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## **HKUST LAUNCHES STATEMENT ON MISSION, VISION, AND OBJECTIVES**

At the end of its eight-year founding phase, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) reviewed its past efforts and present status and confirmed that it had stayed true to the “objects” as stated in the Ordinance. The University’s accomplishments far exceeded the founders’ anticipation. Under the leadership of the Council Chairman, Dr Vincent H. S. Lo, the University recently completed a Mission, Vision, and Objectives Statement that best reflects the views of all of its stakeholders.

The drafting of the statement was a long and careful process, with contribution from all segments of the University community. “A task force of the University Council was appointed by the Chairman to spearhead the project. Its constituency comprised six lay members and eight University members of the Council. A draft statement emerged after thorough deliberations at a series of meetings,” said HKUST President, Prof Chia-Wei Woo. “The draft statement was brought by the deans and department heads to faculty members for discussion, and then taken to the University Senate, Executive Committee of the Students’ Union, and an open all-staff forum for debate and revision. Then it went to the full Council and the Court for further improvements before it was finalized,” he added.

Dr Vincent Lo noted that given the current limitation in resources, members of the University must set priorities and focus on what it can do best in the next phase of development. “With a clear statement of mission, vision and objectives, one that is shared by members of the HKUST community as a whole and, more importantly, supported by an agenda for action, I am confident that we, collectively, will take the University to new heights,” said Dr Lo.

Note to Editors:

Attached is HKUST’s Mission, Vision, and Objectives Statement for your reference. For enquiries, please contact Ms Loretta S. M. Pang, University Spokesperson, at the Office of University Development and Public Affairs on 2358-6302, or email [udlpang@ust.hk](mailto:udlpang@ust.hk).

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## HKUST's Mission, Vision, and Objectives Statement

### Mission

To advance learning and knowledge through teaching and research, particularly:

- (i) in science, technology, engineering, management and business studies; and
- (ii) at the postgraduate level;

and to assist in the economic and social development of Hong Kong.

### Vision

To be a leading university with significant international impact and strong local commitment.

- **Global** To be a world-class university at the cutting edge internationally in all targeted fields of pursuit.
- **National** To contribute to the economic and social development of the nation as a leading university in China.
- **Local** To play a key role, in partnership with government, business, and industry, in the development of Hong Kong as a knowledge-based society.

### Objectives

- **Students** To give all students, undergraduate and postgraduate alike, a broadly based university experience that includes: superior training in their chosen fields of study; a well-rounded education that enhances the development of their creativity, critical thinking, global outlook, and cultural awareness; a campus life that prepares them to be community leaders and lifelong learners.
- **Faculty and Staff** To provide a dynamic and supportive working environment in which faculty and staff may continually develop intellectually and professionally.
- **Research** To be a leading institution for research and postgraduate study, pursuing knowledge in both fundamental and applied areas, and collaborating closely with business and industry in promoting technological innovation and economic development.
- **Campus Culture** To provide an open environment and atmosphere conducive to the exchange of knowledge, views, and innovative ideas among students, faculty, staff, and visiting scholars.
- **Commitment to Hong Kong** To promote and assist in Hong Kong's economic and social development, and to enrich Hong Kong's culture.