

## **Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony 2023**

**Address by the President, Professor John Lee Chi-Kin, JP**

**10 November 2023**

Council Chairman, Council Members, esteemed guests, colleagues, students, ladies and gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce three Honorary Doctorate recipients, as my first duty after the installation ceremony.

We are honoured to have them here today, and pay tribute to their great ardour for and enormous contribution to education. In a few minutes, our Orators will deliver their citations on their remarkable achievements and the impact they have made in their respective fields and on society as a whole.

A venerated scholar in the field of East Asian studies, Professor Kawata Teiichi has worked tirelessly to bring Confucian philosophy to a new audience, while helping strengthen cultural ties between academics in the Mainland and Japan.

Professor Stephen Raudenbush is a leading academic in creating statistical models to analyse child and youth development through education and within social settings. He has devoted his academic research to achieving equality in education.

As a prominent figure in finance and accounting, Mr Carlson Tong has dedicated his time since retirement to public services. He has made enormous contributions to Hong Kong's development as an international financial centre and an education hub.

All three of these distinguished individuals embody the attributes of dedication, generosity and virtue that we value and admire. Please join me in congratulating them for their remarkable achievements and in welcoming them to the EdUHK family.

Thank you.