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Maintaining continuity in our fast-moving times is an extraordinarily difficult feat. Yet over the past decades, Mr Samuel Tat Sum Wong, Executive Director of B L Wong (Holdings) Company Limited and Pokfulam Development Company Limited and former Chairman of the University Council's Campus Development Committee, has made it his hallmark. From shielding his family's construction and property management business from corporate raiders to activating an ageless 1-HKUST spirit by helping to foster an unforgettable campus environment, he has safeguarded past and present while remaining fully tuned to the future. Both the University and Hong Kong have gained from this great gift for constancy.

Before coming on board the University Council in 2010, Mr Wong already had in-depth experience of meeting the continuity challenge. After graduating with dual degrees in mechanical engineering and economics from Tufts University in the United States, he returned to Hong Kong in the late 1970s to start work in the family construction business. The testing times began almost immediately. The Wong family was the major minority shareholder of a listed public company, and with his father, the managing director, out of town, young Samuel was suddenly faced with a hostile takeover. It was a tough, tough learning experience for a fresh graduate in the real world of hard knocks. Upon the return of his father, they together rallied round the legal, financial, and advisory resources to hold off the buyout and the business not only survived but strengthened as a result.

Likewise Mr Wong himself. The early crisis management trial, heart-pounding at the time, provided just the right foundation to work alongside other family members in seeing their businesses through Hong Kong's subsequent economic volatility – including pre-Joint Declaration, Asian financial crisis, and SARS – and inspire his drive for connectedness. He is also a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Construction Managers and member of the Society of Builders, Hong Kong.

Mr Wong's interest in education is both a legacy and a personal quest. His much-respected father, Bing Lai Wong, was a devoted Lingnan alumnus and Christian, as

要在這瞬息萬變的時代保持平穩增長，殊不容易。過去數十年，寶旺基業有限公司兼博富臨置業有限公司執行董事、香港科技大學校董會校園發展委員會前主席黃達琛先生，總能掌握時代脈搏。他堅毅不屈，捍衛家族建築與物業發展投資及管理事業免受財團收購；他念茲在茲，致力締造科大教人難忘的校園環境，發揮「同一科大」精神。黃先生繼往開來，無論是科大還是香港，無不受惠於他實事求是的作風。

2010年加入科大校董會之前，黃先生已是閱歷甚豐，敢於迎接不同的新挑戰。他在美國塔夫斯大學取得機械工程與經濟學雙學位後，於七十年代末回港參與家族建築生意，考驗隨即開始。黃氏家族是公司的小股東控權人，在時任董事總經理的黃父剛巧離港在外之際，當時年輕青澀的黃達琛先生突然遇上公司面臨被惡意收購，殘酷的現實世界給予這位初出茅廬的畢業生一場嚴峻的考驗。及至父親回港，兩父子集合法律、財經及顧問等各方資源，成功合力阻止收購行動，幾經辛苦，公司最終得以保存，還變得更強大。

疾風勁草亦是黃先生自己的寫照。那次突如其來的危機處理與考驗，在當時來說當然驚心動魄，之後卻為公司奠下堅實基礎，讓他與其他家族成員在面對香港隨後幾經變動的經濟環境中－聯合聲明之前、亞洲金融風暴及沙士期間－因時制宜，協助家族事業渡過難關，並成為啟發他承先啟後的動力。黃先生亦為香港營造師學會資深會員及香港建築業協會成員。

黃先生熱心教育，不但出自父輩的傳承與薰陶，亦是其自身的求索。他最尊敬的父親黃炳禮先生是嶺南大學的忠實校友，也是虔誠的基督徒，於多個社福

well as an active office holder in many welfare and sports associations. Mr Wong has continued the tradition, participating in various Lingnan education organizations and alumni associations, and currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees at Lingnan (University) College at Sun Yat-sen University. He has also been strongly influenced by his own learning experiences. His Lingnan Middle School days and its motto of “Education for Service”, together with the Christian values of tolerance and not judging others, remain guidance to this day. He also served as a member on the Board of Trustee at Millbrook School, New York.

The HKUST community has been a significant beneficiary of Mr Wong’s devotion to education, and belief in cohesion. His years as Chairman of the Campus Development Committee from 2011-2016 encompassed the crucial transitional period before and after the introduction of the four-year degree and double cohort years. Core contributions of the committee under his watch included overseeing the updating of the University Master Layout Plan and advising the Council on the many major capital projects on hand during this time, including the Lee Shau Kee campus, the Conference Lodge, Cheng Yu Tung Building and the hostel in Tseung Kwan O.

The provision of more on-site residential hostels that foster lasting friendships among students, a memorable campus life, and long-term loyalty to HKUST was naturally one of Mr Wong’s key interests. He was also among the initial movers in encouraging the optimization of the University’s beautiful seafront through the addition of the HKUST Water Sports Center. As a teenager, he was one of the first player from Hong Kong participating in the Junior World Golf Championships among other sporting activities, and fully understood the value of sports as a way to self-esteem beyond studying.

Both his career and service are always carried out without any wish to stand in the spotlight. He does not insist that his own children follow him or that conservatism comes at the expense of change. Quite the opposite, in fact, as he is a keen lifelong learner. However, working hard, remaining steadfast, and staying constant in his belief in Hong Kong has seen life “turn out not too bad” he notes in a typically humble self-assessment. Today we at HKUST are proud to honor Mr Samuel Wong for his exemplary example of unsung contribution, resolute championing of continuity, and enduring Hong Kong spirit.

與體育聯會擔任公職。黃達琛先生繼承家族傳統，積極參與嶺南教育與校友會的事務，現為中山大學嶺南（大學）學院董事會副主席。個人的學習經驗對他影響深遠，他時刻銘記於嶺南中學求學的日子，還有其校訓「作育英才，服務社會」及基督教有關彼此寬容、不要論斷他人，這些教誨，至今仍是他人生的座右銘。黃先生亦曾任美國紐約Millbrook School的校董會成員。

黃先生對支持教育與凝聚團結的信念，使科大獲益匪淺。他於2011至2016年出任科大校園發展委員會主席期間，正是大學過渡至四年制學士學位課程、面對雙學制壓力的關鍵時期。在他的帶領下，委員會的主要貢獻包括確保大學校園發展藍圖與時並進，並就李兆基校園、Conference Lodge、鄭裕彤樓及位於將軍澳的學生宿舍等多個主要建築項目向校董會給予意見。

黃先生主張在校園內提供更多學生宿舍，讓學生建立深厚長久的友誼，擁有更豐盛的校園生活，從而培養對大學的歸屬感。他同時是最早提出善用大學景色秀麗的海濱、增設科大水上活動中心的人士之一。他擅長多項運動，年少時曾為香港首批代表參加少年環球高爾夫球錦標賽，深深明白運動對提升自信的作用絕不亞於讀書。

無論是發展事業還是履行公職，黃先生都沉實低調。他對子女將來的選擇抱持開放態度，並未期望他們繼承自己的衣鉢。他擁抱改變，相信活到老學到老。黃先生堅毅篤勤，謙虛自持，對香港保持穩定信心，他形容自己經營的人生「總算過得不錯」。今日，科大很榮幸能夠將榮譽授予黃達琛先生，以表揚他默默為社會作出貢獻，其堅定意志始終如一，堪為香港精神的典範。