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In 1991, six years after he obtained his PhD in economics at the University of Minnesota, Professor Francis Ting Ming Lui was a tenured Associate Professor of Economics at the State University of New York, Buffalo, seemingly set for a blooming career in the US.

Then, he learnt that his home city, Hong Kong, was setting up a new research university, which was in dire need of young and ambitious talent just like him. He flew home, joined The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology as a founding member of the Department of Economics, and would go on to have a long and decorated career which has become an inspiration for all in this community. Promoted to full Professor at HKUST in 2000, Prof Lui also served as the Director of the Center for Economic Development, Head of the Department of Economics and Associate Dean of the Business School. Today, he is a Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor.

As a student, Prof Lui was drawn to economics by an interest in social issues. He studied at the University of Chicago and went on to do a doctorate at the University of Minnesota, graduating in 1985. He took classes from and did his doctoral research under the supervision of four Nobel laureates, who deeply influenced him by their open-minded pursuit of knowledge and their confident assessment of economic issues.

Prof Lui is fully dedicated to teaching. He started to tutor disadvantaged children at the age of 14; some of the students he taught were older than him. The love of teaching and learning has accompanied him all his career; in total, he had taught 33 different courses at graduate and undergraduate levels. In his observation, he was the only person who served in the undergraduate committee for 11 years, before he became responsible for the whole Business School. He also participated in designing the undergraduate four-year curriculum.

As an economist, he encourages students to put themselves in others' shoes to know society better and carefully consider all relevant facts before making a judgement. He believes evidence-based argument is the most important approach to answering any questions that students learn at university. He encourages students to remain curious, be lifelong learners and inculcates them with the important belief that communication with lay people should remain an important task of professionals.

1991年，雷鼎鳴教授在美國學術界開始受到關注。那年是他取得美國明尼蘇達大學經濟學博士學位後的第六年，當時他已獲美國紐約州立大學經濟系的終身教職，盡心啟迪後進。

之前，他已得知香港正在籌辦一所研究型大學而求才若渴，急需有抱負的年輕學者加入，這正好與雷教授的志向不謀而合。在熱誠的驅使下，他回到香港，加入科大，出任經濟學系創系成員，開展其學者生涯，深受後學稱頌。2000年，他升任經濟學系教授，其後更先後擔任經濟發展研究中心主任、經濟學系系主任，以及商學院副院長。目前，他是經濟學系榮休教授及兼任教授。

在學期間，他對社會議題產生濃厚興趣，因而選擇攻讀美國芝加哥大學經濟學系課程，及至1985年，他獲得美國明尼蘇達大學經濟學博士學位。他師承四位知名諾貝爾獎得主，並在他們的指導下完成其博士研究論文。他深受幾位老師對知識追求的開闊心胸，以及研究經濟問題的自信和遠見的薰陶，矢志成為頂尖學者。

雷教授致力培育後進，他年僅14歲已為弱勢階層學生補習，部份學生更比他年長。他對教學工作的熱忱從不止息，曾任教過33個本科生及研究生學科，甚少人能破此紀錄。在他接掌商學院副院長一職前，更是唯一服務本科生委員會長達11年的成員。此外，他亦擔當多個關鍵角色，包括參與設計四年制的本科生課程。

作為一名經濟學家，他鼓勵學生學懂從不同族群的視野出發，批判任何問題前必須作多方面思考，才可對社會有更深認識。他深信，大學教育之本為教導學生以客觀事實作判斷基礎，並將心比己、設身處地去了解社會運作。他期望學生能保持赤子之心，終身學習，並向學生灌輸社會群體溝通的重要性，專業學術活動不能閉門造車。

Prof Lui is also a prolific writer, who made significant contributions to the understanding of corruption, economic growth, population economics, the economies of Hong Kong and China, social security, currency boards, and other topics by publishing numerous journal articles and 13 books. His writings appeared in leading international journals, such as the *Journal of Political Economy*, *Journal of Public Economics* and *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*. He has been the referee for 30 journals and organizations, and was the Associate Editor of the *Journal of Human Capital* published by the University of Chicago Press. He has served on the Editorial Board of *China and the World Observer* published by Tsinghua University and as an Editorial Advisor at the *Journal of Developing Areas*.

As devoted as he is to teaching and research, Prof Lui is equally dedicated to public services and has served in a number of public bodies, providing valuable insight to policy formulation and advice to Hong Kong's long term economic development, land supply, and much more.

His outstanding contribution to teaching was rewarded by the HKUST's Franklin Prize of Excellence in Teaching in 2008 and by the Recognition of Excellent Teaching Performance throughout his career. Prof Lui was also awarded the Golden Dragon Award for Distinguished Chinese in the World, the Bronze Bauhinia Star Medal, HKSAR in 2017.

Today, we are delighted to honor Prof Lui for his rich contribution to the success of our University and our students, his remarkable contributions to his field and immense service to the public.

雷教授曾撰寫多達13本著作及多篇論文，關注包括貪污、經濟增長、人口經濟學、香港及中國經濟、社會保障、匯率制度等議題，為啟導後學作出重大貢獻。他的論文曾在多份國際頂尖學術期刊發表，如《*Journal of Political Economy*》、《*Journal of Public Economics*》及《*Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*》。此外，他曾擔任逾30份國際專業經濟學報的審稿人，並曾任美國芝加哥大學《*Journal of Human Capital*》副主編。他亦曾出任清華大學《*中國與世界觀察*》編輯委員兼發行人，以及《*Journal of Developing Areas*》顧問編輯。

雷教授多年來縱橫學術、研究與公共服務界別，並擔任多個政府及公共機構的公職，為制定香港長遠的經濟政策、土地供應等問題提供真知灼見，為香港謀求更大的福祉。

他的傑出教學貢獻備受推崇，他於2008年獲科大商學院頒發范凱霖傑出教學獎，更多次獲得傑出教學表現獎。雷教授更是第二屆全球傑出華人暨中華文學藝術家金龍獎得主，以及在2017年獲香港特別行政區政府頒發銅紫荊星章，表揚其斐然成就。

今天，我們在此表揚雷教授為科大及學生所作的重大貢獻，同時，他對社會大眾以至其專業建樹良多，殊堪表揚。