

## **Citation for Mr Chu Pu-sun, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council,

Mr Chu Pu-sun is an acclaimed writer of children's literature in Hong Kong. He graduated in 1954 from the Grantham Teachers' Training College and was a veteran teacher with 39 years of experience before migrating to Canada upon his retirement.

Since his youth, Mr Chu has been an avid reader of his father's personal collection of books. This wealth of riches fuelled his passion for reading, and laid down a solid foundation of his future work. During his secondary school years, under the guidance and encouragement of his teachers, Mr Chu's writing talent started to flourish. Upon graduation, he enrolled in the Grantham Teachers' Training College, reading extensively on theories and classics, both in Chinese and Western children's literature. From then onwards, his devotion to become a writer of children's literature was firmly established.

In his early days as a writer, Mr Chu published different genres of literature under the pen names "Chu Yin", "Chu Tung" and "Nong Nong", among others. In 1974, he began the publication of *Collection of Anecdotes from the Heart*, a series of short articles on education in the Wah Kiu Yat Po (a local newspaper at that time), under the pen name "Ah Nong". This column rapidly established his status as a writer of children's literature. In 1981, Mr Chu, Ho Tsz and other writers founded the "Hong Kong Children's Arts Society", where Mr Chu subsequently served both as a Committee Member and Chairman.

Mr Chu has dedicated his life to education, never failing to inspire his young readers with his writings and personal tutelage over a span of 39 years. Among the many enthralling chapters in his life, the most memorable was when he joined a school which admitted children with serious emotional problems in 1984. He served there for nine years, dedicated to the counselling work for the disturbed teenagers. In parallel, he advanced his own knowledge in the area, studying Special Education at the Sir Robert Black College of Education. He showered his students with care in his daily teaching, enabling them to grow up in an "education of love". He crystallised these life experiences into loving stories which truly reflect the inner world of teenagers. Needless to say, his creative work became many students' favourites in no time.

Ah Nong is a prolific writer with the diverse and extensive publication of over 100 books covering children's stories, essays, poetry and fiction. He has won a long list of prizes, including the "Third Hong Kong Biennial Children's Literature Award" presented by the Urban Council (*Story-telling by A Nong*) and "Ten Best Children's Literature in the 1980s" (*Hamburger and Sweet Pork Bun*, and *Everyone's a Genius*), which was adapted as a screenplay for a television programme. He also won a number of awards in various

international film and television festivals. Other accolades include the “Chen Bo-chui Gardener Prize” (*Old Man under the Tree*), “Bing Xin Children’s Literature Award 2004” (*Tenderness in My Heart*), “Top Choice in Hong Kong Education City Top Ten Good Books 2004” (*Diary of the Fair Maiden*) and “My Favourite Writer Award”, among many others. Mr Chu was also named as the Best Loved Author by secondary school students five times, and has had 16 books on the “Ten Good Books” list in the “Selection of Good Books for Secondary School Students” over the years.

In 1993, Mr Chu migrated to Canada. He continues to write profusely and works for the cause of education. For more than a decade, he has been hosting a Chinese learning radio programme, running children’s Chinese writing and story telling competitions for various organisations, as well as editing children’s literature pages for different magazines. Though living on the other side of the globe, his heart is still committed to education and children’s literature in Hong Kong. In his interview with the Institute’s magazine in 2005, Mr Chu encouraged his fellow colleagues in Hong Kong with the words: “I trust the saying ‘Good advice will prevail’. Teachers should not miss any chance to help their pupils. If they are genuinely committed, they will find that education is never meaningless.” In 2006, he visited the Institute and shared his thoughts on creative writing with over 100 students. Mr Chu believes that as a writer of children’s literature, it is vital to have the heart of a child. He says, “Age is not an important issue to a writer. To write a story which interests children, we should have empathy, understand the little universe of our children, appreciate their mind and thoughts and apply the kind of words they enjoy to tell them a story.” That same year, Mr Chu was again invited by the Institute’s Department of Chinese, to give a keynote speech on the development of children’s literature in Hong Kong at a seminar titled *Passing on the Torch - 65 Years of Children's Literature in Hong Kong*.

Mr Chu is a role model for teachers. His enthusiasm and contribution to children and their education deserve our deep respect. Mr Chairman, on behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Education, may I present Mr Chu Pu-sun to you for the Honorary Fellow award.

## **Citation for Mr Stephen Hui Chin-yim, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council,

Mr Hui Chin-yim attended Concordia Lutheran School and, in 1969, graduated with an honours Bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Chung Chi College, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Upon graduation, he continued his studies in CUHK on a part-time basis, obtaining a Postgraduate Diploma in Education in 1974.

Mr Hui is fully committed to the mission of education, as demonstrated by his long and dedicated services in education with the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China (CCC). In 1969, Mr Hui joined CCC Ming Yin College as a teacher, subsequently being promoted to subject head and vice-principal, and ultimately becoming the principal of CCC Ming Kei College in 1992. Since his retirement in 2007, Mr Hui has continued to work for the Hong Kong Council of CCC as Director of Education Services, sitting on the Management Committee of a number of schools directly operated by CCC both as School Supervisor and School Manager.

Education is Mr Hui's lifeblood and he follows his calling with both capability and leadership. In line with the Church's advocacy of not leaving any child behind, he pioneered the introduction of Inclusive Education in CCC Ming Kei College during his tenure as principal, a move which allowed students with learning difficulties to study in a mainstream secondary school adopting English as the medium of instruction. With the support of teachers, parents, students and the community, Mr Hui joined hands with Professor Alfred Chan of Lingnan University, to promulgate cross-subject integration, incorporating elements such as caring for the community and education for the elderly into the Form 2 curriculum. By embedding social service into school work, not only can students live up to the school's motto "It is more blessed to give than to receive", seeds are also being sown for them to take care of the elderly and become socially responsible citizens in the future. Since assuming the position of Director of Education Services, Mr Hui had focused his efforts on helping the Church to coordinate services to under-privileged communities, establishing an evening school in Tin Shui Wai of the New Territories, and providing social services and learning opportunities for teenagers in need and women with low levels of education.

Over the years, Mr Hui has always been enthusiastically involved in the community. Among his many public service commitments, he had been a Member of the Council of the University of Hong Kong, Chairman of the Board of Control – Subsidised Schools Provident Fund, Member of the then Board of Education, Member of the Advisory Committee on

School-based Management, and Member of the Secondary School Places Allocation Committee. He is currently serving as Deputy Chairman of the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, and Member of the Advisory Committee on Teacher Education and Qualifications.

Mr Hui has made significant contributions to the formulation of Hong Kong's education and related policies, and provided professional advice in many areas – these include the implementation of the “3-3-4” Academic Structure and its related financial and human resource arrangements, Liberal Studies in the New Senior Secondary Curriculum, School-based Management, Code of Aid for Incorporated Management Committee, Language Proficiency Assessment for Teachers, amendments to the Continuing Professional Development of Principals framework, amendments to the Copyright Ordinance and formulation of the Copying Agreement, etc. Mr Hui received the Medal of Honour from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 2003, to recognise his long and distinguished services in education.

A staunch supporter of the development of the Hong Kong Institute of Education's School Partnership initiatives, Mr Hui serves on the Advisory Committee of the Institute's School Partnership and Field Experience Office. He also participates in teaching the Preparation for Principalship Course for Aspiring Principals organised by the Institute's Department of Educational Policy and Administration. In addition, Mr Hui is appointed as Adjunct Associate Professor by HKIEd's School of Continuing and Professional Education, to facilitate the training of school managers of secondary and primary schools.

Mr Hui Chin-yim has dedicated 40 years of his life to education, actively participating in community service and education affairs in Hong Kong, making outstanding contributions with his rich and diverse experiences. He champions the Institute's causes, and fully caring and supporting the Institute's development in every way. Mr Chairman, on behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Education, may I present Mr Hui Chin-yim for the award of an Honorary Fellowship.

## **Citation for Mr Peter Lee Ting-chang, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council,

I am very pleased to pay tribute to Mr Peter Lee Ting-chang. Mr Lee received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom, where he also qualified as a Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. After spending many years in the UK, he returned to Hong Kong in 1984. In 1988, he joined the Board of Directors of Hysan Development Company Limited, becoming Managing Director in 1999 and Chairman in 2001.

Mr Lee once said, “to run a successful and responsible business, one should pay attention not only to the results achieved, but also to how and in what manner the results are delivered.” Under Mr Lee’s able leadership, Hysan Development Company Limited, one of Hong Kong’s most well-known property investment companies, has been guided by the principle of being a “responsible business” and has maintained the highest ethical and corporate governance standards in the process. Over the past decade, the Company has received a number of international and local awards for good corporate governance, and is now a constituent member of the London-based FTSE4Good Global Index, one of the best-known indices for measuring socially responsible investment.

Mr Lee is currently an independent non-executive director of a number of Hong Kong companies, including Cathay Pacific Airways, CLP Group, Hang Seng Bank, Maersk China, SCMP Group, as well as a director of local companies. He is a Vice President of the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong and a Council Member of the Employers’ Federation of Hong Kong.

Apart from contributing to Hong Kong’s economic development, Mr Lee has played an active role in the territory’s social development. He is an Advisory Board Member and Chairman of the Administration Advisory Committee of the Salvation Army – Hong Kong, as well as a Council or Advisory Member in other civic organisations. In 1996, Mr Lee was appointed as a non-official Justice of the Peace, and he also served twice as a part-time member of the Hong Kong Government’s Central Policy Unit, both before and after 1997. In recognition of his many contributions to society, he received an honorary fellowship from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2006.

Mr Lee has always been a strong supporter of Hong Kong’s education. He was a member of Hong Kong’s Education Commission between 1993 and 1998. Following the

recommendations of the Commission's No 5 Report, the then Colleges of Education – Northcote College of Education, Grantham College of Education, Sir Robert Black College of Education, the Hong Kong Technical Teachers' College and the Institute of Language in Education – were merged in April 1994 to become an independent higher institution of education: The Hong Kong Institute of Education, to enhance the development of teachers' training.

Back in 1993, Mr Lee was one of the founding members of the Provisional Governing Council of the Institute. He was also Chairman of the Finance Committee. When the Institute was officially formed in 1994, he became a founding Council Member and remained on the Council until 2003. He was also Treasurer of the Council from 1994 to 2002. Mr Lee's contributions to the different aspects of the Institute have laid solid foundations for the Institute's development and growth. Apart from his many official positions, Mr Lee supports the work of the Institute through other means as well. The Lee Hysan Foundation, of which Mr Lee is a Governor, has been a generous supporter of various Institute projects, including English and Putonghua language programmes, as well as an English teaching assistants project. Also within the education sector, Mr Lee is currently an international council member of the business school, INSEAD in France.

Apart from his commitments both in the business world and in the community, as Governor of the Lee Hysan Foundation, Mr Lee has provided great impetus to Hong Kong's cultural and artistic development. He believes that arts can provide inspiration and enhance creativity both for individuals as well as for the society as a whole.

Mr Chairman of the Council, I would like to introduce Mr Peter Lee Ting-chang, and would ask that Honorary Fellowship be conferred on this renowned business leader who is such a staunch supporter of education.

## **Citation for Mr Leo Lu Kwong-fai, *Honorary Fellow***

Mr Chairman of the Council,

Mr Leo Lu Kwong-fai graduated from the Sir Robert Black College of Education in 1961, in the first class to graduate from the College.

Mr Lu dedicated his life to education upon graduation, teaching in primary and secondary schools for many years. Never one to take challenges lightly, he has always shown his care and concern for his students, in turn earning their love and respect. When he was teaching in a primary school, he gave a student the gift of a watch, so that he could use it when he sat for his Secondary School Entrance Examination. Many years passed by, when Mr Lu ran into this student in the street. Although he had become a successful physician, he was still wearing the same watch, and he couldn't thank Mr Lu enough for his teaching and love. On another occasion, a former student drove past Mr Lu. Catching his silhouette in the split second he went by, it was no coincidence that he shouted out aloud: "Principal Lu!" Mr Lu believes that the greatest job satisfaction for an educator is neither derived from the teacher's nor the student's achievements. Rather, a teacher is satisfied when his student can work out his own direction in life. Therefore for Mr Lu, whether it is the wearing of the same simple watch many years after the gift had been given, or driving past the "Principal" for a brief moment, these encounters are the greatest rewards a teacher can ask for.

Mr Lu had served as Principal of several schools under the auspices of the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China, including Kei Luen Primary School, Kei Kok Primary School, Ho Fuk Tong Primary School and Kei Leung Primary School for 25 years. While nurturing the ethical, intellectual, social, aesthetic and spiritual development of his students, Mr Lu was also a staunch supporter of sports, contributing significantly to the promotion of sports in schools during his tenure. He is fully committed to the development of softball and baseball in Hong Kong, formerly serving as the Honorary Secretary of the Hong Kong Softball Association and currently serving as the Assistant Director of Little League Baseball and Softball in the Asia-Pacific Region.

Mr Lu has also served as Chairman of the Sir Robert Black College of Education Alumni Association for years, fervently advancing the work of the Association and paying his dues to the society by establishing two primary schools to pass on the "torch of education" to the next generation. After the Hong Kong Institute of Education was established more than a decade ago, inheriting the same spirit of the former colleges of education, Mr Lu has continued to lead the Alumni Association in participating in the Institute's activities and providing

invaluable assistance on all fronts. These activities were instrumental in helping the Institute to consolidate its past legacies and to move forward. As an alumnus, Mr Lu should be applauded for his endless support and contributions to the Institute.

Mr Lu understands the plight of not being able to attend school. Therefore he continues his educational work even after retirement. His passion for youth education has never faltered. He is in fact tirelessly pursuing a higher and grander vision – to promote and develop school construction programmes in China’s mountainous regions, increasing opportunities for children in these remote areas to obtain proper schooling while also improving the quality of education there. Over the years, Mr Lu has made both physical and financial contributions, leaving his footprints in south-western and north-western China, in provinces such as Guangxi, Guizhou, Yunnan, Sichuan, Ningxia, Gansu, Qinghai, Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia. He has helped to reinstate dilapidated school buildings in these impoverished mountain areas, while also creating a better study environment for the children. When Mr Lu retired in 2001, he generously set aside one-ninth of his retirement fund, as donation to support school reinstatement works in Mainland China. Mr Lu once said, “Retirement is not a time to enjoy the fruits, but a time to give back. We should not only mind our own business, but also show concern for others.” His selfless devotion is to be commended.

For more than a decade, Mr Lu has trod over almost half of China for the benefit of the poor children in the mountainous regions. Describing himself as a dog “running all over the mountains”, drifting and dashing in the meadows and valleys, he nicknamed himself very aptly as “Principal Mountain Dog”. Joining hands with the Hong Kong Christian Council and the Amity Foundation, he promotes Church Action Projects – *Five Loaves and Two Fish*, the *School Reinstatement Project*, the *Back-to-School Project* and the *Rural Schools Rebuilding Project in China*. Since their inception, these projects have enabled tens of thousands of children to return to school every year, improving the learning environment for over 200,000 children and reconstructing hundreds of schools. His love for his country, as well as his indomitable passion to provide education for the next generation in China, should be honoured and commended.

Mr Chairman, Mr Lu has made numerous contributions to schools in Hong Kong, and has dedicated himself to school construction projects in China’s mountainous regions. On behalf of the Hong Kong Institute of Education, may I present Mr Leo Lu Kwong-fai to you for the award of Honorary Fellow.