

## **To Editors / Reporters:**

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# **Social Enterprise Research Academy held**

# Fellowship & Honorary Award Presentation Ceremony

40 prominent leaders exerted social responsibility to promote sustainable development

[December 17, 2018, Hong Kong] Earlier on December 15, Social Enterprise Research Academy (SERA) held the 2018/2019 Fellowship & Honorary Award Presentation Ceremony at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Fellowship & Honorary Titles were awarded to 40 outstanding individuals from private sector, academia and civil society. Mr. Eddie Ng Hak-kim GBS, JP, Former Secretary for Education and Professor Alfred Chan, Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission officiated at the ceremony. Social Enterprise Research Academy, through awarding fellowship and honorary titles, recognizes the contribution of distinguished individuals from all walks of life to environment, society and economy, and in the meantime promotes the spirit of social care in the whole society.

Professor Eddie Ng Hak-kim GBS SBS, by using the proverb "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." in his speech, encouraged people from all walks of life to regard the fellows and awardees as role models and to strive together for promoting the sustainable development of social caring. Also, Professor Alfred Chan Cheung-ming BBS JP addressed the term "equal and inclusive" to the audiences from all walks of life, inspiring the citizens to only count on talent in employment and to drive the innovation, building together a beautiful international city.

A partial list of awardees is as follows:

## **Honorary Fellowship**

#### • Mr. John Montague

#### Managing Director, The Big Issue, UK

John Montague is currently the Director of The Big Issue Group, an organization which aims to dismantle poverty through creating opportunities, through self-help, social trading and sustainable business solutions. Initially joining the group as Managing Director of the Big Issue Invest, an arm of the group in 2013, whose aim is to support social enterprises seeking to make a positive impact for people and communities across



the UK. John's initial role was to develop the delivery of social investment and partnerships within the Big Issue Invest. After much hard work, the Big Issue Invest now manages or advises on £170 million of funds, with investments in over 300 social enterprises.

### • Prof. Mau-Chung Chang

### President, National Chiao Tung University

Prof. Mau-Chung Chang is currently President of National Chiao Tung University, Distinguished Professor and the Chairman of Electrical Engineering department at the University of California, Los Angeles. Before joining UCLA in 1997, he was the Assistant Director and Department Manager of the High-Speed Electronics Laboratory at the Rockwell International Science Center in Thousand Oaks, California. He had also been the research engineer at TRW and M/A-COM Technology Solutions Holdings.

### • Prof. Liang Liu

#### President, Macau University of Science and Technology

Chair Prof. Liang Liu, an internationally renowned scholar, is currently the President of Macau University of Science and Technology, Director of State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicines, WHO Traditional Medicine Project Consultant, Convener of the First Working Group for ISO Chinese Medicine TC249 Technical Committee as well as the President of the Specialty Committee of Immunology of Traditional Chinese Medicine of the World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies.

#### **About Fellowship & Honorary Award Presentation Ceremony**

Fellowship & Honorary Award Presentation Ceremony aims to select and commend outstanding individuals with profound social contribution and impact, to establish models in various industries and encourage local talents to enhance the awareness of ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance), and to motivate the community to nurture enterprises with corporate sustainability, driving the future development of Asia.



### About Social Enterprise Research Academy ( www.seriasia.org )

Social Enterprise Research Academy (SERA), originally named as Social Enterprise Research Institute (SERI), is a non-profit organization dedicated to the continual development, promotion and application of corporate citizenship principles, models and technique in Asia. SERA is the first professional body in Asia to have developed the Social Caring Pledge Scheme for businesses that are committed to a voluntary set of ethical standards in the areas of social care and responsibility. Social Caring Pledge Scheme is endorsed by Nobel Laureate Professor Harald zur Hausen, who is the Honorary Life Chancellor of SERI.

<u>附件 1</u> Appendix 1

Photo 1

2018/19 Social Enterprise Research Academy Fellows

圖 2 Photo2



Honorary Fellow of Social Enterprise Research Academy, President of Macau University of Science and Technology Professor Liu Liang was giving a speech





圖 3 Photo3



Honorary Fellow of Social Enterprise Research Academy Mr. John Montague, representing all fellows, was giving a presentation.

圖 4 Photo4



The awardees of Outstanding Social Organisations Awards

圖 5 Photo5



Honorary Chairman of Social Enterprise
Research Academy Mr. Gustavo Berlanga was
making speech.





圖 6 Photo6



Honorary Chancellor of Social Enterprise Research Academy Mr. Eddie Ng Hak-kim GBS SBS was making speech

圖 7 Photo7



President of National Chiao Tung University Professor Frank Chang was receiving the Honorary Fellowship certificate.

圖 8 Photo8



The awardees of Asian Social Caring Leadership Awards

圖 9 Photo9



From left: Principal of St. Hilary's Primary
School & VNSAA St. Hilary's School Mr. Chu
Tsz Wing, Principal of Ling Liang Church
Kindergarten Mrs. Chan Tsang Kin Lok,
Principal of Lions College Mr. Lam Yat Fung.