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HSUHK Pioneers the Establishment of Honours Academy to Nurture Future Leaders

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) has recently established the Honours Academy (HA). It is the first of its kind initiated by a Hong Kong higher education institution. High-achieving year-two undergraduates, forming a cohort of no more than 20 students each academic year, will be selected for admission to the HA, a vibrant and supportive cradle of future leaders with academic excellence, caring for local and global communities, international perspectives and civic engagement. Admitted students to the HA will go through a three-year journey of extra focused training and experience a unique undergraduate life.

“As a pioneering and visionary local higher education institution, the HA is built upon HSUHK’s unique ‘Liberal + Professional’ education model, and our mission to nurture responsible global citizens with critical thinking, innovative minds, caring attitude, moral values and social responsibility,” said Professor Simon S. M. HO, the President of HSUHK. “The HA students are to be equipped with global cross-cultural competencies and civic leadership to create far-reaching impacts on society.”

The finely-selected HA students will embark on the journey of future leadership through engaging in a training programme which is innovatively and flexibly designed. “Through taking the extra customised HA modules, students’ self-awareness and interpersonal skills can be fostered. They will also have the opportunities to practise service leadership and public policy making, engage in interdisciplinary discussions in the HA Seminars, and work together with other high caliber students in independent research projects under the supervision of our experienced faculty members. The HA students will enjoy a three-year high-flying journey at HSUHK.” Professor Y. V. HUI, Vice-President (Academic and Research), mapped out the HA curriculum.

The HA will also offer students various experiential development opportunities beyond the classroom to create a transformative undergraduate experience. Dr Tom FONG, Vice-President (Organisational Development), said, “our HA students are trained to make positive impact on public policy through service leadership training, together with residential-college living and learning, internship and overseas exploration.” Dr FONG added that the HA programme stands



out with the Mentorship Scheme where each HA student will be paired up with one of our Professional Fellows, all of whom are prestigious leaders in various sectors of the community.

Echoing the vision of HSUHK, the HA initiative signifies the University's commitment to nurturing leaders for serving and advancing our society and the world.

Photos:



Photo 1: The Honours Academy (HA) of HSUHK is a vibrant and supportive cradle of future leaders.



Photo 2: HA students will be nurtured as leaders to make positive impact on public policy. The photo was captured at the “G20 Summit Simulation” at HSUHK.



Photo 3: HSUHK aims to equip students with global cross-cultural competencies and civic leadership. The photo shows HSUHK students were helping to build a community centre in Laos.

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About The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) is a non-profit private liberal-arts-oriented university with five Schools (Business, Communication, Decision Sciences, Humanities and Social Science, and Translation) and around 5,800 full-time students. Adopting the unique “Liberal + Professional” education model, HSUHK is a residential institution which puts quality teaching and students’ all-round development as its highest priorities.

Aspiring to be a leading private university in the region, HSUHK features a primary focus on undergraduate education, top-quality faculty members, award-winning green campus facilities, innovative degree programmes, unique residential college system combining living and learning, interactive small class teaching, very close student-teacher relationship, RGC-funded impactful research, and excellent student development/support services. The University aims to nurture young talents with critical thinking, innovative minds, human caring, moral values and social responsibilities.

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