

HKMU becomes the first University of Applied Sciences in Hong Kong

Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hong Kong Metropolitan University (HKMU) was approved by Education Bureau on 21 March 2024 to become the first University of Applied Sciences (UAS) in Hong Kong.
HKMU's strengths and experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connected to industry: Advisory Peer Groups are set up with industry participation to ensure that the programmes are recognised by industry and the professions, and to provide students with abundant training and internship opportunities. Outcome-based education: This is fully implemented in all programmes and courses, with a robust review of intended learning outcomes. Enhanced campus facilities: HKMU campuses are equipped with state-of-the-art laboratories and are being actively expanded, with a plan to build a new campus on a slope site in Ho Man Tin. Stringent quality assurance system: HKMU is the only self-financed university in Hong Kong granted self-accrediting status. It has effective quality assurance mechanisms and measures to support programme development, delivery and evaluation. Extensive experience in programme development: The Bachelor of Applied Science with Honours in Integrated Testing, Inspection and Certification programme, and the Bachelor of Business Administration with Honours in Sports and Recreation Management programme have been included in the Education Bureau's Pilot Project on the Development of Applied Degree Programmes.
Establishment of an "Alliance of UASs"	<p>HKMU will facilitate the formation of an "Alliance of UASs" in Hong Kong and collaborate closely with the Government to develop a promotional strategy that leverages the collective strength of the Alliance. The primary aim is to promote the status of vocational and professional education among parents, students and society through the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launching a series of promotional activities to enhance understanding of UASs and applied degree programmes among the

	<p>public, students and parents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising international conferences to serve as a platform for scholars and representatives from universities of applied sciences worldwide to share their successful experience; • Arranging exchange tours for members of the Alliance to visit overseas UASs and to jointly formulate the strategy for the development of UASs in Hong Kong; and • Learn from well-established overseas UASs and strengthen exchange and collaboration to bolster the development of UASs in Hong Kong.
<p>Relevant website on UASs</p>	<p>https://www.hkmu.edu.hk/uas/tc/</p>