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and to those whom City Polytechnic
has helped to begin

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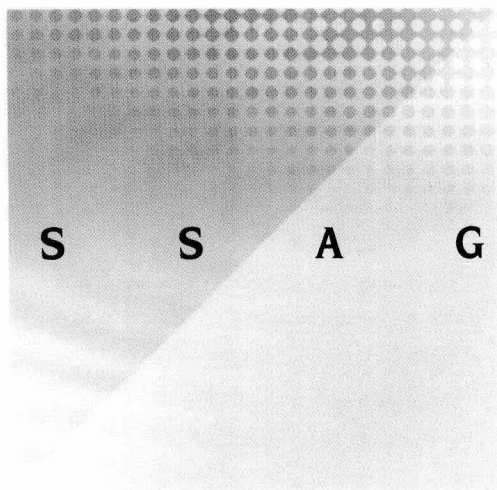
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**Christopher Patten**

*The Right Honourable His Excellency
the Governor of Hong Kong
and President of City Polytechnic*

Since its establishment in 1984, the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong has established a distinguished reputation as a tertiary institution with special emphasis on business, technical and professional studies. From small beginnings it has developed very rapidly whilst achieving and maintaining internationally recognised academic standards. Its student population now exceeds 10,000. They, like the thousands of talented young people who have already graduated from the Polytechnic, will soon find themselves in key positions in major sectors of our society.

The first ten years of the City Polytechnic have been a decade of building strong foundations. I am grateful to all those involved in contributing to its success and am sure that its second decade will be as impressive as the first.



Lord Wilson of Tillyorn
GCMG

In its first ten years, the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong has made a tremendous start in serving the needs of Hong Kong's energetic and determined young people in their search for better education and higher qualifications. As it goes from strength to strength I send the City Polytechnic my very best wishes for the future.



Sir Sze-yuen Chung
GBE, LLD, DSc, DEng, DBA, PhD,
BSc, FEng, HonFIMechE, HonFHKIE,
FIEE, CBIM, JP

Founding Chairman of the Council, 1984–1985

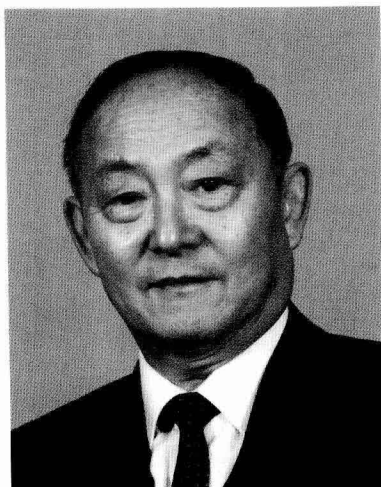
On the occasion of the 10th Anniversary of the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong, I would like to proffer my warmest congratulations to all those connected with this institution of higher technical education for the great success and achievement made during the first ten formative years.

This institution was established in 1984 and developed within the period immediately following the signing of the Sino-British Joint Declaration on the political future of Hong Kong. During this transitional period Hong Kong was undergoing a structural change in both its political and economic systems. On the one hand, Hong Kong was and still is facing an extremely high rate of outflow of professionals of various occupations and experiencing a rapid shift from manufacturing to

servicing industries. On the other, there is an ambitious plan for the development of tertiary education by doubling the first-year first-degree places from 7,000 in 1990 to about 15,000 in 1995. By then, there will be tertiary places for over 18% of the relevant age group.

The City Polytechnic as one of the few tertiary institutions took up the challenge to expand rapidly both in student population and in diversity of courses of study. From a blank sheet in 1984, the institution today (1994) has nearly 15,000 students enrolled in more than 70 disciplines. This is a remarkable achievement by any standards.

Finally, I sincerely wish the City Polytechnic and those teaching, working and studying in it continual success in the next ten years and beyond.



Dr S L Chen
CBE, JP

Chairman of the Council, 1985-1987

It gives me much pleasure to extend my sincere congratulations to the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong on achieving the tenth anniversary of its foundation. Those of us who were involved in the initial discussions about the "Second Polytechnic" can hardly have expected that the developments envisaged by the Planning Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir S Y Chung would have been realised so smoothly and successfully.

The City Polytechnic is now firmly established in Hong Kong's higher education spectrum, and its contribution to the development of Hong Kong's young people, already significant, will continue to be of utmost importance in the future.



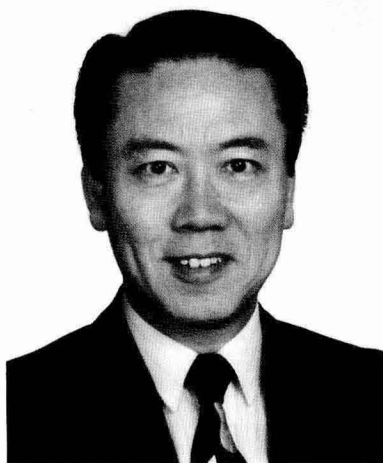
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Chairman of the Council, 1988-1991

I extend my hearty congratulations to the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong on its tenth anniversary. The speed with which the institution has established itself as a force on the educational scene in Hong Kong is a tribute to the efforts of all the staff involved, and of the senior management, past and present. Hong Kong can be justifiably proud of the splendid modern campus in Kowloon Tong, with some of the most "high-tech" educational facilities in the Southeast Asian region.

I am confident that, with such a firm base, the Polytechnic will go from strength to strength in the exciting new era which lies before it, and I wish it all success in the future.



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Chairman of the Council, 1992–

As the current Chairman of the Council of the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong I am pleased and honoured to provide this message to the Polytechnic's Tenth Anniversary Commemorative Book. The past ten years have seen remarkable achievements by the Polytechnic, culminating in the most momentous of all — the granting of University status — which now awaits us on the horizon. This will be a truly fitting testament to those who have worked so hard to further the Polytechnic's cause during its crucial formative years, whether as Council members, academics, support staff, or students.

During this time the Polytechnic has succeeded in widening its range of courses to include undergraduate and postgraduate degrees, and has