LINGNAN UNIVERSITY

A Summary of Discussions and Decisions of the Council Meeting Held on 18 June 2026

1. The Council RECORDED a vote of thanks to Professor LAU Chi Pang who will retire from the Council on 1 July 2026.

2. The Council RECEIVED a report from the President on the activities of the University, including:

   (a) The University has signed new agreements on academic cooperation with the following institutions:
   - Advanced Institute for Ocean Research, Southern University of Science and Technology, China
   - Australia National Institute of Management and Commerce, Australia
   - Beijing University of Technology, China
   - ChungBuk National University, Republic of Korea
   - College of Physics and Optoelectronic Engineering, Shenzhen University, China
   - Division of Economics, Liaoning University, China
   - Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Vietnam
   - Haute École de Namur-Liège-Luxembourg (Hénallux), Belgium
   - Hefei University of Technology, China
   - Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics, China
   - Luxembourg School of Business, Luxembourg
   - Mahidol University International College, Thailand
   - Osh State University, Kyrgyzstan
   - Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, the United Kingdom
   - School of Cyberspace, Hangzhou Dianzi University, China
   - School of Social Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia
   - Shenzhen Audencia Financial Technology Institute, Shenzhen University, China
   - University of Bristol, the United Kingdom
   - University of Science and Technology of China, China
   - West University of Timisoara, Romania
   - Zhuhai College of Science and Technology, China

   (b) The University has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with with Hong Kong Direct Subsidy Scheme Schools Council (香港直接資助學校議會).

   (c) The University has renewed its inter-institutional agreement of cooperation with the following institutions:
   - Ahmedabad University, India
   - Beijing University of Technology, China
   - Chonnam National University, Republic of Korea
   - Forman Christian College (A Chartered University), Pakistan
   - Marquette University, the United States
   - Pusan National University, Republic of Korea
   - Shenzhen University, China

(d) The University has signed MoU with major Mainland partners:
- Anhui University
- Jimei University
- Guangdong University of Finance
- Gunagzhou College of Commerce
- Qingdao University

(e) The Senate approved three academic programmes, including a self-financed 4-year double degree programme, namely Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) – Finance and Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Innovative Design and Artificial Intelligence, a self-financed Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Innovative Design and Artificial Intelligence programme, and the Master of Science in Innovative Design and Artificial Intelligence programme as well as a concentration of "Educational Technology and Digital Transformation" to the Master of Arts in International Higher Education and Management programme.

(f) The University has established a new scheme for inbound PhD exchange to introduce institutional ranking as a key criterion for selecting and funding exchange students.

(g) The University achieved remarkable results in the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS), with 10 successful nominees for the 2026-27 intake.

(h) The University successfully recruited 37 high-calibre scholars under the Lingnan-60 Global Talent Recruitment Campaign, and 14 junior faculty members have been given the title of the Presidential Early Career Scholars Scheme since mid-2024. Also, the Presidential Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Scheme has offered appointments to 14 Postdoctoral Fellows since August 2024.

(i) The University organised a successful Staff Communication Day and Staff Party 2026 on 24 April 2026 with participation of nearly 900 staff members.

(j) The President has been the first scholar in Hong Kong to be inducted into the prestigious Process Automation Hall of Fame in recognition of his interdisciplinary contributions to industrial data analytics and control theory.

(k) 35 scholars from Lingnan are in the "World's Best Scientist 2026" rankings published by the leading international academic platform.

(l) Professor Richard WALKER became the first scholar in Hong Kong to receive the prestigious Routledge Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Research Society for Public Management in recognition of his sustained dedication and outstanding contributions to the field.

(m) Dr Louisa LAM, Chief Information Officer and University Librarian, received distinction from the Journal of the Association for Information Science and Technology for her article titled "Sense-making sensemaking and sense making – A systematic review and meta-synthesis of literature in information science and education: An Annual Review of Information Science and Technology (ARIST) paper" published in January 2025, which was the most widely read article in May 2026 and the most cited article in April 2026.

(n) The University secured HK$2.13 million across five research/knowledge transfer projects, and the University anticipated good results in the 2026-27 RGC competitive funding rounds.

(o) The University participated in the Times Higher Education Asia University Ranking for the first time, placing 84th among 929 universities in Asia. The University achieved a major advancement in the QS World University Rankings 2027, rising over 120 places from the 701-710 range to 581st globally. In addition, the University also achieved the biggest improvement among local institutions in the US News and World Report 2026-27 Best Global Universities ranking, moving up 226 places to 738rd worldwide.

3. The Council RECEIVED the following:

(a) Confirmed minutes of the Senate meeting held on 9 March 2026,
(b) Report from the Campus Development and Management Committee,
(c) Report from the Christian Activities Committee,
(d) Report from the Ethics and Discipline Committee,
(e) Report from the Finance Committee, and
(f) Report from the Institutional Advancement Committee.

4. The Council APPROVED the increase in the annual tuition fees for non-local UG students enrolled in UGC-funded programmes from HK$175,000 to HK$205,000 taking effect from the 2027-28 cohort as endorsed by the Finance Committee.

5. The Council CONFIRMED its meeting dates for the academic year 2026–27, viz. 20 October 2026, 22 February 2027, 26 April 2027 and 21 June 2027.

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