

Honorary Doctor of Business Administration Dr Roy CHUNG Chi-ping



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Mr Council Chairman:

Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping is a renowned industrialist, Co-Founder and Non-Executive Director of Techtronic Industries Company Limited. Better known as the “King of Power Tools” to the wider public, he has left an indelible mark on the development of industry in Hong Kong. Beyond contributing to his own professions, he actively participates in community welfare and public services.

At 16, Dr Chung came to Hong Kong from Macau alone. With only a Form 4 education, he began his career as a warehouse keeper. But he rose steadily to a managerial position within ten years by learning the ways to run a company and the mistakes to avoid. With his characteristically tireless work ethic and entrepreneurial zeal, Dr Chung co-founded Techtronic Industries Company Limited in 1985 with his German partner, Mr Horst Pudwill. The company initially employed only five staff members and specialised in the manufacture of rechargeable battery packs. Today, with a payroll of tens of thousands, it has become a world-class leader in the design, manufacturing and marketing of power tools, outdoor power equipment and floorcare and cleaning for consumers, professional and industrial users in the home improvement, infrastructure and construction industries. Dr Chung subscribes to the notion of lifelong education. He holds an MSc in Engineering Business Management, a Doctorate in Engineering from the University of Warwick, UK, and a Doctorate in Business Administration from the City University of Macau.

Dr Chung has taken up leadership positions to advance the interests of Hong Kong's industrial sector. Throughout the years, he has been the Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries and is currently its Honorary President, the Chairman of the Vocational Training Council, and the Chairman of the Task Force on Promotion of Vocational and Professional Education and Training under the Education Bureau. Dr Chung also served as a member of the Committee on Innovation, Technology and Re-industrialisation under the then Innovation and Technology Bureau, a Council member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), and Chairman of the Electronics/Electrical Appliances Industry Advisory Committee and Innovation and Technology Advisory Committee under HKTDC.

Now, in his current role as the Non-Executive Director of Techtronic, Dr Chung dedicates himself to repaying the society from which he has greatly benefitted. He is the Founder and Chairman of Bright Future Charitable Foundation with an agenda to promote local education and social welfare. Believing that young people are the future of society, Dr Chung sets up scholarships, shares his experiences and wisdom with them and takes them on domestic and overseas study tours and field trips. In addition, he has served as the Executive Committee Chairman of Outward Bound Hong Kong and is currently its Trust Member. He was also the President and Chairman of The Boys' & Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong and a member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Paediatric Foundation.

Dr Chung has received an impressive list of accolades for his accomplishments. In addition to the many honorary degrees that universities have awarded him, he received the Young Industrialist Award of Hong Kong in 1997 and the Industrialist of the Year Award in 2014. In recognition of his outstanding public service to the Hong Kong SAR Government and the Hong Kong community, he was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2011 and the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2017. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2005.

Dr Chung is a Court Member of City University of Hong Kong (CityU). He made a generous donation to the University by establishing the Bright Future Whole Person Development Scholarships and the Bright Future Scholarships for Outstanding Engineering Students and by launching the Bright Future Engineering Talent Hub for STEM education. He is currently the Honorary President of the CityU Industrial and Business Leaders Circle and a mentor for HK Tech 300, the large-scale flagship innovation and entrepreneurship programme organised by CityU.

A formidable athlete, Dr Chung joined the Oxfam Trailwalker for the 100-km challenge in Belgium in 2017 with 20 teenagers from Hong Kong to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of HKSAR, as he believes the challenges found in sports offer insights into overcoming life's adversities. His advice to young people is to set reachable goals just as a runner would and to keep in mind that every step counts towards the completion of the race. In a knowledge-based economy, it is not enough to work hard; young people should do their best to increase their knowledge and broaden their horizons.

Mr Council Chairman, Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping is a great role model. He overcame the obstacles that his modest background presented to achieve great success through hard work and a relentless pursuit of knowledge. He generously shares with society the results of his efforts by contributing to the growth of industry and by supporting education at different levels in Hong Kong. City University of Hong Kong is a direct beneficiary of his largesse. Mr Council Chairman, it is my great pleasure to present Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping for the conferment of a Doctor of Business Administration, *honoris causa*.