, received the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2009, and was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the Hong Kong Government in 1993. Professor Leong was made a University Fellow by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2000 and an Honorary Fellow by the Asian College of Knowledge Management in 2011. In 2011 he also received an

Honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Hong Kong. He received the 2011 Leader of the Year award from Sing Tao News Corporation Ltd in the category of Education/ Research.

Mr Pro-Chancellor, Professor John Leong Chi-yan has made a major contribution to his academic discipline and profession through a career that has been distinguished by countless accomplishments. He has made an even greater contribution to education. As President of the OUHK, his leadership enabled the University to achieve its optimal level of performance. He successfully demonstrated to the community that quality degree education can be provided on a self-financing basis. The devotion, commitment and passion with which he applies himself to whatever task he has taken on make him a role model for us all. In recognition of his many qualities, may I invite our President to present Professor Leong for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*.

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