

LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 24 February 2025

1. The Council WELCOMED Professor CHEN Xi, Professor LI Donghui, Ms NG Wai Ming Irene, Mr SHUM Wai Lam William, Mr SUN Hang, Professor WONG Pui Yun Paulina and Mr WONG Ivan Siu Kei who attended the Council meeting for the first time.
2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:
 - (a) The University has signed an institutional-level Memorandum of Understanding with Tongji University, Shandong University and Beijing Normal University – Hong Kong Baptist University United International College (UIC).
 - (b) LU has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with the following institutions:
 - “1 DECEMBRIE 1918” University of Alba Iulia, Romania
 - Acadia University, Canada
 - American University in Bulgaria, Bulgaria
 - Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University United International College, China
 - Bocconi University, Italy
 - CECEP (Beijing) Advisory Company Limited, China
 - Chuo University, Japan
 - Guangdong University of Technology, China
 - Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, Mexico
 - M Plus Museum Limited, HKSAR
 - Shandong University, China
 - The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong, HKSAR
 - The University of Jaen, Spain
 - Tongji University, China
 - Toyo University, Japan
 - Université Catholique de Lille, France
 - University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China
 - VNU University of Science, Vietnam
 - Windesheim University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands
 - (c) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
 - Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco
 - Hong Kong Arts Centre, HKSAR
 - NEOMA Business School, France
 - Örebro University, Sweden
 - Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, China
 - Sheffield Hallam University Higher Education Corporation, UK
 - Tsinghua University, China
 - Universidad San Francisco de Quito USFQ, Ecuador
 - Xinjiang University, China
 - Zhejiang University, China
 - (d) The Senate approved the establishment of the Lingnan University Shenzhen Research Institute (嶺南大學深圳研究院) at the institutional level.

- (e) Professor YAO Xin together with the President and Professor Sam KWONG have been named on the list of *Highly Cited Researchers 2024 by Clarivate* and they have also been elected Fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Engineering.
- (f) A young scholar, Professor TANG Xiaopeng, Assistant Professor of the Science Unit, in collaboration with researchers from the University of Shanghai for Science and Technology won the Best Paper Award at the prestigious 2024 IEEE 25th China Conference on System Simulation Technology and its Application.
- (g) A Lingnan Fellow at the Lingnan University Institute for Advanced Study, Prof. Alain BENSOUSSAN won the prestigious 2024 IEEE Control Systems Award.
- (h) The GenAI Email Automation System developed by the Registry received the Certificate of Merit from the Hong Kong ICT Awards 2024 which symbolized the University's effort in integrating AI not only in curriculum but also in administration.
- (i) Seven researchers of the University were recognised at the RGC Award Presentation Ceremony for their outstanding achievements in research, and the University's research projects won three awards (one Gold Medal and two Silver Medals) in the 4th Asia Exhibition of Innovations and Inventions Hong Kong.
- (j) The Lingnan mini air purifier PureAura has won a total of 14 global awards, including four design awards achieving a Grand Slam.
- (k) The University improved from 881 to 824 in the QS Sustainability Rankings 2025 which was one of only two universities that showed an improvement in performance in this ranking. In the latest University of Texas at Dallas Top 100 Worldwide Business School Rankings Based on Research Contributions 2024, the University's Faculty of Business came 19th in China.
- (l) The University has announced that DeepSeek has been available on campus-wide for the use of staff and students.

4. The Council RECEIVED the following:

- (a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meetings respectively held on 27 May and 14 October 2024,
- (b) Report from the Career Development Committee,
- (c) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
- (d) Report from the Committee on LU's Mainland Development,
- (e) Report from the Finance Committee,
- (f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee, and
- (g) Investigation Report on the complaint against the Election Officer of the election of eligible students for appointment to the Court or the Council.

5. The Council APPROVED the following:

- (a) the estimated development cost of the new Science Building,
- (b) the increase of the annual tuition fees for self-financed research postgraduate students for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28,
- (c) the 2024-25 Income and Expenditure Revised Forecast, and
- (d) the re-appointment of Dr WONG Chi Kwong Patrick as a co-opted member of the Institutional Advancement Committee for another term of two years with immediate effect.

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