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HSUHK confers degrees on over 1,900 graduates at Graduation Ceremony 2023

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) holds the Graduation Ceremony 2023 on 4 and 6 December, conferring bachelor's and master's degrees on more than 1,900 graduates. Officiating at the Ceremony are Dr Moses Cheng, Chairman of the Council, and Mr James Tsien, Vice-Chairman of the Council respectively. Members of the Board of Governors and of the Council are also present to share the precious moment with the graduates.

Professor Simon S M Ho, President of HSUHK, expresses his warmest congratulations to all graduates. "In a world where success is often measured by indicators such as wealth, fame, power and social status, it is easy to lose sight of what truly matters. In fact, success can have different meanings for different people. Success can be non-traditional, non-material and intangible such as finding happiness and love, leading a simple life, building strong relationships, realising your interests and potential, and giving back to the community. For me, success is about choices that align with our values and passions, and contribute to the wellbeing of others and society at large, regardless of wealth, fame or power." Professor Ho encourages graduates to determine their own aspirations and a set of personal values, thereby creating a life that is truly fulfilling.

Dr Moses Cheng and Mr James Tsien congratulate the graduates and are delighted to share with the graduates the joy and excitement. They say graduation is not only the hard work and accomplishments of the past few years that graduates should be celebrating for, but they are also celebrating a very exciting new chapter in their life ahead. They advise graduates never stop learning, exploring and challenging themselves to achieve even more, and to stay confident and strong in good or not so good times.

At the ceremony, the HSUHK Teaching Excellence Awards 2022-23 are also presented to distinguished teachers who have demonstrated outstanding performance in teaching, dedication to continuous improvement in pedagogy, and have made a distinguished contribution to teaching and learning. A total of five awardees are selected this year, including Dr Victor Chan of the Department of Social Science, Dr Fanny Chan of the Department of Marketing, Dr Cathy Fung of the Department of Chinese, Dr Terence Li of the Department of Marketing, and Dr Daniel Mo of the Department of Supply Chain and Information Management.

Full Text of President Ho's Speech (English Only): [LINK](#)



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Photos:



Photo 1-2: President Simon S M Ho congratulates graduates.



Photo 3-4: Graduates are pleased to meet HSUHK's mascot Handa.



Photo 5: Degrees are conferred on over 1,900 graduates at the HSUHK Graduate Ceremony.



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Photo 6-7: Joyous graduates share their happiness.

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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 Foreign Languages) and over 6,000 full-time students. Adopting the unique “Liberal + Professional” education model, HSUHK aims to nurture young talent 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 the 7th (overall) in the ASEAN+ region, the 1st in the Greater China region, and the 1st in Employability as per the 2023 AppliedHE ASEAN+ private university assessment by the Singapore-based AppliedHE. It is also listed among the top 200 worldwide on “Quality Education” and “Decent Work and Economic Growth” in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021.

President's Address at the Graduation Ceremony 2023

Welcome to the Graduation Ceremony for the Class of 2023! I would like to offer my heartfelt congratulations to our graduates for reaching an important milestone in your life. The Graduation Ceremony is not only a time for you to celebrate the fruits of your hard work, but also to show your gratitude to your teachers, family members, mentors, fellow classmates and friends, who have cared for you and been by your side throughout your learning journey at HSUHK.

As you begin the next chapter in your lives, I would like to share with you a little story about rocks, pebbles, and sand. A professor showed his class a big glass jar. He started filling up the jar with rocks and asked his students if the jar was full, the students said yes. He then poured some small pebbles into the jar, which filled the space around the bigger rocks. "Is the jar fuller now?" the professor asked. The students agreed that the jar was now fuller. The professor finally poured sand into the jar, which took up all the remaining space. This stimulated the students to think about the meaning of "fullness" or "fulfilment".

This metaphor inspires us on some self-reflections. The jar represents your life, the rocks represent the most important aspects of life, which help us lay a strong foundation and give us strength, especially in times of challenges. The pebbles and the sand are other aspects that also matter, as they add richness, colour and a sense of completion to your life. However, if you do not prioritise your rocks, and spend most of your time and energy pursuing pebbles and sand, you may have little room left for the things that will help you build a stronger foundation in life.

Throughout my life journey, I have explored and discovered by time that my rocks are my personal values and attitudes. This self-

discovery enables me to follow my passions for higher education and community services, and live a life with a sense of fulfilment.

Dear graduates, as you explore new experiences in your next stage of lives, I urge you to prioritise the values that you pursue. Values define who you are, and serve as the guiding principles which affect your behaviors, attitudes and performance. Values guide you to make important decisions and set your life priorities. Persistence in upholding your values in your pursuits will help you create a life that is fulfilling.

In a world where success is often measured by indicators such as wealth, fame, power and social status, it is easy to lose sight of what truly matters. In fact, success can have different meanings for different people. Success can be non-traditional, non-material and intangible such as finding happiness and love, leading a simple life, building strong relationships, realising your interests and potential, and giving back to the community. For me, success is about choices that align with our values and passions, and contribute to the wellbeing of others and society at large, regardless of wealth, fame or power. What does success or values mean to you?

As a private liberal-arts-oriented university, HSUHK adopts the unique “Liberal + Professional” education model, which has empowered you to explore your personal values and develop the competencies of the 5 Cs, “Critical Thinking”, “Creativity”, “Communication/Collaborations”, “Caring Attitude” and “Continuous Active Learning”. With these 5 Cs, you will be more able to tackle the challenges ahead with grace and fulfilment. Whichever path or mission you choose in the future, I encourage you to reflect on your personal values and craft your own jar with rocks, pebbles and sand.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2023! I wish you all the best in your future endeavours.