

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

COUNCIL

The following is a list of matters discussed at the Council meeting held on November 29, 2012:

1. The Council
 - (a) WELCOMED Ms. Leonie M.F. KI, who had been appointed by the Chancellor as a member of the Council under the membership category “6 persons, not being students or employees of the University, appointed by the Chancellor” to the meeting; and Mr. Y. DU, the newly elected postgraduate representative of the Council; and
 - (b) RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor S.P. LEE and Professor G.W.K. TANG, who would retire from the Council on December 8, 2012 after serving the Council for 3 years, for their contributions to the Council.
2. The Council
 - (a) HEARD a presentation by Professor G.W.K. TANG, Hospital Chief Executive of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital, on the latest development of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital and its plan of future development, with the target of becoming an internationally renowned hospital and a role model for medical co-operation between Hong Kong and Shenzhen; and
 - (b) THANKED Professor TANG and all those involved in the work of the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital for bringing the project to this stage of development.
3. The Council
 - (a) RECEIVED a report from the Vice-Chancellor on the recent activities of the University including
 - (i) his participation in the first ever Moscow International Forum on Innovative Development from October 30 to November 2, 2012 in Moscow, where he co-chaired a Panel Discussion with the Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Russian Federation;
 - (ii) his three-day visit from November 19 to 21, 2012 with a small delegation from the University to Burma/Myanmar during which the delegation
 - a. met with officials from the Burmese Ministry of Education, including its Deputy Minister, rectors and colleagues from Yangon University and various institutions of higher education;

- b. took part in a book donation ceremony at Yangon University involving close to 5,700 volumes of faculty-donated and duplicate books held by HKU Libraries;
 - c. conducted a series of interviews with some 40 Burmese students who applied to study in HKU; and
 - d. presented Daw AUNG SAN Suu Kyi, in her home at Rose Cottage in Nay Pyi Taw, with the academic regalia of that of the HKU Honorary Degree, which was conferred upon her in absentia at the University's 186th Congregation earlier this year; and, at the same time, two other appointment certificates, namely, as Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences and as the first Honorary Advisor of the HKU Service 100 global service-learning programme; a copy of the newly published "A History of The University of Hong Kong"; and a piece of HKU Tartan throw; and
- (iii) the publication of the first of a two-volume book by the Hong Kong University Press, "A History of The University of Hong Kong, Volume 1, 1911-1945" which was a project commissioned by the Senior Management Team as an important element of the Centenary celebration; and
- (b) NOTED from the Vice-Chancellor that Dr. YAO Ming, Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*, who had his degree conferred upon him at the 187th Congregation held on November 27, 2012, had met with the University community on the University campus on November 28, 2012; and that the University would continue to look out for more opportunities to enable students and staff to meet with the Honorary Graduates of the University.

4. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED a paper on the review of outside practice for professoriate staff;
- (b) APPROVED the recommendations from the Working Group to Review Outside Practice Regulations, subject to the refinement of the wordings in the Regulations in light of comments made by members; and AGREED that a review on the University's outside practice policies and regulations should be conducted periodically, with the first one to be done in three years' time; and
- (c) THANKED the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and members of the Working Group for undertaking the review and drawing up the recommendations.

5. The Council

- (a) RECEIVED from the Chairman of Convocation the "Report on the Future of the University of Hong Kong"; and a letter of November 20, 2012 from the Vice-Chancellor to the Chairman of Convocation about the Report;

- (b) HEARD from the Chairman that a Task Force was appointed by the HKU Convocation Standing Committee in January 2012 to collect and study views from its constituencies on issues that might affect the future of the University; that on the basis of the findings, the Task Force had drawn up a Report on the University's future covering four areas, namely core values, governance and management, positioning and direction, and alumni relations, and had made a total of eight recommendations therein; that the Senior Management Team had already considered the Report prior to its submission to the Council; and that the Vice-Chancellor had sent a letter to the Chairman of Convocation about the Report;
 - (c) further HEARD from the Chairman that the recommendations in the Report required the consideration not only of the Council, but also the Senate and the Senior Management Team; and that a working group should be set up to study the Report in order to advise on the appropriate mechanism to follow up the relevant recommendations therein by the Council;
 - (d) RESOLVED, on the recommendation of the Chairman, to set up a working group to study the Report and to report to the Council hopefully in two months' time; and that the working group would comprise the following members:
 - Dr. the Hon. C.H. LEONG (Chairman);
 - Vice-Chancellor;
 - Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
 - Ms. Leonie M.F. KI;
 - Mrs. Margaret M.Y. LEUNG KO;
 - Mr. T.S. LI; and
 - Mr. C.F. MAN; and
 - (e) THANKED Convocation and the Task Force for the Report and the detailed analysis therein; and RECORDED its appreciation for their concerns for their *alma mater*.
6. The Council APPROVED, on the recommendation of the Senate, that Professor R.M. Wilkinson of the Department of Professional Legal Education be re-appointed as Public Orator for the period ending June 30, 2015.