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## **Honorary Trustee Appointment Ceremony for Dr. Lui Che-woo and "LUI Che Woo Prize" Symposium Held at Peking University**

*Teachers and students exchange views on "Facing the World: The Role, Opportunities and Challenges of Promoting Sustainable Development in China"*

*Dr. Mo Yan, member of the Prize Recommendation Committee, and Mr. Xie Zhenhua, laureate of the 2017 Award, serve as speakers*

**China, Beijing, July 03, 2018** - The Honorary Trustee Appointment Ceremony for Dr. Lui Che Woo and the "LUI Che Woo Prize" symposium were held Friday at Yingjie Exchange Center, Peking University. Dr. Lui Che-woo, founder of the "LUI Che Woo Prize – Prize for World Civilisation", Prof. Lin Jianhua, President of Peking University, Prof. XU Guanhua, Former Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Selection Panel Member of the Sustainability Prize, Mr. Xie Zhenhua, laureate of the Sustainability Prize 2017, Dr. Mo Yan, a member of the Prize Recommendation Committee, Mr. Zhu Weiqun, Chairman of the Ethnic and Religious Affairs Committee of China, Mr. Geng Huichang, member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and Vice-chairman of the Subcommittee of Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan and Overseas Chinese, Mr. Zhigang Qin, Vice-chairman of the China Culture and Art Association, and a number of experts and scholars from political and academic circles gathered with more than 200 teachers and students of Peking University to participate in the symposium entitled "Facing the World: The Role, Opportunities and Challenges of Promoting Sustainable Development in China". Dr. Lui Che Woo and Mrs. Lui also attended the unveiling ceremony of the Peking University Life Science Research Building, named the "Lui Che-woo Building" with Prof. Lin Jianhua and other guests, celebrating its completion and opening.

### **Supporting the development of life sciences research and nurturing talents for the country**

In 2017, Dr. Lui donated RMB 120 million to Peking University to set up the Lui Che Woo School of Life Sciences Fund and to construct a new Life Sciences building, continuing the pursuit of far-reaching and innovative research. Peking University's new life science research building is named "Lui Che Woo Building" in gratitude to Dr. Lui for his dedication and significant contribution to the development of Peking University. Peking University also decided to appoint Dr. Lui as Honorary Trustee of Peking University, in order to gather the wisdom and experience of Dr. Lui, in further support of the development of the university.

Prof. Lin Jianhua said that he is thankful to Dr. Lui for his support of education and future generations and added that the establishment of the LUI Che Woo Prize reflects Dr. Lui's broad-minded and profound thinking with regards to the challenges of human development. Prof. Lin Jianhua thanked Dr. Lui for his generous support of Peking University and was deeply delighted and inspired by his forward-looking and selfless dedication. Prof. Lin believes that advocating and establishing common values and visions are the foundations of society and university, which is also the intention of the LUI Che Woo Prize. Prof. Lin expressed that Peking University is pleased to work with Dr. Lui Che Woo and all people with foresight to help the world understand China, and to let China understand the world with a broader mind and vision, moving towards world peace and a better future.



During the opening speech, Dr. Lui shared his experience of hardship early in his life and talked about his support for education. He believes that becoming a member of Peking University is an affirmation and great endorsement of his 89-year life. The support for the construction of “Lui Che Woo Building” is his appreciation to Peking University, to the country, to the compatriots, and to the world. He is looking forward to bringing great achievement to China in the area of life sciences, cultivating more outstanding talents and scientific research for the betterment of the country and the world. Dr. Lui said: “Let the revival of the five-thousand-year civilized country flourish with a humanistic glory. I know in my heart that this is where Peking University can make a unique contribution.” He believes that the future of Peking University will contribute more Chinese wisdom and spirit to the entire human society. As a “Chinese who has the privilege of doing something in the world,” Dr. Lui suggested: “Keep learning, making progress, embracing the world, facing the future, and creating achievements.”

### **Inspiring teachers and students to care about sustainable development**

Mr. Xie delivered a speech at the symposium and stated that Dr. Lui has always practiced the vision of sustainable development, and he continues to take action, devote his energy, and strengthen his determination. The LUI Che Woo Prize shows that Chinese entrepreneurs take the social responsibility and promote sustainable development and he believes the Prize will lead more entrepreneurs to engage in sustainable development and contribute to a beautiful China.

Dr. Mo Yan said in his speech that Dr. Lui believes in good faith and good deeds. The establishment of the LUI Che Woo Prize aims to solve the impact of rapid development of materials and technology on morality, thereby improving the relationship between people, and between man and nature, so that individuals can pursue and achieve their goals, cherish and enjoy the beauty of the world, promote social harmony and common prosperity, and provide a better world for future generations. This is the Chinese peoples’ commitment to the world and its contribution to human society.

Prof. Xu Zhihong, former President of Peking University and Dean of the College of Modern Agriculture Science, Prof. Rao Zihe, Selection Panel Member of the LUI Che Woo Prize, Prof. Zhang Dongxiao, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and School of Engineering of Peking University, and Prof. Tang Chao, Executive Dean of Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies and Chair Prof. of School of Physics of Peking University, shared their views on the importance of sustainable development during the panel discussion at the symposium, and answered questions from teachers and students. Prof. Xu Zhihong believes that universities should cultivate and encourage students to think about sustainable development. He suggested that every Chinese citizen, especially well-educated citizens, should have such a mindset, starting from oneself, and that this is the only hope for the future of China. Prof. Rao Zihe said that the LUI Che Woo Prize focuses on the overall contribution to mankind through its high assessment requirements and standards. He also said that the Prize will have a greater influence in the international community in the future. Prof. Zhang Dongxiao then spoke about the close relationship between development and sustainability, the prospects for future cooperation in energy development between China and the United States, and the direction of China's energy structure adjustment.

After the symposium was completed, the guests gathered at “Lui Che Woo Building”, where Prof. Wu Hong, Dean of the School of Life Sciences of Peking University, introduced the “Lui Che Woo Building”. She said that the building will provide an innovative space for Peking University Life Science scholars, where the university will cultivate promising young people to contribute to China and the world, and that it will also serve as a bridge between Peking



University and the world's life sciences. Under the witness of teachers and students, Dr. Lui Che Woo and Mrs. Lui, Mr. Lawrence Lui Yiu Nam, the son of Dr. Lui, representative of LUI Che Woo Charity of the United States, Prof. Lin Jianhua, Prof. Xu Zhihong and Prof. Wu Hong lit a crystal ball and unveiled the "Lui Che Woo Building", as well as a commemorative plaque for the building.

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<p>Dr. Lui Che Woo, Founder of the "LUI Che Woo Prize – Prize for World Civilisation", shared his experience of hardship in his early life during the opening speech and talked about his support for education.</p>	<p>Mr. Xie Zhenhua, Sustainability Prize laureate of the LUI Che Woo Prize in 2017, stated that LUI Che Woo Prize shows Chinese entrepreneurs take the social responsibility to promote sustainable development.</p>
<p>Dr. Mo Yan, member of the Prize Recommendation Committee, said that providing a better world for future generations is the Chinese people's commitment to the world and its contribution to human society.</p>	<p>Over 200 teachers and students of Peking University attended the symposium, and learned the importance of sustainable development.</p>



(From Left) Prof. Tang Chao, Executive Dean of Academy for Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies and Chair Prof. of School of Physics of Peking University, Prof. Xu Zhihong, former President of Peking University, Dean of the College of Modern Agriculture Science, Prof. Rao Zihe, Selection Panel Member of the LUI Che Woo Prize and Prof. Zhang Dongxiao, Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and School of Engineering of Peking University, shared their views on the importance of sustainable development during the panel discussion at the symposium.



Group photo: Dr. Lui Che Woo, leaders of Peking University and guest speakers.

Group photo: Dr. Lui Che Woo and Mrs. Lui with his family members, leaders of Peking University, representatives of K.Wah Group and LUI Che Woo Prize, and guests.



Prof. Lin Jianhua, President of Peking University, represented Peking University and the Peking University Education Foundation, awarding the title of Honorary Trustee to Dr. Lui Che Woo.

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### **About the LUI Che Woo Prize – Prize for World Civilisation**

Founded by Dr. LUI Che Woo in 2015, the “LUI Che Woo Prize – Prize for World Civilisation” is an annual, first of its kind international cross-sector innovative award for advancing world civilisation and inspiring people to build a more harmonious world. It aims to recognise and honour individuals or organisations all over the world for outstanding contributions and encourages the continuation of that work in three objectives: sustainable development of the world, betterment of the welfare of mankind and promotion of positive life attitude and enhancement of positive energy. For more details, please go to [www.luiprize.org](http://www.luiprize.org).

### **About Dr. LUI Che Woo**

Dr. Lui Che-woo was born in Jiangmen, Guangdong Province, China in 1929. He established the first K. Wah company in Hong Kong in the 1950s. He is currently Chairman of K. Wah Group. Its major member companies include K. Wah International Holdings Limited, Galaxy Entertainment Group Limited, Stanford Hotels International and K. Wah Construction Materials Limited. Today, K. Wah Group has developed into a multi-national conglomerate, one of Asia’s largest and leading conglomerates involving diversified businesses including properties, entertainment and leisure, hospitality, and construction materials with over 200 subsidiaries and close to 30,000 employees worldwide. The foothold of the business covers Hong Kong, Mainland China, Macau, North America and Southeast Asia. A distinguished philanthropist, Dr. Lui has been particularly supportive of the development of medical care, education and hotel and tourism industries. In 2014, Dr. Lui established a HK\$1.3 billion GEG Charitable Foundation to cultivate in the young proper moral values and nurture their sense of belonging to society and the community.



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