

CVs of honorary doctorate recipients

Mr Chu King-yuen, BBS, MH, JP

Having graduated from the Sir Robert Black College of Education in 1976, Mr Chu King-yuen began his career as a teacher in a village school. Continuing his teaching at the New Territories Women and Juveniles Welfare Association Limited Leung Sing Tak Primary School, Mr Chu furthered his studies by obtaining two bachelor degrees on a part-time basis. Devoting himself wholeheartedly to the education sector, Mr Chu founded the New Territories School Heads Association in 2005, with a view to enhancing professionalism in the sector and strengthening ties among its members. Apart from serving as a School Manager and Consultant Principal after retirement, Mr Chu is also a member of the Incorporated Management Committee of the HKIEd Jockey Club Primary School, Director of the Society for Truth and Light, and Chairman of the Tai Po District Primary School Heads' Association. He also serves as an adviser to the Institute's School Partnership and Field Experience Office, and has facilitated the establishment of the HKIEd Entrance Scholarship for Tai Po students. Serving on the Tai Po District Council for more than a decade, Mr Chu was awarded a Medal of Honour in 2003 and a Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2012 by the Hong Kong Special Administration Region Government, and was named Justice of Peace in 2007 in recognition of his valuable contributions.

Dr Maggie Koong May-kay, BBS

A dedicated early childhood education leader and advocate, Dr Maggie Koong May-kay obtained her Master of Education from The University of Hong Kong and Doctor of Education from the University of Durham. Now the Chief Principal of 17 Victoria Educational Organisation kindergartens in Greater China, including Hong Kong, and Head of the Victoria Shanghai Academy, a private independent school fully accredited by the International Baccalaureate, the Council of International Schools and the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Dr Koong has made remarkable contributions to the development and learning of young children in Hong Kong and beyond. As a founding Council member of HKIEd, Dr Koong has been very supportive of the Institute's development. She has recently been a member of HKIEd's Presidential Advisory Group, contributing her expertise to promoting quality teacher education. Dr Koong's contributions are by no means only local. Apart from serving as President of the World Organisation for Early Childhood Education, Dr Koong is also an NGO representative to the United Nations and the Vice-chairperson of UNICEF Hong Kong. In recognition of her exemplary contributions, she received a Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award in 2000 and a Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2013. She has also been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Whittier College, USA.

Professor Lee Yue-hong

Born in Xinyi in Guangdong province, Professor Lee Yue-hong has been deeply passionate about the arts and painting since his childhood. In 1949, Professor Lee moved to Hong Kong and took up a teaching position at a secondary school. His talent was further recognised by his teacher at the Northcote College of Education, Mr Lee Woon-wah, who invited him to help design the art curriculum, giving him an opportunity to apply his painting skills. Upon graduation, Professor Lee taught as an art teacher at several secondary schools while studying under the legendary Lingnan master Zhao Shao-ang at the Lingnan Art Studio, where he made impressive progress within several years. The Lingnan School is renowned for applying Western still life techniques upon the foundation of Chinese styles, and Professor Lee's works were exhibited at cultural institutions and museums in Hong Kong and overseas as early as the 1950s. Some pieces were acquired as parts of permanent collections by prestigious institutions in Europe, the United States, Japan and Korea. In addition to promoting the Lingnan School in China, Professor Lee has also played an active role in nurturing local talents in Hong Kong and Macau. He founded the Chinese Art Academy in 1958, in addition to teaching art in secondary schools. Upon retirement, he was invited by the Macau government to train local secondary and primary school teachers in the enclave, where he taught for the ensuing 15 years.

Mr Leung Kee-cheong

After graduating from the Grantham College of Education in 1976, Mr Leung served as a school teacher for several years before joining the Education Department, which he served for 21 years. Deeply influenced by the College's education philosophy, derived from a classic Chinese idiom, of nurturing students like a spring breeze and raining on young seedlings, Mr Leung decided to achieve his ultimate goal of helping the next generation by becoming Principal at a disadvantaged primary school – the Fresh Fish Traders' School – in 2002. Although his school twice faced the prospect of being closed due to student shortages, Mr Leung put all his efforts into introducing reform measures, arousing social interest in his school's development and the situations of impoverished students. With his unique leadership, he was not only able to keep the school open, but also enhanced the teaching staff's morale and the sense of belonging among his students and their parents. As an alumnus, Mr Leung is always willing to share his expertise with the Institute's staff and students to enhance teaching professionalism. In addition to serving as a member of HKIEd's Presidential Advisory Group, Mr Leung is also a main character in the Institute's video series "Little Stories, Big Dreams in Education II", in which he shares his commitment to education and encourages new teachers "not to easily give up on any one child".

Mr Carlson Tong, SBS, JP

After graduating from St. Paul's Co-educational College in Hong Kong during 1971, Mr Carlson Tong furthered his studies in the United Kingdom and then qualified as a Chartered Accountant. In 1979, he started his career in an international accounting firm, KPMG UK. After a few years, he returned to Hong Kong and became a local partner in the firm. He was appointed Chairman of KPMG in China and Hong Kong during 2007, and became Asia Pacific Chairman and a member of the global board in 2009. Mr Tong retired in 2011 after serving his firm for over 30 years, and has since become increasingly active in contributing his expertise to community services. He is currently Chairman of the Securities and Futures Commission and was formerly Chairman of Employees' Compensation Insurance Levies Management Board. With great interest in helping young people in Hong Kong, he also served as a member of the University Grants Committee. As Chairman of the Hong Kong Sports Institute, Mr Tong led the Institute to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with HKIEd in 2014 to foster dual career pathways for elite athletes. Currently, Mr Tong is also Chairman of the English Schools Foundation and a member of HKIEd's Presidential Advisory Group.

Mr George Wong Yui-lam

After graduating from the Sir Robert Black College of Education in 1981, Mr George Wong served as a teacher at C.C.C. Mongkok Church Kai Oi School for children with special needs, during which time he became increasingly dedicated to teaching as his students' impressively joyful and innocent faces touched his heart. After a stint in education of about a decade, Mr Wong started his business career, founding and serving as Chairman of the fashion company Bauhaus Holdings Limited, which currently has nearly 200 stores in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Growing fast as a well-known fashion brand in Hong Kong and the region, the company went public in 2005. Yet despite his immense success in the business field, Mr Wong has stayed true to his roots as a teacher. He employs some of his former students, is a volunteer cycling coach at his old school, and sponsors the organisation of unicycle courses for students. He also often returns to the school to lead extracurricular activities which provide students with opportunities to broaden their horizons. Mr Wong is planning to return to education upon retirement and continue teaching the next generation. Instead of resting on his laurels, he pursued further studies at The Chinese University of Hong Kong and was awarded an EMBA degree in 2014.