# BOARD OF REGENTS

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

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October 7, 2014

#### RECOMMENDATION

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENT

### **ACTION REQUESTED**

It is recommended that the Board of Regents approve Gary C.K. Huang, President 2014-2015 of the Rotary Club of Taipei, as Commencement Speaker at the Saturday, December 20, 2014 commencement ceremony. In addition, it is recommended that the Board award an honorary Doctor of Business to Mr. Huang.

#### **SUMMARY**

Mr. Huang's biography follows on the next page.

#### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None

# ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION

The proposed Board action has been reviewed and it is recommended for Board approval.

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## Gary C.K. Huang President 2014-2015, Rotary Club of Taipei

Gary C.K. Huang is an adviser for Wah Lee Industrial Corp. and Bank of Panhsin, and is director of Federal Corporation and Sunty Development Co. Ltd. He previously was president of Malayan Overseas Insurance Co. and chair of Taiwan Sogo Shinkong Security Co. Ltd. A Rotarian since 1976, Huang has served RI as vice-president, director, Foundation trustee, International Assembly group discussion leader, regional session leader, task force member and coordinator, committee member and chair, and district governor. He also was chair of the 2014 International Assembly Committee; adviser for the Permanent Fund Committee for Taiwan, Macau, and Hong Kong; and PolioPlus advocacy adviser for Taiwan.

He has been instrumental in membership development throughout Asia. As a Rotary Foundation trustee, Huang set the goal of recruiting 100 new Major Donors in Taiwan to celebrate Rotary's centennial; the result was the addition of 106 Major Donors in 2005 and 103 in 2006, who contributed more than \$2 million to the Foundation's Annual Fund.

Huang wrote about his experiences in business and Rotary in his book, "Finding Solutions, Not Excuses." He received the Civic Service Award of the Federation of Non-Profit Associations and the Outstanding Community Service Award from Taiwan's Ministry of the Interior. In 2001, when the Rotary International Convention was held in San Antonio, Texas, USA, he was named the city's honorary mayor.

Huang graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1972 with a Bachelor of Business Administration, General Business degree. Huang is a recipient of the Rotary International Service Above Self Award and Presidential Citation and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award.