

### President's Welcome Remarks at the HSMC Careers Fair 2016

8 March 2016 Auditorium, 2/F, Lee Quo Wei Academic Building

Distinguished Guests, Employers, Colleagues, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am very pleased to be here today to witness the successful launch of the HSMC Careers Fair 2016. Thank you for joining us on the first day of the Fair.

May I take this opportunity to express our warmest welcome to the employers who came all the way here to bring in many valuable job opportunities to our students.

Over the years, the Careers Fair has served as a one-stop platform that brings together recruiters, industry specialists and our students under one roof.

As you may know, HSMC has a student population of about 5,000 now. In order to cater the growing demand for job market information among students, the Careers Fair has been further scaled up with record-breaking numbers in positions offered.

We have successfully engaged 55 employers from different industries in the Fair, offering altogether more than 1,000 full-time graduate positions and internship vacancies.

I encourage our students to grasp this precious opportunity to interact with many recruiters as you can at the Fair, so as to get the most out of the event.

On the other hand, I believe this Fair is a valuable gateway for recruiting organizations to get in touch with our students and source for suitable candidates. Before today's Fair begins, may I update you all with some latest development of HSMC.

As many of you may have known, HSMC was restructured from the Hang Seng School of Commerce in 2010, and it is now a very young, vibrant and dynamic institution of growing renown. Currently we have 5 Schools and 13 undergraduate degree programmes, many of which are first of its kind in Hong Kong. Adopting the unique "Liberal + Professional" education model, HSMC is a residential-type,

university-level institution which puts quality teaching and students' all-rounded development as its highest priorities.

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 extend over delivery of innovative degree programmes, award of substantial government research and teaching grants, student achievements in open competitions, award-winning green campus buildings, impactful research on corporate sustainability, and impressive graduate employment. We are indeed proud to be the first and only private university in Hong Kong adopting the residential college system.

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, unique residential college experience, and vast opportunities for internship, international exchange and independent research.

Through our multi-faceted academic and experiential learning programmes, we aim to nurture young talents with independent thinking, innovative minds, human caring and social responsibilities.

Our recent Employer Survey Report shows that the employers rated our graduates highly on many aspects especially their working attitude and IT skills. I believe that our senior students who have undergone our transformative "Liberal + Professional" education will impress many employers with their professional knowledge and other generic core competencies. In the coming years, we will link closer with the business sector on many joint career development initiatives.

Lastly, let me take this opportunity to express once again our gratitude to all recruiting organizations for their kind support towards HSMC and our students. We look forward to working in close partnership with you in the years to come.

Thank you very much and hope you all enjoy the Careers Fair.