

Honorary Fellow Dr Sunny Chai Ngai-chiu

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Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President:

Dr Sunny Chai Ngai-chiu is a distinguished industrialist and dedicated public servant who has made outstanding contributions in building the innovation and technology ecosystem in Hong Kong.

As the Managing Director of Fook Tin Group Holdings Limited and the winner of the Productivity Grand Award from the Hong Kong Awards for Industries, Dr Chai has been the driving force behind the company's development into one of the world's leading providers of weighing solutions. His achievements are remarkable when considering the heartbreak behind the company's success. Twenty years ago, Dr Chai lost both his father and older brother to cancer. He worked 18 hours a day for some years to honour their legacy and to ensure that Fook Tin Group continued to operate smoothly and grow steadily. He won the Young Industrialist Award in Hong Kong in 2004 for his leadership in managing Fook Tin Group and his contributions to Hong Kong industries.

As a successful entrepreneur, Dr Chai felt the urge to contribute back to society and launched himself into public service with passion and commitment. He is currently serving as, to name just a few, Chairman of the Board of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP); Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries; Chairman of the Innovation and Technology Advisory Committee of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council; and Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference in Chongqing. For his long and diligent service, Dr Chai was honoured with the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2018 and was appointed Justice of the Peace in 2021.

Dr Chai is a strong supporter of education and youth development. Through his role at HKSTP, he is acutely aware of the immense potential

among local young people within the growing regional ecosystem for innovation and technology. A recent initiative has seen HKSTP promote a job shadowing scheme that puts senior secondary school students in touch with local companies, an experience that Dr Chai hopes will inspire more young people to choose a career in science and engineering. He also believes that broader and deeper integration within the Greater Bay Area (GBA) will generate even richer opportunities for Hong Kong's youth, and is actively involved in the launch of several initiatives to cultivate talent and promote innovation and technology in the GBA.

A devotee of life-long learning, Dr Chai enrolled on the Doctor of Engineering programme at CityU despite his extremely busy schedule and was awarded an Engineering Doctor degree in 2010. His doctorate was the pinnacle of his academic career, he says, because it brought him into contact with a pool of hugely talented Hong Kong professionals. From his CityU teachers, he acquired skills that have greatly enhanced his decision-making ability, which in turn has boosted his performance in his profession and public service.

As an alumnus, Dr Chai is a staunch supporter of the University and a highly influential voice in the alumni community. He is a Court Member and Vice-Chairman of the Eminence Society, a senior alumni association supporting CityU's development. He has been instrumental in fostering collaborative arrangements between HKSTP and CityU to support HK Tech 300, the largest university-based innovation and entrepreneurship programme in Asia.

To inspire young people to become future leaders, Dr Chai emphasises one word: "commitment". He attributes his accomplishments, whether in growing his family business, undertaking roles in public life, or furthering his education, to the capacity to commit, and to maintain that commitment, no matter what hurdles he encounters. Dr Chai exemplifies how one should wholeheartedly devote one's talent and energy to lead a meaningful professional, public and personal life.

Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President, Dr Chai has made significant contributions to promoting innovation and technology in Hong Kong, serving the public in many areas, and inspiring young people in their careers and education. In recognition of his outstanding service, may I present Dr Sunny Chai Ngai-chiu for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship from City University of Hong Kong.