

Lingnan University 2024/2025 SDG Report

SDG 17 - PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



1st

United Nations University Hub
in Asia



95

Undergraduate Courses



70

Research Outputs



50

Research Projects and Grants

Lingnan University is deeply committed to advancing Sustainable Development Goal 17 – Partnerships for the Goals, recognising that meaningful and inclusive collaboration is the foundation for achieving all other SDGs. Through cross-sectoral alliances with global institutions, international organisations, local communities, and industry partners, Lingnan fosters a culture of shared learning, co-creation, and collective impact. The University actively builds bridges across disciplines and borders to exchange knowledge, develop innovative solutions, and promote social and sustainable development. The following initiatives illustrate how Lingnan’s strategic partnerships translate vision into action, strengthening global cooperation and empowering communities in support of a more equitable and sustainable future.

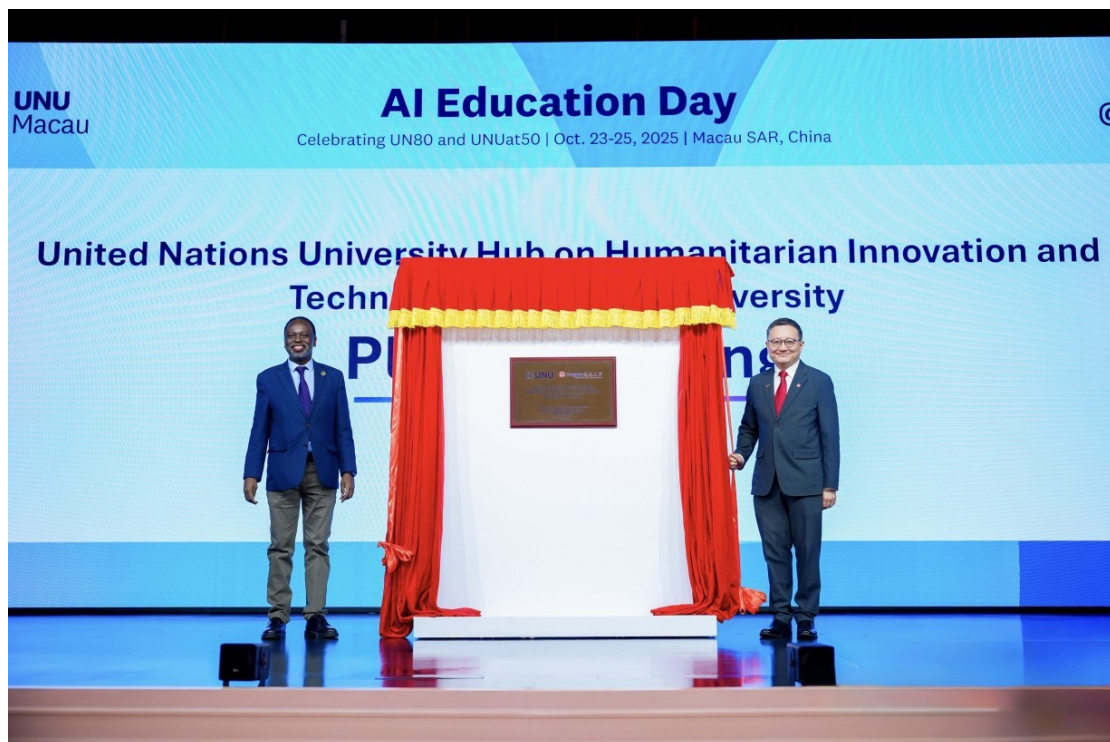
Lingnan University–United Nations University Collaboration: Advancing Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development (SDG 17)

Lingnan University has strengthened its global commitment to SDG 17 – Partnership for the Goals through the establishment of Asia’s first **United Nations University (UNU) Hub on Humanitarian Innovation and Technology**. Officially unveiled on 25 October 2025, this milestone marks a new chapter in Lingnan’s collaboration with the United Nations University, reinforcing its role as a regional driver of research, education, and innovation for social good.

The UNU Hub at Lingnan University aims to serve as a global platform for research, capacity building, and partnerships that leverage technology for humanitarian purposes. It connects Lingnan's expertise in data science, social innovation, and liberal arts education with the UNU's international network, creating opportunities for cross-border cooperation among universities, governments, and civil society. As emphasised by Prof Tshilidzi Marwala, Rector of the UNU, the Hub will catalyse “new partnerships and scale humanitarian technologies” that support inclusive and humane technological progress.

For Lingnan, this collaboration represents a tangible expression of its belief that education and research must serve society. By hosting the UNU Hub, Lingnan provides a multidisciplinary environment where research findings are translated into practical solutions addressing challenges such as disaster response, digital inclusion, and sustainability across the Global South.

The initiative further enhances Lingnan's global engagement strategy and demonstrates how international partnerships can translate shared values into impactful action. As an academic hub linking Asian innovation with UN-driven global development goals, the UNU Hub at Lingnan exemplifies how higher education institutions can work together to advance the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals through cooperation, technology, and human-centered innovation. [[Link](#)]



Lingnan University and Times Higher Education Collaboration: Advancing SDG 17 through Digital Partnerships

Lingnan University's partnership with Times Higher Education (THE) to co-host **Digital Universities Asia 2025** exemplifies its commitment to SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals by fostering international collaboration, knowledge exchange, and collective innovation in digital transformation. Held on 8–9 July 2025 on Lingnan's campus under the theme *"Powering Social Innovation with Digital Transformation,"* the event brought together thought leaders, technology specialists, academics, and industry practitioners to explore how digital tools and artificial intelligence can enhance education and social impact.

Through a series of high-level discussions, participants shared insights on the transformative potential of high-performance computing (HPC), AI, and next-generation digital technologies to reshape research, teaching, and global collaboration. The official launch of Lingnan HPC NextT, envisioned as a hub for data science and AI innovation, marked a milestone in strengthening cross-sectoral partnerships and cultivating digital readiness across the academic community.

The conference also reflected the SDG 17 principles of partnership and shared capacity building. Panels featured experts such as Dr Simon See (Nvidia), Professor Sam Kwong, and Professor Li Jia, alongside Lingnan students and alumni, demonstrating a multi-stakeholder approach that bridges academia, industry, and civil society. Through dialogue and knowledge transfer, the event reinforced that ethical, inclusive, and human-centered use of digital technologies is essential for achieving sustainable development goals.

By empowering students, faculty, and partners to engage with digital innovation for social good, Digital Universities Asia 2025 showcased how Lingnan University leverages strategic partnerships to create shared learning ecosystems, nurture digital literacy, and scale social impact—advancing global cooperation and sustainable progress under SDG 17. [\[Link\]](#)



Lingnan University Summer Academy 2025 – Empowering Partnerships for Sustainable Development

The Office of Service-Learning (OSL) Summer Academy 2025 in the Philippines exemplifies SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals by fostering international collaboration among students, educators, local organizations, and communities to co-create sustainable solutions to real-world challenges. Through hands-on, community-based projects in Tingloy, San Juan, and Malitam, participants worked alongside local partners to address issues in clean water access, healthcare innovation, sustainable aquaculture, and inclusive education.

Projects such as Rainwater Harvesting for Improved Water Access, Portable Baby Incubator for Infants, Sustainable Oyster Aquaculture, and Art & Culture for Early Childhood Education not only strengthened community resilience but also built knowledge networks that bridge academia and grassroots innovation. By engaging in these collaborative initiatives, the Summer Academy reinforced Lingnan’s commitment to global partnerships that drive social impact, enhance local capacity, and advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals through shared learning and participatory action. [\[Link\]](#)



QS Higher Education Post Summit: Asia-Pacific 2024 – Advancing SDG 17 through Global Partnerships in Higher Education

The QS Higher Education Post Summit: Asia-Pacific 2024, hosted by Lingnan University on 8 November 2024, exemplified the spirit of SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals by uniting nearly 400 academics, industry leaders, and policymakers to discuss collaborative strategies for achieving social and sustainable impact in higher education.

Under the theme *“Navigating Futures – Empowering Higher Education for Social and Sustainable Impact,”* the event fostered meaningful dialogue on innovation, digital transformation, talent development, and sustainability. Guest of Honour **Dr Choi Yuk-lin**, Hong Kong’s Secretary for Education, highlighted universities’ essential role in addressing global challenges through talent cultivation and thought leadership.

Jessica Turner, Chief Executive of QS Quacquarelli Symonds, underscored how global partnerships emerging from forums like this one help accelerate shared progress by opening pathways for collaboration, knowledge exchange, and best-practice sharing among institutions worldwide.

In his welcoming remarks, Professor S. Joe Qin, President of Lingnan University, reaffirmed the University’s vision of promoting liberal arts education in the digital era and strengthening international networks through cooperation with industries, governments, and communities.

By connecting higher education leaders across the Asia-Pacific region, the Post Summit advanced the SDG 17 ethos of multistakeholder partnership, enabling a collective commitment to innovation, inclusion, and sustainable development within the global education landscape. [\[Link\]](#)

