



香港城市大學  
City University of Hong Kong

## University Announcement

### Notification on Emergency Response Unit (ERU) 61

Operations at the University have been severely interrupted and campus has been seriously damaged by unknown intruders over the past six months. Preliminary estimates indicate that the cost and lost will incur a nine-digit figure in Hong Kong dollars. The recent social unrest in Hong Kong has also had a negative impact on enrolment and donations.

Although we are anxious to restore order and reopen campus so that faculty, staff and students can resume their normal learning and research activities, security and campus safety are always our top priority.

The University has begun the restoration process by repairing a significant amount of damage and has implemented a number of measures to ensure that we can progressively reopen campus as planned:

1. **Campus security:**

- we have strengthened campus-wide safety and security control, include hiring additional security guards and improving access control;
- more security measures will be implemented, including the improvement of CCTV systems, the installation of additional barriers and gates, and enhancing the control and storage of dangerous goods.

2. **Student Residences (SR):**

- reopened last week;
- before re-opening the SR, the University conducted a series of restoration works, as stated in [ERU UA 56](#);
- around 20% of residents have moved back to the SR.

3. **The University Library:**

- partially reopened today (16 December);
- many staff and students have been using library services via remote terminals and electronic devices.

4. **Catering services:**

- several canteens and restaurants have resumed operations.

5. **Other facilities:**

- two teaching studios (Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building-4208 and 4400) at the Computing Service Centre reopened today (16 December);
- a number of printer facilities are restored.

We have to reiterate that the restoration work will take time. The University needs to abide by due processes such as tendering for any work carried out by external parties and agents. This can be time-consuming.

In addition, as announced in [ERU UA 60](#), several boxes packed with suspected petrol bombs were found on campus on the night of 13 December. For safety reasons, the University immediately informed the relevant government departments for handling the situation. We will continue to maintain vigilance and carefully assess the situation. Safety is always our top priority and we will also take the needs of staff and students into considerations for the progressive re-opening of other facilities.

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