

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 29 April 2024

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms LEE Wai Man Ella, Director of Institutional Advancement and Public Affairs who was invited to attend the Council meeting as Officer-in-attendance.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor Joshua MOK Ka Ho, Vice-President for his significant contributions to the University. Professor Mok has resigned and his last employment date is 31 May 2024.
3. 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:
 - Ashoka University, India
 - Eikei University of Hiroshima, Japan
 - Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands
 - Foshan University, School of Transportation, Civil Engineering and Architecture, China
 - Montpellier Business School, France
 - South China Normal University, China
 - The School of Media & Communication, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China
 - The University of Szeged, Hungary
 - University of Stirling, the UK
 - Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania
 - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Ahmedabad University, India
 - College of International Studies, Kyung Hee University, Korea
 - Doshisha University, Japan
 - Hanyang University, Korea
 - National Taiwan University, Taiwan
 - Providence University, Taiwan
 - Seoul National University, Korea
 - Siena College, the US
 - Soochow University, Taiwan
 - South China Normal University, China
 - Tallinn University, Estonia
 - Underwood International College, Yonsei University, Korea
 - University of Essex, the UK
 - University of Nottingham Ningbo China, China
 - Waseda University, Japan

- (c) The Senate approved the establishment of Lingnan University Institute for Advanced Study (LUIAS) [嶺南高等研究院] effective from 20 March 2024. A plaque-unveiling ceremony and inauguration for Lingnan Fellows were held on 26 March 2024.
- (d) President QIN was invited to meet the Party Secretary of Rizhao Government to explore the university-government cooperation on 31 March 2024.
- (e) LU has demonstrated significant progress in the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2024 in Social Policy and Administration, Philosophy and Economics and Econometrics.
- (f) LU has newly become one of the designated universities to receive the funding support for Technology Transfer Offices by the Innovation and Technology Commission.
- (g) The first phase of the new LU website was launched on 8 February 2024, followed by an official inauguration ceremony on 15 February 2024, during Staff Communication Day.
- (h) President QIN joined the QS China Summit 2024 in Shanghai from 17 to 18 April 2024.
- (i) LU undergraduate (UG) students have received awards respectively in The Hong Kong Jockey Club Undergraduate Scholarship 2023-24, For Our Future Scholarship 2023-24, Lingnan Education Organization Ambassador Programme, Link University Scholarships, the “Outstanding Work Award” at the 25th Qi Yue Recitation Arts Festival and National University Students Recitation Conference Competition.
- (j) Four students (1 UG and 3 Taught Postgraduate (TPg)) were awarded financial grants from the Hong Kong Science & Technology Park x Lingnan Ideation Programme (Pre-incubation for Innovators & Entrepreneurs (PIE) Programme).
- (k) A UG student received seed funding from the Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Development Fund through the Impact Innovation Lab programme organized by MakerBay Foundation.
- (l) Students won the Men’s 4x400m relay at the 62nd University Sports Federation of Hong Kong (USFHK) Annual Athletic Meet, Champion in the Men’s Kumite-67kg at the USFHK Karatedo Competition 2023-24, and Champion in the Men’s division “Under 74kg” at the USFHK Taekwondo Competition 2023-24.

3. The Council RECEIVED the following:

- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meeting held on 29 January 2024,
- (b) Report from the Audit Committee,
- (c) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
- (d) Report from the Finance Committee,
- (e) Report from the Honorary Awards Committee,
- (f) Report from the Search Committee for Vice-Presidents, and
- (g) Report from the Task Group of the Proposed Lingnan University Statutes.

4. The Council CONFIRMED the appointment of Professor CHEN Xi to the Court under section 9(1)(e) of the LU Ordinance for a term of three years with effect from 21 June 2024.

5. The Council APPROVED the following:
- (a) the Lingnan’s 2024 Risk Register,
 - (b) the Income and Expenditure Budget for 2024-25 as endorsed by the Finance Committee,
 - (c) the draft “Schedule 4 to LU Statute 5 – Regulations Governing the Nomination of a Vice-President for Appointment to the Court or the Council”, and
 - (d) the proposed consequential changes to LU Statute 2 – “The Senate” and LU Statute 3 – “Powers and Duties of the Senate” as recommended by the Senate and Part I of LU Statute 4 – “Rules of Procedure for Meetings of the Council, the Court and the Committees under the Council” and LU Statute 5 – “Further Regulations” following the passage of the Lingnan University (Amendment) Ordinance 2023.

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