

Welcome Remarks at the Soft Opening of the HSUHK – Foundation Gallery

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1/F, Creative Humanities Hub (CR), HSUHK

Colleagues, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good afternoon. It is my pleasure to join this warm family gathering on the soft opening of the HSUHK – Foundation Gallery after some further refurbishments and special design. Today marks not only the unofficial unveiling of this physical space, but also the realisation of a collective vision brought to life through the dedication and generosity of many. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the HSUHK – Foundation Members for their vision, collective efforts and donations forming the cornerstone of this Foundation Gallery. I would also like to thank the Working Group on Foundation Gallery Curation, ITSC, AAAO, Library, Schools and other units of HSUHK for your unwavering support in making the Foundation Gallery possible.

As I was preparing this remarks and seeing our Department of Art and Design's (AAD) student project exhibition titled "Never Forget Your Original Aspiration", I took some time to reflect on our original aspiration for the Foundation Gallery – to create a space that bridges creativity, culture, and education, and presents the collective outcomes to the wider community. As one of the flagship facilities in the Creative Humanities Hub, the Foundation Gallery embodies HSUHK's enduring commitment to humanistic values. Through this Gallery, we aim to convey our belief that education is not only about acquiring knowledge, but also about nurturing all-rounded talents, fostering dialogues, and celebrating the richness of human cultures and expressions which align with our "Liberal + Professional" education model.

Beyond its architectural presence, the Foundation Gallery has evolved to hold profound scholarly and cultural significance. It will serve as a platform to facilitate art-related research and projects and interdisciplinary collaborations. It will be a place where academia meets art and culture, where ideas are exchanged, and where our identity as a university that values creativity, art and culture. We hope to see the convergence of disciplines, perspectives, and talent here in the Foundation Gallery, creating fruitful learning experiences and values for the HSUHK community and beyond.

Looking ahead, we are committed to sustaining and expanding the impact of the Foundation Gallery. It will become an integral part of our cultural and intellectual landscape, a living space that grows with HSUHK. May I commend the Working Group once again for their continued dedication in connecting us with renowned artists and curating inspiring exhibitions. These collaborations also echo the HKSAR Government's direction in strengthening links with overseas arts and culture organisations and developing Hong Kong into an East-meets-West center for international cultural and art exchanges. We eagerly look forward to the upcoming exhibitions that will further elevate the Foundation Gallery's role in our community.

Together, let us celebrate this milestone and embrace the Foundation Gallery as a beacon of creativity and cultural engagement. May it continue to inspire our students and visitors with the power of art and culture. Thank you very much. Hope you enjoy our warm reception!