

**Philanthropist Dr Tin Ka-ping and Founding Council Chairman Mr Simon Ip
To be Awarded Honorary Doctorates by the HKIEd**

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Dr Tin Ka-ping



Mr Simon S O Ip, JP

The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) will confer the title of Doctor of Education, honoris causa, on well known philanthropist Dr Tin Ka-ping and the founding Chairman of the HKIEd Council Mr Simon S O Ip, JP, in recognition of their contributions to society and tertiary education in Hong Kong. The conferment of the honorary degrees will take place at the Institute's 9th Graduation to be held on 14 November 2003 on its Tai Po campus.

Dr Tin Ka-ping

Dr Tin is a well-known industrialist and a forerunner of philanthropy in Hong Kong. He established the K.P. Tin Foundation in 1982 to support the elderly and the young, as well as to promote education and culture. He has contributed significantly to the education sector over the past three decades.

By donating funds to support 96 secondary schools and vocational institutions, 48 primary schools and kindergartens and 850 libraries, quality education is provided for a vast population of students all over Hong Kong and the Mainland. With a thorough understanding of the importance of quality teachers to education, Dr Tin has supported 46 teacher training centres throughout the Mainland. Equal emphasis has been placed on tertiary education. A total of 52 universities and higher education institutions have benefited from his kind giving.

Earlier this year, Dr Tin made a donation of three million dollars to the Institute which laid the foundation for the establishment of the HKIEd Development Fund.

Mr Simon S O Ip, JP

Mr Simon S O Ip, JP, is the Senior Partner of Johnson Stokes & Master. From 1992 to 1994, during the preparatory stage of the establishment of the HKIEd, Mr Ip was the Founding Chairman of the Provisional Governing Council. He continued to serve as the Chairman of the HKIEd Council from 1994 to April 2003.

Under Mr Ip's visionary leadership, several significant milestones have been reached by the Institute. The Institute came under the aegis of the University Grants Committee (UGC) in December 1996 and moved to a purpose-built campus in Tai Po in 1997. In 1998, the Institute launched its first degree and postgraduate programmes. The Strategic Plan for 1999-2004 was formulated in 1999 to guide the Institute's strategic development.

The Institute made enormous strides last year when its internal quality assurance and improvement processes won remarkable recognition by the UGC's Teaching and Learning Quality Process Reviews. The successful exercise has led to UGC's decision to conduct an institutional review which is a precursor to the Institute acquiring self-accrediting status.

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