

Mr Michael Ngai Honorary Fellow

Citation

Mr Michael Ngai has worked in the finance industry ever since he graduated from Cambridge in 1991, and is now at the top of his profession. He is currently Chairman of The Red Group and Chairman of The Hong Kong Finance Association and was the Managing Director of UBS Bank. In those roles, he has witnessed the monumental changes brought by globalisation and China's response to it, commonly known as "reform and opening up." He has also played a leading role in China's incorporation into the global economy. Known as a link between China and the world, he has guided multi-national corporations seeking access to the Chinese market and Chinese state-owned enterprises seeking to restructure, privatise, and market their products and services to the world. He has always believed that engagement with the world will contribute positively to the economic and social development of China.

To ensure that economic and social development benefits the young people of Hong Kong, Mr Ngai has devoted himself to creating opportunities for them, in particular by organizing Mainland-International exchange programmes and mentoring university students in Hong Kong and abroad. He sees his role partly in terms of patriotic education but believes that young Hong Kongers will learn more about their place in the world through internships in excellent and innovative enterprises and research institutions than they will in a classroom. He also emphasises the roles they might play in the fast-growing Greater Bay Area and beyond in projects along the Belt and Road.

In recent years, Mr Ngai has made valuable contributions to the Mainland. As a member of the 12th and 13th national committees of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (the CPPCC), he has served as a bridge between Hong Kong and China. His service on the Standing Committee and Convenor of the Heilongjiang Provincial CPPCC has won him well-deserved recognition. In 2020, he was named an "Honorary Citizen of Harbin City" for his contributions to the economic and social development in Heilongjiang Province.

While contributing to the betterment of the Mainland, Mr Ngai has never forgotten to give back to the people of Hong Kong. He has also served on various government committees including but not limited to the Administrative Appeals Board, the Municipal Services Appeals Board, the Barristers Disciplinary Tribunal Panel and the Transport Tribunal Panel.

In the past decade, Mr Ngai has also contributed to the governance and development of higher education institutions, both in Hong Kong and at his alma mater. He was a Council Member and Chairman of the Institutional Advancement Committee of Lingnan University until late 2021. During his tenure, he made significant contributions to the University by launching successful fundraising campaigns built on his expertise and international professional network. Currently he is a Council Member of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and a Fellow Commoner and Development Advisory Council Member of Clare Hall at the University of Cambridge.

Looking to the future, Mr Ngai strongly believes that "One Country, Two Systems" will remain the best institutional arrangement for Hong Kong to maintain long-term prosperity and stability. He also believes that Hong Kong will play a more important role in building a community with a shared future for mankind. Mr Ngai acts on this belief as Chairman of Asia GreenTech Fund, with its focus on renewable energy and green technology investment in the region in response to climate change to create a better world for generations to come. In addition, he has a grand vision for Hong Kong as an international investment and financial hub for sustainable green economic development. With our advanced and comprehensive financial infrastructure and capital markets as well as international investment, legal, accounting, engineering and management savvy, we Hong Kongers are well on the way to making this vision a reality.

Mr Chairman, for his remarkable service to the financial sector and his tremendous contribution to Mainland China and Hong Kong, I am honoured to present Mr Michael Ngai for the conferment of an honorary fellowship.

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贊辭

魏明德先生自1991年從劍橋大學畢業後便加入金融行業，如今已成為金融界別的翹楚。他現任安德資本主席和香港金融發展協會主席，曾任瑞士銀行董事總經理。在擔任這些職位期間，他見證了全球化帶來的巨大變化以及中國的改革開放。他在中國融入全球經濟體系方面功不可沒。魏先生是內地與全球的紐帶，曾協助多家跨國企業進入中國市場，並幫助多家中國國有企業重組、私有化以及將其產品及服務推向全球市場。魏先生一直認為，中國融入全球市場對其經濟及社會的發展大有裨益。

為了使香港青年受惠於經濟及社會的發展，魏先生致力為他們提供機會，舉辦內地和國際交流活動，並擔任香港和海外大學生的導師。他視這些舉措為愛國教育的一部分，他同時相信香港年輕人走出課堂，例如到優秀創新企業及研究機構實習，能夠更好地找到自身定位。他認為年輕人在發展迅速的大灣區以及「一帶一路」建設中會大有作為。

魏先生近年為內地作出了重要貢獻。他擔任第十二屆和第十三屆全國政協委員期間，成為香港與內地溝通的橋樑。魏先生同時擔任黑龍江省政協常委及召集人。因其對黑龍江經濟和社會發展的貢獻，於2020年獲頒「哈爾濱市榮譽市民」榮銜。

魏先生積極為內地作出貢獻的同時，也不忘回饋香港人。他也在多個政府委員會任職，包括行政上訴委員會、市政服務上訴委員會、大律師紀律審裁團和交通審裁處小組等。

一直以來，魏先生也為香港高等院校以及他母校的管治和發展貢獻良多。他曾擔任嶺南大學校董會成員和大學發展委員會主席，直至2021年底。任期內，他善用自己的專長以及在全球金融界別的人脈，成功舉辦了多項籌款活動。目前，他是香港科技大學校董會成員，也是劍橋大學克萊爾學堂院士同桌人和發展諮詢會議成員。

展望未來，魏先生堅信「一國兩制」仍將是香港保持長期繁榮穩定的最佳制度安排。他還相信，香港可為構建人類命運共同體發揮更重要的作用。魏先生目前是亞洲綠色科技基金主席，該基金專注於投資區內的可再生能源和綠色科技，以應對氣候變化，為後代創造更美好的世界。此外，魏先生有一個宏大的願景，希望香港能發展成為專注於可持續綠色經濟發展的國際投資和金融中心。憑藉香港先進和完備的金融基礎設施和資本市場，兼坐擁國際投資、法律、會計、工程 and 管理的優勢，香港正在朝著這一願景邁進。

主席先生，為表彰魏明德先生在金融界別的卓越服務以及對中國內地和香港的巨大貢獻，本人謹恭請閣下頒授榮譽院士銜予魏明德先生。

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