Press Release

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology announces today the following senior-level appointments:

Director of Finance - Mr. Norman Wai-yiu Ngai (倪偉強)

Mr Ngai was born in Hong Kong. He attended Wah Yan College and received his BA in Economics, Accounting, and Financial Management from the University of Sheffield, England.

Returning to Hong Kong, Mr Ngai worked in the Finance Office of the University of Hong Kong. He left the academic world and went to the Inland Revenue Department and the United Christian Hospital. In 1982, he began to work at the Hong Kong Baptist College where he currently holds the title of Comptroller. Mr Ngai has also lectured part-time at the Hong Kong Polytechnic and at the University of Hong Kong.

The Finance Office provides financial and business administration support to facilitate the teaching and research activities of the University. According to Mr Ngai, "It is important that efficient and appropriate systems are developed and maintained to help achieve academic objectives. Since the University receives public funds to finance its activities, the development and maintenance of effective means to ensure public accountability are also equally important. I believe the Finance Office should be firm on principles yet adopt a flexible and open-minded attitude regarding all financial and business affairs of the University.

Mr Ngai is a Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, England, and of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants. He is active in church and community activities, and has recently been appointed by His Excellency the Governor as a Member of the Panel of Board of Review, Inland Revenue."
Looking ahead to her new duties, Dr Chung remarks, "Although my experience in the business area has been interesting, I am looking forward to returning to the academic world. Building a new university is a tremendous challenge and being part of that task is an exciting prospect. My job is to communicate that excitement to all the University's community constituents."

Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor -
Ms Sze Mui Loretta PANG (彭思梅)

A graduate of the University of Geneva, Switzerland, Ms Pang speaks fluent French, English, and two Chinese dialects—Cantonese, and Mandarin. She was born in Hong Kong and graduated from Diocesan Girls' School. Before attending the University of Geneva, she did her undergraduate education in the United States and France.

Her fluency in languages led to her employment as a Conference Interpreter of the United Nations Secretariat, 1973-79. Returning to Hong Kong, Ms Pang joined the University of East Asia, Macau. She is currently a Senior Assistant Registrar of the East Asia Open Institute.

"I find working for HKUST extremely attractive since I will be not only working at a job that makes a contribution to the land of my birth, but will also be working with the University from its infancy and have the opportunity to both nurture it and watch it grow."

Ms Pang is married and is the mother of two children, aged 12 and 9.