

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

## COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters\* discussed at the Council meeting held on February 26, 2013:

1. The Council RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
  - (a) the signing of a tripartite agreement on the treatment of infectious diseases among HKU, Zhejiang University and Tsinghua University in Hangzhou on February 1, 2013;
  - (b) the opening of the Hong Kong-Guangdong Joint Laboratory on Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine to formalize the University's collaboration with the Guangzhou Institute of Biomedicine and Health;
  - (c) the successful registration of the HKU-Zhejiang Institute of Research and Innovation (HKU-ZIRI) as a legal entity in Zhejiang; and the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of HKU-ZIRI held on February 16, 2013 at the Qingshan-Lake Science and Technology City *in situ*;
  - (d) the annual Spring Reception for the Media held at the University Lodge on February 20, 2013; and
  - (e) the participation of over 3,000 HKU members in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon on February 24, 2013 with 500 HKU members supporting and cheering the runners along the way.
  
2. The Council
  - (a) RECEIVED a paper on the estimated financial commitment of the University in the development of capital infrastructure;
  - (b) TOOK NOTE of the definite capital projects as well as those possible projects which had been discussed at various levels within the University; the need for space for the provision of student housing, sports facilities, staff quarters and academic buildings; the need for funds also for consequentials and upgrading works, deferred maintenance and projects outside Hong Kong; and the estimated financial commitment of the University thereof;
  - (c) INVITED Professor MALPAS to provide a paper on the University's plan on staff quarters at a later meeting; and
  - (d) THANKED Dr. CHOW, Professor MALPAS, Director of Estates, and Director of Finance for preparing the papers and for providing members with an overview of the estimated financial commitment of the University in the development of capital infrastructure.

3. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Architecture, supported by the Senate, that the Centre for Real Estate and Urban Economics be renamed as “The Ronald Coase Centre for Property Rights Research” to reflect its expanded scope of activities in property rights research.
4. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Board of the Faculty of Engineering, supported by the Senate, that the E-Business Technology Institute, an independent sub-division of studies and learning, be transformed into and be renamed as the Emerging Technologies Institute (ETI) under the provisions of Section 8(3) of the Ordinance in the Faculty of Engineering.
5. The Council APPROVED a recommendation of the Advisory Committee to the Vice-Chancellor on Endowed Professorships, that the following Endowed Professorship be established in appreciation of a generous donation of HK\$10 million from Mrs. Helen ZIMMERN and with a matching fund from the University to fulfill the University’s commitment:  
  

Lady Edith Kotewall Professorship in the Built Environment  
The University of Hong Kong  
香港大學 羅旭龢夫人基金教授席(建築環境).
6. The Council RECEIVED for information the framework for research development in the Mainland, which had been approved by the Senate at its meeting of February 5, 2013.
7. The Council RECEIVED from the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education its Annual Report and Financial Report for the year 2011-12.

\* *Excluding personnel matters relating to individuals.*

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