

FOR CONVOCATION MEMBERS



**THE CONVOCATION OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

**REPORT FOR THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020
ON 25 JUNE 2021**

**THE SEVENTH STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE CONVOCATION
(JANUARY 2020 – DECEMBER 2021)**

BACKGROUND

The establishment of the [Convocation](#) on 1 January 2007 marked an important milestone in the alumni history of the [City University of Hong Kong \(CityU\)](#). The Convocation is a statutory body established under the CityU Ordinance (Cap 1132). Its Chairman is a member of the Council (the supreme governing body of the University) and the Court (the supreme advisory body of the University). Together with the Emeritus Professors and honorary award recipients, each graduate on receipt of an academic award granted by the University (or the then City Polytechnic of Hong Kong) automatically becomes a member of the Convocation.

Membership of the Seventh Standing Committee of the Convocation (2020-2021)

Chairman	Mr Robert LUI Chi-wang
Vice-Chairmen	Mr Danny CHOW Tsz-kin
	Mr Gabriel HO Kai-pong
	Mr William KHOO Wun-fat
	Mr Douglas WONG Chi-yeung
Members	Clovis LAU Koong-yep <i>(Last Preceding Chairman)</i>
	Miss Karen AU Kit-yu
	Mr Cedric CHENG Cheuk-him
	Mr James KONG Cho-on
	Miss Vera KONG Ting-kwan
	Miss Man LAW Man-yin
	Mr Raymond NG Kwok-ho
	Mr Dickson PUN Kim-ming
	Ms Ywing YEUNG Wing-ki
Convocation Secretariat	Ms Pennie LAI <i>(Secretary of the Convocation cum Alumni Relations Officer, Alumni Relations Office)</i>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sharing the mission of “Uniting alumni to support University development”, the Convocation works towards strengthening the alumni relationship and facilitating alumni to take part in the University development through an established structure and system.

Our Standing Committee (SC) members were enthusiastic alumni who were active student leaders of different generations and capacities. Serving a growing legion of diverse alumni community, we uphold the belief of “**Embrace diversity, respect differences and unite as a whole**”.

1) Convocation strengthens alumni ties through meaningful and inspiring activities

1.1) Engaging alumni in social service endeavor

Promoting caring culture has been a mission of the Convocation. In view of the epidemic, SC members raised funds from alumni, sourced anti-epidemic products and distributed them to people in need through collaboration with 22 social welfare organisations in the 1st and 4th quarters of 2020.



Convocation unites fellow alumni to extend the caring spirit to the community.

1.2) Fruitful exchange with finance experts on Webinars

Two top-notch finance experts shared their wisdom on finance markets and tips on managing investment tools at two Webinars led by the Chairman on 10 November. The speakers included CityU alumna Ms Agnes Wu, a well-known finance commentator, and Mr Ken Lo, an expert in digital assets. The virtual talks, with the support of the [Alumni Relations Office](#), offered an interactive platform for some 140 alumni to facilitate knowledge exchange and strengthen the bonds.



Alumni participants learn useful tips on managing investment tools.

1.3) Connecting alumni through a virtual journey

Convocation organised an online guided tour on 26 November for alumni to explore cultural heritage and landscape at Yau Ma Tei District. The virtual event was conducted by a 80s literati Mr George Wan, a CityU graduate of MA in Chinese, and facilitated by SC member Ms Ywing Yeung. Through a 360° lively broadcast with photo snapshots, the speaker analysed the urban landscape and architecture from historical and cultural perspectives, supplemented with informative narrations. Participants enjoyed a one-hour journey with reflections on cultural conservation.



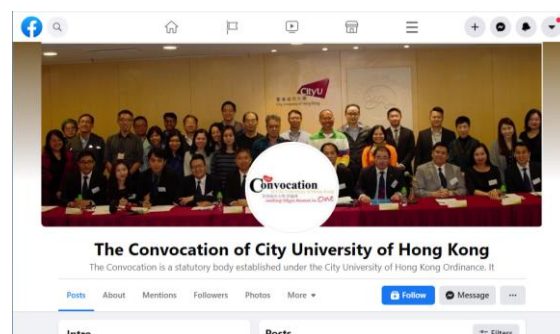
Alumni join a virtual tour to learn cultural heritage and landscape.

2) Communication with alumni

A Convo’s Poll was posted on Convocation homepage and “Convocation News” in the e-newsletter *AlumExpress* issued by ARO. Relevant information about the topic would be provided after completion of the poll. The poll result would be announced in the following month on the homepage of Convocation. Summary of topics and poll results:

Month	Topic	Poll result
January	The 7 th Standing Committee of the CityU Convocation has recently come on board. Would you like to meet them at the coming Convocation activities?	61.5% (Yes)
February	Would you consider joining the upcoming wellness programmes (e.g. soccer, hiking, volunteer activities) organised by the Convocation in the 2nd - 3rd quarters of 2020?	68.0% (Yes)
March	Are you willing to support Convocation’s social service activities through donation?	55.1% (Yes)
April	Are you willing to support Convocation’s social service activities by joining as volunteer?	56.5% (Yes)
May	As alumni, are you willing to strengthen the support to graduating students by referring job opportunities in your organisation to them?	63.9% (Yes)
June	Would you make a pledge of support to join “JobNet” – an online platform to refer job opportunities in your organisation to CityU alumni?	71.1% (Yes)

Month	Topic	Poll result
July	Do you know that according to the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings, CityU has risen four places and is now ranked 48th in the world?	63.8% (Yes)
August	CityU CAREer Launch Scheme (CARLS) was launched in July with the purpose to connect students with employers through this resourceful platform. As alumni, are you willing to refer the scheme to your organisation for offering employment opportunities to CityU graduates?	58.6% (Yes)
September	CityU has been taking proactive measures to maximize job landing opportunities for our graduates. Over 1,450 jobs have been created so far through the CityU CAREer Launch Scheme. Will you consider to invite your organisation to join the Scheme and offer employment opportunities to CityU graduates?	64.5% (Yes)
October	CityU E-Career Success Fair 2020 , an online initiative launched by the University, will run through to mid-October. The Fair provides a broad range of career preparation events for CityU fresh graduates such as job expo, thematic workshops, live sharing sessions, career coaching, chatrooms, etc. Are you interested to know more about the programme?	71.0% (Yes)
November	Are you interested in joining the Webinar on finance markets and investment tools co-hosted by the CityU Convocation and Eminence Society?	65.0% (Yes)
December	Are you aware that CityU will launch a veterinary teaching farm in Tai Po which will be equipped with international standard facilities enabling teaching staff and students to have relevant teaching and learning activities?	57.8% (Yes)



Convocation kept alumni abreast of developments of Convocation and the University through various e-channels including [homepage](#) and [Facebook](#).

3) Service to the University

The Chairman has been serving on the Council, its Community Relations Committee and Advisory Committee for Graduate Employment, and the Court. The Chairman delegated an SC member to serve on a panel for the University's Teaching Excellence Awards. Other involvements of SC are listed on the [appendix](#).

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Convocation's engagements in some of the University initiatives originally planned for 2020 (i.e. CityU Delegation at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon and the University Congregation) would be carried forward to 2021.

4) Fundraising

Embracing the caring spirit to support students and alumni has long been the mission of the Convocation. Alumni were encouraged to contribute to their Alma Mater by making donations through Convocation. A total of HK\$436,278.50 has been recorded so far.

5) Partnership with Alumni Relations Office

The Chairman joined the Advisory Committee to give invaluable inputs for [City AlumNet](#), an annual magazine published by ARO. On another occasion, the Chairman and SC representatives joined a meeting with University's senior management and key members of ARO to learn about University developments.

We are thankful for the support of the University

I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the University Council and senior management for their invaluable advice, our fellow SC members for their unwavering devotion, the Secretariat for their professionalism, and ARO for their dedicated effort in alumni relations building. We highly appreciate Convocation members for their support rendered over the year. Their support is our driving force to keep us moving forward.

Presented by

Robert LUI (Mr)

Chairman of the Convocation

On behalf of

The Seventh Standing Committee of the Convocation

25 June 2021