Notification on Emergency Response Unit (ERU) (20)

The University is highly concerned about the unidentified masked persons who trespassed on campus yesterday afternoon. They entered multiple classrooms and caused disruptions, triggering fire alarms and interrupting teaching and learning activities. The University has immediately deployed security personnel to take actions and measures to deal with the situation. A fair number of students affected by this disruptive behaviour later contacted the University to express their concerns about campus safety.

The safety of students and staff is always our top priority. We strive to provide a safe and comfortable learning and working environment, and we will not tolerate any form of violence including vulgar speech. In view of yesterday’s incident, the University will initiate a series of measures to secure campus safety and ensure that teaching and learning activities will not be affected:

- Enhance security services to provide more appropriate assistance in case of unexpected incidents;
- Strengthen premises security to mitigate the risk of uninvited outside intrusion;
- Review guidelines relevant to class arrangements and management to help academic staff handle unexpected incidents.

Staff and students who are in need or who encounter special circumstances can contact the ERU through Professor Eric Chui, Dean of Students, and the Student Development Services team at enquiry.ERU@cityu.edu.hk. The ERU will continue to communicate directly with staff and students and refer enquiries to the corresponding departments for appropriate assistance. In emergency situations, staff and students may call our 24-hour emergency hotline: 3442 8888.

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Professor Horace Ip Ho-shing, Vice-President (Student Affairs)
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