

Message from the Rector

It is a great pleasure to welcome our colleagues, friends and visitors who have joined us to witness the conferment of the honorary degree of Doctor of Social Sciences to Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz and to appreciate his distinguished lecture.

An honorary degree is the highest honour given by our University. The ceremony today is, in the history of our University, the second occasion to confer an honorary degree on a Nobel Laureate. Fifteen years ago, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Dr Henry Kissinger received the honorary degree of Doctor of Law in this Cultural Centre.

The award of degree to Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz is in recognition of his contributions to the advancement of knowledge in economics on the one hand, and equally important, an enrichment and encouragement to the University community in pursuit of academic excellence at University of Macau on the other.

For the members of our University, both staff and students, today's distinguished lecture by Nobel Laureate Professor Stiglitz is the highlight of our 20th anniversary celebration.

On behalf of the University, I thank Professor Stiglitz for his distinguished lecture and wish him every further success envisioning a world made better through the innovative application of knowledge.

Professor Iu Vai Pan
Rector