



香港城市大學
City University of Hong Kong

University Announcement

Notification on Emergency Response Unit (ERU) (56)

Our preliminary estimates indicate that due to the recent vandalism, the costs to repair the damages to campus facilities alone will be a nine-digit figure in Hong Kong dollars.

The University is proactively undertaking a great deal of repair work in accordance with our planning, but some of the more seriously affected buildings and zones will have to remain closed for now.

It seems that social activities in Hong Kong have shown some signs of abating, and the University is cautiously optimistic about campus security. After conducting a comprehensive assessment that involved balancing the progress of the restoration work with the needs of the students and staff as well as campus safety, as announced in ERU notification no. 55, the University expects to open up campus facilities progressively. The University will maintain existing control measures at all access points to ensure safety. Staff and students will be required to present their identity cards to gain entry.

The University is planning to reopen the student hostels in stages, according to the progress of the repairs. Restoration work, the cleaning of water tanks, the testing of water samples, fire services installation, power supply and lighting systems, clearance of emergency escape and compliance assurance, etc. will commence on Monday (2 December).

With some comprehensive assessments conducted by relevant professionals in the past week, we are now able to provide the estimated completion of the basic recovery and restoration tasks for the student hostels so that they can be suitable for accommodation again. Assuming no further major issues would be found in the halls, the tentative schedule for the re-opening of the student hostels for current residents would be in phases in the upcoming weeks as follows:

- 10 December 2019 (Tuesday): Halls 6, 7 and 8
- 12 December 2019 (Thursday): Halls 4, 5, 10 and 11
- 14 December 2019 (Saturday): Halls 1, 2, 3 and 9

The University will continue to closely monitor the social situation and strive to start next semester on schedule. We once again call on every member of the University community to defend campus safety together so that the University can get back to normal and we can prepare for the new semester.

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.

Emergency Response Unit
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