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Mr Chung Chi-kwong Honorary Fellow

Mr Chairman,

Mr Chung Chi-kwong's name has become synonymous in Hong Kong with major local, and international sporting events. With a career spanning over 30 years in sport, he has diversified into various fields, including reporting and commenting on multiple sports activities, participating in television drama series, hosting variety and cultural programmes, and promoting the development of sports organisations. With his professional approach, Mr Chung has earned widespread praise and respect, and many affectionately refer to him as 'Chung Sir'.

Mr Chung, comes from a grassroots family, in which both parents worked from sunrise to sunset. He was raised under the care of his grandmother and his brother in the resettlement area of Lei Cheng Uk Village. During his formative years, he developed a strong interest in sport, with a particular passion for football. At secondary school, his drive to learn was ignited by the pedagogical methods of his history teacher Mr Yuen Wing-keung, who became a mentor. Many years later, to show his gratitude, Mr Chung took the lead in establishing a scholarship at the school in Mr Yuen's name, in an initiative to support younger students in their education. Mr Chung was also able to put his love for sport to good effect, when made responsible for organising the school's sports administration, under the guidance of Mr Leung Yuk-chuen.

His great enjoyment of sport, along with the positive life qualities it embodies, led Mr Chung to aspire to become a sports teacher. After graduation from secondary school, he enrolled at the Grantham College of Education, one of The Education University of Hong Kong's (EdUHK) predecessor colleges. There, between 1985 and 1988, he majored in physical education on a Diploma programme. Under the guidance of various mentors in the physical education department, including his class teacher Mr Liu Yuk-kwong, Mr Kan Wing-kay, Ms Chan Chan Yuen-ling, Mr Lau Kam-sun, and Mr Kwok Chung-chin, he worked diligently towards his goals. He studied the professional knowledge and moral values required to be a role model, and also delved into the technical aspects, training methods and rules of various sports, actively enriching his knowledge in the field. This played an invaluable role in his subsequent career as a sports commentator.

Mr Chung enjoyed his time so much at Grantham that he became determined to pursue a career in the world of sport. Teaching diploma in hand, he started out as a secondary school teacher of both physical education and Chinese in Tuen Mun. Meanwhile, ever eager to learn new skills, he studied for a Diploma in Recreation and Sports Management at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Once completed, Mr Chung had a brief stint as a recreation manager of a private sports club, before being introduced by sports radio producer Chu Wing-hon to Commercial Radio Hong Kong. There, he began hosting sports programmes and provided live commentary for Hong Kong Premier League matches, along with renowned commentators such as Lam Sheung-yee and Choi Man-kin.

Thereafter, Mr Chung joined Television Broadcasts Limited (TVB) as a sports commentator, and his work in the media gradually made him familiar to the public. Learning about and

gaining first-hand experience of playing a wide range of sports at Grantham provided him with a solid foundation of knowledge that has enabled him to become one of Hong Kong television's main voices at local and international sporting occasions. These include covering the Olympic Games, dragon boat races, Formula One's Macao Grand Prix, the World Cup and top-tier football leagues. He approaches every commentary assignment with seriousness and thorough preparation. For instance, when he first embarked on football commentary, he dedicated many hours to practising so that he could become exceptionally familiar with the teams and players involved. The fruits of his diligent learning and meticulous preparation were that his live broadcasts were informative, rich in content and humorous.

Within Mr Chung, there also shines a strong intellect and deep passion for literature, history and philosophy, resulting in his decision to once again pick up the books and pursue further studies. He completed a Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Humanities at The Open University of Hong Kong (now Hong Kong Metropolitan University), a Master of Arts in Chinese language and literature from The University of Hong Kong (HKU), and a Master of Arts (Philosophy) degree from The Chinese University of Hong Kong, demonstrating his relentless pursuit of knowledge and lifelong learning. During his time at The University of Hong Kong, he had the fortune of meeting Professor Chan Yiu-nam, from whom he gained much, both personally and academically. His master's thesis for HKU is displayed in the university library; affirming his cultural accomplishments and bringing him great honour.

Since 2015, he has regularly hosted the programme '清晨爽利' (Ching Chen Shong Lee) on Hong Kong Radio, in which he engages in extensive discussions about Chinese culture and poetry, demonstrating his passion for the subject.

Mr Chung's skills and dedication to his profession have made him a household name in Hong Kong, and opened the door to different ventures including acting, earning him the deserved moniker 'Versatile Chung'. Yet, the passionate teacher within him remains. He sees sport as a medium to demonstrate the values of unity, cooperation, responsibility, selflessness, humility and respect. Just as on the field of play, these virtues are important in life to succeed in a career and contribute to the community. Broadcasting sport on television or radio requires a team of people to perform to the best of their ability, while helping each other strive towards the same goal. There are successes and failures along the way, but it is the journey itself which develops the human spirit.

This is an approach Mr Chung regularly shares, along with his past experiences, with young people at various schools in Hong Kong, as well as through talks, competitions and gatherings organised by faculty and sports teams at EdUHK. In these sessions, he focuses on topics such as Chinese culture, teacher-student relationships, writing and reading, recitation and poetry. For the Hong Kong Reading Day in April this year, he was invited by Hong Kong Public Libraries to conduct an online lecture with a focus on Chinese culture.

To explain the moral principle that cheating or choosing shortcuts does not teach valuable lessons in life, Mr Chung's favourite quote is from Mencius: "Seeking without deviation, obtaining according to fate," through which he encourages young people to pursue goals using the right path and leave the outcomes to fate. He also cautions young people not to be swayed by temporary successes or failures and to have a long-term perspective.

In 2021, he published the book 體壇鍾橫 - 悟樂塵網中的鍾志光 (Chung Chi-kwong in the World of Sport), in which he shares his fascinating story of personal growth, teaching experiences, work anecdotes, and he expresses gratitude to his mentors. Although Mr Chung jokingly refers to himself as a deserter from the field of education for over thirty years, he firmly believes that education is a profession that influences lives, and he continues to hold great admiration for the field.

Mr Chairman, over many decades Mr Chung has demonstrated dedication, polyvalence and a commitment to lifelong learning. He exemplifies the morals and ethics of sportsmanship through both his words and actions. We at EdUHK are very grateful to him for sharing these and his wisdom with our students. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, may I present Mr Chung to you for the award of Honorary Fellow.

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Madam Pauline Ngan Po-ling, BBS, JP

Honorary Fellow

Mr Chairman,

As the saying goes, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Madam Pauline Ngan Po-ling, Deputy Chair and Managing Director of Mainland Headwear Holdings Limited, has achieved remarkable success in the business world over the decades through her unwavering spirit of perseverance. Yet, Madam Ngan has remained true to her mission of giving back to society and has been steadfast in promoting the development of education in Hong Kong, benefitting countless students, and serving as a role model within the community.

Born in Fujian, China in 1959, Madam Ngan experienced the Cultural Revolution and the hardships of rural life. These nurtured her resilient willpower, yet also deprived her of the opportunity of a formal education. Fortunately, she stuck to her belief that it is never too late to learn. In the early 1980s, Madam Ngan moved to Hong Kong with her parents. Her farsighted father firmly believed that "knowledge changes destiny" and insisted that she continue her education in Hong Kong, learning English through part-time work and studies. This challenging journey laid the foundation for her unwavering belief in promoting educational development.

After they were married, Madam Ngan and her husband established Mainland Headwear from scratch. Under her leadership, the company thrived, with its products dominating the global market for hats. In 2000, Mainland Headwear Holdings Limited was listed on the main board of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, standing out among its peers as the only listed hat manufacturer in the world at the time.

"China nurtured me, Hong Kong made me successful" is a motto often used by Madam Ngan. With that in mind, once her business had become successful, she dedicated herself to serving society, becoming actively engaged in charitable activities. She joined two major charitable organisations, Yan Oi Tong and Po Leung Kuk, serving for over fourteen years and becoming the first woman to hold the position of chairperson in both. Due to the hardship she endured during her upbringing and education, Madam Ngan profoundly understands that education is the key to changing destinies, hence her strong focus on educational development in various social welfare projects, aiming to nurture outstanding talent in the community.

In 2003, during her service at Po Leung Kuk, the SARS epidemic hit Hong Kong, causing economic hardship; however, Madam Ngan maintained the firm conviction that educational development should never cease. After careful consideration, she donated HK\$8 million to establish the Po Leung Kuk Ngan Po Ling College, the first subsidised secondary school under the charity's management. The school aims to provide quality holistic education for the rounded development of its students. Since its founding, it has become a cradle for nurturing outstanding talent.

When the global financial crisis hit in 2008, Hong Kong's economy slowed down once again and various sectors, including education, were affected by a reduction in donations. As the chairperson of Po Leung Kuk at the time, Madam Ngan led fundraising efforts and successfully raised over HK\$170 million to build multiple school buildings, enhancing the quality of education in Hong Kong. Additionally, she established the Ngan Family Charitable Foundation and the Mr and Mrs Ngan Hei Keung Scholarship to assist financially disadvantaged students in completing their studies, thereby changing the futures of countless families. Madam Ngan spared no effort in promoting the development of education in Hong Kong, making significant contributions that cannot be overlooked.

While actively participating in social work, Madam Ngan did not neglect her business endeavours. In 2013, she turned her focus to international development, responding to China's Belt and Road initiative by investing in Bangladesh, establishing a factory there. After a decade of commitment, the barren village where the factory was located has transformed into a bustling town with thousands of residents. Madam Ngan also contributed to local development by building schools and orphanages, establishing a poverty alleviation fund to help residents, displaying her generous and boundless spirit of love. In recent years, Madam Ngan has been invited to share her entrepreneurial experience with various schools, inspiring the younger generation to innovate and seize opportunity related to the Belt and Road initiative. She also provides internship opportunities in Bangladesh for university students to broaden their international perspectives.

Madam Ngan holds multiple public positions, actively participating in the formulation and implementation of major national policies to facilitate communication between the government and the public. She has served as a Hong Kong delegate to the National People's Congress for two terms, currently serves as a member of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, is Ex Officio Councillor of Heung Yee Kuk New Territories, and Standing Committee member of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. She is Executive Committee member of the All-China Women's Federation, Honorary Life Chair and Executive Vice-President of the Hong Kong Federation of Overseas Chinese Associations, and Standing Committee member or Consultant of Hong Kong Women's Associations in multiple districts including Eastern District, Western District and Hong Kong Island.

Madam Ngan's outstanding contributions in various fields have earned her multiple accolades. In 2009, she was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong SAR Government and appointed Justice of the Peace in 2013. In 2020, she was named a Supreme Honourable Winner at the Greater Bay Area Outstanding Women Entrepreneur Awards. These recognitions are a testament to her many meaningful contributions.

Mr Chairman, Madam Ngan has worked tirelessly for many years, dedicating herself to promoting the development of education, making her an outstanding philanthropist and entrepreneur. On behalf of The Education University of Hong Kong, I respectfully wish to present Madam Ngan to you for the award of Honorary Fellow.