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As The Chinese University of Hong Kong is a young educational institution, we take the pleasure in creating for ourselves distinguished alumni by the efficient method of adoption. Our graduand, after obtaining the degree of Bachelor of Arts at the University of Hong Kong, proceeded to England to study law and was later admitted to both the courts in England and in Hong Kong. He does not require letters from our University to practise his profession. Nevertheless, in conferring him an honorary degree, our University honours not only its distinguished legal adviser but a deserving leading citizen.

In addition to his professional responsibilities as a senior partner of Messrs. Lo and Lo, Mr. Kan Yuet-keung (簡悅強) is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank of East Asia. He is a member of the Legislative and Executive Councils and, as if time is no problem to him, he also involves himself deeply in social welfare work and problems affecting the ordinary men in the street. His services rendered out of a generous heart and noble sentiments through numerous committees, such as the Transport Advisory Committee and the Housing Authority, have helped to bring comfort and relief to the lives of many.

A staunch supporter of the University, our graduand has given it high hopes and youthful aspirations ever since the first days of its existence. His able leadership and imaginative vision guided Chung Chi College, a foundation college of the University, from its earliest years through the intricacies of legislation to become a stalwart member of the University. Mr. Kan was instrumental in drawing up the first constitution of that College and was ready with his advice over important questions such as the choice of site for its buildings and the purchase of its land. In 1964 he became Chairman of the College Board of Governors, an appointment which he relinquished in 1967. Our graduand was a member of the University council from 1964 to 1967. His wisdom and sound legal knowledge have helped this young University solve many of its problems. Always generous with his time and ever ready to help, he has contributed in many ways to the success of our institution.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor, it is with great pleasure that I present to you Mr. Kan as a candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.