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Cyril Henry PHILIPS, Ph.D., D.Litt.

An eminent historian and leading authority on Oriental Studies, Cyril Henry Philips has been a member of the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong since 1964. His valuable contributions to the development of the University are known to all and, in fact, too many to eulogize individually here.

After attending the Rock Ferry High School, Professor Philips first obtained his degree of Master of Arts from the University of Liverpool and later his degree of Doctor of Philosophy from the University of London. Since then Dr. Philips has had a very distinguished career both in the field of university administration and academic advancement. He has been Professor of Oriental History at the University of London for the past quarter of a century and Director of the School of Oriental and African Studies since 1957. In addition, he was invited to be the Montague Burton Lecturer at the University of Leeds in 1966 and to serve as Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of London from 1969 to 1970.

His outstanding service in administration led to his appointment as Chairman of the University Grants Committee on Oriental, African and Slavonic Studies in the United Kingdom in 1965 and subsequently of the University Grants Committee on Latin American Studies in 1966. In these respects, Dr. Philips has made invaluable contributions to the advancement of the studies of the developing world.

Professor Philip's academic achievements have been equally distinguished. He has been recipient, among others, of the Gladstone Memorial Fellowship, the Frewen Lord Prize of the Royal Empire Society, the Alexander Prize of the Royal Historical Society, and an honorary degree from the University of Warwick.

Dr. Philips is the author of many important publications, especially in the field of Oriental History. His major works include The East India Company, India, Historians of India, Pakistan and Ceylon, The Evolution of India and Pakistan, and Politics and Society in India.

The Chinese University of Hong Kong owes a special gratitude to Professor Philips. As a member of our Council, he has over the years played no small part in the planning and development of the University.

Mr. Chancellor, in recognition of his significant contributions to this University and to the development of Oriental Studies in the world of learning, Professor Cyril Henry Philips is being respectfully presented to Your Excellency for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa.