

Citation

Mr Dominic Ng

Mr Dominic Ng is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of East West Bank, one of the largest independent commercial banks headquartered in California and the largest bank in the United States focused on serving the Asian American community. Known as a financial bridge between the East and the West, East West Bank has more than 125 locations throughout the US and Greater China.

A native of Hong Kong, Mr Ng went to the US in 1977 and received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston in 1980. Mr Ng began his decade-long career as a Certified Public Accountant with Deloitte & Touche in Houston and Los Angeles. After leaving Deloitte & Touche, he became President of Seyen Investment in Los Angeles. In 1991, Mr Ng was appointed to the Board of Directors of East West Bank and became President of the holding company. In 1992, he became President and Chief Executive Officer of East West Bank and was elected Chairman in 1998, and he currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr Ng received an honorary doctor of law degree from Occidental College in 2003.

Named by *Forbes* magazine as one of the 25 most notable Chinese Americans and one of the 100 most influential people in Los Angeles by the *Los Angeles Times*, Mr Ng successfully led East West Bank through the financial crisis of 2007-2010. East West Bank emerged from the crisis as one of the strongest banks in the US – earning a place on *Fortune* magazine's list of Top 10 Stocks for 2011 and the ranking of "America's #2 Best Bank" by Forbes.com in December 2010.

Mr Ng is also well known for his philanthropic activities and community leadership. He was the first Asian American campaign chair for United Way of Greater Los Angeles (2000-2001). Centred on educating the Chinese American community on the importance and benefits of supporting United Way, Mr Ng's campaign raised record funds, broke a long-standing ethnic barrier, and now serves as a model and best practice for United Way chapters and other charities around the US. Mr Ng has been Chairman of the Committee of 100 since May 2011. The Committee is a leadership organisation of prominent Chinese Americans in business, government, academia, and the arts. Its mission is to promote US-China relations and encourage participation of Chinese Americans in American society.

Committed to promoting education and understanding of Chinese language, art and culture in the US, Mr Ng has led and supported a number of important initiatives in this regard. His vision to bring the very best of contemporary Chinese art to a larger audience inspired a groundbreaking collaboration between East West Bank and the Museum of Contemporary Art, Los Angeles (MOCA) that resulted in a dynamic new addition to MOCA's permanent collection.

Mr Ng is a frequent speaker at business, civic, academic and philanthropic forums, including the Asia Society, Federal Reserve Bank, Milken Institute, Tsinghua University, TownHall Los Angeles and United Way. He was a keynote speaker at a landmark philanthropic forum in China held in conjunction with the Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai.

Mr Ng serves on the board of Mattel, Inc. He is co-chairman of Los Angeles' Mayor's Trade Advisory Council, a past member of the California Commission for Jobs and Economic Growth and past Chairman of the National Association of Chinese American Bankers. He has received numerous honours including Asian Business League Outstanding Corporate Executive Award, Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in Financial Services Award and Minorities in Business Multicultural Award.

Mr Chairman, for his distinguished entrepreneurship, outstanding community services and significant contribution to promoting education and understanding of the Chinese culture in the United States, may I now present Mr Dominic Ng to you for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

English citation written and delivered by Prof Lin Ping