

**DOCTOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION,
*honoris causa***

Mr Daryl NG Win-Kong, SBS, JP



Mr Pro-Chancellor,

Cities are often compared to a tree, a mosaic or a beehive. These metaphors point to the interconnectedness of elements and systems coexisting within a city; actually, a more poignant analogy, especially in the context of Hong Kong, is a palimpsest. Just as medieval scribes would efface manuscripts on parchments and overlay them with new text, the evolution of a city is a process of continuous reinvention. Its streets and buildings are layered with intertwining pasts, experiences, and a vision of the future. As one of the leading developers in Hong Kong, Sino Group is an avid writer of the city's urban development. Mr Daryl Ng Win-kong, Deputy Chairman of Sino Group, has been instrumental in driving the Group's mission of 'Creating Better Lifescapes', growing with our city while preserving its heritage and building a more sustainable future for generations to come.

The eldest grandson of the late founder of Sino Group, Mr Ng Teng Fong, Mr Daryl Ng has always been captivated by the way people and buildings interact, as well as how the built environment influences our lives, well-being and productivity. Upon graduating from Columbia University, New York, with a bachelor degree in Economics and a master degree in Real Estate Development, he joined Sino Group in 2003. Working on property planning and development projects, Mr Ng greatly values the opportunity to collaborate with planners, architects, engineers and designers to create ideal homes for residents. He was then appointed Executive Director in 2005 and Deputy Chairman in 2017. He is as committed as ever to driving green initiatives, heritage conservation, youth development, innovative projects, supporting those in need, all aimed at building a better community.

Mr Ng firmly believes that our heritage, roots and ancestry are vital links to who we are now, and by extension, to our future. This belief is central to how he carries on his family's legacy, and his commitment to historical and cultural preservation. Sino Group has worked on a number of memorable heritage revitalisation projects, one notable example is the conversion of the

historic Fullerton Building in Singapore into the beautiful hotel now known as The Fullerton Hotel Singapore. Mr Ng went on and led The Fullerton Heritage project, developing the area surrounding the hotel into a world-class, vibrant cultural and entertainment precinct.

In Hong Kong, Mr Ng set up the Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation in 2008 to help preserve the city's collective memories and foster stronger community bonds through revitalising historic buildings. One project that is particularly close to his heart is the revitalisation of the Old Tai O Police Station. Originally built in 1902 and classified as a Grade II historic building, the former marine police station has been given a second life as Tai O Heritage Hotel, an architectural gem that not only showcases the rich cultural heritage of the village, but also promotes Tai O local tourism and economy. The hotel, opened in March 2012, is operated as a non-profit social enterprise, providing jobs for Tai O and Lantau residents. It has welcomed more than 2 million visitors from Hong Kong and overseas, and won over 30 local and international accolades including the Award of Merit from the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation in 2013, making it Hong Kong's first UNESCO-awarded hotel.

Mr Ng is a committed advocate of sustainable city-building and development. He spearheads a wide range of important schemes to promote decarbonisation, deploying renewable energy, encouraging proprietary green innovation such as an in-building hydropower system and a city air purification system, while promoting plastic reduction and food-waste management. He established and chairs the Environment, Social and Governance (ESG) Steering Committee of the Group, which provides a systematic approach to the Group's sustainability efforts. These efforts have won recognitions from local and international communities, including becoming the first developer in Hong Kong to be ranked among the World's Top 100 Most Sustainable Corporations.

Mr Ng appreciates that young people are our future, and creates platforms to empower the future generations, broaden their horizons and spark their aspirations. To support the Government's vision of developing Hong Kong into an international innovation and technology hub, in 2018, Mr Ng founded the Hong Kong Innovation Foundation (HKIF), a holistic innovation ecosystem. Through initiatives such as the Go Code project, 'One Laptop' programme and Hong Kong Science Fair, HKIF seeks to nurture an innovative mindset in young students by improving their access to essential knowledge, skills and resources.

Mr Ng has also taken the lead on many other initiatives aimed at fostering youth development, such as the Sino Junior Reporter Programme and Hospitality Young Leaders Programme. He is also Founding Chairman of the Greater Bay Area Homeland Youth Community Foundation,

a visionary platform dedicated to supporting the education and career development of young people.

Mr Ng's commitment to heritage preservation and education, as well as youth development, is also manifested in his contribution to our University. Our Business School entered into a memorandum of understanding with Sino Hotels earlier this year to expand overseas internship opportunities for our students, particularly in Sydney and Singapore. These work-based experiences are important for broadening our students' global perspectives, while also providing them with the exposure to sustainability issues in the context of tourism and cultural heritage preservation.

The Ng Family established the Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation in 2010 in memory of the late founder of Sino Group, Mr Ng Teng Fong. Since 2010, the Foundation has provided financial assistance for over 300 local non-governmental organisations and universities, while also supporting the education of many outstanding students via scholarships. To date, the Foundation has donated HK\$2 billion to support a wide range of worthy causes, such as the repair of the Great Wall, the restoration of Yanxi Gong, and collaboration with the UNESCO on promoting transformative heritage conservation, to name a few.

In 2019, Mr Ng established the Hong Kong Community Foundation (HKCF) to promote positivity, inclusion and care in the city through a series of events and community services. In 2022, Mr Ng set up the Hong Kong-ASEAN Foundation to promote and deepen ties among Hong Kong, Mainland China, and the ASEAN countries.

Mr Ng has also served on a wide range of committees and in non-government organisations, including the Financial Services Development Council Hong Kong Academy for Wealth Legacy, the Council for Carbon Neutrality and Sustainability Development, the Advisory Council on the Environment, the Culture Commission, The Community Chest of Hong Kong, the UNICEF, the Hong Kong Palace Museum, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Mainland Business Advisory Committee, the Board of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, The Hong Kong Management Association, and Our Hong Kong Foundation. He is Special Adviser to the UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. He is also a member of the Standing Committee of the 14th Beijing Municipal Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), a member of the 12th and 13th Beijing Municipal Committees of the CPPCC, the 10th Sichuan Committee of the CPPCC, and the 10th and 11th Committees of the All-China Youth Federation.

Mr Ng was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by the Savannah College of Art and Design in 2015. He is an Honorary Fellow of Hong Kong Metropolitan University (2016) and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (2021). He received the Jinghua Award from the Beijing Municipal Government in 2020 for his contributions to international cooperations and development of Beijing as a world-class city. In 2021, Mr Ng was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government and the Insignia of Knight in the National Order of Merit by the French Government.

One of today's most committed writers of Hong Kong's urban palimpsest, Mr Ng has always been driven by a strong sense of social responsibility, a deep commitment to sustainability and innovation, a profound compassion for the less privileged, and an optimistic outlook for our metropolitan future. Above all, he wants to engage all members in the community to work together as we write the next chapter of this beloved city we call home. Referring to Hong Kong as 'a shining metropolis where everything is possible', he encourages young people to share his vision and faith in the city's strengths. He urges them to be open-minded and receptive to all kinds of opportunities for growth, not only in Hong Kong, but also in the rest of the Greater Bay Area and beyond.

Mr Pro-Chancellor, in recognition of Mr Ng's remarkable achievements and contributions to the community, I feel very privileged and honoured to invite our President to present Mr Daryl Ng Win-kong for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Business Administration, *honoris causa*.

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副校監先生：

人們經常將城市比作樹木、馬賽克或蜂巢，這些比喻說明了城市中各項元素和系統之間共存互動；事實上，「重寫本」這個比喻更為貼切，尤其是對香港而言。就好像中世紀的抄寫員在羊皮紙上塗抹手稿，然後再寫上新的文字一樣，城市的演變也是不斷重塑的過程。城市的街道和建築層層疊疊，交織着過去、經歷和對未來的願景。作為香港主要發展商之一，信和集團努力為這個城市譜寫新篇章。信和集團副主席黃永光先生秉持集團「建構更美好生活」的使命，在推動城市發展的同時，亦致力文化保育，承傳文化，建構更可持續發展的未來。

黃永光先生為信和集團已故創辦人黃廷方先生的長孫，一直喜歡研究人與建築的互動，以及建築環境如何影響我們的生活、身心舒泰和生產力。他畢業於紐約哥倫比亞大學，取得經濟學文學學士學位及房地產發展理學碩士學位，於2003年加入信和集團。在項目規劃和發展的過程中，黃先生非常重視與規劃師、建築師、工程師和設計師的合作，致力為住戶建造理想家居。他於2005年獲委任為信和集團執行董事，及後於2017年獲委任為副主席，一直積極推動各項綠色環保措施、文物保育、青年發展和創新項目，並為有需要人士提供支援，建構更美好社區。

黃先生堅信，文化保育對我們的身份認同以至未來息息相關。這一信念體現於他對家族傳承以及對歷史和文化保育的努力。多年來，信和集團參與多項富代表性的文化保育項目，其中一個著名例子就是將新加坡歷史悠久的富麗敦大樓活化為現時美麗的酒店——新加坡富麗敦酒店。黃先生負責富麗敦天地項目，帶領團隊將酒店周邊地區發展成為充滿活力的世界級文化娛樂中心。

在香港，黃先生於 2008 年成立香港歷史文物保育建設有限公司，透過活化歷史建築，保存城市的集體記憶，加強社區聯繫。他尤為重視舊大澳警署保育活化項目。建成於 1902 年、獲評為二級歷史建築的舊大澳警署經活化成為大澳文物酒店，不僅展示了大澳漁村的豐富文化，更促進當地的旅遊和經濟發展。酒店於 2012 年 3 月開業，以非牟利社會企業形式營運，為大澳和大嶼山居民提供就業機會。大澳文物酒店至今接待了超過 200 萬名香港和海外訪客，獲得逾 30 個本地和國際獎項，更於 2013 年榮獲頒聯合國教科文組織亞太區文化遺產保護獎優異項目獎，成為香港首家聯合國教科文組織頒授獎項的酒店。

黃先生致力推動城市可持續建設和發展。他領導多項重要計劃，推動減碳、利用可再生能源、鼓勵專項綠色創新發明，例如大廈水力發電系統和城市空氣淨化系統，以及推廣減塑和廚餘管理。他成立環境、社會及管治督導委員會並出任主席，為集團的可持續發展工作提供有系統的方針和策略。集團的努力備受本地和國際推崇，包括信和置業成為香港首家入選「全球 100 大可持續發展企業」的發展商。

黃先生認為年輕人是我們的未來，一直努力創造機會，為下一代賦能，拓寬他們的視野，助他們一展抱負。為配合政府將香港發展成為國際創新科技樞紐的願景，黃先生於 2018 年創立香港創新基金，提供全面的創新生態系統，通過「Go Code 程式小先鋒」、「一人一電腦」計劃和香港創科展等舉措，培養青少年的創新思維，並助他們學習重要知識和技能。

黃先生亦領導多項以促進青少年發展為目標的活動，例如「信和校園記者計劃」和「酒店業青年領袖計劃」。他也是大灣區共同家園青年公益基金的創會主席，基金高瞻遠矚，提供平台支持青少年的教育和事業發展。

黃先生對文化保育、教育和青年發展的投入也體現在他對香港都會大學的貢獻上。都大商學院與信和酒店於今年較早時候簽署了合作備忘錄，為大學生提供在海外，尤其是悉尼和新加坡的實習機會。這些以工作為基礎的經驗對學生開拓全球視野非常重要，同時也為他們提供接觸旅遊業和文化保育方面可持續發展的機會。

黃氏家族於 2010 年成立黃廷方慈善基金，紀念信和集團已故創辦人黃廷方先生。基金至今已向逾 300 家本地非牟利機構和院校捐款，同時還通過提供獎學金協助優秀學子精進學業。至今，基金已捐助 20 億港元支持一系列意義非凡的項目，例如修繕長城、復修延禧宮，與聯合國教科文組織合作推動文化保育等。

2019年，黃先生成立香港社區基金，透過一系列的活動和社區服務，推廣正向思維，傳揚關愛共融。2022年，黃先生成立香港—東盟協會，促進和深化香港、內地和東盟國家間的聯繫。

黃先生於多個委員會和非政府組織擔任公職，包括香港金融發展局香港財富傳承學院、碳中和及可持續發展委員會、環境諮詢委員會、文化委員會、香港公益金、聯合國兒童基金會、香港故宮文化博物館、香港貿易發展局內地業務諮詢委員會，以及香港科技園、香港管理專業協會和團結香港基金。他是聯合國教科文組織亞太區文化遺產保護獎特別顧問，也是中國人民政治協商會議（政協）北京市第14屆常務委員會委員、北京市政協第12及13屆委員會委員、四川省政協第10屆委員會委員、以及中華全國青年聯合會第10屆和第11屆委員會委員。

黃先生於2015年獲美國薩凡納藝術與設計學院頒授榮譽人文學博士學位，也是香港都會大學（2016年）和香港科技大學（2021年）的榮譽院士。2020年，他榮獲北京市政府頒發「京華獎」，表彰他為國際合作和將北京建設世界一流城市的貢獻。2021年，黃先生獲香港特別行政區政府頒授銀紫荊星章，並獲法國政府頒授國家榮譽騎士勳章。

黃先生是當前香港城市發展最充滿熱誠的「重寫本」作者之一，肩負社會責任感、對推動可持續發展和創新堅定不移、對弱勢群體的關懷，以及對我們這個大都會未來的期許，以此為動力邁步向前。他更期望與社會各界攜手合作，一起為這個城市—我們摯愛的家園撰寫新篇章。他堅信香港是「一切皆有可能的耀目大都會」，他鼓勵年輕人相信香港的優勢，一起努力；同時勉勵年輕人放開懷抱，把握在香港以至大灣區及其他地方的發展機遇。

副校監先生，為表揚黃先生的卓越成就和對社會的貢獻，本人恭請校長引介黃永光先生接受本校的榮譽工商管理博士學位。

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