

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 30 October 2023

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor S. Joe QIN as President and Mr YIM Hong Cheuk Foster who attended the Council meeting for the first time, and Mr NG Kwai Wah Anthony for re-joining the Council.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:
 - (a) LU has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Central China Normal University (China)
 - Collège de Paris International (France)
 - College of Liberal Arts, Ewha Womans University (Korea)
 - College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University (Taiwan)
 - Daffodil International University (Bangladesh)
 - Emlyon Business School (France)
 - Fontys University of Applied Sciences Eindhoven (the Netherlands)
 - Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana)
 - Northeast Normal University (China)
 - School of Business Administration of South China University of Technology (China)
 - Singapore University of Social Sciences (Singapore)
 - South China University of Technology (China)
 - University of Keele (the UK)
 - (b) LU has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) respectively with Hong Kong International Commerce Association Limited (港中國際商業協會) and The Hong Kong Arts Centre. LU has also signed MoU with Nanfang College Guangzhou (廣州南方學院) and Hopson Education Charitable Funds Limited (合生教育慈善基金有限公司).
 - (c) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
 - HAN University of Applied Sciences (the Netherlands)
 - ISC PARIS Business School (France)
 - Mahidol University International College (Thailand)
 - Radboud University (the Netherlands)
 - (d) For the 2023-24 admissions exercise, LU has recorded the highest increase in the total number of JUPAS applications (7%) among UGC-funded institutions after release of results, with approximately 98% of admitted students selecting LU as their Band-A or Band-B choice. LU's Animation and Digital Arts programme is the most competitive in Hong Kong, with a 1:40 ratio among Band-A applications.
 - (e) Two World-class Scientists viz. Professor Sam KWONG and Professor CHEN Xi have been appointed respectively as Chair Professor of Computational Intelligence and concurrently as Associate Vice-President (Strategic Research), Chair Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, and concurrently as Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies with effect from 1 September 2023. LU also welcomed

about a hundred new faculty members from world-leading universities around the world for this new academic year.

- (f) Professor S. Joe QIN, President has been presented 2022 CSS Transition to Practice Award by the IEEE Control Systems Society (CSS) for his distinguished contributions to the field of data-driven control engineering, and 2022 Frontrunner 5000 - Top Articles in Outstanding S&T Journals of China by the Institute of Scientific and Technical Information of China, for the research paper “Perspectives on data-driven operation monitoring and self-optimization industrial process” co-authored by President Qin and collaborators.
- (g) Fifteen LU scholars are included in the World’s Top 2% Scientists published in 2023 by Stanford University in the US.
- (h) LU has achieved a record high 42 General Research Fund/Early Career Scheme projects from the Research Grants Council (RGC), 30% increase as compared with last year.
- (i) From 8 to 9 July 2023, a delegation of LU Council members visited major universities and institutions in Zhuhai, Guangzhou, and Shenzhen. This visit was the first of its kind and was led by the Chairman of the Council, Mr Andrew YAO, and attended by 15 Council members, including the President Designate and Acting President, Professor S. Joe QIN.
- (j) The Research and Knowledge Transfer Excellence Awards Presentation Ceremony was successfully held on 21 September 2023 and attended by more than 120 participants including Mr Tim LUI, Chairman of the UGC, Professor James TANG, UGC Secretary-General, Mr Augustine WONG, Deputy Chairman of the LU Council and Mr Chi Keung LING, Chairman of the Public Light Bus General Association. 50 awards were presented to scholars in the categories of Research Output Excellence Award, Young Researcher Output Award, Research & Knowledge Transfer Fund Award – RGC Grant, and Government-Industry-Academia Collaboration.
- (k) The Subdivided Unit (SDU) Air Purifier designed by the Lingnan Entrepreneurship Initiative (LEI) for Hong Kong’s subdivided unit households has been awarded Silver Medal at the 48th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions.
- (l) The Homecoming Weekend was held on the University campus on 29 and 30 July 2023 with around 300 participants including alumni, their families and friends.
- (m) A research postgraduate (RPg) student received the “Best Oral Presentation Award” under the topic of Animal Ecology, Behaviour and Conservation at the 10th East Asian Federation of Ecological Societies International Congress at Jeju Island, South Korea, and her research project also won the “Best Emerging Researcher Oral Presentation Award” at the 16th Korean Society of Herpetologists Academic Presentation Conference at Naejangsan National Park in July 2023.
- (n) A postgraduate (TPg) student received the Best Thesis Award in the 13th International Junior Scholars Conference in July 2023.
- (o) An undergraduate (UG) student was selected to be one of the Hong Kong’s Top Ten Outstanding Tertiary Students (香港十大傑出大專生) in 2023.
- (p) A UG student received the Best Talent Award and the Most Inspiring Delegate Award in the Asia Pacific Area Youth Convocation 2023 in August 2023.
- (q) A Robotics Team won the Best Institute Entity Award in the Robocon Hong Kong 2023.
- (r) A UG student won the bronze medal in the Mixed Doubles Tennis in the Chengdu FISU World University Games 2023.

3. The Council APPOINTED/RE-APPOINTED the following members to the standing committees concerned with immediate effect unless otherwise specified:
 - (a) Campus Development and Management Committee
 - appointment of Professor S. Joe QIN and Mr YIM Hong Cheuk Foster as member, and
 - re-appointment of Mr WONG Ho Ming Augustine as the Chairman for a term of one year with retroactive effect from 22 October 2023,
 - (b) Career Development Committee
 - appointment of Mr NG Kwai Wah Anthony as a member,
 - (c) Christian Activities Committee
 - appointment of Mr NG Kwai Hang Allister as a member,
 - (d) Institutional Advancement Committee
 - appointment of Mr YIM Hong Cheuk Foster as member, and
 - re-appointment of Ms CHU Sai Yan Angie as a co-opted member.

4. The Council RECEIVED the following:
 - (a) Report from the Audit Committee,
 - (b) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
 - (c) Report from the Career Development Committee,
 - (d) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
 - (e) Report from the Committee on LU's Mainland Development,
 - (f) Report from the Finance Committee,
 - (g) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee,
 - (h) Report from the Lingnan Education Organization Limited Donation Management Committee,
 - (i) Report from the Search Committee for Vice-Presidents, and
 - (j) Report from the Task Group of the Proposed Lingnan University Statutes.

5. The Council APPROVED the following:
 - (a) to dissolve the Review Panel on the Lingnan University Ordinance,
 - (b) the audited Financial Report of the University for the year ended 30 June 2023,
 - (c) the audited Annual Return on the Use of UGC Funds for the year ended 30 June 2023,
 - (d) the audited Financial Statements of LIFE for the year ended 30 June 2023, and
 - (e) the proposed additions to section 2 of the Principles and Guidelines on the Use of the University's Title.

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