

Thank you Speech by Dr. Steven K. Luk

Mr. Tung, Commissioner Yang, Secretary General Zhao, Professor Lau, Dr. Huang, Guests and Media Friends:

As the publisher of *C.Y. Tung Diary* and *The World of C.Y. Tung*, I wish to thank everyone for coming today.

I would especially like to thank Mr. Tung and other guests of honour for their presence today. We are honored that you could be here.

Ms. Alice King of the Tung Foundation is the one with whom we have had close contact in connection with the making of this book set. To be able to work with Alice has been a blessing. To the Tung Foundation, we are grateful for their patronage to academic publication. Today, when we talk about the budget on tertiary education, every dollar counts. The support from the Foundation cannot be more valuable. To Alice, we also thank her for her time and effort. She took great pains to verify the single name of a ship, a place or a person. Her meticulousness lends the Press and the editors enormous help, and gives us some pressure as well. After all, her attention to detail is truly admirable, and sets a good example to the young editors.

My sincere thanks also go to Professor Arthur Li. When he was the Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, he rang me up one afternoon and asked me if the Press would be interested in the publication of these memoirs. We are so delighted to have his company today.

Dr. Cheng Hwei Shing is an unequalled choice for the editor post of this book set. He studies contemporary history and has solid experience in archival work on the Republican era. The original manuscripts were hand-written. They were typed but Dr. Cheng carefully edited and made annotations. The notes to people's names alone number in the thousands. The difficulty of Dr. Cheng's task is not hard to imagine. Now, we have in hand three volumes of the lucid and scholarly referenced *C.Y. Tung Diary*. We definitely have to thank Dr. Cheng for his fantastic work.

Lastly, I would like to thank the Press staff for their hard work, especially those who are in the editorial and production divisions.

C.Y. Tung Diary and *The World of C.Y. Tung* are integral to the understanding of Hong Kong's post-war commercial history. Yet, many historical documents and files are still unexplored in the Tung Archive. I encourage young historians interested in this area to fully exploit such materials. I look forward to more discoveries and solid research works in the years to come.

Hong Kong has been the only outward-bound bridge in contemporary China for a long time. The business sector of Mainland China is emerging today. To research on the business history of the Chinese in Hong Kong is very important to understand the emerging contours of China's business structure and dealings. The publication of *C.Y. Tung Diary* and *The World of C.Y. Tung* is an important first step.

Thank you.