

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

TWENTY-NINTH CONGREGATION

Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa

A Citation

The Honorable Chen Shou-Lum, CBE, FIC, FIEE, SMIEEE, FHKIE, JP

Mr Chen Shou-Lum, engineer, business executive, and a leader in industry, has played a very large part in the advancement of technical training and higher education in Hong Kong.

Born and educated in China, Mr Chen received the MSc degree in Engineering from the University of London. Since then, he has built an outstanding career in engineering and business. He is currently Group Managing Director of Hong Kong Electric Holdings, Ltd and Hong Kong Electric Company, Ltd. In 1972, his fellow engineers showed their recognition of his leadership qualities by electing him President of the Hong Kong Engineering Society.

In addition to his active professional career, Mr Chen has an outstanding record of public service. He has been an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council from 1976 and the Executive Council from 1983. He has served as a member of the Legislative Council Finance Committee and of its Public Works Sub-Committee. He has also been a member of the following committees:

Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service,
Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions Service,
Vocational Training Council

From 1977 to 1981, he was the Chairman of the Hong Kong Productivity Council and in 1981, he was Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee.

Mr Chen's contribution to education has been equally significant. He has served as Deputy Chairman, Council of the Hong Kong Polytechnic, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Committee and later Chairman of the Council of City Polytechnic of Hong Kong. He has also been Chairman of the University and Polytechnic Computer Centre, and he was a member of the Committee to Review Post Secondary and Technical Education. Mr Chen also has a long association with this University in that he has been, since 1981, a member of the University Council and from 1983 the Tender Board. Thus Mr Chen can truly be said to have contributed immensely to the advancement of technical training and higher education in Hong Kong.

In his professional life Mr Chen has also had a profound effect upon Hong Kong. While he was Chairman of the Hong Kong Productivity Council, the work of the Council and its subordinate Centre increased so much in scope and sophistication that today it has become the leading support organization for the manufacturing industry.

As a leading citizen of Hong Kong who has contributed greatly to the welfare of the community through his service to technology and education and, moreover, provided imaginative leadership to industry, Mr Chen is deserving of the honours which have been bestowed on him. These include being made a Justice of the Peace, an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and in 1984 a Commander, Order of the British Empire. It is appropriate for The Chinese University of Hong Kong to recognize Mr Chen's outstanding record as an engineer and businessman, his extensive public service and his many contributions to industry and to education in Hong Kong. Mr Chancellor, I request, therefore, Your Excellency to confer upon Mr Chen Shou-Lum the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa.

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