

DR CHAN-LOW KAM YOKE

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

Chan-Low Kam Yoke was born in August 1944, the youngest in a close-knit family of thirteen children. Her passion for education and learning was fostered during the early years of her education at the Bukit Nans Convent mission school in Kuala Lumpur, where she established lifelong friendships amongst her peers and the nuns who taught her. Her wedding to husband Paul in 1970 was the only marriage to ever be conducted in the Bukit Nans Convent Chapel.

Kam Yoke completed a Bachelor of Arts (Honours), a Diploma of Education and a Master of Economics at the University of Malaya. In 1970 she completed a Graduate Diploma in Library Science from the Canberra College of Advanced Education (now the University of Canberra).

Kam Yoke's liberal and cosmopolitan view of life developed largely as a result of her experiences during the 1970s when she and her husband travelled throughout Asia, Europe, Australia and Canada. Prior to co-founding the HELP Institute in 1986, Kam Yoke and Paul were involved in several ventures in the professional and business world, including management of overseas investment funds, the establishment of manufacturing industries and a property business.

When first established the HELP Institute had just 35 students and 9 staff members. Today it has over 7000 undergraduate and postgraduate students, 400 members of staff, and is recognised worldwide as a reputable provider of quality tertiary education. Kam Yoke's role in the successful evolution of the HELP Institute has been pivotal. Together with her husband, she has made it her mission to help people succeed in life through education and training. In 2000 the University of East London recognised Kam Yoke's tireless contribution to education by awarding her an Honorary Doctor of Business Administration.

With Kam Yoke's strong leadership and vision the HELP Institute has established strategic links internationally, including a partnership with Charles Sturt University, through which undergraduate and postgraduate students study information technology and business courses. More than one thousand Charles Sturt University graduates will participate in convocation ceremonies in 2001, increasing the already strong network of Alumni in Malaysia and Asia.

Besides providing important links between Malaysia and Australia in the field of education, Kam Yoke also contributes to links in the commercial world, through her role as Business Ambassador for South Australia.

Kam Yoke is a warm and compassionate person who successfully balances her professional and personal life. She is a devoted wife to her husband Paul, an exemplary role model for her children Juliet and Adam, and moral guardian of her family.

Chancellor, I present to you for conferral of Doctor of Education (*honoris causa*), Chan-Low Kam Yoke, for her contribution to education worldwide and her continuing support of Charles Sturt University.

Dated this Twenty-eighth day of October Two Thousand and One