

Council Chairman Pang Yiu-kai, President Anthony Cheung, Members of the Council, Deans and Faculty Members, Distinguished Guests and Fellow Students,

All of us, Mr Anthony Chow Wing-kin, Mr Ho Siu-lun, Dr Joseph Kwong Kai-to, Mr Chien Lee, Mrs Mak Chen Wen-ning, Mrs Rita Mansukhani, Mr Wong Kam-po and I, are greatly honoured and deeply grateful to have these Honorary Fellowships conferred upon us by the Hong Kong Institute of Education. I am also honoured to be entrusted with the making of this address on behalf of the Honorary Fellows.

The eight Honorary Fellows at this Presentation Ceremony come from different professional sectors and diverse fields, ranging from education and law, sports and music:

Mr Anthony Chow Wing-kin, SBS, JP, served as a Council Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Education from 2003 to 2009. In addition to making a remarkable contribution to the development of the Institute, Mr Chow is a renowned member of the legal sector in Hong Kong.

Mr Ho Siu-lun has made enormous contributions to Hong Kong's education development. He founded the Inter-school Mathematics Olympiad in Hong Kong in the 1970s, and helped to advance the reform of the two-year teacher education curriculum into a three-year programme.

Dr Joseph Kwong Kai-to, MH, has provided continuous support to the Hong Kong Institute of Education. Dedicating his entire career to education and the development of rural teachers, Dr Kwong has been instrumental in building a number of primary schools, known as "Schools of Hope", on the Mainland.

Mr Chien Lee has been actively involved in various educational causes in the past few decades, both in a personal capacity and on behalf of the Lee Hysan and Bei Shan Tang Foundations. Mr Lee has also served on the Board of Trustees of Stanford University.

Mrs Mak Chen Wen-ning, BBS, was a Council Member of the Hong Kong Institute of Education between 1998 and 2001. Apart from being a respected educator, she has served on a large number of government committees, including the Consumer Council between 2004 and 2007.

Mrs Rita Mansukhani is an outstanding educator, particularly in the area of special education. She has provided tremendous support in the securing of government funding for the Institute, enabling the expansion of its professional development programmes for teachers in special education.

Mr Wong Kam-po, BBS, MH, is an internationally renowned Hong Kong athlete. Not only is he the winner of countless gold medals and championships, he is also highly respected for his commitment and mission to nurture and support a new generation of athletes in Hong Kong.

As for myself, I am committed to developing the art of music in Hong Kong, fostering cultural exchanges between the Mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong, as well as enhancing interest among the younger generation in the music, culture and arts of China.

The Hong Kong Institute of Education aims to provide advanced, systematic programmes for those who wish to dedicate themselves to education. With an emphasis on the cultivation of students' characters, the Institute develops students into professional and well-prepared teachers, who will be able to address the needs of modern society. Therefore, our goals are in harmony, regardless of the professional sectors we come from. In each of our respective positions, we are working towards Hong Kong's cultural, economic and social prosperity.

In conclusion, let me once again convey our heartfelt gratitude not only to the Institute, but also to every distinguished guest attending the Ceremony here today, for your affirmation and support of our work. Thank you very much.