

PRESIDENT DONGLIN SONG
Citation for the conferral of
Doctor of Business (*honoris causa*)

Vice-Chancellor, I present President Donglin Song for admission to the degree of Doctor of Business (*honoris causa*). The University Council has resolved to confer this award on President Song in recognition of his exemplary service to the University through his significant contributions to Sino-Australian education.

President Song has had a long association with Charles Sturt University (CSU). He has served as President of Jilin University of Finance and Economics since 2005. President Song has been instrumental in ensuring the continued quality and growth of the CSU Joint Cooperation Program at Jilin University of Finance and Economics. During his tenure as President he has played an active part in not only the continued recruitment of high quality students to the CSU program but has actively supported the upskilling of the teaching staff to ensure continuous improvement in the quality of education offered to the CSU students in Jilin. His breadth of understanding of the Australian and indeed international higher education systems has expanded through his continual involvement with the leadership of CSU. His never ending support of CSU and Joint Cooperation Program students has ensured that the value of an international degree is well recognised, while his expertise and passion for this area and his high standing has also ensured that CSU and the Joint Cooperation Program have achieved a reputation for excellence with the Chinese Ministry of Education. His work with the Ministry and the relevant Party Secretaries, Jilin Provincial and Chinese Central Ministers of Education, has significantly contributed to CSU's reputation in China and the continued success of the program.

At the 2017 Joint Australian Embassy China/Chinese Service Centre for Scholarly Exchange International Education Conference in Beijing, Mr Che, President of the Service Centre, publicly noted that "CSU was the model Joint Cooperation program".

President Song has had a distinguished career in senior university leadership roles. He was appointed as the Deputy Dean of the Business School at Jilin University in 1993.

In 2000, he moved to the Deputy Dean role in the Faculty of Economics at the same university and in 2004 became the Dean of the Faculty of Economics. President Song has also been a supervisor to PhD students of Jilin University for many years. In 2005 he was appointed as the President of the Jilin University of Finance and Economics and remains in that role currently.

President Song's main fields of study are the theory of the Socialist market economy, capital market theory, and theory of the firm. Most of his research topics are directly serving the economic construction in Jilin province, by relevant government departments. He has travelled to America, Japan, Germany, New Zealand and other countries to study, research, collaborative research and teach. He has authored and co-authored more than ten books. He has published more than one hundred Chinese journal articles, five of which were in the top two of Chinese journals, these being the Economic Research Journal, and Social Sciences in China. He has edited one Ministry of Education Key Textbook titled the Political Economy. He has published more than forty Government reports, has extensive experience in honours program coordination, a record of postgraduate supervisions and thesis examination, and is a Member of editorial review panels for six journals. His book "Policy Research for Economic Transformation of Resource-Exhausted Regions" had been selected in the 2015 National Achievements Library of Philosophy and Social Sciences.

President Song has a distinguished record of service to the community. He is currently serving Vice-Chairman of the China Commercial Economy Association; Vice Chairman of the Social Science Association of Jilin Province; and Vice-Chairman of the China Economic Development Association.

President Song was awarded as a "Cross-Century Talents" by the Ministry of Education, Outstanding Young and Middle-Aged Professional and Technical Personnel by the Government of Jilin Province, Prominent Teacher by the Government of Jilin Province, and Excellent Expert by the Government of Jilin Province, and enjoyed the Government Special Allowance of the State Council. President Song has received the 5th Zhang Peigang Development Economics Excellent Award and Ministry of Education Excellent Tertiary Textbook Award.

He has also won the Ministry of Education Humanities and Social Science Awards on three separate occasions.

President Song's written report on the implementation of a package for a restructuring drive for the northeast, recommending the institutional innovation of local State-owned industrial enterprises, caused the leadership of the Central Government and the relevant departments to attach great importance to the report. He proposed the revitalisation for the Northeast old industrial base and for State-owned enterprise reform.

During his tenure approximately 2800 students have graduated with a dual degree from CSU and Jilin, with an exceptionally high employment rate. Up to one third of these graduates have gone on to complete a Masters or PhD at high standing international and Chinese universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, UCLA and the University of Hong Kong. In the same period, he has financially and academically supported teaching staff to attend CSU in Australia as visiting academics to improve their teaching skills, to modernise curriculum development (including the introduction of work place learning and entrepreneurship programs), and with some undertaking joint research with CSU academics.

President Song retired as President of the Jilin University of Finance and Economics in March 2018 but will be remaining there as a fulltime research Professor. In this new role, he will continue to build and facilitate strong relationships with CSU to ensure a strong partnership and ever growing research community continues to grow well into the future.

Vice-Chancellor, it is with great pleasure that I present to you President Donglin Song, Bachelor of Economics, Master of Economics and PhD of the Jilin University, Changchun, China, scholar, and friend to Charles Sturt University, for admission to the degree of Doctor of Business (*honoris causa*).

Dated this Eighth Day of June Two Thousand and Eighteen