

HKIEd to Confer Honorary Doctorates on Remarkable Educators
Mrs. Angela Cheung Wong Wan-yiu, Mr. Li Yuet-ting
and Lord Stewart R. Sutherland

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The Hong Kong Institute of Education (HKIEd) will confer honorary doctorates on three distinguished educators in recognition of their leadership and contribution to the education of Hong Kong.

They are: Mrs. Angela Cheung Wong Wan-yiu, MBE, JP; Mr. Li Yuet-ting, CBE, JP; and Lord Stewart R. Sutherland, KT, FBA, FRSE.

The conferment will take place at the Institute's 11th Graduation Ceremony to be held on 18 November 2005 (Friday) at the HKIEd Tai Po campus.

Mrs. Angela Cheung Wong Wan-yiu, MBE, JP
~ Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

A distinguished teacher and administrator, Mrs. Cheung has probably masterminded the founding of more schools than any other individual in Hong Kong during her over 40 years of dedicated efforts towards Hong Kong education.

Mrs. Cheung started her teaching career in secondary school since her university graduation in 1960. She was promoted as the first Chinese Vice-Principal of the prestigious St Stephen's Girls' College in 1972, a post she held till 1979 when she was appointed the Education Services Secretary of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGH). During her exemplary 18-year tenure with TWGH, the oldest and largest community-based philanthropic organisation and school sponsoring body, 32 schools were founded ranging from kindergartens, primary and secondary to special, prevocational and practical schools. Apart from setting up schools in the then remote districts, she also started schools for mentally handicapped and less academically-inclined students.

She has served on many voluntary and government bodies both before and after her retirement. For the greater part of 1990s, she was a member of the Education Commission and was instrumental in the formation of the Education Commission Report No. 7 that pertains to the improvement of quality of schools.

Mrs. Cheung has also contributed greatly towards the growth of HKIEd. She was a member of the HKIEd Council (1996 to 2004) and founding Chairperson of the HKIEd School Ltd. (1999 to present) which oversees the establishment and development of the HKIEd HSBC Early Childhood Learning Centre and HKIEd Jockey Club Primary School.

Mr. Li Yuet-ting, CBE, JP
~ Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

Mr. Li was the Director of Education of Hong Kong between 1987 and 1992. Joining the civil service as an Assistant Education Officer in 1960, Mr. Li was the first education helmsman in the government being promoted from the local education rank and file.

Mr. Li was pivotal in the implementation of 9-year compulsory education in Hong Kong. With his strategic vision and excellent planning skills, he has succeeded in meeting the challenge of providing an additional 25% school places to meet the pressing demand. After that, he played a key role in raising the quality of school education. With the extension of basic education, he also started the replacement of the high-stake Junior Secondary Education Assessment.

Mr. Li was a key figure in drawing up the Education Commission Report No. 5, the proposals of which had eventually led to the establishment of the Hong Kong Institute of Education for the continuous quality enhancement of teacher education. Against a common perception then that primary school teachers did not require a degree to teach, he initiated the establishment of graduate posts in primary schools. The policy had subsequently resulted in the significant increase in the proportion of degree-holding teachers in primary schools to 70% today.

After his retirement, Mr. Li has been actively involving himself in community services. He was appointed Chairman of the Board, Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong in 2000. He was also an advisor for the Outstanding Schools Awards Adjudication Panel and the International Network for Educational Improvement.

Lord Stewart R. Sutherland, KT, FBA, FRSE
~ Doctor of Education, *honoris causa*

Lord Sutherland has contributed immensely to the development of higher education, and specifically the development of teacher education, in Hong Kong over the past years.

He was member of the University Grants Committee (UGC) from 1995 to 2004. Most notably, he led the UGC's review on higher education between 2001 and 2002. The review, as set out in the UGC publication "Higher Education in Hong Kong", or commonly known as the "Sutherland Report", published in 2002, has provided Hong Kong with a blueprint for the development of its university system. Many recent and current initiatives, such as reviews of the governance and management structures of universities and the establishment of quality assurance system of associate degree programmes were recommended in the "Sutherland Report".

During his UGC tenure, he chaired the Teacher Education Sub-Committee from 1998 to 2003, which advised the UGC on all matters relating to teacher education and produced the Review of Teacher Education in 1998. The Sub-Committee, under his leadership, has also been very supportive to the Institute in its development. He was also member of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation between 1992 and 1995.

In the U.K., Lord Sutherland was appointed Vice-Principal and subsequently Principal of the King's College in London in 1981 and 1985 respectively. In 1990, he became Vice-Chancellor of London University. He was appointed Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh in 1994 till 2002. He is the recipient of honorary degrees from at least ten tertiary institutions in the UK and the Commonwealth.

In his homeland, Lord Sutherland's achievements have not been limited to the academic domain of history and philosophy of religion. He devoted himself to improve the quality of public services, especially for those who were less advantaged. He was therefore frequently called upon by the British Government to serve on or lead commissions designed to provide alternative public policies in a wide range of areas, such as the health care provisions for the elderly.



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