LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 21 October 2024

1. The Council WELCOMED Ms HSU Yu Ming Hanna and Mr LEUNG Chung Sing Sammy who attended the Council meeting for the first time.

2. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Ms CHAO Sih Ming Sabrina, Mr CHUNG Kwok Keung Simon whose terms of office as members of the Council would be completed on 21 October 2024 and Ms WONG Yeung Fong Fonia whose term of office as a member of the Council would be completed on 31 December 2024.

3. 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 Peking University to advance extensive and profound collaborations.
   (b) Lingnan has recently established new agreements on academic cooperation with the following institutions:
   - Avans University of Applied Sciences, the Netherlands
   - Beijing University of Chemical Technology, China
   - Bulter University, the United States
   - Business School, Central University of Finance and Economics, China
   - Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China
   - ISCTE - University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal
   - Leuphana University Lüneburg, Germany
   - Management and Science University, Malaysia
   - Nanjing Agricultural University, China
   - The Catholic University of Korea, Korea
   - The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen, China
   - Tsinghua University, China
   - University of The Fraser Valley, Canada
   - Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia

   (c) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
   - Dankook University, Korea
   - Soongsil University, Korea
   - Swansea University, the United Kingdom
   - Seoul National University, Korea
   - The London School of Economics and Political Science, the United Kingdom
   - Tilburg University, the Netherlands
   - Tunghai University, Taiwan
   - Willamette University, the United States
   - Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Canada

   (d) Lingnan has signed agreements respectively with 安徽省普通話培訓測試中心, Shandong Hi-Speed Group Co, Ltd (山東高速集團有限公司), Rizhao City (日照市人民政府) and Shandong Huge Dental Material Co., Ltd. (山東滬鴿口腔材料股份有限公司). Lingnan has also signed Memorandum of Understanding with Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Company Limited (香港應用科技研究院有限公司).

(e) Lingnan has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Harbin Engineering University.
(f) Over 25 Lingnan colleagues was listed in the World's Top 2% Scientists by Stanford (29 including adjunct professors). 12 distinguished Lingnan scholars are among the top 100 scientists worldwide in their respective sub-fields.
(g) A young Lingnan scholar, Professor YUAN Weijie, Assistant Professor of School of Interdisciplinary Studies, has received the Satellite Navigation and Positioning Innovation Application Platinum Award presented by the GNSS & LBS Association of China (中國衛星導航定位協會).
(h) Professor Albert KO, Director of the Lingnan Entrepreneurship Initiative, has received the 2024 UGC Teaching Award in the Collaborative Teams category for his outstanding teaching performance and achievements, as well as his leadership and scholarly contributions to teaching and learning within and beyond the campuses.
(i) The University has recorded good results in the 2024-25 General Research Fund, Early Career Scheme and Humanities and Social Sciences Prestigious Fellowship Scheme from the Research Grants Council.
(j) The project of PureAura designed by Professor Albert KO and colleagues has won four "grand slam" of international design awards globally across Germany, US and Japan.
(k) The Carbon Neutral Action Project led by Professor CHEN Xi is a two-year project funded by the Sustainable Development Fund of the government which is a great example of the University's focus on knowledge transfer and community engagement.

4. The Council APPROVED the appointment of Ms CHAN Ka Chai Clara as Chairman of the Audit Committee effective from 22 October 2024.

5. The Council RECEIVED the following:

(a) Report from the Audit Committee,
(b) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
(c) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
(d) Report from the Lingnan Education Organization Limited (LEO) Donation Management Committee,
(e) Report from the Finance Committee,
(f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee, and
(g) Report from the Staffing Committee.

6. The Council APPROVED the following:

(a) the audited Financial Statements of the University for the year ended 30 June 2024,
(b) the audited Annual Return on the use of UGC Funds for the year ended 30 June 2024,
(c) the audited Financial Statements of LIFE for the year ended 30 June 2024,
(d) the revisions to the "Operating Guidelines for Due Diligence Review of Prospective Donors and Donations",
(e) the hourly pay rates for part-time hourly-rate non-academic staff as endorsed by the Staffing Committee for implementation with immediate effect,
(f) the revisions to "Schedule 1 to Lingnan University Statute 5 – Regulations Governing the Election of Eligible Staff from among themselves for Appointment to the Court or the Council" and "Schedule 2 to Lingnan University Statute 5 –

Regulations Governing the Election of Members of the Senate from among its Members for Appointment to the Court or the Council", and

(g) the new "Schedule 5 to Lingnan University Statute 5 – Regulations Governing the Conferment of Degrees and Academic Awards including Honorary Degrees and Honorary Awards".

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