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HKUST Celebrates 12th Congregation

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) held its 12th Congregation Ceremony from 10 to 12 November, conferring 1,818 Bachelor, 870 Masters, and 103 doctoral degrees.

This year the University is also proud to present honorary doctorates to the following distinguished recipients for their considerable contributions to society and academia:

- Mr Ronnie Chan, Business leader and Chairman of the Hang Lung Group; Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*
- Mr Philip N L Chen, Chief Executive designate of Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd; Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa*
- Dr Lee Shau Kee, tycoon and philanthropist, Chairman of Henderson Land Development Co Ltd; Doctor of Business Administration *honoris causa*
- Prof Andrew Chi-Chih Yao, computer scientist and pioneer of quantum computation, the only Chinese winner of the A M Turing Award; Doctor of Engineering *honoris causa*
- Prof Yau Shing-Tung, celebrated mathematician and winner of the Fields Medal; Doctor of Science *honoris causa*

The final day of Congregation also saw other University awards presented for outstanding achievements.

Dr Ben Young, Assistant Professor of Civil Engineering, received HKUST's highest accolade in teaching, the Michael G Gale Medal for Distinguished Teaching. Dr Young is cited for his availability and willingness to help his students, and ability to make complex concepts easier for his classes to understand.

This year's Stephen Cheong Kam-chuen Medal for Distinguished Service to the Student Body was awarded to Raymond Chow Yuk Kei for his ceaseless and constructive contributions to student governance.

The 12th Congregation will expand the ranks of HKUST alumni to over 22,000 since the University's establishment in 1991.



