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Dear Students,

Arrangements for the New Academic Year 2022/23

On behalf of the University, Provost and Vice-President (Academic and Research), Vice-President (Learning and Student Experience) and Vice-President (Organisational Development) would like to welcome you back to campus and wish you a successful year.

We would like to update you on the following arrangements concerning the commencement of the new Academic Year 2022/23.

Teaching and Examination Arrangements for Undergraduate (UG) Programmes

- 1. Upon thorough consideration of the latest situation of COVID-19 and the teaching and learning needs of staff and students, all classes and examinations for Undergraduate (UG) programmes will resume normal face-to-face on campus. Teachers will conduct face-to-face classes in the scheduled classrooms according to the assigned timetables. No online broadcasting will be available. Students who are outside Hong Kong should plan your trip as soon as possible by observing the *latest Quarantine Measures for Inbound Travellers* imposed by the HKSAR Government via the link: (https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html#quarantinemeasures).
- 2. The University will stay vigilant to the pandemic situation and may make special arrangements for classes/ examinations when deemed necessary and appropriate. Students are advised to stay alert from time to time to the University announcements via email and Connect (eCampus).
- 3. UG students who cannot attend scheduled classes due to any special situations (e.g. students need to undergo compulsory quarantine with quarantine order) should contact your module teacher(s) concerned in advance (if feasible) and apply for Leave of Absence according to the <u>Academic Regulations</u> as appropriate.

Taught Postgraduate (TPG) Programmes

All the classes and examinations for Taught Postgraduate (TPG) programmes 4. will resume normal face-to-face on campus. No online broadcasting will be available. Students who are outside Hong Kong should plan your trip as soon as the *latest* **Ouarantine** Measures for Inbound possible by observing Travellers imposed by the HKSAR Government via the link: (https://www.coronavirus.gov.hk/eng/inbound-travel.html#quarantinemeasures).

5. TPG Students who cannot attend scheduled classes/ examinations due to any special situations should approach the respective module teacher(s) or the Programme Office for assistance.

Campus Hygiene and Precautionary Measures

- 6. Please refer to the <u>University's announcements on COVID-19</u> for latest updates and the <u>Policy Guidelines for Handling COVID-19</u> Cases at HSUHK from CDMO.
- 7. Please be reminded that the Government's requirement of Vaccine Pass (VP) for campus entry entered Phase/Stage 3 from 31 May 2022 (ref. <u>Dosage Schedule for Vaccine Pass</u>). Please note that compliance with the VP requirement is necessary for campus entry.
- 8. Staff and students can use the <u>Staff/Student Card</u> for entry on the conditions that:
 - Latest provisional vaccine pass or vaccination records or recovery records have been submitted to the <u>Health Declaration (HD) system</u>, in compliance with the Vaccine Pass (VP) requirements
 - Recovered persons should upload the relevant recognized proof of recovery in the HD if they have not completed full course of vaccine required by the VP (note that normal requirement will resume six months after recovery, ref. <u>Recovered</u> <u>Persons</u>)
 - Those with recognized and valid vaccination medical exemption certificates are required to submit exemption record and COVID negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) based nucleic acid test result at least once every 7 days to the HD

All information submitted via the HD will be handled in strict confidence and according to university data handling guidelines.

- 9. Residents of Residential Colleges (RCs) and Old Hall are requested to pay attention to and comply with the COVID-Related Policies and Measures at the RCs and Old Hall. For details, please refer to RCU announcements sent directly to residents.
- 10. The campus community is reminded to maintain responsible personal hygiene and health practices to help safeguard personal and public health.

We look forward to seeing all new and familiar faces around campus in the new academic year. The University will continue to monitor the latest situation of the pandemic and make appropriate changes and announcements in a timely manner. We wish you all an enjoyable, healthy and rewarding year ahead.

Provost and Vice-President (Academic and Research) Vice-President (Learning and Student Experience) Vice-President (Organisational Development)

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