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Kenneth Ernest Robinson is an eminent author, scholar, vice-chancellor and Fellow of the prestigious Royal Historical Society. Although a relatively new comer to Hong Kong's educational scene, Professor Robinson has already won the admiration of many Western as well as Chinese education-  
alists. As Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong's oldest institution of higher learning, he has made important contributions not only towards its scholastic excellence but also towards its cooperation and collaboration with The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Professor Robinson received his formal education in England. He took his university degree, with First Class Honours, in P.P.E. and in Modern History at ~~Her~~<sup>Tr</sup>ford College, Oxford University, and subsequently obtained the degree of Master of Arts at the London School of Economics and Political Science of the University of London.

Both scholastically and administratively, he devoted his earlier career to colonial and Commonwealth affairs. He joined the Colonial Office in 1936, became Assistant Secretary in 1946, and resigned two years later to embark on an educational career. For nine years, he was a Fellow of Nuffield College at Oxford and Reader in Commonwealth Government. Distinguished by his scholarship and achievements, he was invited to occupy the important position as Director of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies at the University of London, and concurrently Professor of Commonwealth Affairs, which posts he held until 1965.

Professor Robinson's services have been in great demand internationally. Among others, he was invited to be a Visiting Lecturer at the School of Advanced International Studies of Johns Hopkins University, a Reid Lecturer at Acadia University, and a Visiting Professor at Duke University.

Among his varied interests, Professor Robinson is also an authority on Africa. He travelled widely in East, Central and South Africa, and has written extensively on African affairs. He has also served, at different times for varying periods, on the Civil Service Selection Board in the United Kingdom, Colonial Economic Research Committee, Colonial Social Science Research Council, Council of the Overseas Development Institute, and Board of Governors of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Since his arrival in Hong Kong in 1965, Professor Robinson has not only effectively worked towards the progress of the University of Hong

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Kong, but also greatly helped in the development of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He has served on its Council since arrival and significantly contributed towards smooth collaboration between the two universities.

In recognition of his valuable services towards higher education in Hong Kong and towards the advancement of our University, I have the honour and pleasure in presenting to you, Mr. Chancellor, Kenneth Ernest Robinson for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.