Foci of HKU’s International and Mainland Strategy:

1. Establishing HKU as a global knowledge hub
   - For example, Greater Bay Area of health, innovation, technology; Yangtze Delta: culture, arts, urbanization
2. Enhancing student’s life-long learning with international outlook
   - For example, 1 international + 1 Mainland opportunity for all UG
3. Amplifying global reputation

As one of the “3+1 Is” (http://www.sppower.hku.hk/vision2016-2025/our-3-1-is.html) of HKU’s 2016-2025 Strategic Vision (Asia’s Global University), “Internationalization” is not a goal in itself but a path to augment University’s core mission in teaching & learning, research, and knowledge exchange. Unique attributes of “Global University” (http://www.global.hku.hk/sites/default/files/Oct_newsletter.pdf) were previously highlighted and our strategic foci will certainly propel us in claiming that title!

FROM VP (GLOBAL) In the past 6 months, we detailed all 3 areas of HKU International and Mainland Strategy: http://www.global.hku.hk/vision-statement. We heard personal account and reflection from a wide range of HKU stakeholders including alumni, students, and staff. Click here to re-read these past issues (http://www.global.hku.hk/around-world-newsletter). Over the years, my office has been working hard with academic and professional staff as well as local, international, and Mainland partners towards this goal. Internal policy reforms have been put in place to better enable innovative activities here and elsewhere. Qualitative and quantitative metrics have been identified for us to assess our progress. Our global reputation is climbing steadily, more elite universities are forging strategic partnership and dual degree with us (a sign of serious commitment), more students (+ 2500 just last year) are taking on learning opportunities in the Mainland, and more professors are collaborating with outside partners to tackle urgent local and global issues. It’s an exciting time! And to think there’s more to come!

QS ranks 48 disciplines.
Given disciplines present at HKU, 40 were ranked.
1 in World Top 5
2 in World Top 10
9 in World Top 20
33 in World Top 50
14 raised from 2017
14 maintained standing from 2017
12 dropped slightly from 2017
Some highlights: Dentistry #1, Education #7, Civil Engineering #11, Sports #11, Architecture #12, Language #16, Law #19, Social Policy #20

Latest 2018 QS Subject World Ranking

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VOICES FROM STAFF - Global Partnership Seed Fund (GPSF) Grantee sharing

"The GPSF enabled a meeting of the Graduate Consortium of Ecology and Conservation (GCEC) which was hosted by HKU. The unique event allowed postgraduate students and faculty from mainland China (e.g. Sun Yat-Sen University and South China Botanical Garden) and HKU to discuss novel and innovative directions in conservation biology research. The Pearl River Delta is a perfect natural laboratory for studying intensive environmental impacts on biodiversity. By teaming up with top ecologists and environmental scientists in the region, the GPSF-sponsored 2017 GCEC set the stage for impactful collaborative research with international relevance for rapidly growing urban areas globally.

Credit: Dr. Timothy Bonebrake, School of Biological Sciences

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