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The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) held its annual ceremony for the award of Honorary Fellowships today. Officiating at the ceremony were the Honorable Andrew Liao Cheung-sing, Chairman of HKUST Council, and Prof Tony F Chan, President of HKUST. Four distinguished leaders, Mr Ming-Wai Lau, Dr Benjamin Xiao-Yi Li, Mr Maximilian Yung Kit Ma, and Mr Samuel Tat Sum Wong, were conferred Honorary Fellowships today.

Mr Ming-Wai Lau, Chairman of Chinese Estates Holdings Limited, is a distinguished young entrepreneur as well as a stalwart player in public service. Mr Lau is currently Chairman of the Commission on Youth, a member of the Commission on Poverty, Deputy Chairman of the Ocean Park Corporation, and Vice-Chairman of the Bauhinia Foundation Research Centre. Under his leadership, the Lau family's Joseph Lau Luen Hung Charitable Trust has made many major donations to schools and higher education institutions in Hong Kong, Mainland China, and overseas. Mr Lau holds a Bachelor Degree and a PhD in Laws from King's College London, and a Master Degree of Laws from The London School of Economics and Political Science. He is currently a Visiting Lecturer at Harvard Law School.

Dr Benjamin Xiao-Yi Li is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Lee's Pharmaceutical Holdings Limited and also Adjunct Professor at HKUST's School of Science. He holds a PhD in Pharmacology from the University of Illinois in Chicago and was a postdoctoral fellow responsible for R&D in cardiovascular drugs with Parke-Davis Research Division of Warner-Lambert Company in the United States. In 1994, Dr Li established his company which has regularly been selected as one of *Forbes* magazine's "Asia's 200 Best Under a Billion" enterprises. Dr Li received the honor of EY Entrepreneur of the Year China in the pharmaceutical and life sciences category in 2015, and has supported HKUST in providing scholarships relating to traditional Chinese medicine or drug development.

Mr Maximilian Yung Kit Ma, Chairman of Lee Heng Diamond Group, and Founder and Chairman of MaBelle Jewellery retail chain, is a prominent business leader with a diversified portfolio of public service. He has sat on the Law Reform Commission and the Hong Kong Community Chest, and was Chairman of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. Mr Ma is committed to supporting entrepreneurship by setting up with his son and daughter the HKCoCoon incubator, a co-working space for entrepreneurs, mentors and investors. He was also a Court Member of HKUST and became Chairman of the University Council's Institutional Advancement and Outreach Committee from 2010-2016. He received his Bachelor Degree of Business Administration at Boston University.

Mr Samuel Tat Sum Wong, Executive Director of B L Wong (Holdings) Company Limited and Pokfulam Development Company Limited, is a successful entrepreneur who has been actively involved in the building construction industry and property investment, development and management. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics from Tufts University. Being a staunch supporter of HKUST, Mr Wong was Chairman of the Campus Development Committee from 2011-2016, overseeing the updating of the University Master Layout Plan and advising the Council on the many major capital projects including the Lee Shau Kee campus, the Conference Lodge, Cheng Yu Tung Building and the hostel in Tseung Kwan O.

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At the Honorary Fellowship Presentation Ceremony: (from left) The Honorable Andrew Liao Cheung-sing, Mr Ming-Wai Lau, Dr Benjamin Xiao-Yi Li, Mr Maximilian Yung Kit Ma, Mr Samuel Tat Sum Wong and Prof Tony F Chan.