

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on July 28, 2026.

1. The Council EXTENDED a warm welcome to the new Council member, Dr. the Hon. Hoey Simon LEE.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Miss WU Yilan, who would soon step down, for her contributions to the Council.
3. The Council HEARD a report from the President & Vice-Chancellor on the following:
 - (a) the University achieved its highest-ever ranking of 11th in the world in the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings, maintaining this position for the second consecutive year;
 - (b) the University received the largest share of funding and the highest number of approved projects among all local institutions in the Research Grants Council's General Research Fund for 2026-27 and secured the highest total funding across 43 projects under its Early Career Scheme;
 - (c) the University's commitment to elevating itself as a leader in mathematics in both Hong Kong and Asia, demonstrated by the recruitment of top mathematicians over the past year and the recent election of Professor Xuhua HE, Chair Professor in Mathematics, as Vice-President of the International Mathematical Union; and
 - (d) the University's hosting of Hong Kong's first Asian Science Camp from August 2 to 8, 2026, bringing together students from Asia and Europe and featuring plenary speakers including four Nobel Laureates.
4. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED from the Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) its report of work for the period January to June 2026; and
 - (b) THANKED SPC for the report and its work during the period.
5. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report on the review of the Faculty of Arts; and
 - (b) NOTED that the recommendations from the review panel would be taken forward by the relevant parties within the University.
6. The Council APPROVED the arrangements for the yearly pay adjustment for eligible staff and the adjustment of the minimum and maximum points of the

University salary ranges, which would take retroactive effect from July 1, 2026, as well as the Performance Award for 2026-27.

7. The Council APPROVED the proposed transition of the University's Staff Medical Benefits Scheme from a self-insured model to a group medical insurance model.
8. The Council APPROVED that Professor C. LIN be appointed as Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Business) with effect from July 29, 2026.
9. The Council APPROVED the continuation of the current arrangement regarding the appointment of Directors to The University of Hong Kong Foundation for Educational Development and Research and University members to its Disbursement Committee.
10. The Council RECEIVED from the Committee on Honorary University Fellows a report on its approval of the names of Honorary University Fellows.
11. The Council
 - (a) NOTED that Professor X. ZHANG had decided to leave office as President & Vice-Chancellor of HKU upon completion of his current term on July 14, 2028 and the next steps regarding the search for the next President & Vice-Chancellor; and
 - (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks, accompanied by a round of applause, for Professor ZHANG's dedication and contributions to the University.

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