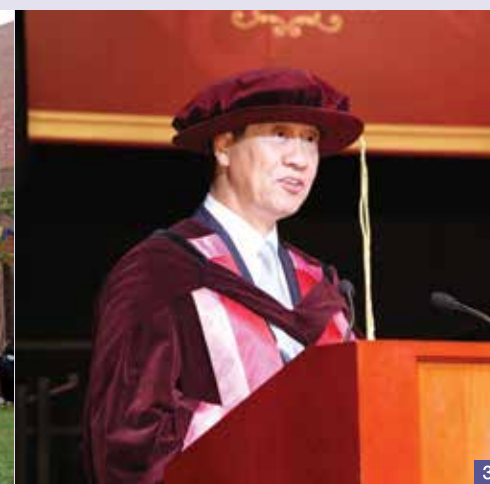


PolyU celebrates 19th Congregation with a commitment to social innovation

第十九屆畢業典禮 承諾推動社會創新



At the University's 19th Congregation held on 27 October, PolyU sent forth 11,106 graduates, including 184 Doctor of Philosophy, 40 discipline-based Doctor's degree, 66 Master of Philosophy, 4,130 Master's degree, 5,140 Bachelor's degree, 101 postgraduate diploma and certificate, and 1,440 sub-degree award recipients. The ceremony was presided over by the Chancellor of the University the Honourable Leung Chun-ying, Council Chairman Ms Marjorie Yang Mun-tak and President Prof. Timothy W. Tong.

During the Congregation, the University conferred honorary doctorates upon five distinguished personalities, namely, Prof. Mildred S. Dresselhaus, Emerita Institute Professor of Physics and Electrical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Dr Edwin Leong Siu-hung, Executive Chairman and Founder of Tai Hung Fai Enterprise Company Limited; Prof. Pai Hsien-yung, renowned contemporary writer and a staunch advocate of Kunqu; Mr Patrick Poon Sun-cheong,

Chairman of Harvest SCP Group Company Limited; and Ms Güler Sabanci, Chairman and Managing Director of Turkey-based Sabanci Holding and Founding President of Sabanci University.

Addressing the Congregation, Prof. Tong emphasized the University's commitment for innovation and said that another form of innovation – social innovation – is needed to address the needs of the underprivileged, social inequality and the widening wealth gap. "We are providing a new approach for colleagues from different disciplines and people from different walks of life to collectively tackle our problems," he said.

In closing, Prof. Tong encouraged graduates not to be afraid to venture outside their comfort zone, be brave to challenge the present and enrich the future, and become "practical dreamers".

十月二十七日，理大舉行第十九屆畢業典禮，頒授學術榮譽予11,106名畢業生，當中包括184位哲學博士、40位專業範疇的修課式博士、66位哲學碩士、4,130位碩士、5,140位學士、101位深造文憑及證書畢業生，以及1,440位非學位文憑及證書畢業生。典禮由理大校長梁振英先生、校董會主席楊敏德女士與校長唐偉章教授一同主持。

在畢業典禮上，理大向五位傑出人士頒授榮譽博士學位，包括：美國麻省理工學院物理及電機工程榮休教授 Mildred S. Dresselhaus 教授、大鴻輝集團創辦人兼主席梁紹鴻博士、當代著名作家及振興崑曲重要推手白先勇教授、利承昌集團有限公司主席潘樂昌先生，以及土耳其 Sabanci 控股公司主席兼總經理 Güler Sabanci 女士。

唐校長致辭時重申大學對推動創新的決心，並表示需要另一種形式的創新——社會創新，以回應弱勢社群的需要、社會不平等和日益擴大的貧富差距問題。他說：「我們為不同學科的同事及來自社會不同界別的人士提供新模式，同心協力處理有關問題。」

最後，唐校長寄語畢業同學要無畏無懼，勇於挑戰現狀，創造美好將來，成為講求實效的夢想家。❖

1. Prof. Pai Hsien-yung (left)
白先勇教授 (左)
2. Dr Edwin Leong Siu-hung (right)
梁紹鴻博士 (右)
3. Mr Patrick Poon Sun-cheong
潘樂昌先生
4. Prof. Mildred S. Dresselhaus
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