



Feature Story

5 regions where HKU's presence should be enhanced

1. North America, UK, Mainland beyond large cities
2. One-Belt-One-Road regions
3. Continental Europe
4. Africa
5. South America

These are dynamic areas offering a diverse range of opportunities to enhance student learning and faculty scholarship. If we want HKU to matter on the world stage, let's go where the actions are!

Internationalisation in Teaching and Learning



HKU winning team members: Kyle Leung, Philip Wang, Gloria Chan, Karen Chu, Kenrick Tam, Karen Chu

"Global Challenges, Local Solutions" is a global student competition for innovative solutions to change lives for good here in HK and abroad. Multidisciplinary student groups from nine Faculties tackled issues from equality to poverty reduction and responsible consumption. 5 teams were selected in the HKU final round and the winning team: "Glass Donation" will represent HKU in the global finale in Canada for a ~\$175,000 HKD prize to realize their dream. By coming together with innovative solutions, you are all champions!

From VP (Global) ...

Of the top ten universities that HKU collaborates with the most in research: 4 are in HK, 3 in Mainland, 1 each in US, Australia, and SE Asia. From the reputation survey used in most world university rankings, HKU received most "votes" from scholars in Asia. By becoming more globally visible and engaged, we are bringing new skills and solutions back home to HK. I welcome your creative ideas!



W. John Kao, PhD FBSE

Internationalisation in Research

Mental health is an urgent global challenge affecting individuals, families, and the society in HK and beyond. Our students and professors sought to understand the underlying causes by working with international and Mainland partners. For example, since early 1990's HKU's Chengdu Mental Health Project led by Prof MS Ran performed research, community programmes, and education to improve lives through advocacy, awareness, public policy and practice in HK and elsewhere.

Internationalisation in Knowledge Exchange



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The US National Academy of Medicine (NAM) is a world premier organization that provides advice on issue relating to biomedical science and health to policy-makers, professionals, and the public. Working with the NAM President Dr. Victor Dzau, VP-Global Dr. W. John Kao established a partnership between HKU and NAM. Keep an eye out for these opportunities: first-ever NAM International Fellowship for mid-career HKU academic staff to work in Washington DC, organization of international summits to tackle global health issues such as regenerative medicine, mental health, ageing, and gender equity, and the contextualization of NAM consensus studies for HK.

Global Ranking

Highlights of the latest 2017 QS World University Rankings by Subject.



HKU looking good!

Top 20: Dentistry (1), Education (7), Architecture (10), Linguistics (10), Social Policy (10), Modern Languages (13), Law (18), Geography (18), Statistics (20).

Big Movers (up from 2016 ranking): Arts & Humanities (13 up from 19), Life Sciences & Medicine (34 up from 36), Social Sciences & Management (11 up from 14), Performing Arts (44 up from 51-100), Pharmacy (40 up from 46), Math (28 up from 44), Communication & Media (32 from 43)

Guest Contributor

Is the glass half full or half empty? It's both. Whenever there is an announcement of a competitive exercise, whether it's to do with university rankings, RAE, QAC audits etc, one tends focus on the good points, while the critics focus on the not so good points. The reality is that while we should be proud of our achievements, we cannot afford to make excuses for our weaknesses. Complacency is our worst enemy, and while HKU remains much admired both locally and internationally, the speed of development of our Mainland and international peers is both significant and breathtaking. Competition and collaboration are not mutually exclusive: they go hand in hand. So, we must seize the opportunity with a sense of urgency to increase our global impact through active and meaningful engagement with our Mainland and international partners.

(Credit: Provost Prof. Paul Tam)

Funding

- “Hong Kong Jockey Club Fellowships: Inward and Outward” is your opportunity to invite scholars from ACU member institutions in Commonwealth regions like Africa to visit HKU. <https://www.acu.ac.uk/scholarships/titular-fellowships/>
- “Strategic Partnership Fund with U Chicago, U Sydney, UCL, SJTU, and King’s” is a scheme to foster deep relationship with top-tier universities. “Global Partnership Seed Fund” facilitates new collaborations. <http://www.global.hku.hk/funding-opportunities>