

**Speech by the Secretary for Justice, Ms Elsie Leung, GBM, JP,
at the 10th Anniversary Cocktail Reception of the
Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong
on 27th March 2004**

Professor David VandeLine, Miss Yvonne Leung, distinguished guests,
ladies and gentlemen,

I am honoured to be able to join you today in celebration of the 10th
Anniversary of the Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong.

Founded in 1965, the University of Warwick has gone from a school
of just 450 students to over 15,000 today. It has firmly established itself
as one of the top notch universities in the world: renowned for its
enterprising and forward-thinking spirit, and for excellence in both the
academic and research fields.

As the alumni of the University of Warwick, I trust that you have
returned to Hong Kong not just with the knowledge and skills acquired in
your years of study at the University, but hopefully with the spirit of
innovation and foresight that is core to the success of the University.

Given your education and familiarity with both the western and
Chinese culture, you are best placed to contribute to the positioning of
Hong Kong as Asia's world city and a window on the world for the
Mainland China.

The Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership
Arrangement (CEPA) that has just come into effect earlier this year helps

laid down a framework for more comprehensive economic co-operation between the two places. But as the Chief Executive said in his Policy Address this year, it is crucial for Hong Kong's entrepreneurs, professionals and people from all sectors to seize the opportunities to re-equip themselves and do their best to innovate, if we are to translate CEPA into tangible economic benefits.

I look to you to make full use of your considerable talents and ingenuity to seize on the new economic opportunities, to innovate and to branch out into new areas of growth in our economy. While the Government will provide the necessary support and co-ordination in respect of policy, infrastructure and services, it is you that we look to for entrepreneurship that would help Hong Kong to create a more vibrant and prosperous society.

Before I close, may I take the opportunity to congratulate the Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong for its many achievements over the past decade and I wish you greater success in the years to come.

Thank you.