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To rise from humble beginnings through perseverance and arduous work that ultimately bring outstanding contributions to the business sector and public organizations, Mr. Quinn LAW Yee-Kwan is a good embodiment of the can-do spirit, hardworking attitude, and ability to identify opportunities of many Hong Kong people, especially the young generation when the city's economy took off in the 1970s.

Over and over again, Mr. Law has never allowed adversaries to hold him down. Though not having an opportunity to receive higher education, yet against all odds, he ascended the ranks as a senior accountant at the accounting powerhouse, PwC, previously called Lowe Bingham & Matthews, where he qualified in 1977. Even at the busy periods of his career, Mr. Law never ceased to improve himself. In 1998, he completed a course in Strategic Analysis organized by the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, and in 2006, he finished a Harvard University program in Leadership Enhancement and Development.

Mr. Law's illustrious career continued after he changed over to business management. His prominence was gained early on by participating in takeovers of the Wharf and Wheelock companies as the city's landmark business deals in the 1980s. A senior executive and later a director at Wharf for over twenty years, Mr. Law was the driving force behind the completion of several important financing deals enabling the Wharf companies to diversify their funding sources beyond Hong Kong in the 1990s. They included the Euro-USD convertible bond, the Japanese Samurai bond, and the Yankee bond, firstly issued at those times by a company listed in Hong Kong.

Recognizing Mr. Law's wide-ranging professional and business capabilities, the HKSAR Government appointed him to head the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) in 2008. Serving as its deputy chairman and managing director, leading the URA has always been one of the toughest jobs in Hong Kong as the city is one of the few jurisdictions in the world to involve the government directly in tackling urban decay and improving the living standards of residents in old districts. Mr. Law spared no effort in rallying support from various stakeholders—legislators, landlords and tenants, and the public—of the benefits of accepting the URA's redevelopment plans.

Recognizing he would not be at the helm of the URA through to the completion of their top and long-duration

羅義坤先生出身基層,憑堅忍不拔的信念為商界及公共機構作出卓越貢獻,準確地詮釋了不屈不撓、勤奮上進的精神及把握機遇的能力。這些個性特質深植於不少港人身上,尤其是成長於70年代香港經濟騰飛時的年輕一輩。

縱然遇上人生逆流,羅先生的意志卻從未動搖。 儘管年青時無緣接受高等教育,他不懼艱辛,努力 打拚,逐步於羅兵咸會計師事務所(現稱羅兵咸永 道會計師事務所)晉升至高級會計主任,並在1977 年取得專業會計師資格。即使工作繁忙,他亦不忘 進修增值,繼1998年修畢美國賓夕凡尼亞大學華頓 商學院策略分析課程,2006年再接再厲,於哈佛大 學完成領袖發展課程。

轉戰商業管理範疇後,羅先生的事業更上層樓, 尤以參與收購九龍倉及會德豐集團最為人樂道,該 收購計劃亦是香港80年代最具象徵意義的重大商業 交易。羅先生任職九龍倉逾二十載,從高級行政人 員晉升至董事,期間促成多項資金籌集交易,影響 深遠,讓集團在90年代的集資渠道衝出香港,走向 世界,包括首次以香港上市公司名義發行歐羅-美 元可換股債券、日元武士債券及楊基債券。

羅先生具備廣博的專業與商業才能,深為香港特區政府賞識,故於2008年獲委市區重建局(市建局)副主席兼行政總監。綜觀全球,香港乃極少數由政府直接參與解決市區老化及改善舊區居民生活的城市,領導市建局之艱巨,由此可見一斑。羅先生就任以來,為爭取立法會、業主、租戶以至公眾對市建局各項重建計劃的支持,一直全力以赴,竭盡所能。

雖然羅先生預計他退休前市建局各已開展的大型而費事的重建工程未能竣工,他仍於在位時動用 充足的資源,確保這些項目能順利進行。灣仔利東 街及觀塘裕民坊項目,均屬其任內的重大重建計劃。 redevelopment works, Mr. Law nonetheless devoted considerable resources to ensure these projects could move ahead smoothly. The Wan Chai Lee Tung Street and Kwun Tong Yue Man Square projects were the major and prominent redevelopments in his era as the head of URA. For his political acumen, operational efficiency and service to his beloved home city, the Government awarded Mr. Law the Silver Bauhinia Star medal in 2014.

Mr. Law has never forgotten his roots, and his community work underscores his ardent desire to improve the livelihood of others. In addition to his work at the URA, Mr. Law was extremely active in the business community, serving previously on the boards of numerous associations and committees, including as a Member to various committees of the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs and of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, to name but a few of his many responsibilities.

In the demonstration of his incredibly diverse talents and generosity, Mr. Law has devoted the post-retirement phase of his life to serving HKUST in a number of crucial roles that would undoubtedly leave their mark on the University. He served as a Court member from 2009 for three years before his reappointment in 2018 and a Council member from 2012 to 2018 during which he chaired the Audit Committee and served on the Standing Committee, Human Resources Committee as well as the Task Force on Review of Council Effectiveness.

During Mr. Law's time at HKUST, the University was planning to develop its own in-house auditing team to oversee its internal controls and so on. This vital responsibility had previously been outsourced. Backed by exhaustive studies and research, the University was convinced to have its own in-house auditing department again as Mr. Law and his Audit Committee members firmly believed this would yield superior outcomes in governance and internal control over the long-run.

Mr. Law was also a member of the Search Committee overseeing the intense and rigorous global search process for HKUST's senior management including the fourth President and the Vice-President for Administration and Business, entrusting them to advance the University with strategic vision and thought leadership.

As a leading business professional and role model who has inspired the HKUST community with his boundless dedication to excellence, we are pleased to recognize Mr. Law today for his immense contributions to Hong Kong and his outstanding service to the University in multiple capacities.

2014年,特區政府向他頒發銀紫荊星章,以表揚其 政治才能與行政效率,以及對香港的重大貢獻。

酌水知源,羅先生積極回饋社會,熱心改善民 生。除了服務市建局外,羅先生亦活躍於商界,服 務多個組織及委員會,包括擔任香港會計師公會及 香港總商會轄下多個委員會的委員。

退休後,羅先生獻出心力服務科大,先後出掌 幾項影響深遠的重要職務,其多才多藝與積極貢獻 社會的胸懷,展露無遺,使大學獲益匪淺。他早於 2009年已出任大學顧問委員會委員,為期三年, 2012至2018年轉任校董,期間除了擔任審計委員會 主席外,亦是大學常務委員會、人力資源委員會、 以及專責檢討校董會成效的小組成員,並在2018年 再度獲委任為大學顧問委員會委員。

羅先生服務科大期間,大學計劃成立內部審計部門,羅先生及其他審計委員會成員就此項建議進行全面研究,成功説服校方重設內部審計部門,取代過往的外判安排。因他們堅信,此舉就長遠而言能大大提升大學管治及內部監察成效。

羅先生亦曾任科大遴選委員會成員,參與監察 繁重和嚴謹的大學高級行政人員全球招聘工作,包 括物色第四任校長及副校長(行政),將引領科大向 前發展的重任交予這些具備遠見卓識的決策者,居 功至偉。

羅先生為出類拔萃的商界專才,以身作則,行事 力求卓越,實乃大學同仁之楷模。在不同崗位上, 羅先生對香港及科大均建樹良多,我校今日特此予 以表揚。