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HKUST STATEMENT

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology is deeply concerned about the information released by the Police this morning regarding the finding of a body on a beach north of the HKUST campus. Identity of the body has yet to be definitely confirmed. However, Police suspect that it could be the body of Dr Kristy O. Cua, Assistant Professor of Information and Systems Management, who has been missing since Tuesday night (19 September).

The University's Crisis Response Team has been constantly monitoring the situation and providing every possible assistance to Dr Cua's family and the Police. Colleagues from the University have been with her parents around the clock, and are providing full assistance and support to them.

The Police are continuing to investigate the cause of this event, and have informed us that there is no suspicion of foul play. The Administration reassures the University community that there has never been a single serious security-related incident or a violent crime on campus in the history of the University. The campus remains a safe environment in which to study, work and live.

We will keep our University community updated as more information becomes available from the Police.

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