

Honorary Doctorate Conferment Ceremony 2024

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

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

Thank you for attending our Honorary Awards Ceremony. It gives me great pleasure to address you on this joyous occasion, as we celebrate the conferment of four Honorary Doctorates.

We are honoured to welcome the recipients present today, as we pay tribute to their enormous contribution and dedication to education and the community. In a few minutes, our orators will deliver their citations on their remarkable achievements and the impact they have made.

An eminent researcher in the field of education policy, Professor Stephen J Ball is globally acclaimed for his research on school organisation, ethnography, micropolitics, as well as his dedication to reforming education and analysing policy to tackle social inequality.

Professor Marilyn Cochran-Smith is highly respected internationally for her scholarship and leadership in teacher education research, practice and policy, and for her sustained commitment to teaching and teacher education for equity and social justice.

With an unwavering commitment to educational development and a dedication to social affairs, Professor Frederick Ma Si-hang is a former

EdUHK Council Chairman and remains a prominent figure in the finance, business, political, and educational sectors.

Over five decades of holding prominent positions in law, public service and politics, The Hon Maria Tam Wai-chu has applied her extensive knowledge, steadfast beliefs, and dedication for the betterment of society and the wellbeing of Hong Kong.

All four of these distinguished individuals are deeply committed to applying their knowledge and expertise for the betterment of society. Please join me in congratulating them for their remarkable achievements and on their conferment as Honorary Doctors.

Thank you.