

## Appendix

### PolyU Honorary Graduates



#### **Professor Bernard L. FERINGA**

Professor Bernard L. Feringa is a distinguished Dutch chemist renowned for his pioneering work on molecular machines, which earned him the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 2016 alongside two esteemed scientists. His research interests span stereochemistry, organic synthesis, asymmetric catalysis, photopharmacology, molecular switches and motors, self-assembly, and molecular nanosystems.

Professor Feringa obtained his PhD from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands under the guidance of Professor Hans Wynberg. After working as a research scientist at Shell in the Netherlands and at the Shell Biosciences Centre in the United Kingdom, he was appointed lecturer and, in 1988, full professor at the University of Groningen later being named the Jacobus H. van't Hoff Distinguished Professor of Molecular Sciences in 2004. He was elected a Foreign Honorary member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and is member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Sciences. In 2008, he was appointed Academy Professor and was knighted by Her Majesty the Queen of the Netherlands.

In recognition of his significant scientific contribution and excellence, Professor Feringa has received numerous prestigious accolades, including the Spinoza Award (2004), Humboldt Award (2012), Grand Prix Scientifique Cino del Duca (2012) and Solvay Chemistry for the Future Award (2015).

Professor Feringa holds over 1,200 publications, 30 patents and boasts an h-index of 140, demonstrating his substantial impact on the field of chemistry. In Mainland China, Professor Feringa was appointed as Honorary Professor by Sun Yat-sen University, East China University of Science and Technology, Institute of Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, and South China Normal University in Guangzhou. He also leads a research team focusing on self-healing materials at East China University of Science and Technology in Shanghai. Furthermore, Professor Feringa has contributed to nurturing outstanding research talent at PolyU and supporting the growth of emerging scholars.

**Dr Lawrence LI Kwok-chang, JP**



Dr Lawrence Li Kwok-chang has been a specialist in Ear, Nose and Throat Surgery in Hong Kong since 1982. He graduated from the Medical School at University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1977, and is currently a Clinical Associate Professor (honorary) in the Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Dr Li has been contributing to the community through serving on various committees of the HKSAR Government and professional bodies. He is currently a Member of the Finance Committee and Special Committee on Elderly Housing under the Hong Kong Housing Society, a Non-official Member of Harbourfront Commission, and a Member of the Finance Management Committee and Advisory Committee of the University of Hong Kong – Shenzhen Hospital. He had been a Member of the Town Planning Board, a Member of the Appeal Board Panel constituted under the Human Organ Transplant Ordinance, and a Member of the Research Projects Vetting Subcommittee of the Environment and Conservation Fund.

Dr Li has contributed enormously to the work of Council and to the strategic development of PolyU over many years. Dr Li has been a Member of the PolyU Council since April 2010, and was appointed Treasurer of the University during 2015-2018 and Deputy Council Chairman since 2019. He was Chairman of the Investment Committee from 2013 to 2016, Chairman of the Works Tender Board from 2015 to 2019, and Chairman of Finance Committee, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of PolyU Superannuation Fund, and Chairman of Ancillary Staff Provident Fund Management Committee from 2015 to 2018. He is currently Chairman of Council's Executive Committee and Hostel Development Task Force, Member of the Council Membership Nominations Committee, Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee, and Senior Executives Evaluation and Compensation Committee, and a Member of the University's 2025/26 – 2030/31 Strategic Planning Task Force.

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