

THE HON. KENNETH FUNG PING-FAN, C.B.E., K.St.J., J.P.

To be worthy of recognition by the conferring of an honorary degree a candidate must have risen far above the call of duty in his field. Mr. Fung Ping-fan (馮秉芬) was born in Hong Kong and received his education at the School of Chinese Studies of the University of Hong Kong. A leading member of the business community of this great city, Mr. Fung is a banker and a director of many important companies both in Hong Kong and abroad. Because of his vast experience and business acumen, he has been called upon to represent Hong Kong on various economic commissions and at trade fairs overseas. He has been a member of the Urban Council and the Legislative Council, and is now a member of the Executive Council.

Besides his professional undertakings, our graduand has been involved in different kinds of volunteer service, principally in the field of Culture, Youth Movement, Social Welfare and Rotary. On the cultural side, in the provision of education for the young, Mr. Fung, with the support of his own clansmen, has founded 8 primary schools and one secondary school which cater for altogether over 10,000 children. He was Founder-Chairman of the Chinese Society of the University of Hong Kong; and is a Past President of the Hong Kong Photographic Society and at present President of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society. In Youth Movement, our graduand is actively interested in the Scout Movement, the Chinese Y.M.C.A. and was until recently Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. In the work of social welfare, Mr. Fung has been active in the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Association for the last three decades or more, having been the first Chinese Commissioner of the Brigade and is at present Chairman of the St. John Association, besides other charitable organisations too numerous for individual mention.

In the Rotary movement, Mr. Fung has been President of the Rotary Club of Hong Kong during the Rotary Year 1949 to 1950, was District Governor of District 345 from 1961-62, and is at present serving on the 5-man Finance Committee of Rotary International with Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois, U.S.A.

In to-day's ceremony, it is particularly appropriate to mention his contribution to higher education through the leadership he has given United College, a Foundation College of the Chinese University. In July 1962, Mr. Fung became Chairman of the Board of Trustees of United College. When the University came into being he was Chairman of its Inauguration Ceremony Committee and has been a member of the University Council since 1963.

Mr. Vice-Chancellor, I commend to you Mr. Fung Ping-fan as an unusually well qualified candidate for the degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.