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OXFORD UNIVERSITY HONOURS ITS BENEFACtor DR LEE SHAU KEE

Business leader and philanthropist Dr Lee Shau Kee has today been admitted to Oxford University’s prestigious Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors.

The honour was conferred by Professor Andrew Hamilton, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, and Lord Macdonald of River Glaven QC, Warden of Wadham College, Oxford, in a ceremony at the Four Seasons Hotel in Hong Kong.

Dr Lee Shau Kee’s family and friends attended the ceremony, along with distinguished guests from business, political and education sectors.

Membership of the Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors recognises Dr Lee Shau Kee’s generosity to the University of Oxford. He set up the Lee Shau Kee Scholarships in 1979 and the scheme ran for 28 years. During this time 100 of Hong Kong’s most talented students came to Oxford as Lee Shau Kee Scholars to study an undergraduate degree at Wadham College, Oxford. More than 40 former Scholars attended today’s ceremony.

Professor Andrew Hamilton, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, said: ‘I am delighted to welcome Dr Lee Shau Kee into the Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors. Dr Lee has done so much to deepen the strong and important links between Oxford and Hong Kong. Alumni of the Lee Shau Kee Scholarships have gone on to become leaders in business, law and engineering. They have made their mark not only on Oxford and Hong Kong, but on the world.’

Ken Macdonald QC, Warden of Wadham College, said: ‘Dr Lee Shau Kee has played a distinguished role in the recent history of Wadham College, Oxford, where his generous donations towards the Lee Shau Kee Scholarships have left a lasting impact on the collegiate University. Dr Lee’s involvement in the scholarships included funding those students who demonstrated financial need and dedicating his personal time to the success of the programme.’

Dr Lee Shau Kee said: ‘I am very privileged to become a member of the University of Oxford’s Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors. It has indeed all along been my personal aspiration to nurture the young generation to become future leaders for the betterment of the whole society. I am delighted to see that the Lee Shau Kee Scholars have excelled across various professions and I hope they will be inspired to contribute to society.’

Oxford University’s Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors celebrates and recognises those friends and supporters who have been outstandingly generous towards the University and the colleges. There are now more than 200 members. Members receive regular communications from senior officers of the University, an invitation to the Chancellor’s Court of Benefactors’ Annual Meeting as well as invitations to other significant events throughout the year.

Dr the Honourable Lee Shau Kee is the Founder and Chairman of Henderson Land Development Company Limited, a leading Hong Kong property development group and he also serves as Chairman of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company. Dr Lee Shau Kee is a recipient of Hong Kong’s highest civic honour, the Grand Bauhinia Medal. In 1986 he was named an Honorary Fellow of Wadham College, Oxford, and in 2013, the Lee Shau Kee Scholars Seminar Room was opened in Wadham College, funded by generations of Lee Shau Kee Scholars as a mark of their gratitude to Dr Lee Shau Kee.
Photo Captions:
Photo 1: (from left to right) Professor Andrew Hamilton, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Dr Lee Shau Kee and Lord Ken Macdonald, Warden of Wadham College Oxford on stage at the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors admission ceremony.

Photo 2:
Dr Lee Shau Kee at the Chancellor's Court of Benefactors admission ceremony.

Photo 3:
Dr Lee Shau Kee with Lee Shau Kee Scholars from the University of Oxford.

Photo 4:
Dr Lee Shau Kee with Professor Andrew Hamilton, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford.

Photo 5:
Dr Lee Shau Kee with Lee Shau Kee Scholars from the University of Oxford.

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Photos can be downloaded from the Oxford China Office website: (http://www.oxforduchina.org/20150912-dr-lee-shau-kee.html)

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Notes to editors

- Dr Lee Shau Kee: www.hld.com/en/about/director_executive_leeshaukee.shtml
- The Campaign for the University of Oxford: www.campaign.ox.ac.uk
- Wadham College, Oxford: www.wadham.ox.ac.uk
- Lee Shau Kee Scholars: www.oxforduchina.org/lee-shau-kee-scholars.html
- University of Oxford China Office: www.oxforduchina.org/