

Honorary Fellow Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak

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Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak, President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, is a prominent entrepreneur in the commercial and industrial sectors. He has decades of experience in the industry, having witnessed the golden age of local economic advancement and made a significant contribution to the Hong Kong industry. His active participation in community service and his generous donations to the education sector are highly appreciated.

Born in a grassroots family, Dr Shi worked as an apprentice in a printing house during his school years. He was once quite depressed after being injured in a work accident, but with his mother's encouragement and his great personal resolve, he gradually stepped out from the shadow of his injury. He continued to work, but that didn't stop him from carrying on with his studies in his quest for constant self-improvement. Later, in 1985, when an opportunity arose, he founded Brilliant Printing Limited. Setting up a new company is never smooth sailing, but through Dr Shi's insightful vision, innovative spirit and diligence, Brilliant International has developed into a respected, well-established enterprise.

Dr Shi knows better than anyone the development pattern of an industry. An enterprise must offer something new to stay ahead of its competitors, and when they follow it with something similar, the enterprise must keep its first-mover advantage by offering superior quality. He understands that the key to business success is to move with the trends and adapt quickly to stay ahead of the market. Based on this philosophy, he broke new ground in the industry, integrating various processes, including printing and packaging to provide a one-stop service. This helped build the reputation of Brilliant International, which has grown to be a printing empire that stands out in the industry. With businesses from around the world, the company has

worked with various renowned international brands on design to produce exquisite packaging.

Dr Shi strongly believes that it is essential to nurture talent for social advancement. Knowing very well how hard his schooling experience has been, he hopes to do his best to provide more educational opportunities for young people. He and his wife have helped boost the development of higher education by setting up bursaries and scholarships and donating generously to universities over the years. As a graduate of CityU's Executive Master of Business Administration programme, he has strongly supported his alma mater. He is currently an Honorary Vice-President of the CityU Foundation and a Court Member of CityU. In 2018, a classroom was named the "Allen Shi Lop Tak Executive Classroom" in appreciation of his generous support.

Dr Shi is also committed to community and charity affairs. He has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yan Oi Tong and a Member of the Wong Tai Sin District Council for many years. Understanding the importance of preventing accidents in the workplace from his own experience, he volunteered to be the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Wong Tai Sin District Healthy and Safe City. In addition to promoting information on health and safety to residents in the district, he set up a fund to provide funding for the district to purchase automated external defibrillators (AED). Thanks in large part to his efforts, Wong Tai Sin District was accredited as an "International Safe Community" by the World Health Organization. Dr Shi is also a Co-opted Member of the General Committee of the Riding for the Disabled Association, which uses horses to help train persons with disabilities to improve their balance and walking.

Dr Shi is currently a Member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and holds various public offices, including Council Member of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, Member of the Task Force on External Relations of the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau, Hong Kong Convention Ambassador of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, and Council Member of the Better Hong Kong Foundation. He received the Medal

of Honour from the HKSAR Government in 2007 and was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2010. In 2017, he received the Bronze Bauhinia Star for his meritorious contributions to public and community services.

In his leisure time, Dr Shi loves to follow horse racing. He says it helps him to relax from work and to understand the importance of hard work, persistence and teamwork, which are the keys to his success.

Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Council and President, Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak has made constant improvements and created innovations through his perseverance and hard work without being constrained by conventional rules. He has earned wide respect from all sectors through his business achievements and for his willingness and generosity in giving back to society. May I thus present Dr Allen Shi Lop-tak for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of City University of Hong Kong.