



UNIVERSITY OF GUAM
UNIBETSEDAT GUAHAN
BOARD OF REGENTS

RESOLUTION NO. 13-11

**RELATIVE TO AWARDING THE HONORARY DEGREE OF
DOCTOR OF HUMANE LETTERS TO HENRY TAN**

WHEREAS, the Board of Regents is authorized to confer degrees; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan is the eldest son of Dr. Tan Siu Lin and Tan Lam Pek Kim; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan is an alumnus of the University of Guam (UOG), having secured a Bachelor of Business Administration on December 19, 1975 and a Master of Business Administration on May 16, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan initially came to Guam to monitor his father's shipping business here; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan's entire family eventually moved to Guam and became involved in several entrepreneurial ventures in shipping, real estate and movie distribution; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan continued his entrepreneurial activities in Hong Kong where he became the Chief Executive Officer of Luen Thai Holdings, which is currently valued at over \$300 million and is listed in the Hong Kong Stock Exchange; and

WHEREAS, Luen Thai Holdings is Hong Kong's largest listed garment firm with 34,000 employees, revenues of around \$1 billion, and produces garments, footwear and bags from production bases in China, the Philippines, Indonesia, India, Bangladesh, and Cambodia; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan is an innovator who understands the relationship between businesses, profit margin, customer satisfaction, and commitment to people and has called for industry-wide collaboration to increase efficiency and offset rising costs in the garment industry; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan is a leader in the Hong Kong business community and has been appointed to several government bodies and commissions, in both Hong Kong and China, as a member of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (Fujian Province, P.R.C.), as a member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (Qingyuan City, Guangdong Province, P.R.C.), as a Member of the Garment Advisory Committee of Hong Kong Trade Development Council, as Justice of the Peace appointed by the government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and was elected to be a Member of Election Committee of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan is a contributor to the academic life of his parents' home region and serves as Council Member of Huaquiao University (Quanzhou City, Fujian Province, P.R.C.), Executive Council Member of Jimei University (Xiamen City, Fujian Province, P.R.C.), President and Director of Tan Siu Lin Foundation, and 2004-2005 Chairman of Po Leung Kuk (one of the largest local charity organizations with over HK\$200 million in fundraising proceeds a year); and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan has been recognized for his outstanding accomplishments, having been awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS) by the government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Honorary Fellow Member of Hong Kong Institution of Textile and Apparel (HON. FHKITA); and

WHEREAS, Henry Tan exemplifies the very spirit of committed entrepreneurship and represents the University wherever he goes. He credits much of his success to his parents and his collaborators in business over the years, but he also recognizes the contributions of the University of Guam to his growth and maturation; and

WHEREAS, the island of Guam, the Western Pacific region and its people have benefited in numerous ways from the contributions of Henry Tan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents through the Student Affairs, Scholarship, Alumni Relations, and Honorary Degree Committee hereby deems it appropriate to confer the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters upon Henry Tan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Regents, along with the President of the University of Guam, will confer said Honorary Degree at the Spring 2013 Commencement on May 26, 2013.

Adopted this 18th day of April, 2013.



Dr. W. Chris Perez, Chairperson

ATTESTED:



Dr. Robert A. Underwood, Executive Secretary