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The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong held the 2019 Founders' Day cum University Naming Dinner to Commemorate New Milestones

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) held its Founders' Day cum University Naming Dinner tonight (16 March) at JW Marriott Hotel in Admiralty. Over 500 guests from different sectors of the community participated in the event and witnessed the important milestone in HSUHK's history. Mrs Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, officiated at the ceremony and congratulated HSUHK's forward march to the future in new directions. Other participating guests of the Dinner included Mr Kevin Yeung Yun-hung, Secretary for Education, Dr Tan Tieniu, Deputy Director of the Central Government's Liaison Office in Hong Kong, Professor Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Chairman of Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education, Mr Tim Lui Tim-leung, Chairman of the Education Commission, Ms Louisa Cheang, Chairman of Board of Governors of HSUHK, Dr Moses Cheng, Chairman of Council of HSUHK, and members of HSUHK's Board of Governors and Council.

Ms Louisa Cheang, Chairman of Board of Governors of HSUHK, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the HKSAR Government for its strong support and recognition bestowed on HSUHK, which made HSUHK the first self-financing tertiary institution to be granted university status under the HKSAR Government's *Roadmap for Becoming a Private University*. She thanked all stakeholders for their efforts and contributions, saying that HSUHK would continue its mission to nurture well-rounded young talents and become a leading non-profit, private liberal-arts-oriented university in the region.

In her speech, Mrs Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, said, "The HKSAR Government adopts a parallel approach to drive the complementary development of publicly-funded and self-financing tertiary education. HSUHK's journey to university demonstrates how private universities could offer students more choices with variety and help to build a more diversified tertiary education system in Hong Kong, thus benefiting students with the contributions and support from different sectors of the community. I am thankful for HSUHK's contributions to Hong Kong for the past 40 years, and I wish HSUHK continuing success in the future to nurture more talents for Hong Kong."



Dr Moses Cheng, Chairman of Council of HSUHK, said the acquiring of university title was an affirmation of HSUHK's founders' vision and ideals, as well as a recognition of the dedication and commitment of everyone at HSUHK for the past eight years. In taking HSUHK forward as the 11th university in Hong Kong, he wished the University would continue to strive for innovative development and further growth and, with the continual support from different sectors of the community, play a unique and distinctive role in the pursuit of academic excellence, advancing education and research, and grooming future leaders for Hong Kong and the region.

Professor Simon S M Ho, President of HSUHK, was grateful to the support from the community to HSUHK. He said HSUHK would uphold its founding motto 'Erudition and Perseverance' and diligently implement the initiatives set out in the University's "5-Year Strategic Plan" to offer more innovative and diversified programmes and nurture more responsible future professionals and leaders for the society.

At the Dinner, the Chief Executive, together with senior management of HSUHK and the officiating guests, participated in the "New Milestones" commemorative ceremony and toasting to mark the significant milestone of HSUHK to become a private university with a difference. HSUHK also presented souvenirs to four recent major donors: Dr Jacky Cheung, Council Member and alumnus of HSUHK, Dr Ho Tzu-leung, Governor of the S H Ho Foundation Limited, Dr Patrick Poon, Governor and Chairman of Fund-Raising and Donation Committee of HSUHK, and Dr Charles Yeung, Chairman of GS Charity Foundation Limited, to recognise their contributions and support to the development of the University.

The air of festivity was further enhanced by the performances by Dr Moses Cheng, Chairman of Council of HSUHK, Ms H M Tong, Council Member of HSUHK, Dr Tom Fong, Vice-President (Organisational Development) of HSUHK, HSUHK's alumna Ms Cheryl Yung, and the HSUHK Sinfonietta. The performances helped to raise funds for the University's development and made the gathering occasion a warm and memorable one for the guests.



Photos:

Photo 1:



Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government, wished HSUHK continuing success in the years to come.

Photo 2:



Louisa Cheang, Chairman of Board of Governors of HSUHK, said it was HSUHK's mission to become a leading non-profit, private liberal-arts-oriented university in the region.

Photo 3:



Moses Cheng, Chairman of Council of HSUHK, shared his memory on HSUHK's journey to become a university from Hang Seng School of Commerce and later Hang Seng Management College.



Photo 4:



Simon S M Ho, President of HSUHK, said the University would diligently implement the initiatives set out in its “5-Year Strategic Plan”.

Photo 5:



Carrie Lam, Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government (7th from left), Louisa Cheang, Chairman of Board of Governors of HSUHK (6th from left), Moses Cheng, Chairman of Council of HSUHK (6th from right), Kevin Yeung, Secretary for Education (5th from left), Tan Tieniu, Deputy Director of the Central Government’s Liaison Office in Hong Kong (5th from right), Anthony Cheung, Chairman of Committee on Self-financing Post-secondary Education (4th from left), Simon S M Ho, President of HSUHK (4th from right), Tim Lui, Chairman of the Education Commission (3rd from left), Ho Tzu-leung (2nd from left) and Thomas Liang (3rd from right), representatives from Founding Families, Rose Lee, Immediate Past Chairman of Board of Governors (2nd from right), Mrs Margaret Leung, former Past Chairman of Board of Governors (1st from left) and Patrick Poon, Governor and Chairman of Fund-Raising and Donation Committee of HSUHK (1st from right), participated in the “New Milestones” commemorative ceremony.



Photo 6:



Toasting ceremony to celebrate HSUHK on its march to the next chapter of its history.

Photo 7:



Over 500 guests from different sectors of the community attended the Founders' Day cum University Naming Dinner.

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The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) is a non-profit private liberal-arts-oriented university in Hong Kong with five Schools (Business, Communication, Decision Sciences, Humanities and Social Science, and Translation) and around 5,000 full-time students. Adopting the “Liberal + Professional” education model which incorporates the iGPS “desired graduate attributes” framework, HSUHK is a residential institution which puts quality teaching and students’ all-round development as its highest priorities.

Aspiring to be a leading private liberal-arts-oriented university in the region, HSUHK features top-quality faculty members, award-winning green campus facilities, innovative degree programmes, RGC-funded impactful research, and excellent student development/support services, with the aim of nurturing young talents with critical thinking, innovative minds, human caring attitude, moral values and social responsibilities.



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