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Nurturing talent for social advancement

Dr Joseph Lee Chung-tak, Chairman of Wofoo Plastics and Chemicals Group and President of Wofoo Social Enterprises, is a prominent industrialist and social entrepreneur. With a business motto "Harmony brings a family prosperity, cohesion makes a nation wealthy", he is committed to promoting sustainable development for society and nurturing the younger generation. One of the numerous projects that Dr Lee has funded is a sponsorship programme with the objective to nurture students to become enterprising individuals who can contribute towards the wellbeing of society.

A staunch supporter of CityU, Dr Lee has a deep understanding of the University thanks to his service as a member of the CityU Council and its many committees between 2008 to 2013. He praised CityU for its rapid development and concurred with the University's teaching and learning philosophy that research projects should not be restricted to academic studies but also applicable to the benefit of society.

His commitment to social advancement stems from his childhood experience. Dr Lee's parents, having survived the Second World War, understood the importance of social harmony and economic stability. That's why they named their company "Wofoo", which means harmony and prosperity in Chinese. Dr Lee retained the company name and upholds the spirit

of "Wofoo" as the philosophy of the business. He believes that promoting education and youth development is very important for social advancement.

The success of the Wofoo Plastics and Chemicals Group has enabled Dr Lee to devote himself to the promotion of social entrepreneurship and participate in social services, particularly those related to education and social welfare for the elderly. Moreover, he encourages enterprises to create shared values and contribute to society. "All parties benefit when consensus is reached among citizens, the business sector and society."

Dr Lee was inspired to get more involved in contributing to CityU after attending the Naming Ceremony of Wofoo Foundation Gallery cum Forum on "Innovation and Entrepreneurship" at which alumnus Mr Eric Chen Zixiang, Founder of Vitargent (International) Biotechnology

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- Young Industrialist Award conferred by the Federation of Hong Kong Industries in 1991
- Bronze Bauhinia Star conferred by the Hong Kong SAR government in 2000
- Appointed as Justice of the Peace in 2003
- Silver Bauhinia Star conferred by the Hong Kong SAR government in 2008



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Limited, related how he wrote several business proposals with schoolmates on technology that uses transgenic medaka for detecting toxins. He won numerous awards in local and overseas entrepreneurship contests.

“Mr Chen shared his life philosophy of three H's, and that those are, Hungry (for new knowledge), Humble, and Helpful (to others). These three H's embody the key to success. One not only needs to work hard, but also to develop a good personality and a willingness to help others in order to be truly successful, to be considered 'talent' catalytic to social advancement. Thus, we should take multiple approaches to nurturing young people,” Dr Lee said. He felt that these days many Hong Kong people have forgotten basic etiquette. He suggested young people develop their virtues before embarking on a career. Also, they should see failure when running a start-up as a learning experience, and serve the community when they have a stable income. ●

培育人才推動社會發展

和富塑化集團主席及和富社會企業會長李宗德博士是資深工業家及社會企業家。他的企業「和富」以「人和家富，民和國富」為理念，致力推動社會持續發展、培育年輕一代。李博士對城大熱心捐助，其中一個項目是贊助學生創業，目的在於協助城大培育專業人才，貢獻社會。

李博士一向鼎力支持城大，他在2008至2013年間擔任大學校董會及轄下多個委員會的成員，得以深入認識城大。李博士讚揚城大發展迅速，並同意大學的教學理念，即研究項目不只局限於學術層面，還可用於貢獻社會。

李博士致力推動社會發展，這與其成長經歷不無關係。他的父母曾經歷二次大戰，深明和諧對社會及經濟穩定發展的重要，故將公司命名為「和富」並以此為公司理念；而李博士一直沿用至今，以「和富」精神把家族業務傳承下去。他深信推動教育及青年成長，是促進社會發展的重要一步。

和富塑化集團的成功，使李博士能致力提倡社會企業家精神，積極參與社會服務，特別在教育

及長者福利方面。他亦鼓勵其他企業創造共享價值，回饋社會。李博士說：「市民、商界及社會若達致共同理念，各方均能得益。」

李博士指出，早前在「和富基金廊」命名典禮暨「創新創業」座談會中，一位城大校友的分享令他深受啟發。那位校友是水中銀（國際）生物科技有限公司創辦人陳子翔先生。陳先生在學期間，與同學合作就「轉基因鱈鱈魚」檢測毒素技術撰寫了不少商業計劃書，贏得多個本地及海外營商創業大賽獎項。

李博士說：「陳子翔分享了他做人處世的三個『H』，分別是Hungry（意謂渴求新知）、Humble（謙卑）及Helpful（樂於助人）。這三個『H』道出了成功的要訣，我們除了要努力奮鬥外，還要兼備良好品格和樂於服務他人的精神，故培育年輕人應從多方面着手。」李博士認為，現時不少香港人彷彿忘了做人應有的基本禮貌。他寄語年輕人要先建立良好品格，然後發奮做事；如選擇創業，雖未必一定成功，但應視之為學習過程，從中吸取教訓；當生計穩定、具備基本條件後，就要回饋社會。●

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- Gold Bauhinia Star conferred by the Hong Kong SAR government in 2013
- Honorary Fellowship conferred by City University of Hong Kong in 2014
- Outstanding Achievement Award conferred by Hong Kong Plastics Industry Council in 2014
- University Fellowship conferred by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2015
- Honoured as Officer of the Order of Saint John in 2015
- VTC Honorary Fellowship conferred by the Vocational Training Council in 2015

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- 2014年獲香港塑膠業協會頒授傑出成就獎
- 2015年獲香港理工大學頒授榮譽院士
- 2015年獲頒聖約翰官佐勳銜(OStJ)
- 2015年獲職業訓練局頒授榮譽院士

