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When the Honorable Starry LEE Wai-King won the chair of the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong Kong (DAB) in 2015, she became the party's first-ever Chairwoman. Her remarkable achievement in the political arena fully reflects the dedication to public service she demonstrated by serving on both the District and Legislative Councils for more than two decades.

Ms. Lee's passion for public service dates back to her studies at a local secondary school. Having joined the Hong Kong Girl Guides during a junior year, she began devoting much of her time to worthy causes. Ms. Lee was also amongst the earliest undergraduates who studied at a then still very young HKUST, gaining a Bachelor of Business Administration. Like many other aspiring political leaders of her generation, she was active in the University's debating society. Her diligent involvement not only helped develop her eloquent public speaking style but also sharpen her critical thinking skills. It also gave her an understanding of complex social and economic issues such as education, housing and public health that have long confronted Hong Kong.

After her graduation in 1996, Ms. Lee excelled as an accountant with first PwC and later KPMG as she resolved to build a successful career in the financial services sector.

With her enduring passion for public service initiatives that positively impact Hong Kong, Ms. Lee ran for the District Council election as an independent candidate in 1999. Aged just 25, she became the youngest elected political representative in the city at that time. Impressed by Ms. Lee's vigor and ability, DAB founder and former chairman, Mr. Jasper TSANG Yok-Sing, invited her to join the party in 2004.

Four years later she ran for the Legislative Council (LegCo) becoming its youngest female lawmaker at that time. Despite her relentless political and public service workload, Ms. Lee managed to complete her MBA at the University of Manchester in 2010.

Over the years, many leading local political figures have been struck by Ms. Lee's professionalism and effectiveness. Prominent amongst them is the former HKSAR Chief Executive, Mr. LEUNG Chun-Ying, who appointed her as an Executive Council member between 2012 and 2016. The move made her the only legislator in Hong Kong at that time to simultaneously hold three seats on the city's District, Legislative, and Executive Councils.

2015年，李慧琼議員膺選為民主建港協進聯盟(民建聯)主席，成為該黨首位女黨魁。從政20載的她，一直在區議會及立法會盡職盡責服務市民，對社會貢獻良多。

早在中學階段，李議員服務市民的熱誠已然萌芽；初中加入香港女童軍後，積極投入各類義務工作和公益活動，樂於助人。及至大學歲月，李議員入讀當時創校未久的香港科技大學，成為科大工商管理學士課程最早一批的本科生。一如當時不少抱負非凡的政壇新銳，她活躍於大學辯論學會，不僅從中練就能言善辯的好口才，其批判思維技巧亦大有改進，有助她深入瞭解教育、房屋、公共醫療等長期困擾香港的複雜社會及經濟問題。

1996年，剛大學畢業的她投身會計專業，先後任職羅兵咸永道及畢馬威會計師事務所，勤奮好學的她在金融服務界平步青雲，事業一帆風順。

然而，李議員服務市民、貢獻社會之心絲毫未減。1999年，年僅25歲的她以獨立人士身分出選區議會，首戰報捷，躋身當時香港最年輕的民選代表。其熱誠與才華深得民建聯創黨主席曾鈺成先生賞識，並於2004年受邀加入該黨。

四年後，她在立法會選舉中勝出，並開創歷史先河，成為當屆立法會最年輕女議員。政務與公務雖然繁重，但她在百忙中不忘進修，於2010年取得曼徹斯特大學工商管理碩士學位。

李議員處事專業，表現出眾，贏得不少本地政壇領袖垂青，前香港特區行政長官梁振英先生即為其一。2012至2016年間，李議員獲梁先生委任為行政會議成員，成為當時唯一身兼區議會、立法會及行政會議成員的香港政壇人物，成就驕人，至今猶為女性從政之典範。

This was – and remains – a truly astonishing achievement for a female Hong Kong politician.

In 2016, Ms. Lee was re-elected as a “super seat” lawmaker and voted Chairlady of LegCo’s House Committee. In the same year, the Government recognized her devotion to outstanding public services with Hong Kong’s coveted honor – the Silver Bauhinia Star.

Ms. Lee continued to serve the Legislative Council as Chairlady of the House Committee from 2016 to 2021, a position she regained in 2022 and will retain until 2023.

Over her two decades in public life, Ms. Lee has been unstinting in her efforts to improve livelihoods amongst local communities. During the recent COVID-19 pandemic, she played a major role in mobilizing the entire DAB to support Hong Kong’s efforts to supply community groups, organize vaccination sessions and work with medical experts on providing remote medical advice and treatments for those in need. The party was also successful in lobbying the Government to enhance its Employment Support Scheme.

Ms. Lee credits our University’s diversified learning environment and open atmosphere for equipping her with the analytical skills needed to consolidate varied ideas into coherent public policies. She has been delighted to give back to HKUST by serving as a sitting member of the University Court beginning 2016. As a University Council Member from 2010 to 2016, Ms. Lee helped to secure government funding for building dormitories that enriched students’ learning with residential living experiences at UGC-funded universities.

Ms. Lee also leverages her expertise via committee memberships of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference.

HKUST is delighted to salute Ms. Lee for her immense contribution to local politics and higher education, and for her inspirational and enhancing impact on her fellow citizens’ lives.

2016年，李議員循「超級區議會」界別連任立法會議員，並當選立法會內務委員會主席。她盡心服務社會，成績有目共睹，同年獲特區政府頒發銀紫荊星章，以資表揚。

繼於2016至2021年領導立法會內務委員會，在2022至2023的立法年度，李議員再次出掌該委員會主席一職。

從事公職20載，李議員一直視改善民生為己任。新冠疫情來襲期間，她領導民建聯全體人員傾力支援不同社群的抗疫行動，包括派發物資、協助安排市民注射疫苗，又與醫護專家合作為有需要人士提供遙距諮詢及治理服務。另外，民建聯亦成功游說政府提升其保就業計劃，為僱主僱員解困。

李議員擅於融匯不同意見成為行之有效的公共政策，為市民謀福祉，改善生活。她將一切歸功於科大多元開放的學習環境，讓她具備邏輯分析及解決問題的能力。心存感恩的李議員致力回饋母校，自2016年起擔任科大顧問委員會委員；而於2010至2016年擔任科大校董會成員期間，努力爭取政府撥款興建宿舍，讓就讀教資會資助大學的學子能享受宿舍生活，豐富學習體驗。

現時，李議員除了是中華總商會多個委員會的成員，也是中國人民政治協商會議第13屆全國委員會委員，以其專長作出貢獻。

李慧琼議員在本地政壇及高等教育界建樹良多，同時持續改善民生福祉，照顧各階層需要，科大謹此予以表揚。