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A respected tech-savvy multi-disciplinary lawyer with responsibilities spanning the Asia Pacific, Mr. Nicholas CHAN Hiu-Fung is one of Hong Kong's most incisive legal minds. While very young, he witnessed the harsh injustice faced by a childhood friend's family, an experience that sparked his ambition to become a judge one day and ignited his lifelong passion for improving access to justice and upholding the rule of law.

Born and raised locally, Mr. Chan pursued degrees in both Law and Computer Science from Australia's University of Melbourne in the early 1990s. During this time, he also served as an elected student council member, providing support to fellow foreign students dealing with challenges such as homesickness or racism.

Excited by the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in 1997, Mr. Chan returned to his home city and joined the leading local law firm Deacons. He was subsequently invited to join the top-ranked global law firm Squire Patton Boggs, becoming its youngest Partner in 2005.

Throughout his distinguished career, Mr. Chan has amassed expertise in diverse areas, including private equity, venture capital, intellectual property, competition laws, data privacy, and cybersecurity. With his specialized knowledge, he has unraveled complex legal issues for governments, private sector clients, funds, and non-governmental organizations across Asia, Europe, and North America. Notably, his involvement in a US\$10 billion acquisition of a global networking business exemplifies his ability to craft cost-effective solutions for complex situations.

With a strong commitment to promoting peace and the rule of law, Mr. Chan leads the intergovernmental organization Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization's Hong Kong Regional Arbitration Centre, advancing economic progress and resolving disputes for its 47 member states across continents. An advocate for advancing technology to create positive social impact, he serves as Chairman of the Innovation and Technology Venture Fund Advisory Committee to guide the government in investing HK\$2 billion in funding for promising local start-ups.

Devoted to serving his country and the greater good, Mr. Chan fulfills a crucial role as a Hong Kong Deputy to the National People's Congress, where he actively

陳曉峰先生是法律界翹楚，他博學多才，精通科技，業務橫跨亞太地區，堪稱香港最傑出的律師之一。少年時，他目睹友人一家遭逢不公，自此立志成為法官，終身以普及法律服務和堅守法治為己任。

陳先生在香港土生土長，90年代初負笈澳洲墨爾本大學攻讀法律及電腦科學雙學位，期間獲選為學生會理事，急公好義，協助留學生應對思鄉、種族歧視等挑戰。

香港特別行政區於1997年成立，見證此一重要時刻的陳先生心情雀躍，決定回港，加入本地首屈一指的律師事務所——的近律師行。他其後獲延攬至全球頂尖的翰宇國際律師事務所，於2005年成為該事務所歷來最年輕合夥人。

陳先生在法律界成就斐然，累積了豐富經驗，擅長私募股權、創業投資、知識產權、競爭法、數據隱私、網絡安全等領域，涉獵甚廣。他運用專業知識，為政府、商界、基金及非政府組織拆解複雜的法律問題，客戶遍及亞洲、歐洲及北美多個市場。其間，他曾參與一宗涉及100億美元的全球網絡業務收購交易，足證其在面對複雜形勢時，具備為客戶制訂高成本效益方案的過人能耐。

他矢志推動和平及法治，現為跨政府組織「亞非法協」香港區域仲裁中心主任，主力促進經濟發展及調解47個會員國之間的糾紛。他積極提倡以科技造福社會，現擔任特區政府「創科創投基金」諮詢委員會主席，曾建議當局撥款20億港元資助潛質優厚的本地初創公司。

陳先生不遺餘力服務祖國，心繫大眾福祉。身為港區全國人大代表，他積極參與多項重要人事任命，以及制訂各項影響深遠的法律和政策，當中包括國家《十四五規劃綱要》、《中華人民共和國香港特別

participated in major appointment decisions and the formulation of various influential laws and policies. These include the National 14th Five-Year Plan, the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and the Civil Code of the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Chan's selfless ethos of "living a life that empowers other's lives" is exemplified through his support for providing STEM education training and internet access for underprivileged communities. During the pandemic, he played a pivotal role in conceptualizing and developing a widely used COVID-19 risk management app. In recognition of his exceptional commitment and contributions to society, he was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2021 and has received prestigious accolades, including the Hong Kong Government's distinguished Medal of Honour in 2016, the Law Society of Hong Kong's Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, and the Agency for Volunteer Service's Leadership Bauhinia Volunteer Award.

In addition to his public roles, Mr. Chan is deeply committed to advancing higher education. He has had a longstanding affiliation with HKUST since the early 2000s, initially serving as a guest lecturer for the EMBA program. Recognizing the importance of mentorship, he has taken on the role of inspiring students in interdisciplinary studies, instilling in them a profound sense of civic responsibility to serve the community while pursuing successful careers.

In 2016, Mr. Chan's dedication to education led to his appointment as a Council Member of HKUST, serving on seven committees during his six-year tenure. As Chair of the Knowledge Transfer Committee, he played a pivotal role in shaping the University's intellectual property policy, establishing the Entrepreneurship Fund, and securing co-investment partners. Through strategic investments in emerging technologies like artificial intelligence, blockchain, and fintech, he nurtured a vibrant ecosystem of technological advancements, contributing to Hong Kong's startup scene.

Mr. Chan has made additional contributions to the University by actively engaging in the Committee on HKUST(GZ) and serving on the Search Committees for the Provost and the Vice-President for Institutional Advancement. With his profound knowledge in law and technology, he has played a significant role in fostering the growth and success of HKUST.

The University is today delighted to salute Mr. Chan for his dedication to utilizing his extensive legal, business, and technological expertise to positively impact life in Hong Kong and beyond.

行政區維護國家安全法》及《中華人民共和國民法典》。

他秉持「以生命影響生命」的信念，無私奉獻，特地為弱勢社群提供STEM教育及上網服務；在新冠疫苗肆虐期間，又主導籌劃並研發了一個感染風險管理的應用程式。由於對社會貢獻良多，陳先生於2021年獲特區政府委任為太平紳士，而他多年來取得的榮譽和獎項，還包括2016年政府頒授的榮譽勳章、香港律師會「傑出公益法律服務獎」、及義務工作發展局「紫荊領袖義工獎」等。

除擔任公職，陳先生亦竭力促進高等教育發展。早於2000年代初，他便與科大結緣，擔任「行政人員工商管理碩士」(EMBA)課程客席講師，密切關係一直延續至今。他深明扶掖後進的重要性，曾以導師身份啟導跨學科課程學生，勉勵他們在追求事業理想的同時，也要盡心服務社會，履行公民責任。

陳先生盡心盡力服務科大，於2016年獲委任為科大校董會成員，在任六年先後加入七個委員會。作為知識轉移委員會主席，他在制訂知識產權政策、成立創業基金，以及物色合作投資夥伴等工作方面，均發揮了舉足輕重的作用。他同時亦建議大學投資於包括人工智能、區塊鏈、金融科技等新興技術領域，促進創科生態系統蓬勃發展，為香港締造優秀的創業環境，建樹良多。

陳先生也積極參與香港科技大學(廣州)委員會、首席副校長遴選委員會及副校長(大學拓展)遴選委員會，並以豐富的法律及科技知識，協助科大進一步發展，為大學的未來作出了重大貢獻。

陳曉峰先生以其廣博的法律、商業及科技專長貢獻香港及其他地方，造福民眾，從不言倦。科大今天衷心予以表揚。