

Eminent Rotarians on the Honorary Graduates Roster of City University of Hong Kong

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The City University of Hong Kong (CityU) (香港城市大學) is a public research university located in Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China. It was founded in 1984 as the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong (香港城市理工學院) and became a fully accredited university in 1994.

The University currently is offering courses in business, science, engineering, liberal arts, social sciences, law, veterinary medicine, and graduate studies, along with CityU Shenzhen Research Institute (香港城市大學深圳研究院), as well as the Hong Kong Institute for Advanced Study (香港高等研究院).

City University's origins lie in the calls for a "second polytechnic" in the years following the 1972 establishment of the Hong Kong Polytechnic (香港理工學院). In 1982, the British Colonial Hong Kong Government Executive Council Senior Unofficial Member Sir S. Y. Chung (香港行政局首席非官守議員鍾士元爵士) spoke of a general consensus that "a second polytechnic of similar size to the first should be built as soon as possible." District administrators from Tuen Mun (屯門) and Tsuen Wan (荃灣) lobbied the Government to build the new institution in their respective new towns. The Government instead purchased temporary premises at the new Argyle Centre Tower II in Mong Kok (旺角中心第二期), a property developed by the Mass Transit Railway Corporation in concert with the then-Argyle Station. The new school was called City Polytechnic of Hong Kong, a name chosen among nearly 300 suggestions made by members of the public.

The new polytechnic opened on 8 October 1984, welcoming 480 full-time and 680 part-time students. The provision for part-time students contributed to high enrolment, with the quota being filled almost immediately.

A tract of land on the former site of a village named Chu Koo Chai (朱牯仔) in north Kowloon was chosen for the new campus. The architectural contract to design the campus was won by Percy Thomas Partnership (唐謀士建築設計事務所) in association with Alan Fitch & W. N. Chung (費鍾建築設計事務所). It was originally slated to open by October 1988. The first phase was officially opened by Hong Kong Governor Sir David Wilson (香港總督衛奕信爵士) on 15 January 1990, and boasted 14 lecture theatres and 1,500 computers. By 1991, the school had over 8,000 full-time students and approximately 3,000 part-time students. The second phase of the permanent campus was opened in 1993. The school achieved university status in 1994 and the name was changed accordingly.

Established in 1984 under Chapter 1132 of the Laws of Hong Kong 《City University of Hong Kong Ordinance》, CityU is one of the eight statutory universities in Hong Kong. Like other statutory universities, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region acts as the Chancellor of CityU. Prior to 1 July 1997, this was a ceremonial title bestowed upon the Governor of the British Crown Colony Hong Kong.

The Council is the supreme governing body of the University. The Chancellor has the power to appoint 15 of the 23 Council members, seven of which are named directly and eight appointed upon recommendation of the Council.

There have been 2 Rotarians served as chairman of the Council:

(1) 1992-1994 -- Council of the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong –

Ir. Dr. Raymond Ho Chung-Tai, PhD, JP (工程師何鍾泰博士) (*Kowloon Rotary Club*)

(2) 2012-2017 -- Council of the City University of Hong Kong –

Mr. Herman Hu Shao-Ming, JP (胡曉明太平紳士) (*Admiralty Rotary Club*)

The University's teaching units are grouped under 10 colleges and schools, offering over 150 postgraduate, undergraduate taught programmes---(1) College of Business; (2) College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; (3) College of Engineering; (4) College of Science; (5) Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences; (6) School of Creative Media; (7) School of Data Science; (8) School of Energy and Environment; (9) School of Law; (10) Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies (周亦卿研究生院).

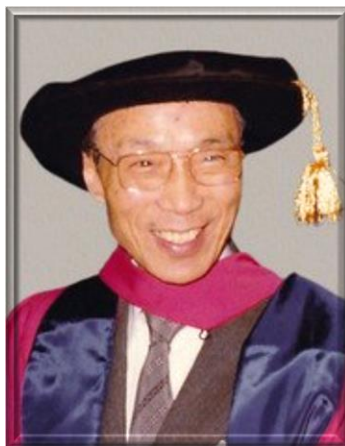
Honorary Doctorates

The City Polytechnic of Hong Kong began in 1988, and later the University since 1994, to confer honorary doctorates which are awarded to individuals who have made valuable contributions to the world or to humanity, and also to those who have made significant contributions to academia, to Hong Kong or to the University. These distinguished individuals may be awarded one of the six classes of honorary degrees: (1) Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa* (榮譽工商管理學博士); (2) Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa* (榮譽工程學博士); (3) Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* (榮譽法學博士); (4) Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* (榮譽文學博士); (5) Doctor of Science *honoris causa* (榮譽理學博士); and (6) Doctor of Social Science *honoris causa* (榮譽社會科學博士).

1988 Doctor of Science (DSc)

Sir Run Run Shaw (邵逸夫爵士), Kt, CBE

HonDLitt (Sussex), HonDSocSc (East Asia), HonDSocSc (CUHK), HonLLD (HKU)



九龍扶輪社 1966-1967 年度社長
President 1966-1967, Rotary Club of Kowloon, Hong Kong

1993 Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

Dr. The Honorable Sir David Akers-Jones (鍾逸傑爵士)

KBE, CMG, *HonLLD (CUHK), HonDCL (Kent), MA (Oxford), JP*



新界扶輪社榮譽社員
Honorary Member, Rotary Club of New Territories, Hong Kong

1993 Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

The Honorable Wong Po-Yan (黃保欣議員)

CBE, BSc (*Amoy*), JP



九龍西區扶輪社 1974-1975 年度社長
President 1974-1975, Rotary Club of Kowloon West, Hong Kong

1999 Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

Ir. Dr. The Honorable Raymond Ho Chung-Tai (何鍾泰博士)

MBE, SBStJ, PhD (*CUL*), BSc (*HKU*), JP



九龍西區扶輪社 1985-1986 年度社長
President 1985-1986, Rotary Club of Kowloon West, Hong Kong

2012 Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

The Honorable Hu Fa-Kuang (胡法光議員)

CBE, BSc (SJTU), JP



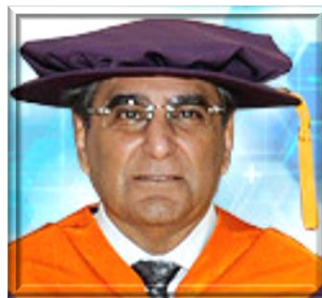
香港扶輪社現職社員

Active Member, Rotary Club of Hong Kong

2015 Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

David Harilela (夏大衛)

BBA (USC)



九龍金域扶輪社 2006-2007 年度社長

President 2006-2007, Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile, Hong Kong

國際扶輪 3450 地區 2011-2012 年度總監

Rotary International District 3450 Governor 2011-2012

2017 Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

Dr. Joseph C. T. Lee (李宗德博士)

GBS, OStJ, *HonDSocSc (HKBU)*, BBA (IIT), JP



九龍北區扶輪社 1983-1984 年度社長

President 1983-1984, Rotary Club of Kowloon North, Hong Kong

國際扶輪 3450 地區 1989-1990 年度總監

Rotary International District 3450 Governor 1989-1990

2018 Doctor of Social Science (DSocSc)

Herman Hu Shao-Ming (胡曉明太平紳士)

SBS, MBIM, MHKMA, MASHRAE, FCIBSE, FHKIE, MIEEE, BSc (*UCBerkeley*), JP



香港扶輪社現職社員 1979-1989

Active Member, Rotary Club of Hong Kong 1979-1989

金鐘扶輪社 1988-1989-1990 年度創社社長

Charter President 1988-1989-1990, Rotary Club of Admiralty, Hong Kong

扶輪諮詢中心(香港/澳門)督導委員會主席 1989-1990

Rotary Information Centre (Hong Kong/Macao) Supervisory Committee Chairman 1989-1990



City University of Hong Kong -- Lau Ming Wai Academic Building (香港城市大學劉鳴煒學術樓) houses a state-of-the-art 600-seat theatre, the State Key Laboratory of Millimeter Waves, an alumni function room, restaurants, classrooms and learning commons, multi-function rooms, academic and administration offices.

It is an awards-winning project designed and built in 2008-2012 by

Rotarian architect Ronald Lu (呂元祥) (President 1992-93, Hong Kong South Rotary Club 香港南區扶輪社)