

THE CHINESE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

TWENTY-FIFTH CONGREGATION

Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*

*A Citation*

Dr. the Hon. Francis Y. H. Tien, OBE, LLD(Hon), JP

Hong Kong as a manufacturing and exporting centre of textiles owes much to the Hon. Francis Yuen-hao Tien who learned the trade from two older centres, Shanghai and Manchester, and devoted his expertise and creativity to making Hong Kong one of the master mass-tailors of the world. It was he who, taking garment manufacturing seriously as a science and an art, introduced to Hong Kong, among other innovations, the new technology of permanent press. Outstanding among his past public services were Chairmanship of Hong Kong Garment Manufacturers Association (1963-79) and of Clothing Industry Training Board, Hong Kong Training Council (1972-82), and Vice-Chairmanship of Hong Kong Trade Development Council (1970-75). The long list of his membership of various industrial and commercial organizations over the past years testifies to the range and depth of his commitments to the community. For more than ten years until 1977 he had, as leader and adviser, served Hong Kong Government Textile Delegations to U.S.A., Canada, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Belgium, and United Kingdom. In fact he has been one of our super-salesmen who kept trotting the globe to promote our products.

At present Dr. Tien is Managing Director of Manhattan Garments Limited as well as director of many other concerns. Since 1974 he has been Unofficial Member of Legislative Council. His other public duties include Chairmanship of Vocational Training Council since 1982, Clothing Industry Training Board, VTC since 1982, and The Clothing Industry Training Authority since 1975.

Dr. Tien graduated from Henry Lester Institute of Technical Education, Shanghai with a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering, and was further educated at Metropolitan Vickers, Manchester, and Manchester College of Technology. Apart from such honours as JP of Hong Kong (1967), MBE (1971), and OBE (1973), he has also been awarded Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal (1977) and Honorary Distinguished Citizen, The State of Washington, U.S.A. (1978). The Chinese University of Hong Kong is grateful to him not only for his membership on the University Council since 1978 and Chairmanship of the Advisory Board on Extramural Studies since 1977, but also for his generous donation of part of the construction cost of the 300-bed student hostel, Grace Tien Hall. In recognition of his solid accomplishments, Mr. Chancellor, I request Your Excellency to award the Hon. Francis Yuen-hao Tien the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*.

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