

**Prof. Yonghua Song** has been serving as the ninth Rector of the University of Macau since 9 January 2018. Professor Song has held a number of leadership positions at British and Chinese universities and has rich experience in higher education management at a senior level. He has been actively promoting internationalization and institutional cooperation and is particularly familiar with the development and operational models of higher education institutions in Europe, the United States and Asia.

Professor Song received his B.Eng. and Ph.D. from Chengdu University of Science and Technology (now Sichuan University) and the China Electric Power Research Institute in 1984 and 1989 respectively. In 2002, he was awarded DSc by Brunel University for his outstanding contributions to power system research and knowledge. In 2014, he was awarded Honorary DEng by University of Bath. In 2019, he was awarded Honorary DSc by University of Edinburgh. From 1991 to 1996, he held various teaching and research positions at University of Bristol, University of Bath and John Moores University in the UK. In 1997, Professor Song was appointed Professor of Power Systems at Brunel University, making him the youngest engineering professor in the UK at the time. He was also the Royal Academy of Engineering/Nuclear Electric/Siemens Chair of Power Systems. In 2004, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering and was also appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Graduate Studies at Brunel University. He was the first-ever Chinese scholar who assumed a senior management position of higher education in the UK. In 2007, he took up a Pro-Vice Chancellorship and Professorship of Electrical Engineering at the University of Liverpool, holding the Executive President position at Xi'an Jiaotong – Liverpool University in Suzhou, China.

In 2009, Professor Song was invited to return to China as a Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Tsinghua University and was appointed Assistant President in the same year. He was also the Director of Chinese National Office of the Recruitment Program of Global Experts. From November 2012 to December 2017, Professor Song served as Executive Vice President of Zhejiang University, the Founding Dean of International Campus and Professor of Electrical Engineering and Higher Education of Zhejiang University. He played an active role in promoting globalization, planning of university development and facilitating the recruitment of top young talents at Zhejiang University. Professor Song is also serving as the Vice President of the Chinese Society of Educational Development Strategy (CSEDS) and the Chairman of the International Education Committee, where he focuses on promoting and formulating education development strategies, education planning, as well as conducting research and giving advice on major policy-making.

Professor Song has long been engaged in electrical power system research. He enjoys an international reputation in areas such as energy, information and control engineering. His research and expertise have promoted the development of the electric power industry. Professor Song was elected a fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering (UK) in 2004, IEEE fellow in 2007 and a member of Academia Europaea in 2019. He is also a fellow of International Euro-Asia Academy of Sciences, IET Fellow, Vice President of Chinese Society for Electrical Engineering (CSEE), Vice President of Chinese Electrotechnical Society, and an expert in the World Bank Energy Program for Romania Power and for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) aided project for Chinese Power Industry Reform. Professor

Song also has an early connection with Macao as he has been appointed as Advisor of Science and Technology Committee of the Macao SAR Government since 2002.