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HSUHK names Professor Joshua Mok as next President

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong (HSUHK) announced today (5 March) the appointment of Professor Joshua Mok Ka-ho (莫家豪) as its next President, effective 1 September 2026, for a five-year term.

The appointment was approved by the Board of Governors and the Council, following the recommendation of the Search Committee after a rigorous recruitment process.

Professor Joshua Mok currently serves as Provost and Vice-President (Academic and Research) at HSUHK. Before joining HSUHK in June 2024, he held senior leadership roles as Vice-President at Lingnan University and Vice-President (Research and Development) at The Education University of Hong Kong.

A highly respected scholar and educator in higher education policy, comparative social policy and institutional development, Professor Mok has been recognised among the world's top 2% scientists by Stanford University and acknowledged as a top leader in Social Sciences and Humanities by Research.com. Most recently, he is named as a top scholar by ScholarGPS in 2026, being ranked 1st in Asian Studies and 7th in Higher Education Research over the past five years.

Ms Luanne Lim, Chairman of the Board of Governors, and Dr the Hon Moses Cheng Mo-chi, Chairman of the Council, expressed their delight: "The Board of Governors and the Council were impressed by Professor Joshua Mok's strategic vision, leadership, and academic standing, as well as his commitment to positioning HSUHK as a leading private university in Asia. We are confident that his vision, expertise, and dedication will lead HSUHK to new heights of excellence."

Professor Joshua Mok is honoured to accept the new role. He said: "HSUHK stands as a leader in liberal arts education, dedicated to cultivating innovative and compassionate leaders for both our society and the global community. I am thrilled to assume the presidency and collaborate closely with members of the Board of Governors and the Council, students, faculty, alumni, and partners to strengthen the University's academic and educational foundations, broaden its tradition of excellence, and make a meaningful impact through the creation of new knowledge and research."

The University launched a global search for its next President in June 2025. After a rigorous evaluation and interview process, the Search Committee recommended Professor Joshua Mok as the most suitable candidate. An open sharing session was held for Professor Mok to meet staff, students, and alumni.



HSUHK also expressed heartfelt appreciation to Professor Simon S M Ho, the incumbent President, for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service. Under his visionary guidance, Hang Seng Management College attained university status and became The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, marking a historic milestone in the institution's development.

Brief biography of Professor Joshua Mok

Professor Joshua Mok has successfully established academic, research and administrative expertise not only in Hong Kong but also in Chinese Mainland and the United Kingdom (UK). Before joining The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, he was the Vice President and Lam Man Tsan Chair Professor of Comparative Policy at Lingnan University. Prior to that, Professor Mok has held leadership positions at various universities, including Vice President (Research and Development) and Dean of the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at The Education University of Hong Kong; Associate Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at The University of Hong Kong; and Chair Professor and Founding Director of the Centre of East Asian Studies at the University of Bristol, UK.

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His academic career has been distinguished by leadership in higher education policy, comparative social policy and institutional development. He has authored numerous books and peer-reviewed journal articles on comparative education, social governance and higher education reform, and social policy and development studies. He was appointed as a Changjiang Chair Professor by the Chinese Ministry of Education in 2010 and has served as an international consultant to UNESCO and the British Council. His research has secured substantial competitive funding in areas including youth mobility, population ageing and international education.

At Lingnan University and The Education University of Hong Kong, he was entrusted with key academic leadership and management responsibilities, including oversight of academic development, research strategy and external engagement. His strategic planning helped build interdisciplinary research teams, expand graduate education and enhance institutional reputation. In recognition of his leadership in higher education research, Professor Mok has been appointed as a Deputy Director of the Centre for Global Higher Education (CGHE) based at the University of Oxford, UK since May 2025 to promote productive collaborations with partnering institutions in Asia and beyond.

As a true believer of transformative power of liberal arts education promoting "Learning to CARE", Professor Mok has actively engaged in public and community services. He has been appointed by the HKSAR Government to serve as the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Social Work Training and Manpower Planning, the Chairman of the Council of the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust, the Chairman of History Sub-Committee of the Museum Advisory Committee. Most recently, Professor Mok was appointed by the Chief Executive as a Member of Social Welfare Advisory



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Committee, a high-level committee on social welfare and policy for HKSAR Government. Nationally, Professor Mok is a Member of the China Higher Education Association and was invited by the Association in April 2025 to serve as the Founding Editor-in-Chief of a new international journal, *Perspectives of Higher Education*, with support of the Chinese Ministry of Education to promote Chinese higher education globally.

Since joining HSUHK in June 2024, Professor Mok has founded the Graduate School and the School of Transdisciplinary Studies, led the development of new academic programmes and research centres, further strengthening the University's research capacity and academic profile.

Professor Mok graduated from City University of Hong Kong for the BA (Hon) in Public and Social Administration; he earned his MPhil degree from The Chinese University of Hong Kong and received his PhD degree from London School of Economics and Political Science in the UK.

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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 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 has earned various international recognitions. In the AppliedHE’s ALL ASIA Private University Ranking 2026, it secured 7th place in the Greater China region. HSUHK ranked 22nd in Social Sciences and Humanities and 33rd in Economics and Finance among China’s top universities in the Research.com Top Universities and Top Scientists Rankings 2025. The MSc in Global Supply Chain Management programme achieved 84th place globally in the QS International Trade Rankings 2025. Additionally, HSUHK’s School of Business obtained AACSB International accreditation in 2023, a mark of excellence held by only 6% of the world’s leading business schools. HSUHK was also ranked among the top 200 worldwide on “Quality Education” and “Decent Work and Economic Growth” in the Times Higher Education University Impact Rankings 2021.