

President's Welcome Remarks at the Naming Ceremony of Alice Lam Lecture Theatre

9 October 2015 Alice Lam Lecture Theatre, HSMC

Dr. Alice Lam, Ms. Rose Lee, Members of the HSMC Board of Governors and College Council, Distinguished Guests, Colleagues, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen, A very warm welcome and thank you all for attending today's naming ceremony of the Alice Lam Lecture Theatre. On behalf of the College, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Alice Lam and her family for the continuous dedicated support to the development of Hang Seng Management College. In particular, to thank Dr. Lam for her generous donation to the College, we are honoured to name this lecture theatre as "Alice Lam Lecture Theatre".

As many of you know, Hang Seng Management College, a residential university-level institution, was restructured from the Hang Seng School of Commerce in 2010. Adopting the unique "Liberal + Professional" education model, the quality of our undergraduate experience is characterized by small-class teaching, very close teacher-student interactions, guidance and mentorship for individual students outside classrooms, innovative learning methods, and vast opportunities for internship, international exchange and independent research. The College puts quality teaching and individual student's all-round development as its highest priority, aiming at nurturing young talents with independent thinking, innovative minds, human caring, and social responsibilities.

As a dynamic and promising institution of growing renown, the College has witnessed rapid advances in both its software and hardware development in the past 5 years. Aspiring to be a leading non-profit private university in Hong Kong, our important achievements in recent years span from delivery of innovative degree programmes, award of substantial government research and teaching grants, student achievements in open competitions, award-winning campus buildings, the recent completion of the Residential Colleges, impactful research on corporate sustainability, and impressive graduate employment.

Our College development would not have been made possible without the staunch support of our donors, including Dr. Alice Lam who shares our belief in the transformative power of liberal education. We are glad that Dr. Lam's donation has indeed helped in one of our many initiatives to advance our campus facilities. The Alice Lam Lecture Theatre, the venue we are currently at, has a seating capacity of

over 100. It has well-served the role as a multi-purpose hall for various academic, meeting and cultural functions.

Taking this opportunity, I am glad to provide an update of the recent completion of our 1,200-bed Residential College Complex, a significant milestone of HSMC. This RC Complex allows our students a unique residential college experience combining living with learning. We are also proud to be the second higher education institution in Hong Kong adopting the RC system. In recognition of our efforts to create a stimulating learning community with extensive modern green facilities, the Residential College Complex has been granted a BEAM Plus Provisional Platinum rating by the Hong Kong Green Building Council.

Building a new castle is never easy. The extent of transformation depends on mutual trust and joint efforts of many stakeholders. As we strive to make our educational ideal a reality, we are genuinely thankful to have the substantial support of our donors along the way. The generosity of our donors is crucial to the sustainable development of HSMC, particularly in the light of its non-profit self-financing nature.

Lastly, let me take this opportunity to express once again our gratitude to Dr. Lam for her enthusiastic support to the development of HSMC.

Thank you very much and wish you all enjoy your stay at this campus.