

Honorary Fellow A Citation

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Like twin jewels, the cities of Hong Kong and Macau shine in brilliant complement to each other.

Over the past century, trade between China and the West has soared, with Hong Kong and Macau both serving as a crucial facilitator. Strategically located at the southern gateway to China, these two cities serve as a springboard for merchandise and tourists entering and exiting China. Frequent interaction with other parts of the world has made a profound impact on the people of Hong Kong and Macau, who acted as pioneers in the late Qing dynasty reforms and the Open Door Policy of modern China.

A propitious land naturally breeds talent. The past century has seen a host of distinguished figures emerge from these two cities to make lasting political, economic and cultural contributions. Mr Huen Wing-ming Patrick is one of them.

Mr Huen is a native of Shanshui, Guangdong Province. Born in 1941 in Kuming, Yunnan Province, he grew up in an impoverished and war-ravaged environment. His father worked for China's air force during the Second World War, and was responsible for aircraft maintenance and munitions supply. In 1949, his family followed the army as it retreated south, en route to Taiwan via Yunnan, Guizhou, Guangxi and Guangdong. The Huen family chose to settle in Hong Kong, making their home in Kowloon City. As a young man, Mr Huen started his career right after graduating from secondary school, joining the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at a junior level in 1963. His strong perseverance, ambition and practical skills won him the trust of his expatriate superior, and he was given important assignments – an unusual practice at the time.

As a modest man, Mr Huen understood his limitations and dedicated enormous time and energy to self-improvement, despite the heavy workload involved in his job. With tremendous determination, he obtained an associate member of the Chartered Institute of Bankers in the UK. He later joined the Chief Accountant Office, which gave him the opportunity to learn the ins and outs of banking.

In the 1970s, Mr Huen left for BNP Paribas and worked as a branch manager for approximately eight years. Afterwards, in 1979, he joined Dr Stanley Ho Hung-sun's Shun Tak Holdings Limited and helped to form the consortium that developed the Shun Tak Centre and new Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal projects. His exceptional management skills and business ideas helped deliver successes in numerous development and financing projects. With the trust of the shareholders, he was invited into Shun Tak Centre's Board of Directors, and later promoted to Executive Director of Shun Tak Holdings Limited, becoming a distinguished entrepreneur in both Hong Kong and Macau.

In 1989, Mr Huen was responsible for the successful financing of Sociedade de Turismo e Diversões de Macau in the construction of Macau's new international airport. With convenient sea and air traffic access in place, Macau became a new transport hub across the straits of China. Mr Huen also helped the group acquire Seng Heng Bank, and was appointed its Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director. Seng Heng Bank recorded enormous growth under his leadership, and since 2001 has won a number of international awards from *The Banker* and *Global Finance*, including Bank of the Year for Macau and Best Bank in Macau. After the acquisition of Seng Heng Bank by the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China, Mr Huen served as its Vice-Chairman and Executive Director.

After the sovereignty of Macau was returned to China in 1999, Mr Huen was appointed a University council member of Macau University, a member of the Economic Council of the Macau SAR Government, a member of the Trustee Committee of the Science and Technology Development Fund of the Macau SAR Government and a shareholder representative nominated by the Macau SAR Government to the Macau New Technologies Incubator Centre. During these tenures in public service, he provided innovative and constructive suggestions on Macau's tertiary education, regional development and city planning.

Mr Huen's contributions to and influence in both Hong Kong and Macau are not confined to the economic sector. He has also been a keen advocate of society welfare provisions and charitable causes, contributing enormously to the tertiary education, medical care, social and cultural developments of these cities.

In recent years, Mr Huen devoted his efforts to diversifying Macau's economy, while promoting increased trade between China and Portugal, the European Union and other Portuguese-speaking countries. With the goal of advancing Macau's technological standards, Mr Huen is currently creating a data centre and media lab in the city.

Mr Huen is a keen supporter of academic exchanges and complementary cooperation between The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the University of Macau. He also helped leverage Hong Kong's well-developed medical system to benefit Macau and the Western Pearl River Delta. In 2005, Mr Huen was the driver behind the establishment of the Dr Stanley Ho Medical Development Foundation, which aims to improve the quality of Macau's medical service. The Faculty of Medicine of the Chinese University took note of this ambitious project, and for the past nine years, the faculty has given the Foundation full support in their annual symposium in Macau.

Mr Huen also dedicated himself to the establishment of the Macau Alzheimer's Disease Association, founded to enhance standards of medical care locally, and became its Chairman. In 2011, the Association's opening ceremony was attended by former Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University and Nobel laureate in Physics Professor the Honourable Charles Kao and Lady Kao, Honorary Chairwoman of the Association. Thanks to Mr Huen's efforts in its promotion and development, the Association has improved service and raised awareness in the

region. The Association has also joined Alzheimer's Disease International as a new member. Mr Huen is a major contributor behind all these achievements.

Lest we forget, Mr Huen has also given massive support to the Chinese University, with farsighted and well-considered donations to the Faculty of Medicine and Shaw College, of which he now serves as a member of both the Board of Trustees and Finance Committee. He also donated to the construction of the Shaw College Huen Wing Ming Building, which houses a multi-purpose learning centre to encourage and assist in the use of technology for teachers and students alike. Equipped with two open-space learning and thinking platforms, the centre explores new avenues to technological research in search of new breakthroughs.

In addition to helping found the Patrick Huen Wing Ming Professorship of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, Mr Huen also assisted Dr Stanley Ho Medical Development Foundation in the establishment of the Stanley Ho Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases of the Chinese University. His vision, his passion, and devotion of time, energy and support to the development of the University's Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Medicine are highly admired.

Mr Chairman, I have the great honour of presenting to you Mr Huen Wing-ming Patrick, a farsighted and highly committed contributor, who has devoted tremendous efforts on the developments of education, economy and technology in both Hong Kong and Macau, and given generous donations to the Chinese University's Shaw College, the Faculty of Medicine and the Faculty of Engineering, for the award of an Honorary Fellowship of the University.

