

Professor Woo Chia-wei

Doctor of Humanities, *honoris causa*
Visionary University-builder



Professor Woo Chia-wei, a visionary university-builder and an outstanding scientist, is currently President Emeritus and University Professor Emeritus of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST). Professor Woo was the first Chinese American to head a major

American university when he became President of San Francisco State University in 1983. He returned to Hong Kong in 1986 to help found HKUST and later took up the presidency. His inspiring leadership, tremendous dedication and excellent work contributed to the rapid development of HKUST into one of the world's leading research universities in just a decade.

An outstanding theoretical physicist, Professor Woo has published more than 120 articles on various fields of physics, including quantum many-body theory, statistical mechanics and liquid crystals. Professor Woo has an impressive record of public and professional service. He has served on the Commission on Strategic Development and the Council of Advisors on Innovation and Technology in Hong Kong and provided services to the National Natural Science Foundation and the Chinese Academy of Sciences on the Mainland.

Over the years, Professor Woo has received numerous honours and awards, including the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship, a CBE from Britain (1996), a Gold Bauhinia Star from the HKSAR Government (2000), Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur from France (2001), honorary doctorates from two American universities and honorary professorships of several Mainland universities.

Dr. Michael Wu

Doctor of Business Administration, *honoris causa*
Philanthropic Entrepreneur



Dr. Michael Wu, a philanthropic entrepreneur with a passion for education, had just retired as Chairman and Executive Director of Wing Lung Bank. He is active in community service, with education being particularly close to his heart. He was Treasurer of HKBU's Council and Court

from 1993 to 2006. In addition, he served on the Board of Governors of the then Lingnan College, and has been a member of the Board of Inland Revenue since 1998.

Dr. Wu is Secretary of the Wu Yee Sun Charitable Foundation, which has donated to a variety of projects at HKBU and also established a number of scholarships. The Foundation has provided financial assistance to numerous educational institutions, hospitals and social service organisations in Hong Kong and the Mainland. Dr. Wu was Chairman of the Wing Lung Bank Charitable Foundation Ltd., which has given donations in support of the development of HKBU's School of Business.

For his notable professional and other achievements, Dr. Wu was conferred honorary doctoral degrees by his *alma mater*, the University of New Brunswick, Canada, in 1989 and the Mount Allison University, Canada in 2005. He was appointed Guest Research Professor of the Nanjing Branch of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 1997. Dr. Wu is also a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Bankers.