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PolyU Honorary Graduates (2019)



Mr Winfried ENGELBRECHT-BRESGES, GBS, JP

Mr Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges has been Chief Executive Officer of The Hong Kong Jockey Club since 2007. Under his far-sighted leadership, the Club has developed into a world-class racing organization, while The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has become one of the world's top ten charity donors. This has allowed the Club to provide increasing support for Hong Kong's many evolving areas of civic and social need, including youth development, elderly services, sports, and arts, culture and heritage. The Club has made a significant contribution to the development of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University under the guidance of Mr Engelbrecht-Bresges and his management team. The University has been able to construct impressive edifices including the Innovation Tower and the Auditorium, establish teaching and research facilities such as the Rehabilitation Engineering Centre and the Design Institute for Social Innovation, and provide a range of education and community programmes.

Living the Club's purpose, which is the betterment of our society, Mr Engelbrecht-Bresges has been actively engaging in public service. He was a Board Member of the Equestrian Events (Hong Kong) of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Co Ltd. Currently, he is a Board Member of the Community Chest, an Executive Committee Member of the Hong Kong Management Association, and a member of the International Advisory Board of the Sichuan University. Internationally, he is Vice Chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities, the world's highest thoroughbred racing authority, and Chairman of the Asian Racing Federation. He was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government in 2016 and Leader of the Year 2017 in the Sports/Culture/Performing Arts category.

A forward thinker and an admirable leader, Mr Engelbrecht-Bresges was conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humanities by PolyU.



Professor QIU Yong

Professor Qiu Yong acquired his Bachelor's and Doctoral Degrees in chemistry from Tsinghua University in 1988 and 1994 respectively. He then served in various capacities at his alma mater, and was appointed President of Tsinghua University in 2015. Throughout his career, Professor Qiu has sought to put science and technology at the service of society, transforming laboratory discoveries into real-life applications and sustainable solutions. An expert on organic optoelectronic materials and devices, Professor Qiu has helped promote the use of Organic Light-Emitting Diode (OLED) technology through his research and entrepreneurship, including its use on the extravehicular spacesuits worn by astronauts on the Shenzhou 7 spaceship, and the launch of mainland China's first-ever OLED mass production line. For his pioneering work, Professor Qiu received a State Technological Invention Award – 1st Class in 2012.

Under Professor Qiu's leadership, Tsinghua formulated its first-ever global strategy in 2016. To date, Tsinghua has signed collaboration agreements with some 280 universities and research institutes in 50 countries. Among these institutions is The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, which has established close partnerships with Tsinghua over the past two decades in areas ranging from student exchange to research and academic collaboration. In recognition of Professor Qiu's outstanding academic achievements and contributions to society, he was named Distinguished Young Scholar by the National Science Fund in 2003, Chang Jiang Scholar and National Model Teacher by the Ministry of Education respectively in 2006 and 2007. Professor Qiu was elected a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2013.

An accomplished scientist and well-respected scholar, Professor Qiu Yong was conferred the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science by PolyU.

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