

Biographies of the 2019 Honorary Doctorates

Professor Michael I. Kotlikoff, Provost of Cornell University (Cornell), received an Honorary Doctor of Science.

Professor Kotlikoff is a distinguished academic leader, scientist, and veterinarian. His work has advanced understanding of heart repair and muscle cell biology, and he pioneered the development and use of genetically encoded optical calcium sensors.

As an academic leader, Professor Kotlikoff has advised governments, both foreign and local, on animal health programmes and educational policy. He provided staunch support for collaboration with CityU in relation to the establishment of the Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences (JCC). By playing a crucial role in constructing a long-term strategic alliance between Cornell and CityU, he has contributed to CityU's plans to build a world-class JCC and to establish a centre of excellence for animal health in Asia.

Furthermore, he has developed major academic centres, established global partnerships, and set up novel clinical programmes. Professor Kotlikoff launched a new Public Health programme at Cornell, focusing on One Health, and has established major partnerships with institutions in Israel, India, and China.

Professor Kotlikoff has chaired departments and centres at the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell, served on numerous national and international committees, and received numerous honours and awards, including Medal of Honour by Tohoku University in 1995, and Honorary Fellow by CityU in 2016.

Dr Edward Leong Che-hung, Chairman of Hong Kong AIDS Foundation and the President of Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society, received an Honorary Doctor of Social Science.

A surgeon in private practice, Dr Leong is the Hunterian Professor of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and a Regent of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. He was the Founding President of the College of Surgeons of Hong Kong, and served as President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine from 2000 to 2004.

Dr Leong has held many key posts in public service, especially in the healthcare sector, including Chairman of the Hospital Authority, the Council on Human Reproductive Technology, the Elderly Commission, the Council of the University of Hong Kong, the ICAC Complaints Committee, the Elder Academy Development Foundation, and the Standard Working Hours Committee.

Dr Leong was an unofficial Member of the Executive Council of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region from 2005 to 2012, as well as an elected member of the Legislative Council from 1988 to 2000. He was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal in 2010 in recognition of his distinguished public and community service, and his dedication to the development of the medical profession in Hong Kong.

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Dr Harry S Banga, Chairman and CEO of The Caravel Group Limited, received an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration.

A successful entrepreneur and businessman, Dr Banga is an Indian rooted in Hong Kong with a global vision. The Caravel Group, which he founded in 2013, is a diversified global conglomerate focused on the provision of maritime services, the trading of dry bulk raw materials for the steel and power generation industries, investment management activities, and strategic asset ownership which includes extending its supply chain through the ownership of dry bulk and container vessels. The Caravel Group is also a leading private equity investor in the consumer and technology sectors.

Dr Banga's distinctive achievements in industry and his deep involvement in philanthropy have brought him many honours and awards. In 2011, the then-President of India, Mrs Pratibha Patil, conferred the prestigious Pravasi Bhartiya Samman Award on Dr Banga. In 2019, the *Economic Times* of India named him the "Most Influential Business Leader of Asia". He was conferred an Honorary Fellow by CityU in 2018.

A staunch supporter of CityU, Dr Banga is a Member of the Court and the Steering Committee of the "United, We Soar" campaign, and an Honorary Patron of the CityU Foundation.

Dr Norman Chan Tak-lam, former Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA), received an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration.

With his long and distinguished service for the Hong Kong government and the community, Dr Chan had made exemplary effort in maintaining the stability of Hong Kong's banking and financial systems and enhancing Hong Kong's position as an international financial centre.

He joined the Administrative Service of the Hong Kong Government in 1976. When the HKMA was founded in 1993, Dr Chan was appointed Executive Director and served as Deputy Chief Executive between 1996 and 2005. From July 2007 to July 2009, Dr Chan was Director of the Chief Executive's Office and during his tenure as the Chief Executive of HKMA from 2009 to 2019, he steered a number of major financial policies and initiatives, including the development of Hong Kong's financial infrastructure and Hong Kong as the global hub for offshore RMB businesses.

He was the Founding Chairman of the policy think tank Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre, which was established in 2006. In 2012, he was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government for his distinguished public service.

Dr Wong Chun-hong, Chairman of Top Spring International Holdings Limited, received an Honorary Doctor of Social Science.

Dr Wong, a visionary and resolute business leader, has accomplished a great deal in real estate, finance and retail across Hong Kong and mainland China. He has been actively involved in

public and community services, particularly in education and services for the underprivileged.

Dr Wong was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong SAR Government in 2016 for his significant contributions to society. In addition, he was bestowed an Honorary Fellowship by CityU in 2018. In the same year, he was made an Honorary Citizen of Guangzhou by the Guangzhou Municipal Government.

Dr Wong has provided staunch support for CityU's development. He is a Member of the Court, a member of the Board of Governors as well as Honorary Patron of the CityU Foundation. In recognition of his generous donations to CityU, Wong Cheung Lo Hui Yuet Hall on campus was named after his parents in 2013.