

### Opening Remarks at the Honours Academy Symposium

4 July 2022 Fung Yiu King Hall, S H Ho Academic Building, HSUHK

Dear colleagues and students,

Good afternoon. The Honours Academy was established in 2020, an incubator for future civic leaders and the first of its kind among local higher education institutions. I am very glad to attend this special occasion today, our first Honours Academy Symposium, which is indeed a showcase of our HA students' Senior Research Projects under HA4001.

The Senior Research Project aims to provide our HA students with research experience that incorporates concepts and techniques learned throughout their academic studies, and to allow them an opportunity to apply scholarly and innovative ideas. Students choose their own interdisciplinary topic and conduct independent research under the guidance of our HA Academic Fellows or faculty supervisors.

I know that in the course of the project, each HA student will first discuss with their team coach (Jeanne, Esther and Holly) about their research interest and direction. Upon the team coach's advice, students will put together their research proposals and invite our Academic Fellows or faculty members whose research interests match with the students' to become their research project supervisors. This project could not have happened without the unconditional support of the Academic Fellows, the faculty supervisors and the team coaches.

This summer, we have six HA students who have been engaged in the Senior Research Project, either individually or as a team. I noted that the research topics to be presented are very interesting, including the areas of online learning platforms in the IT sector; work-life balance in the audit profession; the silent trend of news podcasts in Taiwan, Hong Kong and Mainland China; Music consumptions on YouTube; and the investment behaviors of university students in Hong Kong. I believe that in the future more topics can be more related to leadership and public policy issues.

Apart from the Senior Research Projects, I am confident that our HA students will continue to put their knowledge into practice through active participation with the community and become servant leaders who can initiate positive changes in the local and global communities.

Once again, my heartiest congratulations to the HA students completing your Senior Research Projects and my best wishes to all final-year HA students as committed future servant leaders!