

**A list of decisions made by the Council  
at its meeting on 10 December 2013**

**Appointment to the Council**

1. In accordance with the result of the Council Election 2013, the Council resolved to appoint Prof. Atara Sivan (Associate Dean of Social Sciences and Professor of the Department of Education Studies) to the Council as an elected staff member for a two-year term from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015.

**Candidates for Honorary University Fellowship in 2014**

2. The Council approved the award of Honorary University Fellowship (HUF) in 2014 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 2014 will be announced in due course.

**Tuition and other related fees for non-local students pursuing UGC-funded programmes in 2014-15**

3. The Council approved the recommendations of the Finance Committee (FC) that:
  - (a) the tuition fees for non-local students pursuing full-time University Grants Committee (UGC)-funded undergraduate (Ug) and taught postgraduate (TPg) programmes be increased from \$110,000 to \$120,000 per academic year with effect from 2014-15;
  - (b) the tuition fee for the part-time UGC-funded TPg programmes be revised from \$55,000 to \$60,000 per academic year with effect from 2014-15;
  - (c) there would be no fee differentiation for research postgraduate (RPg) programmes between local and non-local students, and the tuition fee for full-time RPg students admitted within the UGC quota and the prescribed over-enrolment cap would remain at the same level of \$42,100;
  - (d) the tuition fee for those self-funded RPg students (above the UGC's over-enrolment cap) should remain at \$72,000 (full-time) and that for part-time RPg students should also remain at \$42,100; and
  - (e) all tuition related fees applicable to non-local students such as special summer study, individual Ug courses or individual TPg courses beyond the normal study period, and the enrolment fee for certain Ug programmes, which were calculated by credit units, be revised accordingly.

#### **Funding support for General Research Fund Incentive Award Scheme 2013-14**

4. The Council approved the recommendation of the FC the allocation of \$11,603,848 from the Strategic Development Fund (SDF) of the University to support the General Research Fund Incentive Award Scheme 2013-14.

#### **Fourth Matching Fund Scheme for recruitment of Research Assistant Professors**

5. The Council approved the recommendation of the FC the allocation of \$20,815,200 from the SDF of the University to support the Fourth Matching Fund Scheme for recruitment of Research Assistant Professors in 2013-14.

#### **Matching fund for the establishment of Partner State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Biological Analysis**

6. In July 2013, the Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China approved the establishment of the Partner State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Biological Analysis (PSKL) at HKBU with funding support from the Innovation and Technology Commission of the HKSAR. The PSKL is expected to promote interdisciplinary research within the University and further develop its research excellence in the area of environmental and biological sciences.
7. The Council approved the recommendation of the FC the allocation of \$21.75 million from the SDF of the University to support the establishment of the PSKL.