

**A list of decisions made by the Council
at its meeting on 11 December 2012**

Appointments to the Council and the Court

1. In accordance with the results of the Council and Court Election 2012, the Council resolved to appoint Prof. Randy K. Chiu (Department of Management) to the Council, and Prof. Cindy Y.Y. Chu (Department of History), Rev. Dr. Ip King-tak (Chaplain's Office) and Dr. Tan Keng-tiong (Knowledge Transfer Office) to the Court, each for a two-year term from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2014.

Affixing of the University's common seal to the Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to the Private Treaty Grant for the Tseung Kwan O Joint Student Hostel

2. To cater for the shortage of student hostel places arising from the four-year undergraduate curriculum, the University has collaborated with The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) in embarking on a joint student hostel project in Tseung Kwan O. The Council resolved to approve:
 - (a) the affixing of the University's common seal to the Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to the Private Treaty Grant, under which the University and HKUST will rent from the HKSAR Government the Tseung Kwan O Town Lot No. 91 for a term of 50 years commencing from the date of the execution of the Memorandum of Agreement; and
 - (b) the arrangement for authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the said Memorandum of Agreement.

Revised financial plan of HKBU Changshu Research Institute

3. To provide adequate funding support for the HKBU Changshu Research Institute (CRI) building construction, the Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) to revise the funding and financial plan of the CRI.

Proposed revisions to the Policy Guidelines and Procedures on Local Education Allowance

4. With the change of the duration of the local secondary school curriculum from 7 years to 6 years, the Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee (PC) to revise the Policy Guidelines and Procedures on Local Education Allowance (LEA) with retroactive effect from 1 September 2012, under which LEA will apply to attending secondary schools up to Form 6, and the reimbursement for tuition fees arising from attending Forms 4 to 6 will be 75% of the gazetted fee. The changes will be applicable to all eligible staff members applying for education allowance for their dependent children studying in local secondary schools.

Review of the Rules Governing the Acceptance of Advantages and Declaration of Interest by Staff Members

5. To enhance the effectiveness and clarity of the Rules Governing the Acceptance of Advantages and Declaration of Interest by Staff Members, the Council approved the recommendations from the PC on the changes to the two sets of Rules.

Candidates for Honorary University Fellowship in 2013

6. The Council approved the award of Honorary University Fellowship (HUF) in 2013 to the candidates put forward by the Honorary University Fellowship Committee of the Council. The candidates are being approached for their consent to accept the award, and the list of HUF candidates for 2013 will be announced in due course.

Funding support for General Research Fund Incentive Award Scheme

7. To boost research performance, the Council approved the recommendation from the FC the allocation of \$13 million from the Strategic Development Fund of the University to support the General Research Fund Incentive Award Scheme.

Tuition fees for non-local students pursuing UGC-funded programmes in 2013-14

8. The Council resolved to approve the recommendation of the FC to:
 - (a) increase the tuition fee for non-local students pursuing full-time University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded undergraduate and taught postgraduate programmes from \$100,000 to \$110,000 per academic year with effect from 2013-14; and
 - (b) revise the tuition fee for the UGC-funded part-time taught postgraduate programme from \$50,000 to \$55,000 per academic year with effect from 2013-14.

Establishment of the Changzhou International Advanced Research Institute of Chinese Medicine

9. To launch a Chinese medicine project which would incorporate cultural inheritance and promotion, knowledge transfer, research and development, clinical and healthcare services, pharmaceutical production, and testing and authentication services, the Council resolved to:
 - (a) give approval-in-principle to the establishment of the Changzhou International Advanced Research Institute of Chinese Medicine, in collaboration with the People's Government of Wujin District, Changzhou, Jiangsu and a third party;
 - (b) approve the setting up of the Task Force on Changzhou Chinese Medicine Project to steer the project; and
 - (c) authorize the University Administration to further negotiate with the stakeholders on the details of the project.