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## HKIED Confers Honorary Doctorates on Four Distinguished Individuals

At its 21<sup>st</sup> Congregation today (20 November), The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIED) conferred honorary doctorates on four distinguished individuals in recognition of their remarkable contributions to advancing education, social progress and humanity.

The recipients were (in alphabetical order of surname):

- **Professor Jerome Bruner** – Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*
- **Professor Dolores Gallagher-Thompson** – Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*
- **Dr Daniel Tse Chi-wai, GBS, CBE, OBE, JP** – Doctor of Social Sciences, *honoris causa*
- **Dr Elizabeth Wang Ming-chun, SBS** – Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*

Speaking at the Congregation, Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, President of HKIED, paid special tribute to the four recipients, lauding their achievements and lifelong dedication to advancing human betterment. “With a vision of discovering knowledge for human well-being, an ideal of striving for the best university education for young people and a passion for reinvigorating Cantonese opera, these four distinguished individuals have dedicated 50 to over 70 years of their careers to fulfilling their dreams”, said Professor Cheung. “It is their formidable spirit and unflinching persistence in the pursuit of excellence that have earned them deep respect.”

Professor Cheung also congratulated all 3,026 graduates on the successful completion of their studies, stressing that passion will matter regardless of the future career pursuits and endeavours they choose. “If you put your passion into education or whatever profession you pursue, the people around you, especially your students if you are a teacher, will notice it”, he added. “This will make a difference to the lives of the people with whom you cross paths, you teach and you co-work.”

To celebrate the completion of their studies, the Institute produced ties and pendants for the graduates to symbolise its desire to stay in touch with them.

The following are a few snapshots of today’s Congregation.

Appendix:

Speech by Professor Cheung Yan-leung

Citations of four honorary doctorate recipients

CVs of four honorary doctorate recipients

Breakdown of HKIED graduates by programme in 2014/15

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