HEADLINE

5 more drivers to cement HKU as a major global knowledge node

1. Assist PIs as key content drivers and change agents
2. Diversify nature of activities including self-financing programmes
3. Establish key metrics and effort allocation model
4. Adopt sustainable business and financial plans
5. Enhance visibility and promotion through outreach

“Global knowledge node” attracts global talents to generate new knowledge. It’s where the benefits of internationalization are dispersed locally and globally.

FROM VP (GLOBAL) This month, we continue to highlight the third major area of HKU International and Mainland Strategy: “establishing HKU as a major global knowledge node” http://www.global.hku.hk/vision-statement. For HKU, that means amplifying external-facing activities complemented with internal reforms. My office has been working hard with professors, service units, outside agencies, and various external parties towards this goal. The outcome can be measured qualitatively and quantitatively: number and quality of joint publications and grants, number of private and/or public collaboration and knowledge exchange, number of staff and students engaged in international and Mainland activities. In this issue, hear from our staff who draw international attention and collaboration thus advancing her scholarship and research impact. Also, hear from students and alumni on programs and infrastructure that foster talent development and impactful activities. It’s a group effort to promote HKU’s global visibility!

VOICES FROM STAFF

“The Lap-Chee College, one of the four new colleges pivoted by HKU in 2012, is now celebrating its 5th anniversary. Residential colleges are specially designed for fostering both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Under the prime tenet of enhancing international exchange, the colleges are obliged to recruit students from local Hong Kong, mainland China and overseas in an equal proportion. College students are much encouraged to initiate, organize and join a variety of cultural and community serving activities. At the same time, they have ample opportunities to interact with other students of different academic, cultural and social backgrounds for their personal development. The satisfaction and enjoyment of students further energize our devotional efforts to widen our students’ horizons.

Professor Yuen Man-fung, Master of Lap-Chee College

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**VOICES FROM STUDENTS**

“The HeforShe IMPACT Champion Scholarship has not only provided me with an open door towards quality higher education but it also allowed me to break the stereotype regarding restrictions against female education in my country. It not only gave me the opportunity to pursue my passion but it also provided me with a platform to promote female empowerment. Moreover, it has also helped my transition into adult life by allowing me to become independent in all aspects of life. Today, I can proudly say that I made the most important decision of my life when I accepted HKU’s offer and decided to fly all the way to Hong Kong to not only fulfill my dream but to also contribute towards a greater good for society.

Aleena Khalid, Pakistan, BBMS

“I have always wanted to be better than what I am and to prove that we as females deserve to be active leaders. HeForShe IMPACT Champion scholarship by HKU has given me the chance to hit the nail on the head and achieve my goal of both being a society leader and pursuing to be the Architect I crave to be. Now, In HKU, I feel that I am really doing something for both myself and females in general. Through the HeforShe IMPACT Champion Scholarship, I have the chance to be academically distinct, know more and feed my curiosity, introduce my culture as a Syrian person to the world and to receive all the other cultures in Hong Kong.

Alaa Sleiteen, Syrian Arab Republic, BA(AS)

**VOICES FROM ALUMNI**  
*Translation from Impact-Driven Research to Industrial Partnership*

“Fundamental basic research not only can contribute to the generation of new knowledge in the academic community, but also can make a difference to our well-being and society. A research team, led by Professor Vivian WW Yam from the Department of Chemistry, has successfully developed novel classes of highly luminescent gold complexes, which can be utilized as phosphorescent dopants for the fabrication of vacuum-deposited and solution-processable organic light-emitting devices (OLEDs). The superior performance has attracted industrial interests and has led to the collaboration with TCL Corporation Ltd, one of China’s largest enterprise groups of consumer electronics on global scale, with funding injected to establish a “HKU-TCL Joint Laboratory for New Printable OLED Materials and Technology” to develop solution-processable gold phosphorescent OLED materials. The engagement of the Mainland partner can foster university-industry collaborative efforts that are complementary and mutually enhancing, and accelerate basic research excellence towards translational research activities. In addition, this synergistic partnership can leverage the unique and outstanding strengths in HKU, and is in line with the strong commitment of the Chief Executive of the HKSAR Government on translational research and hi-tech development as well as HKU’s impact-driven research direction, enhancing Hong Kong’s international reputation for its leading-edge research and innovation in the area of new OLED materials and technology.

Professor Vivian WW Yam, Class of 1985

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