

榮譽工商管理博士學位

施文信先生

副校監先生：

今天，本人非常榮幸能夠在此介紹施文信先生。施先生不單在其所屬的會計專業卓然有成，是極具遠見的商界領袖，而且熱心公益事務，多年來亦不遺餘力推廣體育運動。

施文信先生於蘇格蘭格拉斯哥出生，並於當地接受教育，經歷了二次大戰後的艱難日子。他自幼已經非常認真勤奮，從不錯過每個機會砥礪精進。就學期間，除了在學術上取得優秀成績外，於體育方面亦發展出濃厚的興趣。

上世紀 60 年代，蘇格蘭的大學學位競爭激烈，只有極少數人能獲取錄。最初施文信先生亦不敢寄予厚望，但他努力不懈，終於取得格拉斯哥大學的入學資格。施先生於格拉斯哥大學修讀法律，其後再取得會計專業資格，並於會計界大展所長。

初出茅廬的施文信先生於蘇格蘭擔任特許會計師，但工作兩年後，於 1970 年毅然決定遷居香港。施先生這個決定可以說是出於實際考慮的。當時英國政府推出左傾政策，稅率上升不利人民積累財富。相比之下，香港採取較自由的經濟政策，發展較大。此外，遠赴亞洲也能夠拓闊視野。由於能夠參與和推動自己所鍾愛的體育運動，施文信先生愛上了香港，並擱置了最初只打算在海外逗留三年的計劃，紮根香港。

在 1974 年，他成為安永前身會計師事務所的創辦人之一。兩年後，他獲委任為合夥人，於 1981 年晉升為管理合夥人，並擔任此職及公司中港業務的主席至 1999 年 12 月退休。對會計專業來說，那段時間實在是不可多得的黃金年代，因為香港正發展成全球首要的金融中心之一，而中國內地的改革開放亦如火如荼地開展。此外，施文信先生亦於 1991 至 1997 年擔任香港會計師公會委員會成員，並曾於 1996 年出任會長

一職。透過這兩個身份，施先生積極參與了本港及中國內地會計專業的發展。安永在其領導下，亦於中國和中印半島的多個主要城市開設辦事處。

施文信先生不單在其專業上成就斐然，在社區事務方面亦熱心投入，這正是取諸社會、用諸社會的最佳寫照。施先生的座右銘是「萬事皆有因」，他經常借此勉勵年青人需要緊記「一分耕耘、一分收穫」的道理。事實上，他本人就活出了這句話的真諦。

施先生曾於多間機構擔當舉足輕重的職位，在香港的人脈網絡非常廣闊。由於他於商界的經驗甚豐，而且廣結善緣，再加上對賽馬運動的濃厚興趣，他於 1999 年 1 月獲邀加入香港賽馬會董事局。事實上，他本人自 1976 年起已是馬會會員，故此欣然接受邀請，希望更進一步服務社群。

自居港初期，施文信先生便非常欣賞香港賽馬會的非牟利營運模式。他認為這模式極具社會創意，有效地滿足公眾對賽馬娛樂的追求之餘，同時藉不同的慈善項目，將收益回饋社會。

由 1999 年直至 2014 年榮休，施文信先生出任香港賽馬會董事局及其慈善信託基金的成員，而最後四年更擔任主席一職。期間，施文信先生和同事群策群力，令馬會的多項活動都重得活力，在提倡運動與娛樂結合下，不但令觀看賽馬的入場人次有所增加，而且投注額亦節節上升，使馬會惠澤社群的金額亦隨之上升，過往兩年馬會對慈善項目的資助，每年均超逾 30 億港元。

不論經濟順逆，香港賽馬會都不吝慷慨捐輸，支持各式各樣的慈善舉措，以回應社會在教育、醫療、青少年發展、體育以至社區服務方面的不同需要。

無論慈善項目的規模大小，賽馬會董事局都投入大量心力，務求取得最佳的成果。以金額計算，較大型的資助項目包括 2008 年四川汶川大地震的緊急救援以及災後重建；2012 年資助香港公開大學興建銀禧學院和推出綜合健康護理教育課程，以應對人口老化的挑戰；及 2014 年襄助香港中文大學成立非牟利的自資教學醫院，以進一步滿足大眾對醫療服務的需求。

除了馬會外，施文信先生亦熱心參與其他社區事務。他在公共組織及私人機構所擔當的職位包括：港鐵公司和香港上海匯豐銀行有限公司的非執行董事；證券及期貨事務

監察委員會、海洋公園及香港工業邨公司的董事；公務員敘用委員會和職業訓練局理事會的成員。現時，施文信先生為香港金融管理局外匯基金諮詢委員會的成員、香港按揭證券有限公司董事，以及英國電訊的亞太區顧問。

不可不提的還有施文信先生對推廣本港體育發展所付出的心力，施文信先生自 2011 起亦出任中國香港體育協會暨奧林匹克委員會副會長。

施先生非常熱愛欖球運動，是以積極向公眾推廣這項活動。自 1976 年起，施先生已於香港欖球總會擔任要職，並於 2001 年獲選為會長。現時，欖球已經成為本港發展最迅速的體育項目之一。香港的欖球賽事於上世紀 70 年代的規模甚小，現時香港國際七人欖球賽卻已經發展成舉世矚目的盛事，活動所得的盈利更有助發展本港欖球運動，特別是中小學及大專院校的人才培訓。年輕一輩除了能夠學習有關的技巧外，亦可以從欖球運動中培養出毅力、紀律、團隊精神以及運動家的風範。

施先生多年來的貢獻深受社會的肯定和表揚。施先生於 1998 年獲香港特別行政區政府頒授銀紫荊星章，以表揚他推動本地服務業發展的貢獻，並於 2007 年獲委任為太平紳士。此外，2011 年，於國際奧委會在香港舉行的一個儀式上，施先生從時任國際奧委會會長羅格先生手上領取「體育與社會責任」大獎，以表揚其對體育及社區的無私付出。

當問及其成功之道時，施文信先生總是非常謙虛，表示只是幸運之神的眷顧。事實上，施先生能力過人，對所做的事情都充滿熱情、矢志投入，而且廣納百川、待人以誠，這些都是他成功的秘訣。

副校監先生，施文信先生對會計專業的發展貢獻至鉅，多年來一直無私服務社會，對體育發展盡心盡力。為表揚其卓越成就，本人謹恭請校長引介施文信先生接受本大學的榮譽工商管理博士學位。

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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, *honoris causa*

Mr Thomas Brian Stevenson, SBS, JP

Mr Pro-Chancellor,

Today, it is my privilege to present to you Mr Thomas Brian Stevenson, a leading Hong Kong accounting professional, a visionary business leader with a caring heart for society and a keen sportsman with enthusiasm for sports promotion.

Mr Stevenson was born, raised and educated in Glasgow, Scotland. Living in the austere post-World War II years, from his childhood he understood the need for hard work and the importance of seizing every opportunity to learn and improve oneself. He continued to live by this philosophy throughout his school years, balancing academic studies with a keen interest in sport.

He had no expectation of attending university due to the fierce competition that prevailed in the 1960s in Scotland when only a tiny percentage of the population was given the privilege of further study at university. However, his diligence and perseverance brought him a surprise — a place at the University of Glasgow. He studied first for a degree in Law and then took a qualification in Accounting, the latter being his chosen profession.

Mr Stevenson began his career as a chartered accountant in Scotland, but within two years he decided to relocate to Hong Kong in 1970. As a young man, his reasons for moving to Hong Kong were very practical. Under a socialist government, British tax rates were rising steadily and this provided no opportunity to accumulate capital. By coming to Hong Kong, he could achieve this and, at the same time, travel and see the world. His original plan of staying overseas for three years was shelved when he realized how much he enjoyed being in Asia, and particularly living in Hong Kong where the climate suited so much his love of and participation in sport.

In 1974, he became one of the founders of a firm which was the predecessor of Ernst & Young. He was appointed a partner in 1976 and managing partner in 1981, and he served in that capacity and as Chairman of the firm's Hong Kong and China practice area until his retirement in December 1999. This was an exciting time for the accountancy profession as Hong Kong developed into one of the world's leading financial centres and China began opening up to the world. While leading Ernst & Young, Mr Stevenson also served on the Council of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants, which is now the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, from 1991 to 1997, and was its President in 1996. These two roles enabled him to be actively involved in the development of the accountancy profession both in Hong Kong and, in its early stages, in China for Ernst & Young. During his tenure, he supervised the opening of new offices in major cities in China and Indo-China.

As Mr Stevenson's professional life developed, so too did his involvement in community affairs as he believed strongly in contributing to the society which had been so good to him. 'Everything happens for a reason' is a motto Mr Stevenson lives by and always cites to encourage young people. In fact, his story is one of the best testimonials to this.

His time served in leadership roles of different business bodies had widened his network in Hong Kong. Due to his business experience, breadth of contacts and friendships, and interest in the sport of horse racing, he was invited to join the Board of the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club in January 1999. Having been a Club member since 1976, he was delighted to accept as he recognized it would allow him to participate in benefiting a wide spectrum of the community.

From his earliest days in Hong Kong, Mr Stevenson was a great admirer of the Jockey Club's not-for-profit business model. He regards it as a brilliant example of social innovation, which effectively meets the public desire for horse-racing entertainment while returning the profits to society through various charitable projects.

Mr Stevenson served on the Jockey Club's Board of Stewards and its Charities Trust from 1999 until his retirement in 2014, for the last four years acting as Chairman. During his tenure, Mr Stevenson and his Jockey Club colleagues continued their work in re-invigorating the Club's business activities with an emphasis on sport and entertainment. This resulted in increased attendances and turnover figures that enabled material increases in the levels of the Club's charitable donations to the Hong Kong community, which for each of the past two years have topped \$3 billion.

As a leading community benefactor over decades, the Club has sustained an extension of charitable initiatives through good and bad economic times, and has been responsive to the changing social needs in education, health, youth development, sports and community services.

The Club Stewards take pride in all the Club's many projects, large and small. Some significant ones in dollar terms include the donations to Sichuan in 2008 for emergency relief efforts and post-earthquake reconstruction; to The Open University of Hong Kong in 2012 for the construction of the Jubilee College and the development of the Integrated Healthcare Education Programme for understanding the ageing population; and to The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2014 for establishing a non-profit self-financed teaching hospital to further local medical development.

Apart from his involvement in the Jockey Club, Mr Stevenson is well known for a number of other community commitments. He has had numerous appointments in the public and private sectors. These have included: non-executive directorships with the MTR Corporation and the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation; directorships with the Securities and Futures Commission, Ocean Park and the Hong Kong Industrial Estates Corporation; and memberships of the Public Service Commission and the Vocational Training Council. At present, Mr Stevenson serves as a Member of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority's Exchange Fund Advisory Committee; as a Director of the Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation; and as an Advisor for Asia Pacific to British Telecom.

In reviewing Mr Stevenson's achievements, his great dedication to sports development in Hong Kong must also be highlighted. Mr Stevenson is a Vice President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, a position he has held since 2011.

Eager to spread his abiding passion for rugby to the public, he has been actively involved in promoting this game — now one of Hong Kong's fastest growing sports — through his involvement with the Hong Kong Rugby Union which he has served in official capacities since 1976 to his election as President in 2001. During this period, Hong Kong rugby developed from small beginnings in 1976 to the now globally recognized Hong Kong International Sevens tournament. The profits from this iconic event are returned to foster the development of the sport throughout Hong Kong, particularly with the youth in schools

and tertiary institutions. Mr Stevenson hopes that, from this sport, they will learn valuable lessons in team spirit, determination, discipline and sportsmanship.

Over the years, his contributions have been recognized with several honours and accolades. He was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR in 1998 for his devotion to and promotion of Hong Kong's service industries. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2007. Also, he was awarded the 2011 IOC Trophy by the International Olympic Committee at a ceremony in Hong Kong by the then President of the IOC Mr Jacques Rogge, in recognition of his wholehearted commitment to sports and community development.

When asked about his success, he always owes his achievements to the 'benevolence of Lady Luck'. However, for all who know him, his intelligence, determination, enthusiasm and open-mindedness have led to the success and respect this modest gentleman commands.

Mr Pro-Chancellor, in recognition of his distinguished services to the development of the accounting profession, his selfless devotion to community services and his major engagement in sports development, may I invite our President to present Mr Thomas Brian Stevenson for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Business Administration, *honoris causa*.

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