

Message from Chairman of HKU Council

Dear colleagues, students, alumni and friends,

I am very pleased to let you know that the Council, after consultation with the Senate, has unanimously decided to invite Professor Xiang Zhang to stay on as President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong for another five-year term, effective July 2023.

Under the visionary leadership of Professor Zhang in the past three years, the University has scaled new heights in furthering its core missions and has responded collectively to crises with demonstrated strength and resilience. The University has continued to excel in its research and teaching during the COVID pandemic, which as we all know has been challenging to students and colleagues alike.

Notwithstanding the adversities, the University has kept moving ahead with a wide range of ground-breaking strategic ventures, many of which initiated and steered by Professor Zhang, and making significant progress such as the Tech Landmark project on Pokfulam campus, the HKU-Shenzhen campus development, and the global professoriate recruitment scheme to bring top talents to the University. All these pivotal and far-reaching pursuits will enable HKU to achieve even greater prominence on a world class scale.

Members of the Council and I feel that there is a strong need for continuity of University's leadership, bearing in mind the challenges and developments that lie ahead. We are confident that Professor Zhang will continue to provide his strong leadership, and I am sure that he, together with the support of the HKU community, will successfully take the University to the next level of excellence.

Sincerely,

Professor Arthur Li

Council Chairman