

MAINTAINING EXCELLENCE DESPITE THE CHALLENGES

面對挑戰 保持卓越

Earlier this year we held a ceremony to mark the commencement of the superstructure work for the Jockey Club One Health Tower, a symbol for the campus unity that has enabled CityU to soar in 2020/21.

我們在今年為賽馬會健康一體化大樓舉行主工程動工典禮，標誌大學上下一心，團結一致，令城大在2020/21年持續進步。



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The Tower will signify more than a material combination of concrete, steel and glass, plus its first-class facilities for world-class research and teaching. Rather, it will symbolise for the world CityU's grit, perseverance and tenacity, traits that have enabled us to establish the first-ever vet school in Hong Kong, despite the enormous challenges.

That's why I am confident in saying, "United, We Soar!"

Youth foremost

Our youth, dynamism and energy were spotlighted in 2020/21 when we achieved excellent results across the board in a number of ranking exercises, proving that we are one of the fastest developing universities in the world. We are placed 5th in the world in the *THE* Young University Rankings 2021, i.e. those under 50 years old, and 4th in the QS 2021 Top 50 under 50. Overall, ranked against the best universities in the world, we are 53rd, according to QS University Rankings 2022 (released in 2021). These results are really praiseworthy because they explicitly endorse our claim to be one of the most exciting universities for students and researchers.

We also fully acknowledge that the best of the best among the youth of Hong Kong deserve a more advanced curriculum. Two initiatives stand out. HK Tech 300 was set up in March 2021 to create 300 start-ups in three years, and thereby provide educational and growth opportunities for CityU students, alumni, research staff and others, and where possible translate CityU research results and intellectual properties into practical applications for socio-economic development. The reception has been excellent in terms of the quality of the initial proposals from aspiring entrepreneurs and from the community in terms of funding and mentoring.

The second initiative acknowledges that highly motivated young people need an enriched curriculum if they are going to successfully transition from tertiary education into future leadership roles. The exciting new HK Tech Tiger is the exact platform that these students urgently need. This programme enables brilliant young minds to benefit from our highly interdisciplinary, technology-enriched courses and a number of dynamic study paths that may lead to Ivy League education in the future as well as superior degree options.

這幢大樓所展示的，並非只是由水泥、鋼筋和玻璃組成的建築物，以及世界級教研設施，也是向世界呈現城大如何憑藉勇氣、堅毅和決心，突破重重難關，成功創立香港首家動物醫學院。

因此，我可以充滿信心地說：「我們團結一致，定能『城就未來 共創明天』！」

青年為先

城大於2020/21學年在多個排名榜中均取得佳績，反映我們年輕有為、充滿活力和動力，也證明我們是全球發展最快的學府之一。我們於《泰晤士高等教育》年輕大學2021年排名榜中名列第5位，並於QS 2021年「建校未滿50年的全球50所最佳學府」排名榜中，名列第4位。整體綜合排名方面，根據QS於2021年公佈的2022年大學排名榜，我們位居全球第53位。這些佳績證實：城大是最值得學生及教師加入的學府之一。

我們也明白，應該為香港的年輕菁英開辦更高階的課程，因此推行兩項舉措。我們首先於2021年3月推出「HK Tech 300」計劃，目標是在三年內協助參加者成立300家初創企業。這項計劃可為城大學生、校友、科研人員以及其他人士提供培訓及發展的機會，並將城大的研究成果及知識產權轉化為實際應用，為社會及經濟發展作出貢獻。此舉獲得極佳反應，有志創業的參加者提出許多優質計劃書，社會各界亦樂於資助及指導參加者。

第二項舉措是為主動積極、富有潛力的學生推出「HK Tech老虎班」，以確保菁英學生能夠在大學畢業後順利晉身為未來領袖。這項計劃特別設計了跨學科、以科技為主的充實課程，滿足才華洋溢的學生在學問上的更高需求。計劃亦提供多種進修途徑，學生有機會負笈美國長春藤大學，或攻讀高級學位課程。

Robust research

Over 140 CityU faculty members are ranked among the top 2% of the world's most highly cited scientists, according to Stanford University, and we are ranked top among local universities for the 5th consecutive year in the top 100 worldwide universities granted US utility patents by the National Academy of Inventors (NAI). We even recorded our highest ever NAI position, 51st in the world, this year.

Faculty firsts

Originality and innovation are evident in the individual achievements of our researchers. We have secured millions of dollars in funding and earned a range of fellowships and other honours for our work. Faculty were elected to Academia Europaea, American Mathematical Society, National Academy of Inventors, Academy of Social Sciences, and the Royal Society of Public Health.

In addition, major honours were secured such as the Croucher Innovation Award, Croucher Senior Research Fellowship, Ministry of Education awards, and Humboldt Research Award, among others.

From my own perspectives, I know how significant these honours and awards can be, and how important colleagues and friends are to the process. I was both humbled and delighted to be awarded the Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia (the Knight of the Order of the Star of Italy) and to be elected to the position of International Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering. These awards say as much about the teams we collaborate with as they do about our own merits.

Unity for campus

Collaboration was very much the key to the success of several events that brought together, online and in person when Covid-19 regulations permitted, world-class thinkers to debate pressing planetary problems. The "Clean Energy and Nuclear Safety—10 Years after Fukushima" forum was a case in point, enabling hundreds of participants to find out more about the energy industries and related issues from world-leading scholars, industry leaders and policymakers.

研究成果豐碩

根據史丹福大學公佈的排名指標，城大有逾140位論文獲高度引用的教研人員，被列為全球排名前2%的科學家。此外，我們獲美國國家發明家科學院連續第五年選為全球頂尖100所獲頒最多美國專利的大學，並於今年獲全球排名第51位。這是城大歷年來的最佳排名。

教研人員獲崇高榮譽

我們的科研人員在個人研究成果中充分展示原創及創新的特色，因此得到大筆撥款資助，並膺選為院士及獲取其他榮譽。頒授院士銜予城大教研人員的學術機構包括歐洲人文和自然科學院、美國數學學會、美國國家發明家科學院、英國社會科學院、以及英國皇家公共衛生學會。

城大科研人員亦獲頒多個重要獎項，包括裘槎前瞻科研大獎、裘槎基金會優秀科研者獎、國家教育部獎項、德國洪堡研究獎等。

以我所知，這些都是極崇高的榮銜和獎項，而同事和友好的協作對此至關重要。我很榮幸能夠獲頒「意大利之星」騎士勳章以及膺選為加拿大工程院外籍院士。上述所有獎項，不但展示我們的優秀成績，也反映了與我們合作團隊的傑出表現。

團結合作

「合作」是我們能夠成功舉辦多項活動的關鍵。我們嚴格遵從防疫規定，成功以網上及實體結合的方式舉辦論壇和講座，邀請世界級學者共同探討關乎全球的迫切問題。當中的極佳例子是「潔淨能源與核能安全——福島事故十周年」論壇，我們邀請了世界各地的頂尖學者、企業領袖及政策制訂者，討論能源工業及相關議題，逾千名與會者對此有了更深入的了解。

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Collaboration was also key to the success of the inaugural University Anthem, which was themed “Beyond Boundaries”. The song is a magical way of sending the spirit soaring: “Diversity for harmony/Along the way, stand tall.” We drew on the talents of composers, lyricists, translators, singers and musicians to produce a song for every CityU occasion, one that enshrines our pursuit of excellence and dedication to unity.

Tenacity in all endeavours

Just like the creation of the Jockey Club One Health Tower, the CityU teaching farm stands as testament to our capacity to stick to the mission no matter how tough the journey might be. We are on course to open Hong Kong's only dairy farm in a few months' time. Our vet school students will train at the farm and the cows there will produce milk and ice cream destined to be sold on campus. When the farm opens, we will show to the rest of Hong Kong that CityU can make the seemingly impossible possible through strength of character, vision and tenacity.

From faculty to students and staff, Council through to the Senate and Court, to our numerous supporting bodies and across the whole of campus, we have remained united throughout the pandemic, creating a solid runway from which we can take off and soar towards our goal of becoming a world-leading university.



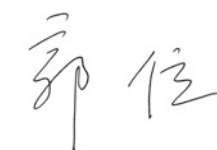
Way Kuo
President and University Distinguished Professor

「合作」也是成功創作城大校歌的關鍵。校歌以「學研出塵」為主題，曲中歌詞「多元文化和而不同／巍巍山海正道致中」，振奮人心。我們匯聚了才華橫溢的作曲家、作詞人、翻譯家、歌手和樂師的努力，譜出這闕校歌，蘊含我們追求卓越、竭誠團結的特質，供城大在不同場合演出及播放。

堅毅努力

就如興建賽馬會健康一體化大樓一樣，建造城大動物醫學教學農場亦充分表明，無論前路如何艱困，我們仍能堅持達成使命。這所全港唯一的乳牛教學農場，將於幾個月內建成啟用。屆時修讀獸醫課程的學生將在農場接受培訓，而產自農場的牛奶及雪糕將在城大校園發售。農場落成時，我們將向本地社會證明，城大憑着堅強意志、高瞻遠矚和無比決心，化不可能為可能。

疫情期間，城大整體校園上下，從師生到職員、從校董會到教務會及顧問委員會，以至各支援單位，均團結一致，鋪設了一條穩固的跑道，供城大疾馳起飛，朝着世界領先大學的目標進發。



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