

Welcome Remarks at the HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum 2023 - Teaching Excellence: Transform to Perform

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Honourable Guests and Fellow Colleagues,

Good morning.

Welcome to the HSUHK Teaching and Learning Forum 2023! It is my greatest pleasure to see you all at this signature event of our Centre for Teaching and Learning.

HSUHK offers students an all-round transformational and empowering educational experience through its unique 'Liberal + Professional' education model. To achieve this goal, our teachers spare no pains to invent novel and effective pedagogy or modes of teaching to help students identify their own interests, unleash their diverse potentials, and eventually put their values and beliefs into practice.

To recognise the invaluable contribution of our teachers, the HSUHK Teaching Excellence Awards was launched in the Academic Year 2014/15. Since then, more than 40 faculty members have been awarded. This year, we have 7 award recipients, including 6 full-time staff and one part-time staff. My heartiest congratulations and appreciation to each of you. Taking the opportunity, I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to all faculty staff. Under your mentorship and caring, I am confident that our students will become responsible and contributing global citizens with critical thinking, innovative minds, caring attitudes, moral values and social responsibility.

In 2019, the University's Centre for Teaching and Learning organised the first Teaching and Learning Forum, offering a platform for academic colleagues of different disciplines to showcase and share their innovations and experiences for the pursuit of teaching excellence. The second Forum was held in 2021, which was again a remarkable success. We are proud to present the third Forum today with the theme "Teaching Excellence: Transform to Perform". Our award recipients since the 1st inception in 2014/15, together with our guest speakers and other faculty staff, will share and exchange their valuable experiences and insights on how to transform their teaching

practices to enhance student learning and achieve excellence in teaching.

Dr Ben Cheng, Director of the Centre for Teaching and Learning, told me that we are going to have a very interesting, inspiring and rich sharing today. So, I would better draw my remark to a close here and I do look forward to the fruitful discussion.

Once again, thank you for coming and please enjoy the Forum.