

# LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

## A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 26 February 2024

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor YAO Xin, Vice-President (Research and Innovation) who was invited to attend the Council meeting.
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:
    - Bern University of Applied Sciences, Business School, Switzerland
    - Communication University of China, China
    - Faculty of Psychology, Beijing Normal University, China
    - Kobe University, Japan
    - Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, Faculty of Governance, Economics and Social Sciences, Morocco
    - National Chengchi University, Taiwan
    - Shanghai International Studies University, China
    - University of Aberdeen, the UK
    - University of Durham, the UK
    - University of Portsmouth Higher Education Corporation, the UK
    - University of Regina, Canada
    - University of Seoul, Korea
    - University West, Sweden
    - Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium
    - Xiangtan University, China
    - Zhengzhou University, China
  - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
    - Ewha Womans University, Korea
    - Kyonggi University, Korea
    - Middlesex University, the UK
    - National Chengchi University, Taiwan
    - Northeastern University, China
    - Stockholm School of Economics in Riga, Latvia
    - Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla, Mexico
  - (c) LU has signed an agreement with Shenzhen Technology and Innovation Commission on Lingnan joining Shenzhen Virtual University Park as a member in November 2023.
  - (d) As LU's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary approaches, the University has launched the Lingnan-60 Global Talent Recruitment and will recruit over 60 outstanding scholars from around the globe to join the University as tenured or tenure-track Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Professors, or Chair Professors in all academic fields.
  - (e) President QIN has been elected Member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts (EASA) and Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences (HKAES).

- (f) Professor Sam KWONG, Associate Vice-President (Strategic Research) has been elected Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI) and Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering Sciences (HKAES). Professor Kwong was also named on the list of Highly Cited Researchers 2023 by Clarivate. His co-authored research paper “*Boundary Guided Semantic Learning for Real-Time COVID-19 Lung Infection Segmentation System*” has recently received the Best Paper Award of the IEEE Chester W. Sall Memorial Awards 2024.
- (g) LU has recently been approved to be a new Supporting Institution (Hong Kong and Macau) of the National Natural Science Foundation of China.
- (h) LU, in collaboration with QS, the global higher education analyst renowned for its annual World University Rankings, organised a Pre-Summit APAC 2023 on 3 November 2023 on LU’s campus.
- (i) President QIN and Vice-President Professor Joshua MOK represented LU at the QS APAC Summit 2023 from 7 to 9 November 2023 in Kuala Lumpur. At the Gala Dinner on 7 November 2023, LU received the QS Five Stars Plus rating which evaluates universities on research, teaching, innovation, inclusiveness, and environmental impact, offering insights into their strengths for prospective students. LU is honoured to co-host the next QS Higher Education APAC Summit in 2024 and will also host the Post-summit APAC 2024 event on the LU campus.
- (j) LU students have received awards respectively in Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fellowships and Scholarships, Wen Wei Po Future Star Scholarship Scheme.
- (k) Four undergraduate students were named University Innovation Fellows in a programme of the Stanford University’s Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school).
- (l) Professor TING Samuel Chao Chung, the Nobel Laureate in Physics, delivered a talk on “Search for Fundamental Elements of Nature” in the University Assembly on 2 November 2023.

3. The Council RECEIVED the following:

- (a) confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings held on 16 October and 4 December 2023 respectively,
- (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 Search Committee for Vice-Presidents, and
- (i) Report from the Task Group of the Proposed Lingnan University Statutes.

4. The Council APPROVED the following:

- (a) the 2023-24 Income and Expenditure Revised Forecast, and
- (b) re-appointment of Mr NG Leung Sing and Mr SAM Chien man Henry as co-opted members of the Institutional Advancement Committee for another term of two years.

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