Feature Story

5 objectives of HKU in Mainland China

1. Increase the utility of our key assets including Shenzhen Hospital, Shanghai Study Centre, SIRI, and ZIRI with local and international academic, public, and private partners
2. Increase the number of trans-disciplinary activities with partners working on regional and global needs
3. Enhance learning and enrichment opportunities in the Mainland for HKU students while attract high caliber students and staff to HKU
4. Enhance HKU branding and reputation as a global powerhouse
5. Augment access to resources, research output, professional development, and knowledge exchange

Mainland China is expansive and dynamic. The global higher education is competitive and rapidly changing. Our future activities in the Mainland must be focused and proactive with clear targets while taking full advantage of development agendas such as Road/Belt and leveraging HKU’s competitive edge.

A clear direction in the Mainland is crucial in our aspiration to become a world-leading university. In the coming months, I’ll engage in multiple campus dialogues on our objectives in the Mainland as well as measurable outcome and specific actionable. I look forward to our constructive conversation on how this will benefit your learning, professional development, and personal growth.

From VP (Global) ...

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Internationalisation in Research

Research is integral in many global university rankings:
- Survey on research reputation weighs 40% in QS, 18% in THE, 25% in US News
- Citation of research papers accounts for 20% in QS, 30% in THE, and 40% in US News

HKU research papers with international or Mainland (ML) collaborators are more highly cited and tend to be published in journals with higher impact factor. This translates to higher quality and better individual and institutional reputation. On average, each paper published by HKU staff receives:
- 2.4 citations (0.88 field-weighted citation impact FWCI) without collaboration
- 7.4 citations (1.22 FWCI) with institutional collaboration
- 11.8 citations (2.02 FWCI) with international/ML collaboration
- 41.4 citations (6.63 FWCI) with international/ML academic-corporate collaboration
- Global average for all universities is 0.74 FWCI

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Internationalisation in Teaching and Learning

Getting new drugs from research to patients goes through what’s known as the “Valley of Death”. Learn more about the opportunity and what HKU is doing to bridge this gap through HKU-SJTU-HKSTP Consortium at the “Educational Workshop on Drug Discovery and Development” on 15 Feb. Registration: [http://www.global.hku.hk/dddworkshop](http://www.global.hku.hk/dddworkshop)

“Global Challenges, Local Solutions” is a global student competition for you to offer innovative solutions to change lives for good here in HK and abroad. Finalist will be invited to Canada to compete in the global finale for a ~$175,000 HKD prize. Deadline: 9 Feb. For details, please visit [http://wp2.cedars.hku.hk/wcc-hku/](http://wp2.cedars.hku.hk/wcc-hku/)

Internationalisation in Knowledge Exchange

HKU and Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) form strategic partnership to bring new medicine to the public. HKU – SJTU Consortium on Translational Medicine is a platform where distinct strengths of each Institution can be synergised and coordinated along the drug discovery and development continuum: from basic research to development to pre-clinical and clinical studies. The Consortium provides a platform to convene a wider range of stakeholders and expertise including Hong Kong Science and Technology Park. The Consortium is a nexus bringing together HKU and Mainland talents, public agencies, and industry to advance biomedicine in serving the public.

Coming soon: NEW funding opportunities!

Maximizing the use of HKU Shenzhen Hospital benefits everyone. Recently, our School of Nursing held an interactive health talk about sodium intake in the "Health Festival" at the Hospital. Excessive sodium intake has been a global threat to hypertension and other chronic diseases. Not only did our academics share best practices of healthy living with more than 100 participants, HKU research walked away with valuable insights on how to improve their future studies.

Credit: Assistant Professor Patsy Chau of School of Nursing

Guest Contributor

I know from my conversations with other universities around the world that HKU's unique position as the only English-speaking comprehensive university in China puts us in an enviable and envied position. Every medical school would relish access to Mainland patient populations, research funding and reform potential: we have it with our Hospital in Shenzhen. Other universities admire and wish to share our footprint in central Shanghai at the Shanghai Study Centre. Our institute in Hangzhou ("ZIRI") provides unique access to commercialisation opportunities. We can and must make the most of these opportunities in China whilst also maintaining and developing our international credibility in the rest of the world. HKU is Asia’s Global University and our relationship with Mainland China is key to that status.

Credit: President/Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Mathieson

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