

Mr Thomas Jefferson WU

Mr Thomas Wu is the son of Sir Gordon Wu, and is currently the Managing Director of Hopewell Holdings Limited and Hopewell Highway Infrastructure Limited. While he has certainly benefited from his family background—with its refined culture and particularly a father who is well known for his sharp vision and entrepreneurial spirit—Mr Wu is certainly a high achiever, a community leader, and a global leader in his own right. Academically, he holds a BSc in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering with high honours from Princeton University and an MBA from Stanford University. In public service, he serves as a committee member of Heilongjiang Provincial Committee of the 11th Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, a Standing Committee member and a member of the Huadu District Committee of The Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference. He is a member of Hong Kong Tourism Board, the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service of the HKSAR Government, a board member of the Asian Youth Orchestra Limited and a member of the Business School Advisory Council of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). He was also a former member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited and the Steering Committee on the Promotion of Electric Vehicles of the HKSAR Government, a former court member of The HKUST and a former council member of both The Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Hong Kong Baptist University.

Of all public services that he has rendered to Hong Kong, however, promoting ice hockey is the one that has taken up most of his time and energy. Mr Wu found his passion back in 2000, when he played ice hockey for the first time. Since then he has devoted much of his spare time both as a player and a promoter of the sport. He is passionate for the sport, and his eyes glow when he mentions that the Hong Kong team is now competing at international level and is recognised as a serious contender for titles. Mr Wu is Vice President (Asia & Oceania) of the International Ice Hockey Federation, Co-founder and Chairman of the Hong Kong Amateur Hockey Club Limited and the Founder and Chairman of the Hong Kong Academy of Ice Hockey Ltd. He is also Honorary President of the Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited—the national sports association of ice hockey in Hong Kong, Vice Chairman of the Chinese Ice Hockey Association, Honorary President of the Macau Ice Sports Federation and Honorary Chairman of the Ice Hockey Association of Taipei Municipal Athletics Federation.

As a “Young Global Leader”—a title given to him by World Economic Forum in 2006, Mr Wu thinks that one of the top issues the world has to tackle is inequality, which he thinks could breed social and political instability. Dealing with the problem effectively is a top challenge every government has to face. He also thinks that world leaders must work together to deal with a range of important and urgent global issues.

Mr Wu is particularly concerned about Hong Kong, which has been embroiled in various contradictions and seems to be losing a sense of direction. He even used the word “schizophrenic” to describe the situation. For example, he noted that everyone is complaining about the housing shortage, yet housing development projects are opposed almost everywhere. Hong Kong aspires to be competing with New York City and London, yet many Hong Kong people resist in seeing the mainland as its hinterland and capitalising on the opportunities that could come with closer integration. Still, Mr Wu sees Hong Kong’s young people as talented and as capable as ever. His company has been running a Management Trainee programme for 9 years, and recruits about 3 to 6 candidates per year. This programme offers trainees a fast track to real management tasks, and has attracted an increasing number of applicants—the latest round having attracted nearly 3000 applicants.

Of all the qualities in management trainees that are sought after, Mr Wu believes that motivation and drive are the most important. Young people need to know what they are after and strive for their goals wholeheartedly and diligently. Regarding the performance of the HKSAR Government, Mr Wu expresses sympathy for its policy makers. Hong Kong is hampered by too many conflicting interests to form a consensus; whichever way the government goes it will inevitably attract criticism. Still, he thinks that there is an excessive concern on the part of policy makers about being accused of colluding with businesses such that they have become less proactive than otherwise, to the detriment of Hong Kong’s interests.

Although Mr Wu has such a hectic life, he is on top of all of his challenges. Just as in ice hockey, his key to success is team work. As a business leader, he understands the importance of delegation and trust. He was named “Asia’s Best CEO (Investor Relations)” in 2012, 2013 and 2014. He strongly believes in strong corporate governance, and was given the “Director of the Year Award 2010” by the Hong Kong Institute of Directors, the “2nd, 3rd and 4th Asian Corporate Director Recognition Award” by *Corporate Governance Asia* in 2011, 2012 and 2013 respectively. He is aware of the problems associated with a lack of insight into the long-term interests of the company. Short-term gains just will not pay off; this is something business executives should be reminded of constantly.

Mr Chairman, for his contributions to the business community, for his distinguished service to society, and for his passionate support for ice hockey, may I present Mr Thomas Jefferson Wu to you for conferment of an honorary fellowship.

English citation written and delivered by Prof Ho Lok-sang

胡文新先生

胡文新先生乃胡應湘爵士之子，現為合和實業有限公司及合和公路基建有限公司董事總經理。胡先生幼承庭訓，親身體會父親的敏銳觸覺與企業家精神。有家庭背景若此，固然使其享有一些優勢，但事實上通過胡先生本身的努力，在各方面均有卓越的成就，其建樹分別體現於國內外社會、政治、經濟及教育等範疇。胡先生在美國求學，先在普林斯頓大學以高級榮譽的成績取得機械及航天工程科學學士學位，及後在史丹福大學取得工商管理碩士學位。公職方面，胡先生為黑龍江省政協委員會第十一屆委員會委員、廣州市政協花都區委員會委員及常委，更身兼香港旅遊發展局成員、香港特區政府紀律部隊薪俸及服務條件常務委員會委員、亞洲青年管弦樂團董事會成員及香港科技大學商學院顧問委員會成員。此前所任公職職銜則包括香港體育學院有限公司董事會成員、香港特區政府推動使用電動車輛督導委員會成員、香港科技大學顧問委員會委員，以及香港理工大學及香港浸會大學校董會成員。

然而，於香港的各項公職之中，推廣冰球是胡先生投放最多時間和心力的一環。胡先生於2000年首次體驗打冰球的樂趣，燃起了對這種運動的熱情，自此大部分的工餘時間都會打冰球和致力推廣冰球活動。他對冰球運動全情投入，提到港隊正出戰國際賽事，有望勝出時，雙目更閃爍着熾熱的光芒。胡先生為國際冰球聯合會亞洲及大洋洲區副會長、香港業餘冰球會有限公司聯席創辦人及主席，以及香港冰球訓練學校創辦人及主席。他亦為香港冰球體育總會 — 香港冰球協會有限公司的名譽會長、中國冰球協會特邀副主席、澳門冰上運動總會名譽會長及臺北市體育總會冰球協會榮譽主席。

身為「全球青年領袖」(2006年獲世界經濟論壇頒授此銜)，胡先生認為各地不平等現象可導致社會及政治不穩，是最逼在眉睫的問題之一。要有效處理這問題是每個政府都要面對的最大挑戰。他亦認為世界各國的領袖必需攜手合作，應對各項迫切的全球性問題。

現時香港陷於各種矛盾之中，缺乏方向，令胡先生甚感憂慮，更認為現狀可以用「精神分裂」一詞來形容。舉例說，他注意到抱怨房屋短缺的聲音此起彼落，但幾乎每個地區的房屋發展項目均遭到反對。香港有志與紐約和倫敦等大城市爭一日之長，惟許多港人仍漠視內地為與之緊密相連的內陸地區，亦抗拒把握從兩地進一步融合所帶來的機遇。雖然如此，胡先生還是認為香港的年輕人深具才幹。其公司推廣的管理見習生計劃已有九年，每年均會聘請大約三至六名學員。該計劃為學員提供極速接觸實務管理工作的機會，參加的人數與日俱增，最新一輪招聘更吸引近3000人申請。

評核見習生時，胡先生認為最重要的是其動力和幹勁。年輕人要有目標，並全力為目標奮力向前邁進。就香港特區政府的表現而言，胡先生對施政者表示同情。香港受太多不同的利益干擾，難以凝聚共識，以致政府採取任何立場都會遭人詬病。不過，他認為官員過份憂慮官商勾結的指摘，使官員不如以往般積極進取，有損香港利益。

儘管生活忙碌，胡先生應付各種挑戰仍是遊刃有餘。與打冰球一樣，其致勝之道就是團隊合作。身為商界領袖，胡先生深明信任下屬並委以權責至為重要。胡先生於2012年、2013年及2014年獲選為「亞洲最佳CEO(投資者關係組別)」。此外，他亦堅信強勢的企業管治，於2010年榮獲香港董事學會頒發「2010年度傑出董事獎」，並分別於2011年、2012年及2013年榮獲《亞洲企業管治》雜誌頒發「第二、三、四屆亞洲企業董事卓越獎」。他深知目光短淺的弊端，並提醒企業管理人員要時刻緊記：公司的長遠利益至關重要，而只管眼前的好處是不會成功的。

主席先生，為表揚胡先生對商界的貢獻、對社會的卓越服務，以及對冰球運動不遺餘力的支持，本人謹恭請 閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予胡文新先生。

英文贊辭由何灤生教授撰寫及宣讀