

## Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

### **Distinguished educational expert and innovator who spearheads educational change and reform**

#### **Professor Michael Fullan, OC**

Professor Fullan is Professor Emeritus of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto. He was awarded the prestigious Order of Canada in December 2012. Recognised as a worldwide authority on educational reform, Professor Fullan is actively engaged in advising policymakers and local leaders around the world on instilling moral purpose in child learning.

While serving as the Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education from 1988 to 2003, Professor Fullan led two major organisational transformations, including the merger of two large schools of education. As an innovator and leader in teacher education, he has formed a number of partnerships designed to effect major school improvements and educational reform. He participates as a researcher, consultant, trainer and policy adviser in a wide range of educational change projects with school systems, teachers' federations, research and development institutes, and government agencies in Canada and internationally.

Professor Fullan served as Special Adviser to the Premier and Minister of Education in Ontario from 2003-2013, and holds honorary doctorates from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, Nipissing University in Canada, the University of Leicester in England and Duquesne University in the United States.

He is also a prolific author, with books published in numerous languages and considered 'must-read' items amongst policymakers, educators and researchers worldwide. His influential *Leading in a Culture of Change* was awarded the 2002 Book of the Year Award by Learning Forward (formerly the National Staff Development Council), and *Breakthrough* (with Peter Hill and Carmel Crévola) won the 2006 Book of the Year Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education; *Turnaround Leadership in Higher Education* (with Geoff Scott) was honoured with the Bellwether Book Award in 2009 and *Change Wars* (with Andy Hargreaves) was Learning Forward's Book of the Year in 2009.

## Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*

### **A compassionate humanitarian battling tirelessly for children's rights**

#### **Ms Christina Noble, OBE**

Ms Christina Noble is the founder of the Christina Noble Children's Foundation, an international non-governmental organisation dedicated to serving children in need of emergency and long-term medical care, nutritional rehabilitation, educational opportunities, and vocational training and those at risk of sexual and economic exploitation.

Born in Ireland into the slums of Dublin in 1944, Ms Noble spent a childhood full of pain and betrayal, yet her suffering became a driving force in encouraging her to help others who had suffered equally.

Ms Noble's dreams about helping needy children began during the Vietnam War, although she did not travel to Vietnam until 1989. Initially working alone, the organisation she founded soon grew into a strong and dedicated team. Her foundation now has fundraising offices in over five countries, and has established numerous emergency health clinics, schools, shelters for homeless children and childcare centres. By the end of 2012, it had launched 120 projects and assisted over 700,000 of the poorest, most vulnerable children and their families in Vietnam and Mongolia.

Ms Noble is a champion of children's rights and a compassionate humanitarian who speaks from the heart. In 2003, she was nominated by TIME Magazine as one of the 'European Heroes', and later that year was named an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE). In December 2010, in recognition of her 20 years of work in Vietnam, Ms Noble became the first woman to receive the Order of Friendship Medal from the Vietnamese Government – the highest honour conferred upon foreigners by the country's president and people. Ms Noble also holds an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from Dublin University and is an Honorary Doctor of the UK's Open University.

## Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

### **Internationally renowned educational psychologist who makes notable contributions to teacher education**

#### **Professor Lee S. Shulman**

Professor Lee S. Shulman is currently Emeritus Professor of the Stanford University Graduate School of Education and President Emeritus of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. He has spent his entire professional life advocating the importance of teaching at all levels, from kindergarten to graduate school.

Professor Shulman is best known for his work on the knowledge base of teaching, including the construct of pedagogical content knowledge, which has led to new frontiers of teacher education research, and for his studies of professional education.

He is a past president of both the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and National Academy of Education, and has received AERA's highest honour, a career award for Distinguished Contributions to Educational Research. Professor Shulman is also the recipient of numerous other awards, including the E.L. Thorndike Award for Distinguished Psychological Contributions to Education (received in 1995), President's Medal from George Washington University (in 2004), Grawemeyer Prize in Education from the University of Louisville (in 2006) and Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (in 2008) and AERA Division K Legacy Award (in 2011).

His studies of medical reasoning (with Arthur Elstein) were the most thorough investigations of the cognitive processes underlying medical problem-solving of their time, and were published as *Medical Problem Solving* by Harvard University Press in 1978. Professor Shulman's research group at Stanford laid the conceptual foundations for a reconsideration of the nature of teacher knowledge, with special reference to the role of pedagogical content knowledge.

Since 1990, Professor Shulman has collaborated on a number of programmes and research designed to strengthen the role of teaching in higher education. His most recent research emphasis is the description of signature pedagogies in the preparation of professionals.

## Doctor of Social Sciences, *honoris causa*

### **Visionary entrepreneur and philanthropist with a passion for higher education**

#### **Sir Gordon Wu Ying-sheung, GBS, KCMG, FICE**

Sir Gordon Wu Ying-sheung is the founder and Chairman of the Board of Hopewell Holdings Limited.

Sir Gordon graduated from Princeton University with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering in 1958. As a civil engineer by profession, he has led the design and construction of Hopewell's numerous property development projects in Hong Kong, mainland China, and overseas since the early 1970s.

Highly active in community service, Sir Gordon is Vice President of the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, adviser to the China Development Bank and Council Member of the United Nations Association of China. He is an ex-Council Chairman of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) and City University of Hong Kong (CityU), and is enthusiastic about education.

Sir Gordon has made generous donations to many overseas and local universities and secondary schools, including Princeton University, the University of Manitoba Canada, PolyU, CityU, Lingnan University, The Hong Kong Institute of Education, Wah Yan College and Po Leung Kuk Wu Chung Secondary School. In recognition of his enormous contributions to the community, Sir Gordon has received honorary doctorates from PolyU, CityU, Lingnan University, Macau University of Science & Technology, the University of Edinburgh UK, the University of Strathclyde UK and the University of Manitoba Canada.

Community services aside, Sir Gordon Wu has been Business Man of the Year (South China Morning Post and DHL, 1991), Asia Corporate Leader (Asia Finance Magazine, 1991), Man of the Year (International Road Federation, USA, 1994), and International CEO of the Year (George Washington University, 1996), to name just a few of his many designations.

In 1997, Sir Gordon received Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George from Queen Elizabeth II. The King of the Belgians also awarded him the Chevalier de L'Ordre de la Couronne in 1985 and the Officier de L' Ordre de la Couronne in 2007. In 2004, Sir Gordon also received Gold Bauhinia Star from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and Order of Croatian Danica with figure of Blaz Lorkovic from Croatia in 2007.