

John Hung, Hon LLD (*Friday 20 January 2023, am*)

Vice-Chancellor

It is a great pleasure at this ceremony to introduce our honorary graduand, JOHN HUNG, Vice-Chairman of Deloitte China.

It is a particular pleasure to introduce a Warwick alumnus. John, who studied for an MBA at Warwick from 1986-88, was one of the early cohorts of students to graduate, from what was then, a relatively new degree programme. Having previously worked for five years as a structural engineer in Hong Kong and the UK, John joined Deloitte's London office in 1987 and was trained as a Chartered Accountant. Here, he delivered services to Chinese companies operating in the UK, leading Deloitte's China Services Group in London, as well as multinational manufacturing companies and financial institutions. As John's career thrived, he moved through the ranks of Deloitte, becoming a partner of Deloitte China in 1996, where he served some of Deloitte's most significant national and global clients.

John is currently Vice-Chairman of Deloitte China and Chairman of Deloitte's Global Chinese Services Group, where he leads the delivery of services to a wide range of clients including high growth companies as well as multinational organisations.

Despite the many demands on his time and expertise, John has provided ongoing support for Warwick students and alumni in the development of their careers. He has given a number of keynote

addresses, including a joint UK university innovation alumni event organised by Warwick in Shanghai to promote resources Warwick created to support Chinese students in the UK and China. Here, John spoke around innovation in industry to support our award-winning entrepreneurial resource ‘Innovate2getahead’ – a web-based programme which helps students, while still studying, to develop the innovative and entrepreneurial skills particularly prized by Chinese business.

John has also provided vital support for the Monash Warwick Alliance virtual international project initiative, engaging Hong Kong and Singapore offices to provide student projects and mentoring. Without John’s input, this programme would not have achieved its resounding success in its first year, when 78 students, including 25 widening participation students, were able to gain valuable international and intercultural experiences.

Finally, John has been a long-standing supported of the Business School, being both a member of the Business School’s Global Advisory Board and the Regional Chair for the Business School’s China Global Network. The China Network provides our student and alumni with networking opportunities to help secure valuable placements, internships and employment opportunities. In addition, the China Network supports the globalisation of the Business School’s award-winning Mentoring Programme, a programme that is run by our alumni, for our alumni.

At Warwick, our aim is that all our students should leave us not just with a valuable degree but with the skill sets demanded by employers and with international and intercultural experience. John Hung, who has reached the very top of his professional career, has been generous with his time and expertise in supporting the strategy we have mapped out to fulfil these aims.

We are delighted to welcome John back to campus today – and to be able to thank him for supporting our students and alumni who want to engage with, or work in, China and Asia region.

Vice-Chancellor: in the name of the Senate, I present to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, JOHN HUNG.

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