

### Welcome Address at the HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum 2021

25 May 2021 Auditorium, Lee Quo Wei Academic Building

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum 2021. We are grateful to you for your participation; and we are more than fortunate to have 8 wonderful guest speakers from different local institutions, whom you will meet during the Forum today. Our sincere thanks to:

Dr Reijiro Aoyama from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University;  
Dr Benedict Chan from Hong Kong Baptist University;  
Professor Cheung Kam-siu and Professor Icy Lee from The Chinese University of Hong Kong;  
Dr Vera Hau from The Open University of Hong Kong;  
Professor Julia Kuehn from The University of Hong Kong;  
Dr John Leung from SCOPE, City University of Hong Kong; and  
Professor Fugee Tsung from The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Ben Cheng, will introduce the distinguished speakers and the parallel sessions afterwards.

Our Centre for Teaching and Learning may be young, but The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong has a tradition of providing quality education. We celebrated the ruby jubilee last year. Along the 40 years, the University has always strived for teaching excellence. We treasure the invaluable resources of teachers, who are the foundation and the agents of the University's unique "Liberal + Professional education" model. In 2014/15, when we were Hang Seng Management College then, the first prizes of Teaching Excellence Awards were presented to recognise the achievements of our teachers. Rather than just a recognition of a teacher's achievement, the Teaching Excellence Awards should be a start for sharing and passing on of experience. On top of internal sharing seminars, a broader stage has been prepared for our outstanding winning teachers.

Our Centre for Teaching and Learning organised the first HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum in 2019. It is planned to be an annual event, and it serves as a cross-institutional platform for educators to share the best practices and the most updated experience of teaching and learning. The awardees of the HSUHK Teaching Excellence Awards of the year are, of course, invited to speak at the Forum with the stellar guests of their choice from other institutions.

At the first HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum in 2019, three of our teachers and their three guests spoke about teaching excellence and “A Good Teacher Inspires”. At this second HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum, two years later, the number of speakers tripled to 18. The second Forum should be held last year, but was postponed until now due to the pandemic. In the new normal of online teaching, which our speakers will talk about later, it is our first-time endeavour to host the HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum in the mixed mode.

The theme today is “Let’s Create a BRAINstorm in a Teacup: Dialogues with Different Educators”. Besides the 8 guests of honour, the educators in dialogue include our 4 winning teachers of the Academic Year 2018/19, and 6 winning teachers of the Academic Year 2019/20. They also wrote their Teaching Stories, which are printed for your collection today and afterwards.

I am glad to take this chance to congratulate the 11 winners of the HSUHK Teaching Excellence Awards in the past 2 years. My gratitude, too, for your concerted effort and enthusiasm for teaching, and your care and love towards the students.

My remarks close here. Thank you for coming. Enjoy the conversations, enjoy the day, wherever you are in the Auditorium here or online.

Thank you.