

**Unveiling Ceremony of the Lui Che Woo Clinical Sciences Building,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong**

Date: 15 April 2013 (Monday) at 5:00 p.m.

Venue: Prince of Wales Hospital

Speech of Dr Lui Che-woo, Chairman of K. Wah Group

Dr Cheng, Professor Sung, faculty members and students of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, dear guests and members of the media, good afternoon.

First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone at The Chinese University of Hong Kong who arranged today's ceremony, so that we may witness a new chapter unfold in the pioneering research work of the Faculty of Medicine. Let us not forget that we are able to benefit from the rapid advances of medical science because of the concerted efforts of many, many medical practitioners and scientists. So may I take this opportunity to pay tribute to our medical experts who have made such an immense contribution to the development of medical science in Hong Kong and to the well-being of our fellow citizens.

The distinguished achievements of CUHK's Faculty of Medicine over the years, in terms of scholarship, clinical practice, research and the promotion of health sciences, are well documented. The faculty has become a critical part of Hong Kong's public health service with its ground-breaking medical discoveries and inventions.

I fully support the University's initiative to build a new institute for innovative medical research. It will operate on a cross-disciplinary basis, bringing together the latest findings of different disciplines, making new inroads in medical research and solving medical challenges that will give hope to patients and their families.

Medical services are more urgently needed than ever in Hong Kong as our population ages. The founding of a medical research institute stands as a breakthrough for the medical profession that will have a profound impact on our community.

My contributions to the establishment of this institute will only help in terms of the hardware and resources needed. It is up to our faculty members, students and other medical experts to ensure the intelligent use of these facilities. Through their efforts, teaching and research will be enhanced and new frontiers opened up. They will carry on the endeavours of their predecessors to pursue new knowledge, investigate new approaches and embrace new challenges for the common good. The medical advances they make will further improve our quality of life in a manifestation of the true spirit of the medical profession.

My involvement with CUHK has been a long-standing one, starting from my appointment to the Board of Trustees and Endowment Fund Committee of United College in 1995. Later, I became involved in the establishment of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management and shared my experiences with EMBA students of the Faculty of Business Administration. I also lent my patronage to the Faculty of Medicine, as I am continuing to do now in this present undertaking.

Thanks to the leadership of the Vice Chancellors and hard work of teachers and students over the past generations, I have had the pleasure of witnessing the advances made by CUHK in various disciplines. I have been particularly impressed by their cross-cultural approach to teaching and research, which has contributed so much to CUHK's stature as one of most acclaimed research-based universities in the global community.

On this occasion, we also mark the 50th anniversary of the founding of CUHK, which calls upon us to "Embrace Our Culture and Empower Our Future," a motto which I truly endorse. The prosperity and progress we are enjoying today would not have come about without the perseverance of our predecessors and their commitment to creativity and innovation. It is imperative that we learn from the successful experiences of the past and take up the unwavering and indomitable spirit of our forebears. With the able leadership of Professor Sung and his distinguished academic team, I have no doubt that this vision will turn into a reality.

Thank you again for attending this ceremony and my warmest wishes to you all.