

**Announcement from Hong Kong Baptist University:
Professor Alexander Ping-kong Wai's Reappointment as President and Vice-Chancellor**

The Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) Council hereby announces that, following discussions with Professor Alexander Ping-kong Wai, Professor Wai will extend his concurrent appointment as President and Vice-Chancellor and Chair Professor of Photonics for an additional 18 months upon the completion of his current term as President and Vice-Chancellor on 31 January 2026, serving until 31 July 2027. Subsequently, Professor Wai will continue his service to the University as Chair Professor of Photonics until 31 January 2031.

Since assuming the presidency of HKBU in 2021, Professor Wai has provided exceptional leadership and demonstrated forward-looking vision, propelling the University to new heights of achievement. During his tenure, HKBU has made remarkable strides in technological innovation, academic influence, and social contribution. Professor Wai has actively promoted the University's integration into national development strategies, aligned it with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Greater Bay Area) development initiative, and enhanced the coordinated development of higher education and scientific research within the "One Country, Two Systems" framework.

Under President Wai's leadership, the University's teaching quality has reached world-class standards, with its global rankings showing consistent improvement. The University's Chinese medicine research has gained broad recognition within the international academic community. In the University Grants Committee (UGC)'s 2025-28 triennial planning exercise, HKBU achieved the highest percentage increase in first-year undergraduate places among all UGC-funded universities. The University remains fully committed to undergraduate programme development and the cultivation of future-shaping students, while promoting transdisciplinary second majors.

During the remaining period of his current term and the extended presidency, President Wai will lead the University in several major initiatives, including: applying to establish Hong Kong's third medical school; promoting and implementing the *Hong Kong Baptist University (Amendment) Bill 2025*; the opening of The Chinese Medicine Hospital of Hong Kong later this year; registering the School of Continuing Education as a post-secondary college under the *Post Secondary Colleges (Amendment) Ordinance 2025*; establishing the Frontier Translational Medical Research Institute to drive future medical innovation

and technology transfer; and completing comprehensive undergraduate programme reforms in accordance with the 2025-28 *Planning Exercise Proposal* to promote transdisciplinary education.

Professor Wai expressed his gratitude for the Council's trust, stating, "I shall comply with the Council's decision. This arrangement enables me to continue leading the University through several key initiatives during this critical period. As HKBU is poised to reach new heights, I will return to the laboratory to advance academic frontiers through evidence-based research, contributing to Hong Kong's development as an international innovation and technology hub while supporting the Greater Bay Area's healthcare industry development and making modest contributions to the nation's biomedical research sector." Professor Wai further pledged to maintain close collaboration with all University stakeholders to advance education, research, and knowledge transfer, regardless of his position.

Dr. the Hon. Kennedy Y.H. Wong, BBS, JP, Chairman of HKBU Council, stated, "We are grateful that Professor Wai will continue to lead the University's development. The strategic reforms implemented during his tenure have established a solid foundation for HKBU's growth. His return to research following his presidential service exemplifies the University's core value of 'Faith and Perseverance.' The University's future initiatives in cutting-edge medical fields will uphold our commitment to 'Science for Humanity' as we move forward with determination."

In accordance with the University's established protocols, the Council will in due course set up a Search Committee to conduct a global search for HKBU's next President and Vice-Chancellor who will uphold the University's tradition of excellence and drive its continued advancement.

Dr. the Hon. Kennedy Y.H. Wong, BBS, JP
Chairman of Hong Kong Baptist University Council
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