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As fortunate encounters go, they do not come much better than meeting an oil sheikh in 1970s London as a young chartered surveyor, helping him around the UK capital's property scene, and ending up with a job offer - one that eventually led to living in the Middle East and working as an advisor on the real estate portfolios of several ruling families. But as Mr Nicholas Brooke's life exemplifies, luck is only part of the equation. It is the foresight to spot opportunities and the confidence and endeavor to seize them that actually take you to the next level.

The willingness to put such a talent to work on behalf of Hong Kong and its long-term future has been clear since Mr Brooke first arrived in the city in 1980. He initially worked for Swire Properties Ltd and played a significant part in the company's hugely popular developments of Taikoo Shing and Pacific Place. When he tapped into the city's entrepreneurial spirit in 1988 to start his own real estate practice, the comprehensive nature of his consultancy and strict adherence to ethical behavior helped put Hong Kong on the map for world-class property development and investment advisory services. The University of London alumnus is the chairman of Professional Property Services Limited, a trustee of the International Valuation Standards Council, and a Past President of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

Mr Brooke's vision, optimism, and impetus for moving forward coincided with the city's own, and, he soon joined "Team Hong Kong", contributing his expertise in large-scale project planning, delivery and leadership to become a stalwart player in public and professional service. Mr Brooke is a founder member and fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, the chairman of the Harbourfront Commission, a member of the Commission on Strategic Development, and founded the Heritage Hong Kong Foundation together with his wife, Margaret. He has also served on the Hong Kong Town Planning Board and Hong Kong Housing Authority.

因緣際會，年輕有為的特許測量師蒲祿祺先生在七十年代於倫敦巧遇一位中東酋長，向他推介倫敦的地產發展，因而得到賞識，獲酋長受聘，更移居中東，為數個統治當地的家族擔任地產投資顧問。從蒲祿祺先生卓然有成的人生經歷，可看出成功並非單靠運氣。洞悉先機，滿懷信心，抓緊機遇，才是令人更上一層樓的關鍵。

自1980年首次踏足香港，蒲祿祺先生已立志為香港長遠發展貢獻力量。他最初服務於太古地產有限公司，並在發展公司大型項目—太古城和太古廣場—擔當重任。他充分發揮香港的企業家精神，於1988年自立門戶，其公司提供全面的地產諮詢顧問服務，嚴守專業道德，使香港的地產發展及投資顧問服務在國際領先同儕。蒲祿祺先生畢業於倫敦大學，現為 Professional Property Services Limited 主席及國際評估準則理事會理事，並曾任英國皇家特許測量師學會主席。

蒲祿祺先生高瞻遠矚，積極樂觀，奮進向前，正是香港的寫照。他熱心香港的發展，無論是公共或專業服務，他運用其專業知識規劃、實踐及領導大型項目。蒲祿祺先生是香港測量師學會的創會會員及資深專業會員，現為海濱事務委員會主席、策略發展委員會委員，並與太太蒲美琪女士共同創辦香港文化遺產基金會。他亦曾擔任香港城市規劃委員會委員及香港房屋委員會委員。

蒲祿祺先生深信創意推動發展，他肩負創辦香港科技园公司的挑戰，任重道遠。他矢志為香港打造科技創新中心，帶動知識轉移及促進產業化。香港科技

A firm believer that innovation underpins growth, one of Mr Brooke's greatest challenges and triumphs was the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, where he battled keenly to get the idea of a hub to spur commercialization of new knowledge off the drawing board and into reality. After the statutory body was finally formed in 2001, he served first as a board member and then as chairman from 2007 to 2014. In these roles, he devoted enormous time to building up community, Mainland China, regional and international support, driving forward world-class infrastructure provision, incubation programs and collaboration, and pushing forward the hi-tech boundaries of Hong Kong entrepreneurialism. Among his many achievements there, he helped pave the way for the 170 incubatees currently being nurtured, including those from HKUST.

Indeed, the arrival of the Park was excellent news for HKUST, adding another feisty voice and top practical resources and support for the University's faculty and graduates in moving concepts from campus to marketplace. Both institutions champion areas of high social impact such as green technology, information and communications technology, and electronics. Both seek to keep Hong Kong at the forefront of national, regional and global development through spurring the start-up businesses that could power growth and better lives. As chairman, Mr Brooke participated in HKUST endeavors to advance recognition of the critical role of science and technology in the city and region's future development. Separately, he has also generously provided time to mentor HKUST students.

In 2012, Hong Kong recognized Mr Brooke's dedication to promoting innovation and technology development with a Silver Bauhinia Star, which now sits alongside the earlier Bronze Bauhinia Star for his work with the Housing Authority. Today, we at HKUST honor Mr Nicholas Brooke for his long commitment to powering forward Hong Kong's knowledge economy and assisting our University in its mission, for his willing gift of insights and expertise to enhance the city's long-term prospects, and for his drive to create opportunities for the next generation to seize.

園於2001年成立，他最初出任董事會成員，及後於2007至2014年擔任主席。他盡心竭力爭取本港社會、中國內地、區內以至國際支持，為科技發展提供世界級有利環境和設施，推動培育計劃及合作項目，為香港企業提升科技水平。蒲祿祺先生成就卓著，目前有170間初創企業受惠，其中不少更是來自科大。

香港科技園的成立無疑對科大是極大喜訊，為大學教授及畢業生提供資源，協助他們實踐創新意念。科大與香港科技園大力推動對社會有重大裨益的範疇，如綠色科技、資訊及通訊科技與電子業，並期望藉著扶助初創企業，促進經濟增長，改善生活，令香港繼續走在國家、區內及全球發展的前沿。作為香港科技園主席，蒲祿祺先生與科大朝著共同目標，致力推廣科技對香港及區內發展的重要性。此外，他亦不吝與科大大學生作交流指導。

蒲祿祺先生曾獲香港特區政府頒發銅紫荊星章，表揚其在房屋委員會的貢獻，續於2012年，再獲頒授銀紫荊星章，嘉許他在推動創新及科技發展厥功至偉。蒲祿祺先生貢獻良多，他長期致力推動香港的知識型經濟，協助本校實踐使命，並樂意為香港的長遠發展出謀獻策，為年青一代創造機會。



曹其鏞先生
Mr Ronald Kee-Young Chao

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Mr Ronald K.Y. Chao, Vice-Chairman of Novel Enterprises Ltd, has a story to tell. Many fascinating tales, in fact, about Hong Kong's economic miracle in the 1960s and Mainland China's opening up, all from the perspective of someone at the heart of events. During this time, his family's wool-spinning and knitting business grew from 10 office staff to multinational levels, with Novel making Hong Kong a global hub for sweater production. In 1978, the Chao family, headed by former Shanghai refugee now magnate and philanthropist Chao Kuang Piu, became the first to set up a factory across the border. In the 1980s, they played a major part in establishing airline Dragonair.

Today, we also celebrate how Mr Ronald Chao is now pioneering further deep-rooted regional change through his drive for young people in Asia to understand each other better. HKUST students are among the beneficiaries of Mr Chao's vision, support and hard work to advance relations in the region as a whole.

While many at 70-plus would be thinking of slowing down, Mr Chao has been criss-crossing Asia in pursuit of his perceptive goal: to build intercultural student dormitories and set up study abroad scholarships for Asian students at leading universities in Asia. Given the shifting focus of the global economy and the often fraught relationships between Asian countries, Mr Chao wants to kick-start change among those who may be regional decision-makers one day.

He knows the long-lasting value of such early cross-cultural Asian insights. For his master's degree in engineering, he took the regular path of a US education. But unlike most of his Wah Yan peers in the mid-1950s, his undergraduate days were spent in Japan. Even more unusual, for two of his four years at the University of Tokyo, he lived in an innovative dormitory expressly created to build cultural understanding between local and overseas students.

This time spent in the East when others only learned about the West had a huge impact on his life. Equipped with Japanese language skills in mid-1960s Hong Kong,

永新企業有限公司副董事長曹其鏞先生的故事為人樂道。六十年代香港創出經濟奇蹟，其後中國內地改革開放，他見證著大時代變遷，譜出精彩傳奇。曹氏家族的紡織公司由最初只有十名員工發展成跨國企業，永新企業令香港在全球製衣業享負盛名。他的父親曹光彪先生早年從上海來港，後為紡織業大亨及慈善家。1978年，曹氏家族是第一位在內地設廠的港商。及至八十年代，家族於創辦港龍航空擔當舉足輕重的角色。

今天，我們表揚曹其鏞先生，他高瞻遠矚，致力促進亞洲各地的年青人彼此了解，矢志為區內帶來影響深遠的轉變，並盡心盡力支持加強區內的聯繫，香港科技大學的學生亦受益匪淺。

很多人踏入古稀之年會想到慢活，曹先生卻踏遍亞洲，努力不懈實踐其理想，期望興建跨文化學生宿舍，並為亞洲頂尖大學的亞裔學生設立獎學金，資助他們越洋進修。全球經濟重心轉移至亞洲，各國關係時有緊張，曹先生深信青年人將是社會發展的主力軍，他期望從培育亞洲新一代著手，增進諒解。

曹先生相信及早在亞洲培養跨文化視野具有深遠的價值。當年不少人到美國進修，他也是在當地修讀工程學碩士學位。然而，他在五十年代中期於華仁書院畢業後，卻與別不同，選擇在日本修讀學士學位。更特別的是，他負笈東京大學的四年本科生涯中，其中兩年寄住的宿舍開宗明義是要加強當地及國際學生跨文化交流，別具創意。

當時世界一面倒崇尚西方之際，曹先生卻選擇留守東方，這對他一生影響深遠。他精通日語，於六十

Novel became one of the first Hong Kong companies to send products to export-oriented Japan. His dorm friendships also stayed the distance. On a visit to Japan, he called up a long out-of-touch acquaintance who by then had become a government minister. The minister not only visited Mr Chao. He stayed for a two-hour chat!

Spurred on by these experiences, Mr Chao has since generously pledged US\$150 million to support educational institutions and scholarships in Greater China and Asia. In addition, he personally laid the groundwork through years of tough discussions with institutions and potential supporters in countries around the region. In 2010, his cross-cultural dormitories for Chinese and Japanese students finally began to be accepted, with five leading Mainland universities - Tsinghua, Peking, Fudan, Shanghai Jiao Tong and Zhejiang - coming on board. The concept later expanded to include other nationalities and was renamed the Asian Youth Center Project.

More success followed. With the support of luminaries such as former Hong Kong Chief Executive Mr C.H. Tung and HKUST Founding President Professor Chia Wei Woo, the Asian Future Leaders Scholarship Program was set up in 2013. The initiative currently includes 16 top universities in Greater China, Japan and Korea, with HKUST among the six anchor institutions. In total, around 100 students can benefit annually. Mr Chao's daughter Ms Ronna Chao, a HKUST Court Member, now runs the Bai Xian Asia Institute, which develops and implements the program. Professor Woo serves as President.

Befitting Mr Chao's contribution, recognition of his work has been cross-cultural, encompassing Japan's prestigious Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon as well as the Most Caring Individual Donor Award in the sixth China Charity Awards. Just as the French, English and Germans have set aside centuries of conflict to form the European Union, he doesn't see why it can't happen in Asia. It is for such inspired regional dreams, and outstanding practical provision to build cooperation, understanding and empathy, that we honor Mr Ronald K.Y. Chao at this ceremony today.

年代中期，永新企業成為第一批港商輸出產品到出口大國日本。而他與舍友的情誼更跨越地域界限。畢業後他曾到訪日本，致電予一位久未聯絡的朋友，對方當時已是國務大臣，他欣然前往探訪曹先生，彼此更促膝長談達兩小時！

這些經歷對曹先生帶來啟發，他決意慷慨捐出1.5億美元，資助大中華區和亞洲各地的教育機構，並設立獎學金。他更親力親為，奔走亞洲多國的教育機構，竭力游說支持，為這項構想奠下根基。2010年，他為中國及日本學生設立跨文化宿舍的計劃終於獲得支持，五間內地頂尖大學清華大學、北京大學、復旦大學、上海交通大學及浙江大學參與其中。其後計劃擴展，其他國籍的學生紛紛加入，並取名「亞洲青年交流中心」計劃。

成就接踵而至，在前任香港特別行政區行政長官董建華先生及科大創校校長吳家瑋教授等傑出人士的支持下，「亞洲未來領袖獎學金計劃」於2013年成立，得到十六間大中華區、日本及韓國頂尖大學的支持，而科大為計劃六所重點院校之一，每年共約100名學生受惠。曹先生的女兒曹惠婷女士是現任科大顧問委員會成員，負責管理百賢亞洲研究院，開展及推行這項計劃，而吳家瑋教授則擔任百賢亞洲研究院院長。

曹先生建樹良多，屢獲國際獎譽，包括日本政府頒發的「旭日中綬章」及第六屆中華慈善獎的「最具愛心慈善捐贈個人獎」。正如法、英、德三國能摒棄多個世紀以來的矛盾，成立歐盟，曹先生認為亞洲為何不可。曹其鏞先生胸懷崇高理想，為促進區內交流合作、彼此諒解和共融作出卓越貢獻，殊堪表揚。



戴啟思博士
Dr Steven J. DeKrey

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While Dr Steven J. DeKrey, or “Steve” as he was universally known at HKUST, no longer walks our corridors daily, the legacy of his 16 years in Hong Kong remains all around – on campus and far beyond.

Dr DeKrey is now President of the Asian Institute of Management. But until 2012, he was HKUST Business School Senior Associate Dean, Director of Master’s Programs, Adjunct Professor of Management, and one of the lead characters in the School’s hugely successful and precipitously fast global rise.

The HKUST MBA Program was ranked in the top five in the region by *Asia-Inc* magazine in 2000, just nine years after the University’s founding, and No.1 a year later. In 2010, the *Financial Times* placed it in the top 10 worldwide. Meanwhile, the Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA, run with Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management in the US, achieved the No.1 spot globally six times from 2007 onward in *Financial Times*’ surveys. While rankings cannot tell the full picture, they certainly help build a global brand, especially if achieved consistently.

When Dr DeKrey arrived in 1996 to reshape the School’s MBA and become Founding Director of the pioneering intercontinental joint Executive MBA, he brought with him a special combination of top US university administrative experience, academic knowledge and networks. He had a PhD from the University of Iowa and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, where he had also served as Dean of Admissions. At the University of Florida, he had directed the MBA program and developed two Executive MBA programs. In addition, he had taught strategy classes.

As always at HKUST, expectations were high. The personable, go-getting American didn’t disappoint. As the thousands of local and international rising business leaders and senior corporate executives who subsequently sought entry to HKUST Business School attested, and colleagues acknowledged, Dr DeKrey developed and ran excellent programs. Tough admission proved a game-changer and being a high GMAT achiever or corporate star might not be enough. It was the balance of minds, cultures, fields and bonding within a class that could turn a local program global and from a useful qualification to a lifelong personal asset.

戴啟思博士（我們通常暱稱他為Steve）雖不再每天出現在科大校園，但他在香港工作16年成果豐碩，對科大和廣大社會帶來長遠影響，為人稱道。

戴啟思博士現為亞洲商業管理學院主席，曾任科大商學院資深副院長、碩士課程主任及管理學系兼任教授，服務科大至2012年。任內，商學院的聲譽在全球急速躍升，戴啟思博士居功至偉。

2000年，科大創立僅九年，其工商管理碩士課程已獲《Asia-Inc》雜誌評為區內同類課程首五名，翌年更榮登榜首。2010年，《金融時報》將課程列入全球十大。此外，科大與美國西北大學凱洛格管理學院合辦的「凱洛格—科大行政人員工商管理碩士課程」，自2007年起在《金融時報》的排行榜上六度高踞全球首位。排名雖只作參考用途，但無疑有助建立科大在國際上的聲譽。

1996年，戴啟思博士加入科大，優化商學院的工商管理碩士課程，同時創辦嶄新的國際聯校行政人員工商管理碩士課程，並成為首位課程主任。戴啟思博士擁有美國頂尖大學的行政經驗、學術知識及豐富人脈網絡，他分別於艾奧瓦大學及凱洛格管理學院取得博士及工商管理碩士學位，其後更出任凱洛格管理學院收生事務總監。他亦曾在佛羅里達大學領導工商管理碩士課程，以及開辦兩項行政人員工商管理碩士課程，並任教有關策略的科目。

戴啟思博士平易近人，積極進取，與科大一向追求卓越的精神不謀而合。不少本地及國際新晉商業領袖與企業高層爭相報讀科大商學院，正好道出戴啟思博士領導有方，使課程出類拔萃，深受認同。課程的收生標準相當嚴格，單憑在GMAT考試取得高分或是商界名人亦未必能入讀這個課程。課程將不同的思想、

With early-days experience of rankings in the US, Dr DeKrey also knew the significance for HKUST and other institutions in Asia when such surveys started to spring up internationally. Working together with other senior management at the School, he used his insight and outstanding skills as a communicator to ensure Asian and developing countries' programs got a fair opportunity to shine by advocating for the methodology to be used and how to measure criteria.

From his vantage point in Hong Kong, Dr DeKrey soon recognized the global impact of China and Asia's rise, deftly driving the School's growing number of master's programs to become meeting points for Hong Kong, Mainland and international professionals and encouraging broader East-West horizons. He himself taught insightful and well-received leadership courses on the MBA and Executive MBA. He also edited several books on Asian business leadership (including *Leadership Experiences in Asia*, co-edited with David M. Messick, *Learning from Leaders in Asia*, and *Making Extraordinary Things Happen in Asia* with Barry Posner and Jim Kouzes).

Indeed, Dr DeKrey moved as comfortably within the wider business community as the higher education world, actively boosting knowledge transfer between town and gown and vice versa. In 2008, he became Chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, an organization influential in business circles throughout the region and a rare accolade for a university-based member. His list of other community activities was long and equally distinguished, including former President of the Kellogg Alumni Club of Hong Kong, former President of the Kowloon Rotary Club and the first Honorary Member of the HKUST Alumni Advisory Board.

Back on campus, Dr DeKrey's long-term vision for HKUST saw him devote much time in latter years to his role as Chair of the Building Committee for the state-of-the-art Lee Shau Kee Business Building. This became the School's first dedicated home in 2013 – a very proud moment for Dr DeKrey, even though he had left the University by then.

Today it is we who are proud to honor Dr Steven J. DeKrey. We do so for his immense contribution to excellence at HKUST Business School and the University's local, national and global standing, his significant impact on Hong Kong's business community and his commitment to the region's future.

文化、專業及人脈網絡共冶一爐，使其變得全球化，這不僅是一項專業資格，而是終身受用的寶貴經驗。

戴啟思博士在美國對排名早已有所認識，調查在國際學界日漸普遍，他深明這對科大及亞洲其他學府的重要性。他與商學院一眾高管攜手合作，運用自己的識見及卓越的溝通技巧，確保亞洲及發展中國家的課程在公平的評選方法及標準下展現實力。

處身香港這個有利位置，戴啟思博士意識到中國及亞洲迅速崛起對全球的影響，他因時制宜，早著先機，推動商學院碩士課程發展，匯萃香港、中國內地及國際專業人士，鼓勵東西兩方交流。他曾在工商管理碩士及行政人員管理碩士課程任教有關領導技巧的科目，內容精闢，廣受歡迎。他亦曾編撰多部以亞洲商業領導為題的書籍，包括《*Learning from Leaders in Asia*》、與Barry Posner及Jim Kouzes合編的《*Making Extraordinary Things Happen in Asia*》及與David M Messick合編的《*Leadership Experiences in Asia*》。

事實上，戴啟思博士遊刃於商界與學術界，積極推動知識轉移。2008年，他獲選為香港美國商會主席。該會在區內商界極具影響力，由大學成員出任主席實屬少見。戴啟思博士熱心社會服務，包括香港凱洛格校友會前任會長、九龍扶輪社前任會長及科大校友會顧問委員會首位榮譽會員。

戴啟思博士關心科大長遠發展，他在任後期擔任建築委員會主席，籌劃興建設備先進的李兆基商學大樓。大樓於2013年落成，為商學院首座專用大樓。即使當時戴啟思博士已離開科大，但亦引以為傲。

今天，我們在此表揚戴啟思博士為科大及商學院所作的重大貢獻，致力提升大學在本地、國家及全球的地位。同時，他對香港商界以至區內未來發展建樹良多，殊堪表揚。



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Whether the intricate detail of mixed-signal integrated circuits and systems or the huge canvas of how science and technology can be harnessed for social and economic change, Professor Charles G. Sodini has been an active and effective global force for good, including a ground-breaking initiative with HKUST that seeks to drive forward innovation in Hong Kong.

The LeBel Professor of Electrical Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) has spent 40 years exploring microelectronics, with contributions ranging from the earliest days of the semiconductor industry to tomorrow's brave new world of implantable healthcare devices. The field's awesome potential and how it should be utilized continue to enthuse the far-sighted American, one of the still rare academic-technologists equally at home in the classroom, lab, boardroom, and government briefing room.

He was first inspired as an undergraduate at Purdue University by late great engineering educator Professor Gerry Neudeck. Prof Sodini has gone on to take this legacy forward, energizing generations of electrical engineering students since joining MIT in 1983 and as an Adjunct Professor in the Electronic and Computer Engineering Department at HKUST.

The bigger social picture has also long been a part of Professor Sodini's worldview. At Purdue, he earned a BA in Sociology as well as a BSc in Electrical Engineering. He then joined Hewlett Packard Laboratories, gaining his master's degree and PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, in 1981 and 1982 respectively, while at the same time continuing to work for HP Labs. Since that time, Prof Sodini has effectively combined these perspectives as a consultant to many technology companies. He has also proved an able entrepreneur himself. In 1999, he co-founded SMaL Camera Technologies to develop cutting-edge digital imaging solutions for products such as mobile phones and automotive vision systems.

In 2011, his research expertise and all-round industry experience saw the respected IEEE Fellow become founder and co-director of MIT's Medical Electronic Device Realization Center. The combined academic, medical and

無論是處理混合訊號集成電路與系統的複雜細節，或致力通過科技改變社會和經濟發展，蘇東來教授從來不遺餘力，他更與科大攜手開創嶄新計劃，加強香港的創新力量，從而推動全球科技發展。

蘇東來教授現為美國麻省理工學院LeBel電機工程教授，過去四十年致力研究微電子，從早年的半導體行業至未來的新型植入式醫療儀器等，貢獻良多。蘇東來教授卓有遠見，專心致志鑽研微電子的發展潛力及其應用。他亦是少數縱橫學界與科技界的專家，不論在教學、實驗研究、處理董事會議及政府公務等，他均能應付裕如。

他於普渡大學修讀本科生課程，師承已故工程教育家Gerry Neudeck教授，深受啟蒙。蘇東來教授薪火相傳，自1983年加入麻省理工，及後出任科大電子及計算機工程學系兼任教授，啟迪後進。

蘇東來教授擁有廣闊的世界觀，關心社會。他在普渡大學取得文學士學位（主修社會學）及理學士學位（主修電機工程）。他其後加入惠普實驗室工作，繼續進修，並分別於1981年及1982年在加州大學柏克萊分校取得碩士及博士學位。蘇東來教授將知識貫通融會，為多家科技公司擔任顧問。他也是出色的企業家，於1999年合夥創辦SMaL Camera Technologies，為流動電話及汽車視像系統開發嶄新的數碼影像解決方案。

蘇東來教授為電機及電子工程師學會(IEEE)院士。他於2011年充分運用其研究專業及業內的豐富經驗，在麻省理工創辦醫療電子器材中心，並擔任聯席總監。中心結合學術、醫學及科技等領域，就多項先進的醫療器材進行研究，包括新一代穿戴式裝置，既可辨識身分，更能感測個人狀態。

technology industry endeavor is now advancing state-of-the-art medical devices, including next-generation wearables that will extend the role of clothes from indicating who we are to how we are.

Links with Hong Kong and HKUST stretch across decades. In the 1990s, Professor Sodini's knowledge and interest in globalization were ably employed during a sabbatical at our campus and as part of a large MIT team that explored how Hong Kong should position itself for the future. The team's year-long study carried out on behalf of the Hong Kong government and business sector led to the book, *Made by Hong Kong*, published in 1997. Now, as Hong Kong seeks to advance further as an innovation hub, Professor Sodini together with Professor Mitchell Tseng, from HKUST's Department of Industrial Engineering and Logistics Management, have opened the way for another part of the city's knowledge transfer ecosystem to be put into place.

Through the HKUST-MIT Research Alliance Consortium, launched in 2014, Hong Kong has gained a pioneering research and development catalyst focused on pre-competitive activities. This significant collaborative venture involves government, local and international higher education, and multinational companies. It aims to spur development in the city by driving forward industry-relevant research with local, regional and global impact. It strives to deepen opportunities not only for engineering graduates of HKUST but for all of Hong Kong's engineering schools as well as other young talents and the wider community.

Equally significant, the Consortium is powering a mindset shift, drawing the attention of international companies involved in R&D to the world-class innovative capabilities now available in Hong Kong. The initial emphasis is on intelligent living technology, including smart green buildings and information and communication technologies, to hasten healthier urban lifestyles.

HKUST and Hong Kong have been fortunate to have a colleague and friend such as Prof Sodini. He has shared his expertise, energy, and understanding of the crucial social role of innovation with us all. He has elevated the possibilities that we can all now aspire to achieve. This is why we honor Prof Charles G. Sodini, LeBel Professor of Electrical Engineering, today.

蘇東來教授與香港及科大早有淵源。九十年代，適逢他在科大作短期教學休假，以其對全球化的專業知識和經驗，與麻省理工學者一同探討香港在未來發展的定位，為香港政府及商界進行為期一年的研究，並於1997年出版《*Made by Hong Kong*》一書，分享其研究心得。今天，要進一步鞏固香港作為創新之都的地位，使其更上一層樓，蘇東來教授與科大工業工程及物流管理學系的曾明哲教授合作，為香港的知識轉移生態系統開拓新里程。

經兩位教授積極推動，香港科技大學－麻省理工學院研究聯盟在2014年成立，成為促進香港創新前沿研發的催化劑。政府、本地及國際高等教育機構與跨國公司參與這個重要的合作計劃，推動對本地、區內及全球具影響的相關產業研究，帶動香港的創新發展。計劃不單致力為科大的工程系畢業生開創機會，並惠及工程學院、世界各地的年青優才以至整個社會。

這個聯盟亦帶動創新思維，令跨國企業的研發部門對香港的世界級創新能力有更深了解。智能生活科技為計劃的首個重點，包括智能綠色建築與資訊及通訊科技，締造更健康的城市生活模式。

香港科技大學以至香港社會深慶能與蘇東來教授共事，他深明創新對社會發展肩負關鍵的角色，並且樂意貢獻他的專業知識，積極推動公眾更加明白創新的重要。蘇東來教授開創不同機會，為科大實現目標向前邁進。今天在此表揚LeBel電機工程教授蘇東來教授的貢獻。