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HSUHK President welcomes Policy Address 2025 initiatives and calls for more support for self-financing institutions

Professor Simon Ho, President of The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK), welcomes the major policy measures regarding higher education in the 2025 Policy Address, including accelerating the development of the Northern Metropolis University Town, promoting the “Study in Hong Kong” brand, increasing student hostel supply, and strengthening digital and technology education. He believes these initiatives will positively contribute to Hong Kong's economic development and talent cultivation.

President Ho is delighted with the Government's proactive efforts in deepening the establishment of Hong Kong as an International Education Hub, and hopes that both public-funded universities and self-financing institutions can benefit from the funding support aimed at enhancing publicity, as well as the recruitment of teachers and students from overseas and the Mainland. Reflecting on the proposal to relax the enrollment ceiling for self-financing non-local students from the current 40% of the local students to 50%, President Ho considers this arrangement too aggressive and suggests a gradual implementation of the proposal by assessing each institution's enrollment capacity, and ensuring appropriate support measures are in place, as well as considering other societal impacts before further easing restrictions.

On the issue of increasing off-campus student accommodation, President Ho expresses his hope that the Government will swiftly allocate land to self-financing universities to address the shortage of student hostels.

He also expresses support for the Government's promotion of AI innovation and application in various areas. The University is actively implementing strategy and measures to leverage AI for enhanced teaching, learning and research, as well as nurturing AI talent. However, he emphasises that higher education should not prioritise technology and economic benefits alone, as it is equally important to value the integration of the humanities and social sciences.

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Photo caption: Professor Simon Ho welcomes the integrated development of education in the 2025 Policy Address.

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The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) is a non-profit private liberal-arts-oriented university with six Schools (Business, Communication, Decision Sciences, Humanities and Social Science, Translation and Foreign Languages, and Transdisciplinary Studies), and over 7,000 full-time undergraduate and postgraduate students. With its unique “Liberal + Professional” education model, HSUHK nurtures 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 prioritises stellar undergraduate education, top-quality faculty members, award-winning green campus facilities, innovative degree programmes, a unique residential college system that combines living and learning, interactive small-class teaching, close student-teacher relationships, impactful research, and excellent student development and support services.

HSUHK also ranked 7th (overall) in the ASEAN+ region, the 1st in the Greater China region, the 1st in Employability, the 3rd in Research and the 5th in Community Engagement as per the 2023 AppliedHE ASEAN+ private university ranking by the Singapore-based AppliedHE. Additionally, HSUHK was ranked among the top 200 worldwide on “Quality Education” and “Decent Work and Economic Growth” in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021.

HSUHK was recognised in the 2025 Top Universities and Top Scientists Rankings conducted by international academic platform, Research.com, and was ranked 22nd in Social Sciences and Humanities, and 33rd in Economics and Finance among the top universities in China. The University’s MSc in Global Supply Chain Management programme was ranked 84th globally in the QS International Trade Rankings 2025 announced by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). The programme was also ranked 7th in the Greater China region and 4th in Hong Kong. The School of Business obtained AACSB International accreditation, a distinction achieved by only 6% of the world’s leading business schools.