

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 17 June 2024

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor CHAN Hon Fu Raymond, Vice-President (Academics) cum Provost who attended the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Dr MA Yiu Tim Jimmy and Dr TAM Kwok Wai Ronald whose terms of office as a member of the Council would be completed on 31 July 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:
 - Department of Psychology, Renmin University of China, China
 - IMC Krems University of Applied Sciences, Austria
 - Sun Yat-sen University, China
 - The University of Durham, the UK
 - Worcester Polytechnic Institute, the US
 - (b) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Kristianstad University, Sweden
 - Roskilde University, Denmark
 - Seoul Women's University, Korea
 - Sookmyung Women's University, Korea
 - Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile
 - Yeungnam University, Korea
 - (c) LU has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with South China Agricultural University in April 2024.
 - (d) Nobel Laureate, Professor Samuel C.C. TING has been appointed as the Honorary Director of the Lingnan University Institute for Advanced Study (LUIAS). LUIAS has welcomed three eminent scholars, including Professor Alain BENSOUSSAN as Lingnan Fellow, and Professor Joshua MOK Ka Ho and Professor TSUI Kwok Leung as Senior Lingnan Scholars.
 - (e) The School of Data Science (SDS) was officially established with the plaque-unveiling ceremony held on 2 May 2024.
 - (f) Lingnan has recorded very good results in the 2024-25 round of the Research Grants Council (RGC) Postdoctoral Fellowship Scheme (PDFS) with its success rate of 56% on the main offer list.
 - (g) Four Lingnan scholars have been recognised by Research.com as the Best Computer Science Scientists 2024. They are Professor S. Joe QIN, Professor YAO Xin, Professor Sam KWONG and Professor XIE Haoran.
 - (h) The University invention, PureAura (Air Purifier) has received multiple awards internationally, *inter alia*, the Gold Medal from 49th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions and the Gold Winner (Product – Building Technology) from iF Design Award 2024.

- (i) Lingnan has signed multiple strategic cooperation framework agreements on 28 May 2024 with Rizhao City, Shandong Province, Shandong Hi-Speed Group Co, Ltd. (Shandong Hi-Speed Group), Shandong Huge Dental Material Co., Ltd., and Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited (ASTRI) to foster talent, research, and industry development in the presence of witnesses including Mr LIN Wu, Secretary of CPC Shandong Province Committee and Professor SUN Dong, Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry of the HKSAR Government.
- (j) On 6 June 2024, senior officials from University Grants Committee and Research Grants Council panel members from around the world visited the University. The delegation was impressed by the University's recent advancements.
- (k) Three undergraduate (UG) students have received the AIA Scholarships 2023-24.
- (l) Three UG Year-4 students have received the merit award in the Future HR Talents Hackathon.
- (m) Two taught postgraduate student teams have been awarded in the 2nd Kubuqi International Desert Sustainable Development Proposal Competition.
- (n) Two student teams have been selected to join the Cyberport University Partnership Programme 2024 themed "Web3 Applications".
- (o) Lingnan Judo Team received nine awards in the 32nd Joint College Judo Competition on 31 March 2024.
- (p) The Kick-off Ceremony for the Lingnan-Yuanpei STEM Summer Academy, jointly organised by Lingnan and Yuanpei College of Peking University, was held on 20 April 2024 on the Lingnan campus.

4. The Council RECEIVED the following:

- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings held on 11 March and 22 April 2024,
- (b) Report from the Career Development Committee,
- (c) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
- (d) Report from the Committee on LU's Mainland Development,
- (e) Report from the Finance Committee,
- (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee, and
- (g) Report from the Task Group of the Proposed Lingnan University Statutes.

5. The Council APPROVED the proposed increase of the annual tuition fees for non-local undergraduate students enrolled in UGC-funded programmes from HK\$145,000 to HK\$160,000 taking effect from the 2025-26 cohort, with students admitted in 2024-25 or before not affected as recommended by the Finance Committee.

6. The Council CONFIRMED its meeting dates for the academic year 2024-25, viz. 21 October 2024, 24 February 2025, 28 April 2025 and 16 June 2025.

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