

Acceptance Speech

Council Chairman Dr Norman Leung, Vice-Chancellor Professor Rocky Tuan, distinguished guests and friends,

I am honoured today to be invited to deliver this acceptance speech on behalf of the honorary fellows of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). The honorary fellows are Mr Raymond Chan, Ms Karen Cheung, and Mr Peter Hung. On behalf of myself and these distinguished fellows, I would like to extend to the University our heartfelt thanks for this honour.

I am delighted to be here at CUHK on this fine summer day, sharing with you who gather here the honour and joy we feel on this occasion. I would like to begin by expressing our sincere gratitude to the University for recognizing our work. We pledge our unceasing efforts to remain worthy of this honour, and to do whatever we can to contribute to CUHK's development in the years to come.

CUHK was established in 1963 with the amalgamation of three Constituent Colleges: Chung Chi, New Asia and United. Now, membership of this unique college system has grown to nine, including Chung Chi College, New Asia College, United College, Shaw College, Morningside College, S.H. Ho College, CW Chu College, Wu Yee Sun College, and Lee Woo Sing College. When I was of school age, I had planned to enrol in Chung Chi College,

but ended up attending a nursing school to fulfil my late father's wish to see his daughter becoming a nurse.

CUHK has developed into a world-class higher education institution, with many outstanding accomplishments in academic, research, science and technology and even the arts. I would particularly like to congratulate the University for rising up three places in the world university rankings this year. These remarkable achievements have been made possible by the support and collaborations of CUHK's past and present Council members, Vice-Chancellors, professors, teachers, students, alumni who have always been generous with their support, community leaders and members of the public. They can also be attributed to the concerted efforts and cooperation of all the honorary fellows.

As a world-renowned comprehensive research university, CUHK has been working to expand the scope of its scientific endeavours and strengthen its interdisciplinary research. Research in the medical fields at CUHK has yielded many fruits in recent years, with some research projects being named among the top 10 articles in top-notch academic journals. The Faculty of Medicine was only established in 1981 but has developed rapidly over the past forty years and contributed enormously to many medical advancements. This year, the Faculty of Medicine has put itself in the

top 40 of the world's best medical schools, a tremendous feat for the youngest among many illustrious peers. The Faculty is home to an exceptional assembly of talent, with many professors and doctors who have won recognition and accolades across the world.

In 1971, CUHK established the Art Museum, and this year marks its 50th anniversary. For the past five decades, the Museum has been devoted to collecting, preserving, researching and exhibiting China's cultural heritage. It has also promoted to the public the long-standing traditions of China's art, humanistic spirit and cultural legacy, and taken pride in facilitating academic exchanges between China and other countries. The Museum often invites distinguished artists to hold exhibitions in Hong Kong, and collects many vital cultural relics that are a source of pride and inspiration for us.

As honorary fellows, we are determined to do our best to bring together CUHK's alumni and students, and work together to give back to the University. We wish to support CUHK graduates in charting the career paths that they dream of, in developing the society, and in creating even more distinctive achievements and legacies for the University in the future.

Finally, we wish CUHK continued success in educating talented people and going from

strength to strength. We would like to express our gratitude to the University for awarding the honorary fellowships to us. We will continue to help CUHK thrive and flourish in the years to come. Thank you.

*This acceptance speech is delivered by Professor Ng Yuet-lau
on behalf of the Honorary Fellows*