

Mr Peter Wong Pak-heung

DOCTOR OF LAWS *honoris causa*

Citation

Growing up as a child in wartime, Mr Wong studied at a number of schools including St Paul's Co-educational College, Lingnan Primary School and Wah Yan College. Upon graduation from Wah Yan College in 1958, he went to the UK for tertiary education, and was admitted as a barrister in 1966. He practiced law in Hong Kong for a few years, and then went back to the UK to start his own business. It was not until the beginning of 1980 that he returned to Hong Kong to look after his invalid parents and his grandparents, who were in their 90s.

All his life, Mr Wong has been dedicated wholeheartedly and selflessly to the cause of education. For him, educating young people is a personal mission, and the major impetus for his full-time devotion to social services. He believes that society can only improve if human beings improved. That is why he spends most of his time and effort on the educational development of Lingnan University, as well as Lingnan's secondary schools, primary school and kindergarten. In addition, Mr Wong has been serving the World Union of Jesuit Alumni/ae as their East Asia regional representative and council member for over a decade, participating in school construction and the provision of teaching support for needy areas in the world. His contributions and quiet efforts to improve education are deeply admired by fellow education workers.

Although Mr Wong studied at Lingnan Primary School for only two years, hostel life allowed him to develop close friendships with his schoolmates, and beyond them, to develop a deep affection for his alma mater. After returning to Hong Kong in 1980, he was invited to the athletic meets of Lingnan Secondary School, and even played the role of officiating guest without any preparation. Since then, Mr Wong has been committed to Lingnan's cause of education. He joined the Lingnan Education Organization as a director, and was appointed a management committee member and supervisor of its three secondary schools, Lingnan Primary School and Lingnan Kindergarten. In early 1990, he became a member of the Court and Council of Lingnan College, which subsequently became Lingnan University. For three decades, he has been witnessing the evolution and development of the Lingnan education endeavour. In November 2012, Lingnan University appointed Mr Wong as an honorary member of the Court, in recognition of his contributions to the University and to society.

Apart from serving Lingnan's educational institutions, Mr Wong was a voluntary legal consultant of the Lingnan University (Hong Kong) Alumni Association in its early years, and a director of the Lingnan Club for a number of years. He has provided the two Lingnanian organisations with plenty of constructive suggestions and support. Now past the age of retirement, Mr Wong still has a hectic schedule of official duties. His daily agenda is all related to either education or Lingnan. He often takes the initiative to participate in the activities of various institutions and groups under Lingnan, such as the annual Congregation, "Walking with Lingnanians" Fundraising Walkathon and Alumni Homecoming Day. Moreover, he is always an early bird, a good model who personally takes part in such activities while offering multi-faceted support and great encouragement to the organisers. He does not only support the University's functions in a personal capacity, but also often encourages other alumni and his good friends to contribute generously to the development of Lingnan's educational institutions in terms of both financial and physical support.

Mr Wong's forthright, optimistic and helpful character has brought him many firm friendships. As long as he has the ability to do so, he is quick to grant requests and even ready to offer assistance on his own initiative. In the event that he might not be able to help, he will frankly decline the request, without making any easy promises. In reality, Mr Wong often accomplishes his tasks, and even exceeds people's expectations. He may occasionally talk about being busy or disturbed by something, but one can see from his smiles that he enjoys his daily work tremendously, and that he meets his challenges with a positive attitude.

Mr Chairman, for his outstanding contributions to the education sector and his ardent services to Lingnan and to society, may I now present Mr Peter Wong Pak-heung to you for conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*.

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贊辭

黃伯鏗學長童年受戰事影響，先後肄業於多所學校，包括聖保羅男女校、嶺南小學、華仁中學。1958年在華仁中學畢業後前往英國接受專上教育，1966年獲認許為大律師，並在港執業。數年後黃學長回到英國開創自己的業務，直至1980年初為照顧患病雙親和年逾90的祖父母而重回香港。

黃學長一生盡心盡力，無私奉獻於教育事業。對他來說，教育年輕人是一種個人使命，亦是他全職投身社會服務的主要動力。他認為只有提升人的素質，社會才會進步。因此，他把大部分的精力和時間投放在嶺南大、中、小學及幼稚園的教育發展上。此外，黃學長十多年來以東亞區理事及校董會成員身分參與世界耶穌會士校友聯盟，為全球有需要的地區建校和提供教學支援。黃學長對教育的貢獻和默默的付出，深受教育全工們欽佩。

雖然黃伯鏗學長在嶺南小學就讀只有兩年，但當年的宿舍生活令他和同窗成為知心好友，更讓他與母校建立深厚的情誼。1980年初回港後，他應邀出席嶺南中學運動會，更在不知情下當上主禮嘉賓。黃學長自此便專注投身嶺南教育事業，先後加入嶺南教育機構成為董事，擔任嶺南教育機構的三間中學以及嶺南小學及幼稚園校董和校監。1990年初更出任前嶺南學院及其後升格為嶺南大學的校董會和諮議會成員，三十年來見證著嶺南教育的變遷和發展。2012年11月，嶺大為表揚黃學長對大學以至社會作出的貢獻，特委任黃學長為榮譽諮議會委員之一。

除了服務嶺南院校，黃學長亦是嶺南大學香港同學會早年的義務法律顧問，更在嶺南會所擔任理事多年，為兩個嶺南人的機構提供了許多具建設性的建議和支持。已過退休年齡的黃學長仍然公務繁忙，每天處理的事務無不跟教育或嶺南有關。他經常主動參加嶺南各院校和團體的活動，如每年的畢業典禮、嶺步同行籌款日、校友日等；而且「逢到必早」，身體力行投入有關活動，並對主辦單位作出多方面的支持和鼓勵。他不單以個人身分支持大學活動，亦經常鼓勵嶺南學長及好友一起出錢出力，為嶺南院校的教育發展慷慨捐助。

黃伯鏗學長爽直、豁達和樂於助人的性格，為他帶來很多深厚的友誼。他只要有能力，必定迅速答允要求，甚至會主動提出幫忙；假若沒有把握，他會坦言說「不」，不會輕言承諾。事實上，黃學長經常能夠把不同的任務一一辦妥，甚至往往超出別人的預期。縱使他偶爾表示忙碌或因事煩擾，但從他流露的笑容可以感受到，他非常享受每天工作的過程，並能以正面樂觀的處事態度應付挑戰。

主席先生，為表揚黃先生對教育界的卓越貢獻，以及對嶺南和社會的熱心服務，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽法學博士學位予黃伯鏗先生。

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