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Council Chairman Dr David Wong Yau-kar, members of the Council, President Professor John Lee Chi-Kin, distinguished guests, staff and friends of The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK),

First of all, I would like to sincerely thank The Education University of Hong Kong for inviting me to deliver this speech on behalf of this year's honorary fellows. It is an immense privilege for me to be named an Honorary Fellow of the university alongside Mr Chung Chi-kwong. I am deeply grateful for the recognition and trust from the University.

Mr Chung Chi-kwong is a well-known figure in Hong Kong, who has dedicated decades to promoting the healthy development of sport in Hong Kong and spreading its positive spirit. He comes from a modest background, and has shown great intellect and determination to obtain master's degrees in both Chinese language and literature, and philosophy. To his great credit, he commits much of his time to speaking with young people about Chinese culture, among other subjects. His appointment as an honorary fellow of the Education University today is well-deserved.

I, myself, was born in Fujian and faced many challenges during my school years due to the Cultural Revolution and class status system. In the 1980s, I moved to Hong Kong with my parents, and am grateful for the freedom and equality in the city, which has allowed me to succeed in my career and fulfil my life aspirations. Hong Kong has given me so much, and I am committed to giving back to society. Nevertheless, not being able to enter a university and receive higher education remains one of the biggest regrets of my life. Thus, as my career has progressed, I have become involved in charity work, with a particular focus on education.

When Dr Wong called to inform me that The Education University of Hong Kong wanted to present me with an Honorary Fellowship, I was truly surprised. How could someone like me, who had not even crossed the threshold of a university, be granted such an honour? Dr Wong mentioned that he had hoped my story of starting from scratch, overcoming difficulties, and venturing into Bangladesh and Mexico would inspire the young people of Hong Kong today.



Knowledge changes individual destinies, and advancing education is essential for continuing the transmission of human civilisation, driving social development, and turning impossibilities into realities. Education has different missions in different eras. In my time, the mission of education was to ensure every student entered the classroom and completed their studies. Today, as Hong Kong enters a new era of peaceful development, it is crucial to uphold the original mission of moral education and nurturing patriotism, instilling a global perspective in our students to cultivate outstanding talent.

As the saying goes, it takes ten years to grow a tree and a hundred years to cultivate a person. As a prestigious institution with over 100 years of heritage in teacher education, The Education University of Hong Kong has made remarkable contributions to nurturing education professionals and supplying teacher resources, earning wide acclaim and recognition from society. Being named an honorary fellow of the University is a validation and encouragement for me. Emotionally, this honour also helps to compensate for my own academic shortcomings and regrets, motivating me to contribute my effort to the development of education.

Once again, I sincerely thank The Education University of Hong Kong for naming Mr Chung Chi-kwong and I as honorary fellows, and I wish everyone here good health and success in all endeavours.

Thank you all!

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尊敬的校董會主席黃友嘉博士、各位校董會成員、校長李子建教授、各位嘉賓、教職員、各位大學友好：

首先，衷心感謝香港教育大學邀請我代表本屆的榮譽院士，在這個莊嚴典禮上致謝辭；而能夠與鍾志光先生一同成為教育大學榮譽院士，我尤感榮幸。再次對校方的認可與信任，致以誠摯謝意！

鍾志光先生是香港家喻戶曉的明星人物。他數十年如一日，不遺餘力推動本港體育事業健康發展，傳播與傳承積極向上的體育精神。儘管出身普通家庭，憑藉卓越的學識和堅定的決心，他取得中國語言及文學和哲學雙碩士學位；而更令人敬佩的是，他把大部分公餘時間用於與年輕人交流分享中國文化及其它方面的主題。可見，鍾先生今日獲頒授教育大學榮譽院士，乃實至名歸！

我出生於福建，求學年代受到文化大革命及成份論影響，歷經重重波折，斷斷續續才能完成高中學業。八十年代初，我隨父母移居香港，感恩香港社會的自由平等，讓我有機會成功創業，一展抱負，實現人生理想。香港成就了我，回饋社會，自是責無旁貸，更矢志不渝。然而，未能踏進大學門牆接受高等教育，始終是我今生一個莫大遺憾！因此，在事業略有所成時，我便決心投身慈善事業，推動教育工作的發展。

當黃友嘉博士致電告知香港教育大學要授予本人榮譽院士時，我深感意外。連大學門檻都不曾邁進的我，何德何能，膺此殊榮？黃主席說，希望透過我白手起家、艱苦創業的精神，加以勇闖孟加拉再征服墨西哥的故事，可以激勵當下香港的年輕一代。

知識改變的是個人的命運，而振興教育才能持續傳承人類文明、不斷推動社會發展，將一切不可能變成現實。不同時代賦予教育不同使命。在我那個時代，教育的使命是讓每一個學生走進課堂、完成學業；當下，在香港步入由治及興的和平發展新時代，堅守立德樹人的初心，厚植愛國愛港的家國情懷，培養具備世界視野的優秀人才，就是我們的新使命。

十年樹木，百年樹人，作為一所擁有過百年歷史的師範高等學府，香港教育大學在培養人才、輸送教師資源方面，建樹良多，成就卓越，廣受社會讚譽和認可。榮幸獲得教大授予榮譽院士，對我來說，自是一種肯定和鼓勵。這一榮譽在情感上也彌補了我自身在學業上的缺失和遺憾。它將激勵我持續不斷地為教育事業的發展盡己所能、貢獻綿力！

再次由衷感謝香港教育大學授予鍾志光先生和我榮譽院士，並祝在座各位身體健康、萬事勝意！

謝謝大家！