

Groundbreaking Ceremony for OUHK Jockey Club Institute of Healthcare

Open U Celebrates Another Major Milestone with the Community

The New Institute of Healthcare turns a new page for the Open University of Hong Kong

The OUHK celebrates a major chapter of its development at the "Groundbreaking Ceremony of the OUHK Jockey Club Institute of Healthcare" on 15 December. In view of the rising community needs brought on by an aging population, the University has decided to embark on a new campus development project on Sheung Shing Street in Ho Man Tin, opposite its main campus, to train up professionals that are much-needed by our society.

Officiating at the Groundbreaking Ceremony were the Acting Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region the Honourable Mr Matthew Cheung Kin-chung, Deputy Chairman of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Mr Anthony W K Chow, Pro-Chancellor of the OUHK Dr the Honourable Charles Lee Yeh-kwong, Chairman of the OUHK Council Mr Michael Wong Yick-kam, Deputy Chairman of the OUHK Council Mr Silas Yang Siu-shun, and President of the OUHK Prof. Yuk-Shan Wong. Over 200 community leaders, donors, alumni and members of the University also joined the event to show their support for the University in developing high quality tertiary nursing and healthcare education.

Sharing the same vision with the University, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has granted HK\$281 million to the OUHK to fund the construction of the Institute. In recognition of the Trust's ardent support, the new building is named as the "OUHK Jockey Club Institute of Healthcare". The naming ceremony was also held on the same occasion.

The project has also been supported by many friends of the University. In his vote of thanks at the ceremony, Prof. Yuk-Shan Wong sincerely thanked the Government, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and the community for their staunch support over the years which enabled the University to go further to bring important benefits to the society.



▲ (From left) Deputy Chairman of the OUHK Council Mr Silas Yang, Pro-Chancellor of the OUHK Dr the Honourable Charles Lee, Acting Chief Executive of the HKSAR the Honourable Mr Matthew Cheung, Deputy Chairman of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Mr Anthony Chow, Chairman of the OUHK Council Mr Michael Wong, and President of the OUHK Prof. Yuk-Shan Wong officiate at the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the OUHK Jockey Club Institute of Healthcare.



The OUHK Jockey Club Institute of Healthcare will be a 13-storey structure which features state-of-the-art and environmental-friendly design. The new building will be equipped with comprehensive teaching and learning facilities which help to create a better learning environment for its students.



▲ Group photo of the officiating guests and major donors. (From left) Member of the OUHK Court and Co-Deputy Chairman of the Sponsorship and Development Fund Committee (SDFC) Dr Gerald Siu, Chairman of Chi Hong Charitable Foundation Limited Mr Lam Hon-mo, Executive Officer of The Kadoorie Charitable Foundation Ms Mya Kirwan, Member of the OUHK Court and SDFC Dr Eddy Fong, Deputy Chairman of the OUHK Council Mr Silas Yang, Pro-Chancellor of the OUHK Dr the Honourable Charles Lee, Acting Chief Executive of the HKSAR the Honourable Mr Matthew Cheung, Deputy Chairman of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Mr Anthony Chow, Chairman of the OUHK Council Mr Michael Wong, President of the OUHK Prof. Yuk-Shan Wong, Member of the SDFC Mr David Chan, Member of the OUHK Court and the Co-Deputy Chairman of the SDFC Dr Edward Cheung, Council Member of Lam Woo Foundation Limited Mrs Mary Lam, Member of the OUHK Court and SDFC Mr Peter Lee, and Member of the OUHK Court Dr Philip Wu.

State-of-the-art Facility for Realizing Education and Community Missions

Since 1994, the OUHK has demonstrated its strength in delivering high quality nursing education. Currently, the University has produced the largest number of nursing graduates in Hong Kong, with more than 7,500 over the years. Through the establishment of the new Institute, it is expected that the OUHK's capability could be further enhanced so that it can train more healthcare professionals to meet society's needs.

At the new Institute, all of OUHK's healthcare-related programmes will be housed under the same roof. In addition to the current programmes in Nursing, Early Childhood Education (Special Educational Needs) and Sports Management, new programmes covering Mental Health and Psychology, Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy, Nutrition and Dietetics are also under planning to offer more diversified and quality professional training to students.

State-of-the-art teaching and learning facilities would include Nursing Laboratories, Allied Health Laboratories, Special Education Needs Centre, Student Service Centre, Fitness and Activity Centres, Academic Concourse and Learning Commons, etc. The new Institute will allow OUHK to create a more conducive learning environment for its students and improve its teaching quality and efficiency. It is expected that about 2,800 students will be benefited from the new learning facility every year.

The new Institute will also act as a hub for developing community initiatives to promote the well-being of the general public. Looking ahead, the University will boost ties with NGOs and through collaborations, promote knowledge transfer and public education so as to benefit more elderly and people in need, and to turn Hong Kong into a healthy city.



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