



Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Ricky Cheng

Event: Chung Chi Choir Concert

Date: 25 March 2021 (Thursday)

Time: 5:15 pm (Opening Ceremony & 1st Session)

Venue: Lee Hysan Concert Hall

「十年樹木·百年樹人」 It takes 10 years to grow a tree, but a century to nurture a generation of leaders.

Prof. Fung, Prof. Victor Chan, Dr. Cheung, Prof. Koon, colleagues, distinguished guests, friends and students,

Founded in 1922, for almost 100 years the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia has been nurturing whole-person leaders for Asia and the world. The Chung Chi College and the United Board share this same mission.

This is no coincidence as the Chung Chi College is a continuation of the 13 Chinese Christian colleges and universities in China which the United Board has supported since almost a century ago. Our relationship between the United Board and the College dated back to 1951 when the college was founded.

所謂「好事成雙」 It is truly a double happiness with this opportunity for the United Board to jointly celebrate our respective anniversaries, Chung Chi College 70th anniversary and the United Board centennial in this Chung Chi College concert. The United Board now supports over 80 colleges and

universities in Asia and Chung Chi college has also grown from a college with just a handful of students to over three thousand students today. I have no doubt that the colleague at the United Board will continue to excel and advance in our mission for decades to come. May I also on behalf of our colleagues of the United Board, let me wish Chung Chi College a very successful year of celebration in the 70th anniversary.

For tonight's performance of the United Board Centennial Anthem "Cherished Moments", first and foremost, I want to thank Professor Victor Chan for composing this masterpiece. Victor has produced three versions of the same music masterfully so the United Board can adapt it to being played in a chapel with an organ, in concert hall with all the percussion instruments of different countries or in a banquet hall with just a piano. Second, I want to thank Professor Koon for her dedication in coaching and conducting the Chung Chi College Choir members for tonight's performance in Chung Chi Choir. Her energy and passion can be felt throughout the many rehearsals. Lastly, I want to thank all the students for their participation in this performance. They are truly the soul of this Centennial Anthem as this piece is all about education. Before the actual performance, I want to show a short documentary film about the making of the Centennial Anthem so you can see the highlight of what went behind the scene.

Thank you and enjoy.