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Dr. Hari Naroomal Harilela

Doctor of Business Administration, *honoris causa*
Distinguished Indian Entrepreneur
with His Home Based in Hong Kong



Dr. Hari Naroomal Harilela, a distinguished Indian entrepreneur with his home based in Hong Kong, is Chairman of the Harilela Group. Founded with his three brothers in 1959, the Group has developed into a global conglomerate with businesses ranging from the hospitality sector,

trading and real estate investment to banking.

Dr. Harilela has an impressive public record, covering numerous sectors such as education, health, trade and commerce, social welfare, music and arts, and welfare for the Indian community. Founder of the Harilela Foundation, he participates enthusiastically in the work of many charitable bodies. Dr. Harilela has also spared no effort in fostering friendly and fruitful ties between India and Hong Kong and in raising the profile of the Indian community in Hong Kong. A staunch and much valued supporter of HKBU, Dr. Harilela has generously donated to the University and given unstinting support to its activities and programmes, including the International Writers Workshop and the Consul-General-in-Residence programme.

Dr. Harilela's many awards and honours include Britain's OBE in 1979 and the Gold Bauhinia Star from the HKSAR Government in 2000. He has also been conferred with honorary doctoral degrees by America's Pepperdine University in 1988 and St. John's University in 2003. Dr. Harilela was a recipient of the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award, the highest civilian honour bestowed by the Government of India, in 2003.