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HKIEd Confers Honorary Fellowships on Eight Distinguished Individuals

The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) has named eight distinguished individuals Honorary Fellows for their remarkable accomplishments and contributions to the Institute, educational development and the betterment of society at large. They are (in alphabetical order of surname):

- Dr Betty Chan Po-king (陳保琮博士)**
- Mr Cheng Kok-kong (鄭國江先生)**
- Ms Rowena Cheung Po-man (張寶雯女士)**
- Dr Francis Cheung Wing-ming, MH (張永明博士)**
- Mrs Chu Tang Lai-kuen (朱鄧麗娟女士)**
- Mr Kwan Kee (關祺先生)**
- Mr Lee Park-keong (李百強先生)**
- Mrs Laura Ling Lau Yuet-fun, BBS, MH (凌劉月芬女士)**

Mr Pang Yiu-kai, HKIEd Council Chairman, presided over the 2014 Honorary Fellowship Presentation Ceremony held at the Tai Po campus today (25 March).

The Honorary Fellowships were conferred on the occasion of the Institute's 20th anniversary – a milestone symbolising the Institute's growth and development built on more than 160 years of education heritage. Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, HKIEd President, commented that “as we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we are particularly pleased to pay tribute to these distinguished individuals who have made contributions to Hong Kong at different stages of their lives in areas including education, sports development and social work”.

“For some of them, their personal interests in music and Chinese opera, and their devotion to promoting arts education and sporting activities, have helped enrich the cultural life and enhance the soft power and people quality of our city”, he added.

On the importance of education, Professor Cheung said that our counterparts in other parts of the world had shown great admiration for the performance of both the students and school system in the East, including Hong Kong. Particularly noteworthy is the outstanding performance of local students compared to their Western peers in competency levels in

literacy, numeracy and other learning areas, as evidenced in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reports on education. “I would dare say that this is in no small measure due to the contribution of our teachers and teacher education, in which HKIEd plays a pivotal role”, said Professor Cheung.

In celebration of its 20th anniversary, the Institute will stage a wide array of activities, ranging from academic conferences and a distinguished leader dialogue series to concerts and alumni and community events, among others. Expressing his anticipation of these reflective occasions, Professor Cheung said that he also has every confidence in the Institute retaining a distinctive role in the years to come.

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Speech by Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, HKIEd President

Honorary Fellowship citations

Biographies of Honorary Fellowship recipients

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