Biographies of the 2017 Honorary Doctorates

Dr Joseph Lee, Chairman of Wofoo Plastics & Chemicals Group, Chairman of Wofoo Foundation Limited and President of Wofoo Social Enterprises Limited, received an Honorary Doctor of Social Science.

Dr Lee is a prominent industrialist and social entrepreneur. Born in Hong Kong, he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in management from Illinois Institute of Technology in the US in 1972. He returned to Hong Kong to join his family’s industrial business and decided to start his own business as Wofoo Plastics Limited in 1980. He has dedicated the past decades to building partnerships and cultivating a harmonious community. He is committed to delivering innovative social services for the whole of society and to nurturing the younger generation.

Dr Lee has extensive experience in public service, including three consecutive terms as a Deputy of the Hong Kong SAR to the National People’s Congress of the People’s Republic of China. He has also chaired various government bodies and is currently Vice-Chairperson of the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund Task Force under the Commission of Poverty, and Chairman of the Joint Committee for the Promotion of The Basic Law of Hong Kong.

Dr Lee was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star in 2013 for his significant contributions to charitable activities and social enterprises. In addition, he was appointed Officer of the Order of Saint John in 2015, conferred Honorary Doctor of Social Science by Hong Kong Baptist University in 2011 and conferred Honorary Fellowships by CityU in 2014, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2015, and the Vocational Training Council in 2015. Dr Lee served on the CityU Council and its committee from 2008 to 2013.