

Honorary Awards Conferment Ceremony 2025
Address by the President Professor John Lee Chi-Kin, JP
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Council Chairman, Council Members, esteemed guests, colleagues, students, ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to our Honorary Awards Ceremony. It is my great pleasure to address you on this joyous occasion as we gather to celebrate the conferment of five Honorary Doctorates and one Honorary Fellowship.

Today, we are privileged to welcome six distinguished individuals into the EdUHK family. We honour them for their exceptional contributions and unwavering dedication to the fields of education, economic development, diplomacy, environmental stewardship, and community service.

Professor James Gross is a preeminent scholar in psychology at Stanford University, with a particular focus on emotion and emotion regulation. His ground-breaking process model has established a foundational framework for affective science, inspiring research across an extensive range of fields.

Professor Lawrence Lau is an internationally renowned and distinguished expert in economic policy. He has held key advisory roles and has served extensively in higher education. His contributions have significantly shaped the landscape of economics and policy development.

Professor Justin Lin is widely recognised as a leading expert on China's economic development and the broader transformation of emerging economies. His strategic counsel has been instrumental in shaping China's economic policies and driving its remarkable growth trajectory.

Professor Kishore Mahbubani is renowned for his expertise and experience in public policy, bridging the worlds of international diplomacy and scholarly thought. His tenure as Singapore's ambassador to the United Nations, including terms as Security Council's President, reflects his influential role on the global stage.

Professor Michael Mann is a distinguished authority in climate science, celebrated for his steadfast dedication to championing evidence-based approaches to climate action. His pioneering research and relentless efforts to elevate public understanding have profoundly shaped the global discourse on climate change.

The Venerable Kuan Yun serves as President of the Hong Kong Buddhist Association and Abbot of the Western Monastery. Through his devoted engagement in education and social welfare, he exemplifies the compassionate spirit of the Buddha, bringing profound benefit to the people of Hong Kong.

Each of these honourees has demonstrated extraordinary commitment and serves as an exemplary role model for the betterment of society. Please join me in celebrating their achievements and extending our heartfelt congratulations on this well-deserved recognition.

Thank you.