

Welcome Remarks at the HSUHK Joint-RCs High Table Dinner

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College Hall, Block M, Yuen Campus, HSUHK

Board Chairman and Honorable Speaker Ms Diana Cesar, Council Chairman Dr Moses Cheng, our College Patrons Dr Patrick Fung, Mr Thomas Liang and Dr Patrick Poon, College Masters, distinguished guests, colleagues, and students,

Welcome to the Joint-RCs High Table Dinner 2023. As we gather here tonight, I am overjoyed that we are able to resume this traditional Joint-RCs High Table Dinner after three years of suspension due to the COVID.

During the challenging times of the pandemic, our RCs continued to provide full support to student residents in their study and living, and in particular, rendering caring support to infected students and their affected roommates. To cheer up the RC community, over 30 student resident teams produced videos in the campaign “安心拍片「恒」愛傳 RC” conveying positive caring messages in the fight against the virus. It is also heart-warming to know that some student residents initiated and prepared anti-epidemic supplies for both the non-local student residents and the RCs operational staff including security staff & cleaners. I am proud of our students, faculty, and members of the RC system who have shown incredible resilience, strength and unwavering support to each other. You have demonstrated the essence of the RC community spirit.

I am also delighted to share with you some milestones that the RCs have accomplished. These include the naming of the Patrick S C Poon Amity College in 2020, and the subsequent namings of Lee Yick Hoi Lun Mosaic College, S H Ho Wellness College and Fung Yiu King Evergreen College in 2022. All the four RCs have now established their respective development endowment fund, symbolising a new chapter of HSUHK's RCs system. We are truly grateful to our generous donors whose support has helped us provide quality residential education and learning experiences to our students. As a step further, the four RC Boards and Executive Committees were also established in 2021 to steer the strategy and development of each Residential College. At the same time, the University has also incorporated more academic and intellectual elements into our RC experience through various initiatives, such as offering RC-themed credit-

bearing modules and over a hundred residential education programmes, such as the RC Sustainability Leadership Programme and the Community Cultural Ambassador Programme.

Tonight, we gather here also to celebrate some achievements and bonding of the RC community. It is a time to recognise your hard work and dedication to our RC community. It is also a time to learn and to be enlightened by our guests. We are honoured to have Ms. Diana Cesar, the Chairman of our Board of Governors, to share with us the “Stories of a Homegrown Leader”. My dear students, I believe the speech tonight and this High Table Dinner will create memorable moments that will inspire you throughout your life journey.

For our guests, faculty and staff members, thank you for honouring us with your presence tonight and chatting with our students. Please enjoy the evening, and let's make the most of this RC family occasion. Thank you.