



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citations The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, conferred on Dr. Mossadiq Umedaly Tuesday, June 3, 2008

Mr. Chancellor, many immigrants come to this country and become exemplary citizens who contribute their talents to the benefit of all. Mossadiq Umedaly is such an individual. A corporate and community leader of great foresight and compassion, he has said that success lies only in doing worthwhile things. His life and career are the very definition of success.

Born in Uganda, he came to Canada first as a student and then as a refugee. After graduating from McMaster University, he joined Price Waterhouse. His outstanding abilities were quickly recognized by his peers, and he was invited to join the Aga Khan Development Network, where he played a key role in the development of a medical university and teaching hospital in Karachi. He subsequently joined Ballard Power Systems, where, as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, he was instrumental in positioning the company for a period of exceptional growth. In 1999 he became Chief Executive Officer of Xantrex Technology Inc. and transformed that company into a world leader in advanced power electronics. Today, as Chairman of BC Hydro and of Xantrex Technology Inc., he continues to set the standard for other business leaders to emulate.

His interests, however, extend well beyond the corporate sphere. At the request of Premier Campbell, he authored a report entitled the *Vision to Grow a World Class Power Technology*