

**A list of decisions made by the Council
at its meeting on 11 June 2013**

**Affixing of the University's common seal to the Modification Letters
pertaining to the pedestrian walkway systems**

1. In connection with the construction of the pedestrian walkway systems on campus, the University had submitted to the Lands Department of the Government two applications for lease modifications: (i) modifications to New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6173 pursuant to the construction of the footbridge linking the Shaw Campus and the Baptist University Road Campus; and (ii) modifications to New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5921 pursuant to the construction of the pedestrian link outside the Wai Hang Sports Centre. The Council confirmed the decision made through the circulation of paper to approve:
 - (a) the affixing of the University's common seal to the Modification Letters pertaining to the pedestrian walkway systems in New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 6173 and New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 5921 respectively; and
 - (b) the arrangement of authenticating the affixing of the common seal to the said Modification Letters.

**2013-14 University recurrent budget and the 2013-14 budgets for the School
of Continuing Education, Chaplain's Office and student residences**

2. The Council resolved to approve for implementation the 2013-14 University recurrent budget and the 2013-14 budgets for the School of Continuing Education, Chaplain's Office and student residences.

Tuition fees for UGC-funded programmes in 2013-14

3. The Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Finance Committee:
 - (a) the ratification of (i) the extension fees for three months for MPhil/PhD students; and (ii) fees for each non-credit bearing course taken by special summer study students for the past years including the 2012-13 academic year;
 - (b) the proposed tuition and related fees with effect from the 2013-14 academic year; and

- (c) the setting of the tuition fees of University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded programmes for local students at the level as advised by the Government with effect from the 2014-15 academic year and, in the event that the Government decided in the future to revise the tuition fees for UGC-funded programmes, the relevant tuition fees would be adjusted accordingly without the need to seek Council's further approval.

Revision of rates of housing allowances for eligible staff

- 4. Following the revision of the rates of housing allowances in the Civil Service with effect from 1 April 2013, the Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the Personnel Committee (PC):
 - (a) to adopt the revised rates of Private Tenancy Allowance with retroactive effect from 1 April 2013, for eligible staff who commenced a new tenancy agreement on or after 1 April 2013; and
 - (b) to adopt the revised rates of Home Financing Allowance with retroactive effect from 1 April 2013, for eligible staff who commenced to receive the allowance on or after 1 April 2013.

Amendments to the Constitution of the Hong Kong Baptist University Foundation

- 5. The Council resolved to approve the proposed amendments to Clauses 24, 27 and 42 of the [Constitution of the Hong Kong Baptist University Foundation](#).

Acceptance of donation for the development of the HKBU Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology

- 6. The Council resolved:
 - (a) to accept the donation of \$10 million from Amway (China) Co., Ltd. to support the research, academic exchanges, publications and postgraduate education of the HKBU Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology (Academy); and
 - (b) to establish the "HKBU Jao Tsung-I Academy of Sinology – Amway (China) Development Fund" in accordance with the agreement reached between the donor and the University.

Involvement of external members in the procedures for handling staff grievances

7. With a view to further enhancing the transparency of the Procedures for Handling Staff Grievances and ensuring adequate check and balance, the University Administration has recently reviewed the Procedures. The Council resolved to accept the recommendation of the PC on revising the membership compositions of the Committee on Conflict Resolution and the Special Committee on Conflict Resolution to introduce the flexibility of involving an external member in the aforesaid Committees.

Establishment of Hong Kong Baptist University (Haimen) Institute of Science and Technology

8. To capitalize the development momentum of Jiangsu Province and to build a strong research and postgraduate education foothold in the Yangtze River Delta, HKBU and Haimen Municipal People's Government have agreed to jointly establish the Hong Kong Baptist University (Haimen) Institute of Science and Technology (IST) in the Linjiang New District of Jiangsu Province. IST will be research-driven while providing postgraduate programmes and executive training for the region.
9. The Council resolved to authorize the President and Vice-Chancellor to continue negotiations with the Haimen Municipal People's Government on collaboration regarding the IST project and, if deemed appropriate, to sign, on behalf of HKBU, the framework agreement, which might or might not undergo further revisions, on the condition that the framework agreement would only become effective after it had obtained the approval of the Council.