

## 榮譽社會科學博士學位

### 林毅夫教授

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副校監先生：

堪稱儒學經典之一的《中庸》曾載有這樣一段話：「博學之，審問之，慎思之，明辨之，篤行之。」此一古代勵志格言展示的深刻內涵，正是當今北京大學著名學者、經濟學家林毅夫教授幾十年潛心耕耘的寫照，是林教授對世界經濟與中國社會的發展進步貢獻卓著而為此保有的那種朝夕不倦、卓越進取精神的真實體現。

林毅夫教授現為北京大學經濟學教授、中國人民政治協商會議第十二屆全國委員會常務委員、中華人民共和國國務院參事、中華全國工商業聯合會副主席、北京大學國家發展研究院名譽院長；並曾擔任世界銀行首席經濟學家及世界銀行主管發展經濟學的高級副行長。

林毅夫教授傑出的職業生涯，首先源於其深厚、紮實的學術功底。林教授 1978 年畢業於臺灣國立政治大學，獲企業管理碩士學位；1982 年畢業於北京大學，獲政治經濟學碩士學位；1986 年畢業於美國芝加哥大學，獲經濟學博士學位。在芝加哥大學求學期間，林教授師從美國經濟學家、1979 年諾貝爾經濟學獎得主西奧多·舒爾茨（Theodore Schultz）教授，獲益良多，最終成為當時極為罕見的取得芝加哥大學經濟學博士學位的中國學人。

林毅夫教授在研究西方經濟學理論與實踐的同時，始終將對中國經濟發展的認知與定位，特別是對中國改革開放後幾十年間複雜的經濟與社會結構變化的探究與把脈，在其傾畢生之力、勤奮探索的經濟學研究領域中，置於無可爭議的首要地位。

早在 1994 年，林毅夫教授就與其他幾位中國學者一起，在北京大學創建了中國經濟研究中心。該中心在林教授的領導下，面對當時中國內地眾多同仁在從計劃經濟跨越至市場經濟這一轉型期中不可避免地表露出的困惑與迷茫，特別是對現代經濟學知識的渴望，積極引進、介紹、推廣了那些在中國尚基本處於未開墾綠洲中的西方經濟學理論與研究方法，開設了中國改革開放後最早的一批發展經濟學、計量經濟學、宏觀經濟學、微觀經濟學、國際經濟學等以西方主流經濟學理論為基礎的創新型課程，其歷史意義與功績非同凡響。幾十年來，北京大學的中國經濟研究中心，積極致力於以現代經濟學理論與研究方法思考、探討中國所不斷面臨的主要經濟問題與挑戰，始終保持著中國經濟思想研究與實踐頂尖智庫的地位，為中國經濟與社會制度的健康發展，為支持各級中國政府的有效施政，提出過諸多的前瞻性思維觀念和極具價值的戰略性、建設性意見。林毅夫教授更是以其非凡的學術成就，成為享譽中外、並在世界範圍內具有廣泛影響力的著名經濟學家。

林教授在探索中國經濟的制度建設與發展方式轉型的背景下，主要涉獵於發展經濟學、制度經濟學、農村經濟學等研究領域。他所提出的涉及比較優勢發展、「新農村運動」、中國國有企業改革、向各類所有制經濟提供公平競爭環境、世界經濟危機與復蘇等方面的論述、觀點以及對策，既具有難能可貴的理論原創性，又具備現實意義中的可操作性。

林毅夫教授著作等身：其 1992 年發表在頂尖學術期刊《美國經濟評論》的〈中國的農業改革及農業增長〉一文，被視為世界經濟學領域的經典文獻；其《制度、技術和中國農業發展》一書 1993 年獲中國經濟學界最高獎——孫冶方獎；其《中國農業科研優先序：我國主要糧食作物育種科研的需求和供給分析》(合著)一書 1996 年獲北京大學第五屆科研著作一等獎；其《中國的奇跡：發展戰略與經濟改革》一書 1996 年獲北京市第四屆哲學、社會科學著作一等獎；其《充分信息與國有企業改革》一書 1998 年獲北京大學第五屆哲學、社會科學著作二等獎；其 1999 年發表在《澳大利亞農業與資源經濟學雜誌》的〈技術變遷與收入在農戶間的分配：理論和來自中國的證據〉一文，獲該雜誌 1999 年度最佳論文獎；其《再論制度、技術與中國農業發展》一書 2000 年獲北京大學第六屆哲學、社會科學著作一等獎；其《再論制度、技術與中國農業發展》一書中的〈價格雙軌制與供給反應：理論與來自中國農業的經驗證據〉一章，2001 年獲中國經濟學界最高獎——孫冶方獎。

2008年2月，世界銀行行長任命林毅夫教授出任世界銀行主管發展經濟學理論和政策研究的首席經濟學家及高級副行長；林毅夫教授從而成為在世界銀行歷史上第一位擔任此一知識領域高級領導工作的發展中國家經濟學家。這不但是林毅夫教授的榮譽，更是發展中國家的驕傲，中國的驕傲，全體中華民族的驕傲。

林毅夫教授是一位成就斐然的傑出經濟學者，同時也是一位知行合一的優秀領導者與管理者，更還是一位溫良恭儉讓的慈祥師長。他桃李滿天下，培養提攜後生無數，對國家、對民族貢獻良多，此生無悔。古人云：「博聞強識而讓，敦善行而不怠。謂之君子。」林毅夫教授正是這樣一位現代君子。

副校監先生，為表揚林毅夫教授在經濟學理論、實踐以及教育領域所取得的傑出成就、及其為中國經濟發展所做出的世界性貢獻，本人恭請校長引介林毅夫教授接受本大學榮譽社會科學博士學位。

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## DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, *honoris causa*

Professor Justin Yifu Lin

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Mr Pro-Chancellor,

The *Doctrine of the Mean* (《中庸》‘*zhong yong*’), one of the classics of Confucianism, preached the following tenet — ‘be grandly erudite; be meticulously inquisitive; be discreetly critical; be acutely judgemental; and be unadulteratedly undertaking to achieve your desired goals’ (‘博學之，審問之，慎思之，明辨之，篤行之。’). The essence embodied in such a canon has in fact epitomized the tireless endeavour and the unswerving enterprising spirit of Professor Justin Yifu Lin, a distinguished Peking University Professor and one of the globe’s leading economists, a person who, through decades of hard work, has indisputably made a significant contribution to promoting the economic development in China as well as the wider world arena.

Professor Lin is now a Professor of Economics at Peking University and Honorary Dean at the National School of Development there. He is also currently a Member of the Standing Committee of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), a Councillor in the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, and Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce. Previously, he was the World Bank’s Chief Economist and Senior Vice President (Development Economics).

Professor Lin’s exceptional career achievements are inextricably linked with a solid academic foundation laid down in his earlier years. He gained an MBA from the National Chengchi University in Taiwan in 1978 and an MA in political economy from Peking University in 1982. Later, he graduated with a PhD in economics from the University of Chicago where he was supervised by Professor Theodore Schultz, an American economist and the winner of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences in 1979. At that time, Professor Lin was

among the first few Chinese to succeed in obtaining the prestigious PhD in economics from the University of Chicago.

While carrying out extensive studies on Western economic theories and practices, Professor Lin has consistently made researching China's economy — particularly changes in the country's economic and social structure over the decades — the top priority in his ever-expanding research agenda.

As early as 1994, Professor Lin, in conjunction with several other Chinese scholars, founded the China Centre for Economic Research at Peking University. Launching such an economic research institution happened against the backdrop of China undergoing a critical period of transition from a decades-long planned economy to a modern market economic system. This was a time when not only his academic peers but also people from other walks of life wanted modern knowledge to an unprecedented extent.

Under Professor Lin's leadership, the China Centre for Economic Research piloted the introduction, promotion and advocacy of Western economic theories, theses and research methodologies, which was an untapped area in China. It also inaugurated a series of new programmes/courses in the fields of development economics, econometrics, macroeconomics, microeconomics, and international economics, all based on the key substance of mainstream Western economic theories and practices. They were delivered in a distinctively innovative way, thus giving rise to the emergence of one of the initial efforts made on this aspect after China started its reform and opening-up campaign in the late 1970s. History will surely remember this.

Moreover, during the past decades, the China Centre for Economic Research at Peking University has been carrying out comprehensive research — employing modern economic theories and state-of-the-art *modus operandi* and techniques — on the thorny problems and challenges constantly facing Chinese society. Now firmly established as a top thinktank engaged in research on the Chinese economy from both theoretical and pragmatic perspectives, the Centre has made a major contribution by putting forward a variety of novel ideas and providing valuable, constructive advice of strategic importance to the Chinese administration to keep China's economic development on the right trajectory. On the strength of his outstanding academic achievements, Professor Lin has been revered as a world-class scholar, a globally influential economist, and a leader in his area and in the areas connected to the Centre.

In the context of focusing on China's modes of economic development and the corresponding institutional build-up, Professor Lin's major research interests have centred mainly on the fields of development economics, institutional economics and agricultural economics. His many views, suggestions and policy recommendations, which have been espoused on various occasions — for example, 'comparative advantage', 'the new countryside movement', 'reforming China's state-owned enterprises', 'creating a business environment where enterprises with different types of ownership all compete on a fair and equal footing', 'global economic crisis and recovery' — are overtly suffused with both theoretical originality and practical manoeuvrability.

Professor Lin is a prolific author, having produced an exceedingly large number of academic works. For example, his paper on 'Rural reforms and agricultural growth in China' published in the *American Economic Review* (a top-tier academic journal) in 1992 was considered one of the classics in that field. In 1993, his book *The Institution, Technology and Agricultural Development in China* won the Sun Yefang Book Prize in economics (the highest award for economists in China); in 1996, another book *Agricultural Research Priority in China: A Demand and Supply Analysis of Scientific Research for China's Main Grain Crops* (co-authored) was awarded the 1st Prize by Peking University for the 5th Scientific Research Award. In addition, his book *China Miracle: Development Strategy and Economic Reform* won the 1st Prize from the Beijing Municipal Government for the 4th Philosophy and Social Science Award. In 1998, his book *Sufficient Information and State-owned Enterprise Reform* won the 2nd Prize from Peking University for the 5th Philosophy and Social Science Award; in 1999, his paper 'Technological change and agricultural household income distribution: Theory and evidence from China' published in the *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* won the Best Article Award; in 2000, his book *Institution, Technology and China's Agricultural Development, II* was given the 1st Prize by Peking University for the 6th Philosophy and Social Science Award; and in 2001, the chapter 'Dual price system and supply response: Theory and empirical evidence from Chinese agriculture' from his book *Institution, Technology and China's Agricultural Development, II* – again won the Sun Yefang Book Prize in economics.

In February 2008, the then World Bank President appointed Professor Lin to be the World Bank's Chief Economist as well as Senior Vice President (Development Economics). This was the first time in its history that an economist from a developing country formally obtained such an intellectual leadership role at the World Bank. He must have been very proud of

that, since this appointment was not only a reflection of his achievements, but was also a tribute to the People's Republic of China and the whole Chinese nation.

Professor Lin is a world-renowned scholar, a highly accomplished economist, a superb leader and administrator who devoutly practises what he preaches. He is also an extremely amicable and devoted teacher, whose geniality, kind-heartedness and modesty must have had a permanent impact on his numerous students, friends, and anyone who has ever been enriched by his vision and helpfulness.

As an old Chinese saying goes, 'If a man possesses vast knowledge and wisdom, has stunning memory capability, but is very humble, always benevolent and never becomes idle, then he can be deemed a man of noble character.' (博聞強識而讓，敦善行而不怠。謂之君子。) Professor Lin is a man of noble character, a real gentleman who has indisputably made a major contribution to the country and the Chinese nation as a whole.

Mr Pro-Chancellor, in recognition of Professor Lin's outstanding achievements in the fields of economic sciences, economic policy practices and education, and especially his contribution to the Chinese economy from a world economy perspective, may I invite our President to present Professor Justin Yifu Lin for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences, *honoris causa*.

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