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As fortunate encounters go, they do not come much better than meeting an oil sheikh in 1970s London as a young chartered surveyor, helping him around the UK capital's property scene, and ending up with a job offer - one that eventually led to living in the Middle East and working as an advisor on the real estate portfolios of several ruling families. But as Mr Nicholas Brooke's life exemplifies, luck is only part of the equation. It is the foresight to spot opportunities and the confidence and endeavor to seize them that actually take you to the next level.

The willingness to put such a talent to work on behalf of Hong Kong and its long-term future has been clear since Mr Brooke first arrived in the city in 1980. He initially worked for Swire Properties Ltd and played a significant part in the company's hugely popular developments of Taikoo Shing and Pacific Place. When he tapped into the city's entrepreneurial spirit in 1988 to start his own real estate practice, the comprehensive nature of his consultancy and strict adherence to ethical behavior helped put Hong Kong on the map for world-class property development and investment advisory services. The University of London alumnus is the chairman of Professional Property Services Limited, a trustee of the International Valuation Standards Council, and a Past President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Mr Brooke's vision, optimism, and impetus for moving forward coincided with the city's own, and, he soon joined "Team Hong Kong", contributing his expertise in large-scale project planning, delivery and leadership to become a stalwart player in public and professional service. Mr Brooke is a founder member and fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, the chairman of the Harbourfront Commission, a member of the Commission on Strategic Development, and founded the Heritage Hong Kong Foundation together with his wife, Margaret. He has also served on the Hong Kong Town Planning Board and Hong Kong Housing Authority.

因緣際會，年輕有為的特許測量師蒲祿祺先生在七十年代於倫敦巧遇一位中東酋長，向他推介倫敦的地產發展，因而得到賞識，獲酋長受聘，更移居中東，為數個統治當地的家族擔任地產投資顧問。從蒲祿祺先生卓然有成的人生經歷，可看出成功並非單靠運氣。洞悉先機，滿懷信心，抓緊機遇，才是令人更上一層樓的關鍵。

自1980年首次踏足香港，蒲祿祺先生已立志為香港長遠發展貢獻力量。他最初服務於太古地產有限公司，並在發展公司大型項目—太古城和太古廣場—擔當重任。他充分發揮香港的企業家精神，於1988年自立門戶，其公司提供全面的地產諮詢顧問服務，嚴守專業道德，使香港的地產發展及投資顧問服務在國際領先同儕。蒲祿祺先生畢業於倫敦大學，現為 Professional Property Services Limited 主席及國際評估準則理事會理事，並曾任英國皇家特許測量師學會主席。

蒲祿祺先生高瞻遠矚，積極樂觀，奮進向前，正是香港的寫照。他熱心香港的發展，無論是公共或專業服務，他運用其專業知識規劃、實踐及領導大型項目。蒲祿祺先生是香港測量師學會的創會會員及資深專業會員，現為海濱事務委員會主席、策略發展委員會委員，並與太太蒲美琪女士共同創辦香港文化遺產基金會。他亦曾擔任香港城市規劃委員會委員及香港房屋委員會委員。

蒲祿祺先生深信創意推動發展，他肩負創辦香港科技園公司的挑戰，任重道遠。他矢志為香港打造科技創新中心，帶動知識轉移及促進產業化。香港科技

A firm believer that innovation underpins growth, one of Mr Brooke's greatest challenges and triumphs was the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, where he battled keenly to get the idea of a hub to spur commercialization of new knowledge off the drawing board and into reality. After the statutory body was finally formed in 2001, he served first as a board member and then as chairman from 2007 to 2014. In these roles, he devoted enormous time to building up community, Mainland China, regional and international support, driving forward world-class infrastructure provision, incubation programs and collaboration, and pushing forward the hi-tech boundaries of Hong Kong entrepreneurialism. Among his many achievements there, he helped pave the way for the 170 incubatees currently being nurtured, including those from HKUST.

Indeed, the arrival of the Park was excellent news for HKUST, adding another feisty voice and top practical resources and support for the University's faculty and graduates in moving concepts from campus to marketplace. Both institutions champion areas of high social impact such as green technology, information and communications technology, and electronics. Both seek to keep Hong Kong at the forefront of national, regional and global development through spurring the start-up businesses that could power growth and better lives. As chairman, Mr Brooke participated in HKUST endeavors to advance recognition of the critical role of science and technology in the city and region's future development. Separately, he has also generously provided time to mentor HKUST students.

In 2012, Hong Kong recognized Mr Brooke's dedication to promoting innovation and technology development with a Silver Bauhinia Star, which now sits alongside the earlier Bronze Bauhinia Star for his work with the Housing Authority. Today, we at HKUST honor Mr Nicholas Brooke for his long commitment to powering forward Hong Kong's knowledge economy and assisting our University in its mission, for his willing gift of insights and expertise to enhance the city's long-term prospects, and for his drive to create opportunities for the next generation to seize.

園於2001年成立，他最初出任董事會成員，及後於2007至2014年擔任主席。他盡心竭力爭取本港社會、中國內地、區內以至國際支持，為科技發展提供世界級有利環境和設施，推動培育計劃及合作項目，為香港企業提升科技水平。蒲祿祺先生成就卓著，目前有170間初創企業受惠，其中不少更是來自科大。

香港科技園的成立無疑對科大是極大喜訊，為大學教授及畢業生提供資源，協助他們實踐創新意念。科大與香港科技園大力推動對社會有重大裨益的範疇，如綠色科技、資訊及通訊科技與電子業，並期望藉著扶助初創企業，促進經濟增長，改善生活，令香港繼續走在國家、區內及全球發展的前沿。作為香港科技園主席，蒲祿祺先生與科大朝著共同目標，致力推廣科技對香港及區內發展的重要性。此外，他亦不吝與科大大學生作交流指導。

蒲祿祺先生曾獲香港特區政府頒發銅紫荊星章，表揚其在房屋委員會的貢獻，續於2012年，再獲頒授銀紫荊星章，嘉許他在推動創新及科技發展厥功至偉。蒲祿祺先生貢獻良多，他長期致力推動香港的知識型經濟，協助本校實踐使命，並樂意為香港的長遠發展出謀獻策，為年青一代創造機會。