

Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

Visionary, internationally renowned educator in spearheading global education reform
Professor Brian Caldwell

As an internationally renowned scholar, Professor Brian Caldwell has spearheaded progress in education in a variety of countries and campaigned for top-quality teachers for future generations.

He obtained the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Education from the University of Melbourne in 1962 and 1968 respectively, and his Master of Education and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the University of Alberta subsequently.

Professor Caldwell is passionate about education, and sees it as key to young people opening up career paths and opportunities for themselves. This led to his focus on the decentralisation of decision making in education. *The Self-managing School* – initially a book and then a series – set out his philosophy and accompanying practices for school-based management. On his return to Australia, he found a number of state governments open to the idea of decentralisation and was delighted that his books were able to influence and guide education policy in this area in a number of countries and regions, including Hong Kong.

Having held a number of leadership positions at universities in Australia and Canada, Professor Caldwell is currently Managing Director and Principal Consultant at Educational Transformations Pty Ltd, a Melbourne-based research and development company. Through his consultancy, he draws on decades of experience to provide strategic support and services to government departments, schools, colleges and other educational institutions.

Professor Caldwell has also served as Wei Lun Visiting Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Visiting Professor at the National College for School Leadership in England, Special Professor at the University of Nottingham, Provost's Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the University of Southern California, Invitational Research Fellow for the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, and Honorary Professor at the University of Hull, UK.

During an extensive career, Professor Caldwell has written 180 papers and been the author or co-author of books that have helped guide educational reform in several countries. He has conducted more than 500 projects in or for 41 countries on six continents. Here in Hong Kong, Professor Caldwell has also been a vital member of HKIED's teaching team for the Master of Educational Management course, sharing his international consultancy skills, global perspective and enthusiasm with students.

Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*

Impassioned environmental protection advocate furthers research into the polar regions and glacial shrinkage across the world

Dr Rebecca Lee Lok-sze, MH

Dr Lee obtained her Certificate in Commercial Design from the Hong Kong Technical College (now known as the Hong Kong Polytechnic University) in 1964 and subsequently went on to have a distinguished career in commercial design and advertising. However, she has soon become well-known for her work as an environmentalist, as well as being the first Chinese woman to have reached the world's north and south poles, as well as the summit of Mount Everest.

Since then, Dr Lee has undertaken more than 20 expeditions to the two poles and the Everest region in the name of environmental sustainability, collaborating with scientists across the world as they strive to unlock the secrets on glacial retreat – a phenomenon that could potentially cause sea levels to rise.

In 1997, Dr Lee set up the Polar Museum Foundation to consolidate global scientific research findings about the polar regions. Dr Lee's ultimate vision for the foundation is the creation of a Polar Museum in Hong Kong which would display the information and specimens she has collected during her travels to the 'three poles'.

Dr Lee has made immense contributions to polar exploration over the past two decades. She has given talks about her polar trips to more than 500,000 students in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China, highlighting the beauty of the polar regions and the dangers that pollution and global warming are bringing to them. Dr Lee has also worked hard to convince the local community and the government about the importance of global environmental protection.

Dr Lee has served as an Adviser (Science) for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department of the HKSAR Government and the Polar Research Committee of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. She also received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from Lingnan University in 2000, the Outstanding PolyU Alumni Award in 2003, and University Fellow of PolyU in 2009, in recognition of her life-long devotion to polar research and environmental education.

Doctor of Social Sciences, *honoris causa*

Committed philanthropist contributes to social services and education through unfailing support for research and evidence-based practice

Mr Edwin Leong Siu-hung

Mr Leong is Chairman of Tai Hung Fai Enterprise Co Ltd, a highly successful businessman, and also a committed philanthropist, following in the footsteps of his father, the late Mr Henry G Leong.

Mr Leong makes many of his donations in honour of his father. He has a deep personal commitment to social issues faced by Hong Kong society, particularly children and the elderly. His compassion is reflected in how he offers educational opportunities, provides healthcare for the deprived and relief from suffering for those in desperate need through his Tai Hung Fai Charity Foundation.

Mr Leong has earned respect from the health care community through his unfailing support for research and evidence-based practice. In 2008, he established the Henry G Leong Mobile Integrative Health Centre, which provides free health screening and monitoring services to the disadvantaged elderly throughout Hong Kong.

Mr Leong also supports academic research in elderly health care. He established the Henry G Leong Professorship in Social Work and Social Administration, the Henry G Leong Gerontology and Geriatrics Endowed Professorship, and the Henry G Leong Endowed Professorship in Neurology at various local universities. These endowments and professorships provide the necessary funding for researchers to investigate nutritional strategies and living environments for successful ageing, and neurological disorders afflicting the elderly.

Mr Leong's philanthropic work goes beyond Hong Kong. Since 2007, he has supported the China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation to run programmes in China to help repair and rebuild schools in remote villages. Locally, he initiated the Edwin SH Leong Hughes Hall Scholarship to foster cultural and intellectual exchange between students from the University of Cambridge and the University of Hong Kong.

In his other philanthropic roles, Mr Leong is the Patron of the Hong Kong Breast Cancer Foundation, Honorary Advisor of the Hong Kong Parkinson's Disease Foundation and Director and former Vice Chairman of Po Leung Kuk.

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Cambridge-educated education policy adviser contributes to British education reform
Professor Geoff Whitty, CBE

Professor Geoff Whitty, who was awarded a CBE in the Queen's 2011 birthday honours list, was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge University and the Institute of Education, University of London. In recognition of his outstanding services to education, Professor Whitty was awarded the first Lady Plowden Memorial Medal for outstanding services to education in 2009.

After graduating from Cambridge, Professor Whitty was trained as a teacher at the Institute and taught in two secondary schools before training teachers at Bath University and King's College London. He then held senior positions at Bristol Polytechnic (now the University of the West of England) and Goldsmiths College.

In 1992, Professor Whitty rejoined the Institute of Education as the Karl Mannheim Professor of the Sociology of Education. He then went on to serve as Director from September 2000 until December 2010.

Under his leadership, the Institute of Education gained the power to award its own degrees in 2007, and, with its outstanding performance in the 2008 Research Assessment Exercise, was recognised as one of the foremost research institutions in the country. Indeed, upon Professor Whitty's retirement, the Institute was conducting over 30% of all education research carried out in universities in the United Kingdom.

Currently a professor in the School of Management at the University of Bath, and Director Emeritus of the Institute of Education, Professor Whitty is a former president of the British Educational Research Association and the College of Teachers, and a past chair of the British Council's Education and Training Advisory Committee. From 2003 to 2012, he was a member of the General Teaching Council for England, and since 2005 he has been an adviser on education reform to successive House of Commons Education Select Committees.

Professor Whitty has held visiting appointments in the US and New Zealand, and honorary professorships at Beijing Normal University, Northwest Normal University and Xinjiang Normal University in China.

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Distinguished educator spearheads important educational developments across China

Professor Zhong Binglin

A renowned educator in China, Professor Zhong Binglin has dedicated his life to educating the next generation and promoting the development of higher education policy and scientific research. Other than spearheading many important educational development programmes across China, he has made immense contributions by advancing educational collaboration and exchange within the region. For Professor Zhong, “teacher” meant the most to him amongst his many professional titles.

Born in Beijing in 1951, Professor Zhong graduated from Southeast University (formerly the Nanjing Institute of Technology) in 1977. He obtained his Master's degree in Engineering at the university in 1987 and PhD degree at the University of Wales in 1994. When he returned to China the same year, he was appointed Vice President of Southeast University. In 1996, he was promoted to Director General of the Department of Higher Education at the Ministry of Education.

During his tenure as Director General of the Department of Higher Education, Professor Zhong was committed to driving reforms in higher education management systems, curricula and the framework of the teaching and learning. As a result of his efforts, the decision-making and implementation process of quality assurance and evaluation in undergraduate education were greatly enhanced.

From 2001 to 2012, he was the President of Beijing Normal University, which has “Learn, so as to instruct others, Act, to serve as an example to all” as its motto. Grounded in his belief of “driving academic excellence in selected areas” and attaching great importance to innovative education with a clear vision, Professor Zhong guided the university through its transformation into a comprehensive research university that emphasises teacher education, educational science and the arts and sciences.

Despite his demanding schedule, Professor Zhong still devotes time to scientific research and teaching as well as mentoring master and PhD students. He has published more than 80 papers in academic journals such as *Educational Research*, *Higher Education Research* and *Higher Education in China*.

Professor Zhong also serves as honorary vice president at Cardiff University, as an honorary professor at Aalborg University in Denmark and as a Non-local Member of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications. In 2012 he assumed his current position as President of the Chinese Society of Education.