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GOVERNOR CONFERS HIGHER DEGREES AT CHINESE UNIVERSITY CONGREGATION

The Governor, Mr. Chris Patten, today conferred higher degrees on local university graduates for the first time since he came to Hong Kong.

At the forty-fourth congregation of the Chinese University of Hong Kong presided over by the Governor, 288 graduates -- including one Doctor of Medicine, 12 Doctors of Philosophy, 108 Masters of Philosophy, 28 Masters of Art, two Masters of Divinity, 93 Masters of Business Administration, 21 Masters of Arts (Education), 20 Masters of Science, two Masters of Social Science and one Master of Social Work -- received their degrees.

Four prominent personalities were also awarded honorary degrees. Mrs Alice Kiu-yue Lam, JP, and Mr Wilson T.S. Wang, OBE, JP received the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa; Professor Tsui Lap-chee was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa; and Professor Ezra F. Vogel was conferred the degree of Doctor of Social Science, honoris causa.

Mrs Alice Lam is Director and General Manager of the Hang Seng Bank and a staunch support of local tertiary education. An educationalist and veteran in public service, Mr T.S. Wang has rendered distinguished service to the community in the fields of sports, education, recreation and medical services.

Professor Tsui Lap-chee, a Chinese University alumnus and renowned geneticist, is known for his pioneering research which identified the gene causing cystic fibrosis.

Professor Ezra F. Vogel, Dillon Professor of International Affairs of the Harvard University, is a prominent scholar in East Asian Studies.

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