Dr Lily CHIANG

Contrary to popular belief, Dr Lily Chiang did not grow up in a wealthy family. As a young woman she worked very hard to complete her tertiary education and received financial support through the form of a scholarship. In 1982, she graduated from the University of Southern California, majoring in Mechanical Engineering, and later went on to study for her MBA degree at The Chinese University of Hong Kong. A few years later, she was awarded a PhD in Manufacturing Engineering from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 1993.

Upon graduating from the University of Southern California, she started her career as a trainee engineer in The Chen Hsong Group, eventually working her way up to becoming a director in the company. Her life changed in 1992 when she took a trip to Antarctica. The untouched, natural beauty ignited her passion for innovation and sustainable development which continues to drive her to this day. Witnessing the unseen beauty of the environment that we live in opened her heart and mind to our role and responsibility as a species living on the planet. She founded the E1 Media Technology Limited and Eco-Tek Holdings Limited (Eco-Tek) in 1999 to focus on the development of multi-media and environmental technologies. Eco-Tek's pioneering use of technology to reduce vehicle exhaust particulate emissions by 50% won the company its first government contract. In the same year, Dr Chiang received the "Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award" and two years later she was named "Distinguished Woman of Hong Kong in the High Technology Sector." Today, Eco-Tek is listed on the Hong Kong Growth Enterprise Market and exports "green" products to Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Asia and Mainland China. With her strong dedication to community services, she is currently the Deputy Chairman of Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Council for Sustainable Development, Business Advisory Group, and serves on Central Policy Unit's panel for the Pearl River Delta. In the education sector, Dr Chiang sits on the Council and the Court of Lingnan University, as well as the Honorary University Fellowship Committee in the Council of Hong Kong Baptist University. She also holds honorary and visiting professorships at a number of universities in Mainland China.

Indeed, Dr Chiang's primary concern is that sustainable development becomes everyone's responsibility. In her untiring contributions to the industrial and technology sectors in Hong Kong, she ponders over one question: "How can we keep the economy growing and raise the

livelihood of people in less developed economies, while at the same time reducing mankind's impact on the environment?" As she applies herself professionally in developing a range of environmental-friendly products and services relating to air, water, noise, and energy, she strives to balance economic growth with the intelligent use of our common resources on this planet Earth. And on this, Dr Chiang has not only scored high with the many achievements of her own career, but she never forgets to spread her faith in and love for nature's beauty by passing on to others a strong sense of commitment to create a better environment in which to live. Her main message to today's youth is that pursuing one's own dreams requires tempering the passion that comes from within with patience and perseverance.

With passion comes responsibility, as Dr Chiang's work shows, in whichever area one is likely to find her engaged in. If traditional manufacturing industries and pioneering environmental technologies represent the two key phases of her work to date, then the third stage of Dr Chiang's career is marked by a keen interest in and focused determination for a broader strategy of resource re-allocation. Making money is not easy, but spending it meaningfully is even more important to this visionary entrepreneur. That is why, in 2002, she set up the Lily Chiang "Wide Sky" Charitable Foundation to provide sustainable support to the youth in Chinese Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Africa, Egypt, Afghanistan and Iraq. Here her focus is, without doubt, on the youth, and her philanthropic strategy to improve the level of technology that relates to education, medical and health, as well as to support professionals who work in these and other areas of the social sciences toward the same goals.

Work, community, and family — as a woman of passion — Dr Chiang's priority always lies with her family. She is happily married with three children and treasures her happy home life the most amidst her deep commitments to the pursuit of such aims and ideals.

Mr Deputy Chairman, may I now present Dr Lily Chiang to you for the conferment of an Honorary Fellowship of Lingnan University in recognition of her dedicated work in the area of innovation and sustainable development, her outstanding public service and her significant contributions to the University.

蔣麗莉博士

蔣麗莉博士並非如一般人所想在富裕的家庭中長大。蔣博士年輕時努力讀書, 獲得獎學金以完成大學教育。1982年,她畢業於南加州大學,主修機械工程。其後 於1989年取得香港中文大學工商管理碩士學位,及於1993年獲香港理工大學製造工 程博士學位。

在南加州大學畢業後,她加入震雄集團,由見習工程師做起,經過多年奮鬥,晉升至該公司的董事。由美國返港後,一次南極之旅成為她人生中的轉捩點。此行燃起她對創新和可持續發展的熱情,而這股熱忱至今仍一直推動她的事業和人生動力。南極的珍貴自然美景,使她領略到人類作為地球上的一份子,有其應擔當的角色和責任。她於1999年創辦E1 Media Technology Limited及環康集團有限公司(環康),致力發展多媒體及環保科技。環康憑著能夠令汽車廢氣排放量降低50%的創新科技,成功贏得首份政府合約。同年,蔣博士榮膺「香港十大傑出青年」,2001年她獲選為「香港高科技界傑出女性」。環康現已在香港創業板上市,該公司向非洲、中東、歐洲、亞洲及中國內地出口「綠色」產品。蔣博士熱衷服務社會,現任香港總商會常務副主席、可持續發展委員會成員、營商諮詢小組成員及中央政策組珠三角研究小組成員。在學界方面,蔣博士擔任嶺南大學校董會及諮議會成員,以及香港浸會大學校董會轄下榮譽大學院士委員會成員,並出任中國內地多間大學之榮譽及客座教授。

蔣博士認為每人都有責任為可持續發展出一分力。她孜孜不倦地對香港工業和 科技領域作出貢獻。與此同時,她反覆思索一個問題:當我們努力維持經濟增長,和 致力改善發展中地區的人民生活質素時,如何能盡量避免對環境造成影響?她憑著自 己的專業知識,積極開發多種與空氣、水、噪音和能源有關的環保產品及服務,務求 在保持經濟增長與善用地球資源之間達致平衡。蔣博士在這方面的鑽研,令其本身事業屢創佳績,但她不忘與他人分享對美麗大自然之熱愛,並鼓勵大家身體力行,一起締造美好的生活環境。她寄語現今的青年人,追求個人夢想,除了靠滿腔熱誠,還要有耐性和毅力,始經得起磨煉。

蔣麗莉博士對不同範疇的工作都熱誠投入,勇於承擔。如果傳統製造業和創新的環保科技代表了蔣博士迄今事業上兩大階段,那接下來第三個階段,會是致力於研究更廣闊的資源重新分配策略。作為一位高瞻遠矚的企業家,蔣博士深明賺錢固然不易,但如何善用金錢更為重要。因此,她在2002年成立了蔣麗莉「海濶天空」慈善基金會,讓中國內地、香港、台灣、非洲、埃及、阿富汗及伊拉克等地的青年人得到持續支援。這基金旨在支援青年人,也協助提高與教育、醫療和健康相關的科技水平,以及支持在這些範疇和其他社會科學領域中默默耕耘、而且目標一致的專業人士。

蔣博士是一位充滿幹勁和對生命充滿熱忱的女性,然而在工作、社會服務和家庭之間,她始終以家庭為先。蔣博士擁有美滿的婚姻,育有三名子女。在努力追求理想和抱負之時,她仍然最珍惜快樂的家庭生活。

副主席先生,本人謹恭請 閣下頒授嶺南大學榮譽院士銜予蔣麗莉博士,以表 揚她在創新領域及可持續發展方面的成就、在公共服務方面的傑出表現和對大學作出 的重大貢獻。