



## Press Release

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### **HSUHK Hosts Regional Co-operation on Culture and Heritage Roundtable Forum**

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) hosted The Regional Co-operation on Culture and Heritage Roundtable Forum today as a celebratory event for its 43rd anniversary, with the aim to foster regional cooperation on culture and heritage among ASEAN states and Hong Kong, as well as accelerate Hong Kong as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange.

The Forum was moderated by Professor Desmond Hui Cheuk-kuen, Founding Head of the Department of Art and Design, HSUHK. The Forum speakers included Mr Danny Yung, Co-Artistic Director, Zuni Icosahedron; Ms Hang Chansophea, Representative of Culture and Heritage Sector at the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts, Cambodia; Mr Yoganthiran Manikam, Vice Consul (Tourism), Consulate General of Malaysia in the HKSAR; Mr Douglas So Cheung-tak, BBS, JP, Chairman of the Museum Advisory Committee, and Chairman of the Antiquities Advisory Board, HKSAR, and Ms Melanie Kwok, Assistant General Manager (Sustainability), Hong Kong Heritage Conservation Foundation Limited. Together, the panellists shared their insights on how culture and heritage can foster mutual exchange and development, how we can promote social, cultural and economic growth and how to propagate resilience, innovation and sustainability, alongside other topics.

In his opening address, Professor Simon S M Ho, President of HSUHK, said “Art and culture go beyond political and linguistic boundaries while strengthening social cohesion crossing.” He also noted that over the last two decades, Hong Kong’s art and cultural exchanges were mainly conducted with the West, but in the coming years, he believes that as one of the world’s fastest-growing regions that also shares common cultural traits with Hong Kong, Hong Kong’s focus for cultural exchanges should be reoriented more towards the ASEAN region.



**Photo:**



Photo 1: Mr Danny Yung delivers a speech during the Forum. Speakers also exchange ideas and insights on how to foster regional cooperation on culture and heritage, including Professor Desmond Hui (second from right), Ms Hang Chansophea, (third from right), Mr Yoganthiran Manikam (fourth from right), Mr Douglas So, (fifth from right), and Ms Melanie Kwok (sixth from right).

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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 Foreign Languages) and around 6,000 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. The University aims to nurture young talents with critical thinking, innovative minds, caring attitudes, moral values and social responsibility.

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. HSUHK is listed 7th (overall) in the ASEAN+ region, 1st in the Greater China region, and 1st in Employability as per the 2023 AppliedHE ASEAN+ private university assessment by the Singapore-based international higher education consultant agency AppliedHE. HSUHK is also listed among the top 200 worldwide for ‘Quality Education’ and ‘Decent Work and Economic Growth’ in Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021.



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