

**HANG SENG MANAGEMENT COLLEGE**

**Groundbreaking Ceremony for  
HSMC Jockey Club Student Residence Halls**

**28 March 2014, Friday, 11:00 am**

**Speech for Mr Martin Tam,**

**Chairman of Steering Committee on Campus Expansion**

Mr Philip Chen, Ms Rose Lee, Board Governors, Council Members, Prof Simon Ho,  
Distinguished Guests, Teachers, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to be here today, on the occasion of our Groundbreaking Ceremony, for the construction of the HSMC Jockey Club Student Residence Halls. The Hang Seng Management College and its Board of Governors are most grateful to the generous donation by the HK Jockey Club Charities Trust, to facilitate the transformation of our aspirations into reality.

Today, as we break ground on this project site, we promise to deliver to our students their future home, where they can learn to live together and grow up in harmony via

interaction, each and every student maturing to serve respective communities here and abroad.

The Student Residence Halls are expected to be completed in 16 months' time, ready for use by September of the 2015-2016 academic year.

The two design challenges are to overcome the geotechnic stability of the hill behind us, and the traffic noise in front of us. The design philosophy of HSMC Jockey Club Student Residence Halls embraces an innovative and environmentally-conscious approach. The Residence Halls will be the outcome of efforts by our Project Teams, to protect Mother Earth, via observing the Laws of Nature. Please permit Father Time to be our witness.

The Residence Halls, with a total gross floor area of 14,525 square meters, is surrounded by existing green lush greenery with open views for every room. The 3 blocks, ranging from 5 to 10 storeys, are configured in a stepping profile and designed to blend in with the hillside complete with 'green' facades, sky-gardens, roof gardens, landscaped decks and vertical greening exteriors. There will also be water recycling for irrigation for the extensive garden area. The multi-purpose Communal Hall and Quiet Study Room for each Residence Hall will serve as perfect venues for student activities, performances, communication as well as for self-study.

The construction of the Student Residence Halls is an important milestone in the College development, in that it demonstrates the commitment of our College to provide a total environment for our students. It also demonstrates the resolve of our College, to build a better tomorrow for on-coming generations of undergraduates into the future.

As the Chairman of the Steering Committee on Campus Development, I have seen dedication, commitment and hard-work from all parties over the years. They have helped to design and build our campus, to provide the facilities to support the academic, intellectual and social exchanges in the College.

In particular, my appreciation goes to the Project Teams of W&O (Architect and Designer), RLB (Quantity Surveyor), Dudley Surveyors Ltd (Land Surveyor), Kaden Construction Ltd (Management Contractor), and also colleagues from our Campus Development Office and Facility Management Office. Last but not the least, our Project will not be possible without the full support from Ms Rose Lee (Chairman of the Board of Governors and College Council), Governors, Council Members, Dr Moses Cheng (Member of the Steering Committee on Campus Expansion), Mr Godwin Li (our ex-member of the Steering Committee), our President Prof Simon Ho, Provost Professor Gilbert Fong, Vice-Presidents Dr Karen Chan and Professor TS Lee, and all staff and students.

My grateful appreciation to all indeed.

Every now and then, while I am here at the College, I cannot help but notice that students are encouraged not just to learn about the world, but also to serve the communities with their hearts. The world can expect to be a better place not just because of their efforts, but they themselves will live more meaningful and satisfying lives.

It is my hope that the local community will continue to show support to the College, to help on-coming generations to fulfil their aspirations for higher education. HSMC, as a young and private tertiary institution, has a lot of challenges ahead of us, in our relative infancy. We are very grateful to the HKJC for the substantial donation towards the construction of the Student Residence Halls. With the generous support of more benefactors, HSMC will be better able to develop further social commitments. Our communities look forward to benefit from your continuous support to our College.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the best of Peace, Health, and Bliss.

Thank you.