LIU Chun Wah 廖振華 BSc(Eng) 1985

List of ten nominators:
2. WU Kam Wo (BSc (Eng) 1979)
3. HO Tay Leung (MSc (Eng) 1983)
5. LI Kin Hong (BSocSc 1984, MSocSc 1987)
6. TSANG Fan Kwong (MBBS 1985)
7. LAI Alex Chun Hung (BSc (Eng) 1985)
8. CHUA Hoi Wai (BSc (Eng) 1987)
9. CHENG Nga Sze Venus (MPA 2007)

Brief Biography:

I acquired BSc(Eng)-Mechanical Engineering from HKU (1985) and PhD-Economics from Wisconsin-Madison (1996), worked first in CUHK and then teach Economics in Macau University to date.

I run for SC to address this question: HKU is the best university here with the best teachers and students, and is one of the best worldwide. Why is HKU now assaulted as deteriorating? Whose problem is it?

Having no interest conflict here, I will be well positioned to understand HKU's remarkable achievements and existing problems and report to the alumni. HKU's Council Chair, Professor Arthur Li, criticized HKU teachers for ranking decline. As a data-hunting economist, I would study the impacts on HKU's teaching, research and social contributions.

In an alumni forum, Professor Li refused to answer my question: "A postgraduate candidate offered red packets to voters. Does this contradict HKU's motto, Sapientia et Virtus?" Indeed, we seldom take our motto seriously.

Virtus 明德 means teaching students with moral virtues, including integrity. Sapientia 格物 renders wisdom. Without academic freedom, how can teachers and students "exhaust investigation of things by examining principles"?

The Convocation has the responsibility to discuss and report whether academic freedom, integrity and University motto are upheld in University governing.

The new Vice-Chancellor, Professor Xiang Zhang, reportedly suggested HKU to embrace China, while he opted for internationalization when he left Nanjing for Minnesota-Berkeley. I hope Professor Zhang will "envision HKU" to internationalize "as a leading global university" rather than becoming a second-class Mainland university.

I was HKUSU President during the 1983 Sino-British negotiation. We, thousands of students, debated on HK's future. Our then Vice-Chancellor Professor Rayson Huang did not intervene. He even encouraged the alumni to speak out, particularly on British nationality law. I understand now he insisted on what we should uphold: academic freedom, institutional autonomy and public participation.