

**Speech by GFK Santow a the conferral of honorary doctorate**

**St Vincent's Hospital, 27 March 2008**

Thank you, Chancellor, for being so accommodating in coming here to St Vincent's for this ceremony. I am touched that Sydney University—with which I have had such a long and happy connection as an undergraduate student, postgraduate student, part-time lecturer, Chancellor and, most importantly, as a rower—has decided to confer this honour on me.

This occasion brings together a number of important strands in my life. First, it brings together many of my close family and friends, and I am delighted to have you here today. Secondly, it brings together the two most significant strands of my professional and intellectual life: law and education. Sydney University has given me the opportunity to unite these strands, and for that I am very grateful.

So, thank you, Chancellor, for conferring this honorary doctorate, and thank you to my friends and family for joining with me to celebrate this happy event.