

FOR CONVOCATION MEMBERS



THE CONVOCATION OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021 ON 7 DECEMBER 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 \(CityU\)](#). It creates a significant link between the University and its growing band of alumni. 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.

In November 2006, the University Council approved the establishment of the Convocation and its constitution and rules, and also appointed members of an organising committee to serve on the Provisional Standing Committee of the Convocation, with its term of office running from 1 January to 31 December 2007. The Secretary of the Convocation was appointed by the University President.

The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Convocation was held on 7 November 2007 in which an election was conducted with 15 candidates being elected for the First Standing Committee (SC) for a two-year term from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009.

Members of the Second SC were elected in the AGM held on 26 November 2009. The 15 elected members along with the Immediate Past Chairman assumed office on 1 January 2010 for a two-year term until 31 December 2011.

The Third SC members were automatically elected and took up office from 1 January 2012 with Chairman of the Second SC continued to assume her chairmanship until 31 December 2013.

The Fourth SC served on a two-year term from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015. Fresh impetus was instilled to increase alumni participation, particularly in various celebratory programmes for the University's 30th anniversary.

Under the leadership of the re-elected Chairman, the Fifth SC comprising 15 new blood and old friends took up office from 1 January 2016 for two years.

The Sixth SC took up the office from 1 January 2018 with one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Fifth SC assuming his chairmanship until 31 December 2019.

The Seventh SC took up office from 1 January 2020 with Chairman of the Sixth SC continued to assume his chairmanship until 31 December 2021.

The Eighth SC will take up office from 1 January 2022 with one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Seventh SC assuming his chairmanship until 31 December 2023. The Eighth SC will continue to serve as a bridge between the University and alumni, and to cohere the strong alumni community to support the University development.

THE SEVENTH STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CONVOCATION OF CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Fourteen SC Members:

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 Cindy KUAN <i>(Secretary of the Convocation cum Alumni Relations Manager, Alumni Relations Office)</i>

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

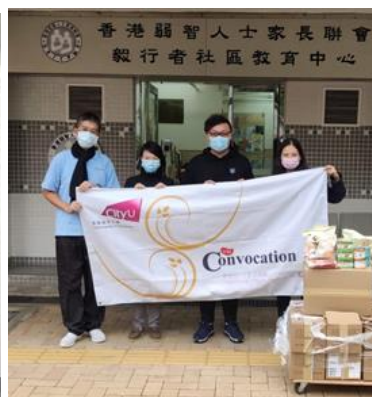
Sharing the mission of “Uniting alumni to support University development”, the Convocation works towards strengthening the alumni relationship and facilitating alumni to take part in the University development through an established structure and system.

Our 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 inspiring activities and projects

1.1) Extending a caring spirit in the local community

Meaningful events were coordinated by the Convocation to distribute daily necessities to the Methodist Church, Hong Kong Yang Memorial Methodist Social Service Sham Shui Po Nursing Home cum Day Care Service and Hong Kong Joint Council of Parents of the Mentally Handicapped on 20 September and 23 November 2021 respectively, in promoting a spirit of caring to the neighborhood local community.



Convocation extends the caring spirit to the elderly and families of the mentally handicapped.

1.2) Engaging alumni in social service endeavors

Promoting caring culture in the University community has been a mission of the Convocation. Convocation supported the “CityU x Mary Rose RunTogether” training programme which engages alumni to participate in the training for students of Mary Rose School to prepare for the Hong Kong Marathon in 2022. The weekly training programme started on 1 November 2021 and will last until the next Marathon.



Convocation unites fellow alumni to serve the local community.

1.3) Connecting alumni through zoom event

The Convocation organised a webinar on early childhood education presented by Ms Yuki Wong, a registered social worker and CityU alumna, and facilitated by SC member Ms Ywing Yeung on 27 February 2021. Through the sharing on regulating children's emotions and developing their emotional intelligence, participants learnt how to be patient, empathetic and listen attentively to their children.



Alumni gain knowledge on the emotional development of children, and ways to help manage their emotions.

2) **Communication with alumni**

An interactive Convo's Poll was posted on Convocation homepage and Convocation News in the e-newsletter *AlumExpress* issued by the Alumni Relations Office (ARO). The poll result would be announced in the following month on the homepage of Convocation. Convo's Poll served as a means for SC to collect alumni views and enhance their affiliation to the University. Summary of topics and poll results:

Month	Topic	Poll result
January	Do you know that according to the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Asia University Rankings 2021, CityU has risen one place and is now ranked 18th in Asia?	68.66 % (Yes)

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February	Are you interested in joining an online parents' talk hosted by CityU Convocation?	63.77 % (Yes)
March	Are you aware that CityU has launched the University Anthem “Beyond Boundaries”?	56.25 % (Yes)
April	CityU launched a large-scale flagship innovation and entrepreneurship programme, HK Tech 300. Alumni are welcome to leverage University’s intellectual properties to set up start-ups. Would you be interested in learning more about the Programme?	61.84 % (Yes)
May	The HK Tech 300 offers a seed fund of HK\$100,000 to each successful team to develop innovative ideas into a start-up. Application is open from 17 May to 2 June 2021. Would you be interested in learning more about the Fund?	69.74 % (Yes)
June	CityU launched CAREer Launch Scheme (CARLS) 2.0 to maximise graduate employment opportunities. A matching fund (maximum at HK\$18,000) will be provided to an employer for hiring a CityU graduate. Would you be interested in offering job opportunities to our new graduates?	71.14% (Yes)
July	CityU Talents Programme allows brilliant young students to benefit from the University’s highly interdisciplinary, technology-enriched courses that will ensure their success in attaining their career goals. Would you be interested in learning more about the Programme?	72.46 % (Yes)
August	The new exhibition “Atlas of Maritime Buddhism” at the Indra and Harry Banga Gallery of CityU turns the spotlight on how the Maritime Silk Road enabled cultural exchanges through the diffusion of Buddhism. Are you interested to learn more and book a visit?	71.65% (Yes)
September	Are you aware that Ms Grace Lau Mo-sheung, an alumna of CityU, has won the Bronze medal for Hong Kong in the Karate Women’s Kata in the Tokyo Olympics?	73.36% (Yes)
October	Do you know you can access CityU campus with Alumni Card?	64.55% (Yes)
November	Are you interested in joining the CityU x Mary Rose RunTogether (城大 x 保民結伴跑) with CityU students to support the training of Mary Rose School students to prepare for the HK Marathon 2022?	64.52% (Yes)



Alumni are encouraged to share their thoughts with the Convocation and participate in the monthly poll.

The Convocation also sustained alumni relationship through various e-channels such as [homepage](#) and [Facebook](#) by providing them with updates on the developments of the Convocation and the University.

3) Serving as a bridge between alumni and the University

The Convocation Chairman has been serving on the Council, its Community Relations Committee and Advisory Committee for Graduate Employment, and the Court. The Chairman helped channel feedback of alumni to various parties and units.

The Chairman delegated SC members to engage in different University initiatives including Teaching Excellence Awards, Commencement, CityU Delegation for Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon and HK Tech 300. Other involvements of SC are listed on the [appendix](#).

4) Engagement in University activities

4.1) CityU Delegation - Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon

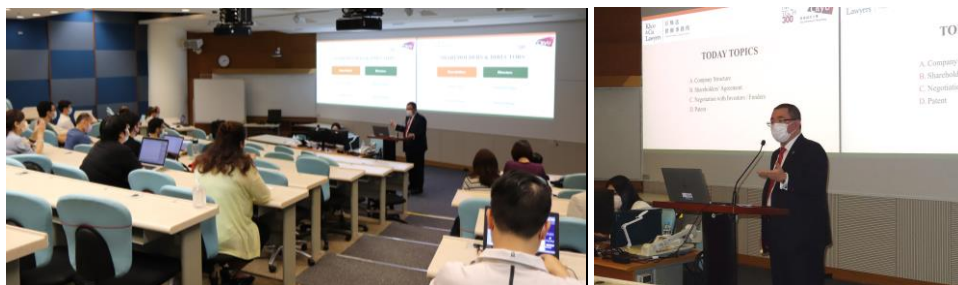
The Convocation showed full support again to the CityU Delegation. Chairman Mr Robert Lui joined the CityU Marathon Team led by President Kuo on 24 October 2021, while some SC members joined the support team on-site in the early morning to cheer on the CityU runners at the race.



Convocation fully supports the CityU Delegation.

4.2) HK Tech 300

The Convocation has been proactively supporting the meaningful HK Tech 300, a large-scale flagship innovation and entrepreneurship programme organised by CityU for aspiring entrepreneurs among CityU students, alumni, research staff and others to launch start-ups and ignite their entrepreneurship journey. Vice-Chairman Mr William Khoo shared at the Incubation Seminar: Legal issues for HK Tech 300 Teams and provided legal knowledge to the young entrepreneurs on 19 August 2021.



HK Tech 300 teams gain legal knowledge at the seminar.

Chairman Mr Robert Lui attended the HK Tech 300 - Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony between CityU and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP) on 11 November 2021 for launching collaborative programmes in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area and further promoting innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.



Convocation supports University initiatives.

5) **Amendments of Constitution and Rules of Meeting**

The Convocation convened a Special General Meeting on 25 June 2021. An agenda proposing to amend the Constitution and Rules of Meeting had been received and the proposal was passed by more than two-thirds of Convocation members present at the meeting. The revised Constitution and Rules of Meeting were approved by the Council on 7 October 2021.

6) 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 donation through Convocation. A total of HK\$442,878.50 has been recorded so far.

7) Partnership with Alumni Relations Office

Arranged by ARO, the Chairman joined the Advisory Committee for [City AlumNet](#) to give invaluable inputs. On 18 October 2021, the Chairman and SC representatives joined a meeting with University's senior management to learn about University developments and shared their views on furthering the growth of CityU.



Convocation makes recommendations to the developments of CityU.

We are thankful for the support of the University

As the tenure of the Seventh SC comes to an end, we 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

7 December 2021