

MR HENRY SHUI-LUNG TSANG

Citation for the conferral of Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*)

Henry Shui-Lung Tsang was born in Jianxi Province, China, in 1942 and with his family fled to Hong Kong in 1949 as a refugee. Henry remained in Hong Kong until 1961 when he left for Australia. He and his wife, Donna, live in Sydney. They have two adult sons, Clement and Derwent.

Henry attended Vaucluse Boys' High School in Sydney before completing a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of New South Wales in 1969 and a Graduate Diploma of Building Science from the University of Sydney in 1974. He has practiced as an architect since 1970, and in 1979 established Tsang and Lee Architects. Henry's firm often worked in an honorary capacity on a variety of community projects, including the Dixon Street Mall in Chinatown, the Cabramatta Plaza, the Chinese Gardens at Darling Harbour and the Chinese Gardens of the New Children's Hospital in Westmead. Henry has served on numerous community ethnic organisations, including a term as Senior Vice Chairman of the Ethnic Communities Council of New South Wales (NSW) from 1987 to 1990. Henry was Founding President of the Australian Tianjuin Business Association, is a trustee of the ANZAC House Trust and the Australian Nursing Home Foundation, an Honorary Life Member of the Returned Services League of Australia, and has participated in numerous national and international delegations.

In addition to lending his support to community and business organisations Henry has also held several Federal and State Government appointments, including membership of the Board of the Australia-China Council (1994-1997), membership of the Multicultural Advisory Committee to the Prime Minister (1987-1990) and the Multicultural Advisory Committee to the Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games. Appropriately, Henry was one of the Mayors in the Olympic Village during the Games.

Henry's community work was recognised in 1991 when he became the first Asian Australian ever to be elected to the Council of the City of Sydney. He served two terms on the Council from 1991 to 1999 as the Deputy Lord Mayor.

Henry was elected to the NSW Parliament in March 1999 with the return of the Carr Labour Government, and soon after was appointed by the Premier as Special Adviser on East Asian Business Relations. He is currently Chairman of the NSW-East Asia Business Advisory Council, Temporary Chair of committees in the Legislative Council, Deputy Chair of the NSW Parliament Asia-Pacific Friendship Group and a member of several parliamentary committees.

Henry is a passionate advocate for tertiary education. Through his extensive network of business, governmental and personal links in South East Asia Henry has devoted considerable time and effort, largely at his own expense, to supporting the expansion of Charles Sturt University's off shore programs in China. Henry has facilitated agreements with Kingold Education and The Top Group, as well as providing links to several other organisations that might result in future agreements for the provision of the University's courses in both China and Australia.

Henry Tsang is a leading figure in the Chinese community who remains deeply committed to bridging the gap between the Chinese community and mainstream Australia at local, state

and federal levels. Henry strongly promotes multiculturalism, and has often acted as a spokesperson on important community issues. Describing him as the face of contemporary Australia, the former Premier of NSW, Mr Neville Wran, once said of Henry: "He is a genuine representative of a multicultural Australia... a person of considerable talent, energy and grit." Henry's energy and grit were rewarded in 1991 when he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal.

Chancellor, I present to you for conferral of Doctor of the University (*honoris causa*), Henry Shui-Lung Tsang, for his contribution to Sino-Australian relations and his service and support to Charles Sturt University.

Dated this Eighteenth Day of April Two Thousand and Two