It is my great pleasure, Madam Chancellor, to present to you Their Honours, The Honourable David See-Chai Lam, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia, and Dorothy Kwan-Yee Tan Lam, Chatelaine of Government House. We recognize today their individual and joint contributions to the cultural and-spiritual enrichment of our Province.

Guided by the wisdom that accomplishments of great things consist in doing little things well, Dr. and Mrs. Lam have demonstrated exemplary service to the community and its institutions. Expansive in their philanthropy, through the Foundation bearing their name, the Lams have bestowed great benefit on universities in British Columbia, The Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Chinese Classical Garden Society. The Chinese Cultural Centre and many other recipients. Further evidence of their generosity is witnessed by the time they have shared working with others on social causes they are unable to champion alone. In all their endeavours, Their Honours demonstrate that immigrant families in Canada can offer leadership in service while contributing to the rich pluralism of this land.

Dr. and Mrs. Lam's first community was Hong Kong. David Lam was born in 1923, the grandson of a Baptist minister. He earned his Bachelor Degree in Canton in 1947 and his M.B.A. the following year in Philadelphia, returning to Hong Kong to enter the banking profession. Dorothy Lam was awarded her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Hong Kong in 1954, beginning married life and becoming a teacher the same year. In 1967 they emigrated to Canada, made Vancouver their home, business their livelihood, family, church and community their love and their life.

David and Dorothy Lam give meaning to the words: "The value of life lies not in the length of days but in the use you make of them." For all those who would be citizens of a global society, their example shines light upon the path. Today, Their Honours serve the Province, from its urban centres to its most remote villages, in an unparalleled partnership of caring and commitment, dedication and dignity, good grace and great wisdom. Their selfless generosity, their joint commitment to community service, international and intercultural harmony deserve our praise. Madam Chancellor, on behalf of the Senate of this University, it is a special privilege for me to present Their Honours, David See-Chai Lam and Dorothy Kwan-Yee Tan Lam, each for the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.