



71st Convocation

第七十一屆開學典禮

2026.8.28

HONG KONG BAPTIST UNIVERSITY ANTHEM

O South - ern Sea, O Li - on Hill, Home of our Col - lege Hall. _____ Where
 wind - ing path and thor - ny trail, the tro - phy proud at - tained, _____ O
 南 天 海 角 獅 子 山 前 我 校 聳 立 輝 煌 中
 功 道 上 披 荊 斬 棘 師 生 奮 發 圖 強 大

5 East and West u - nite their best, For great - er good of all. _____ With
 Bap - tist U, our found - ers' dream, our faith and hope main - tained, _____ In the
 西 結 合 昌 明 學 術 世 界 新 發 光 芒 盡
 學 得 成 秉 肩 昂 首 先 賢 宿 願 得 償 學

9 all our hearts and all our minds we God and man will serve. _____ Our
 bound - less sea of learn - ing deep, a bea - con bright of truth, _____ In
 心 盡 性 立 己 立 人 基 督 榮 名 孔 揚 緬
 海 無 涯 博 大 精 微 永 恆 真 理 導 航 敦

13 glo - rious past, our mis - sion new, will build a bet - ter world. Through
 kind - ness and in thought - ful - ness, nur - ture the hopes of youth.
 念 前 猶 任 重 道 遠 相 期 澤 普 流 長 成
 厚 崇 禮 關 懷 社 稷 桃 李 古 道 熱 腸

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ORDER OF CEREMONY



1. **PROCESSIONAL***

Mace Bearer: Prof Howard LING, MH



Masters of the Ceremony

Mr SO Chun Yat

Miss NG Man Hei Charlotte



2. **FLAG-RAISING CEREMONY***

HKBU Student Flag-raising Team

3. **DECLARATION OF THE OPENING OF THE CEREMONY***

Dr the Hon Kennedy WONG, BBS, JP, Chairman of the Council and the Court

4. **UNIVERSITY ANTHEM***

HKBU Christian Choir

5. **INVOCATION***

Rev Dr Jack YU, Chaplain

6. **SCRIPTURE**

Rev Dr Jack YU, Chaplain

7. **DECLARATION OF THE UNIVERSITY MISSION**

Dr Sunny CHAI, SBS, JP, Deputy Chairman of the Council and the Court

8. **SONG OF PRAISE**

HKBU Christian Choir

9. **ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR**

Prof Alexander WAI, JP, President and Vice-Chancellor

10. **INTRODUCTION OF KEY PERSONNEL**

Dr Albert CHAU, Vice-President (Teaching and Learning)

11. **INTRODUCTION TO STUDY LIFE AT HKBU**

Prof Amy LEE, Director of Student Affairs

12. **DECLARATION OF STUDENT CHARTER***

Prof Amy LEE, Director of Student Affairs

13. **BENEDICTION***

Rev Dr Jack YU, Chaplain

14. **DECLARATION OF THE CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY***

Dr the Hon Kennedy WONG, BBS, JP, Chairman of the Council and the Court

15. **RECESSIONAL***

Mace Bearer: Prof Howard LING, MH

** The congregation please stand*

SCRIPTURE

[1] Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. [2] Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. [3] Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. [4] He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful. [5] He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. [6] He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations. [7] The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; [8] they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. [9] He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! [10] The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever! (Psalm 111:1-10 (ESV))



ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT & VICE-CHANCELLOR

A milestone year for shaping your future

Dear Students and Colleagues,

Welcome to the 71st Convocation of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU). This year carries a special meaning for the entire HKBU community, as we celebrate the University's 70th Anniversary. Thanks to the extraordinary work of generations of leaders, scholars, and talented HKBU alumni across every sector, many of whom once sat in the audience like you today, we have made remarkable progress over the past 70 years. I hope you will be proud to start your new chapter at HKBU, knowing that you are among friends and faculty who are committed to helping you learn, grow, and achieve the goals you have set for yourselves.

As educators, we have an obligation to equip our students with the knowledge, skills and mindset to stay relevant in today's fast-moving world. Artificial intelligence (AI) is now deeply woven into our social fabric. The key is to learn to use AI as a tool, ethically and responsibly, so that it enhances our learning and teaching experience, and everyone's overall quality of life. I cannot stress this enough, that AI is not meant to replace critical and creative thinking. On the contrary, the qualities that remain distinctly human, namely visionary leadership, sound judgment, empathy, courage, and making meaningful connections, will always set you apart and keep you competitive, no matter how much the world has evolved.



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To help you navigate this dynamic landscape, HKBU has been championing transdisciplinary education, ensuring our graduates are versatile enough for any career path they choose. We launched four transdisciplinary undergraduate and individualised major programmes in the 2022/23 academic year, and welcomed their first graduating cohorts this summer, spanning Arts and Technology, Global Entertainment Business Administration, Innovation in Health and Social Well-being, and individually designed majors. Building on this foundation, we introduced a curriculum reform in the 2025/26 academic year, including an additional transdisciplinary programmes on Digital Futures and Humanities, Sports Industry Management, and Interactive Media Publishing, as well as transdisciplinary second majors and second majors.

I encourage you to immerse yourselves fully in this transdisciplinary learning environment. Addressing real-world challenges requires minds that can cross boundaries, collaborate across disciplines, and adapt quickly. It requires graduates who can communicate, analyse, and create with versatility. And this is precisely the kind of education HKBU is committed to delivering.

The University has continued to mobilise resources to foster your holistic development and enrich your learning experience. In the past 2025/26 academic year, thanks to the dedicated support of our donors, the University awarded more than 2,700 scholarships to our students. This is a reflection of the confidence HKBU inspires in the community, and a tangible encouragement for you to make the best of your journey here.



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Other enriching learning opportunities at HKBU include the chance to enrol in the Extended Study Programme in the Greater Bay Area, where you can enjoy the academic and cultural exposure from both HKBU and our Zhuhai campus of Beijing Normal-Hong Kong Baptist University. We have also secured internships in Hong Kong, the Chinese Mainland and other overseas countries and regions for our students across all Faculties and Schools, so that you can participate in impactful projects that drive business outcomes, promote diversity and inclusivity in the community, and develop a global perspective required of global citizens and future leaders.

HKBU also offers an international and multicultural learning environment. According to our latest figures, nearly 30% of our close to 18,000 students come from outside Hong Kong. Our students can draw on a global network of more than 380 exchange partners spanning the Chinese Mainland and virtually all corners of the world. A wide range of international learning opportunities are available, from exchange and visiting programmes to overseas internships, study and field trips, experiential learning, and international conferences, competitions and forums. These opportunities help you develop a global outlook and cross-cultural competence.





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Such opportunities will open many doors for you, but it is ultimately how you choose to engage with them that will define your HKBU journey. University life will offer you freedom, but with freedom comes responsibility. Use this time wisely: listen with humility, think independently, and persevere when progress feels slow. Not every lesson will come from a classroom, and not every success will be immediate. What matters is that you keep learning, keep contributing, and keep moving forward with integrity. If you do so, HKBU will not only be where you study, but where you grow in character and confidence.

Coming full circle to the value of higher education, one of its most fundamental purposes is to inspire intellectual growth and self-discovery. To make the most of your education at HKBU, I hope you will learn to embrace the unfamiliar, engage in activities that spark joy and curiosity, build friendships that expand your worldview, and proactively voice your ideas or questions with your professors. The achievements you make along the way will do more than shape your future career; they will prepare you in finding your unique calling and making your mark in the world.

“Act with Faith, Create the Future” is the slogan of HKBU’s 70th Anniversary celebrations. With these simple but powerful words, be confident and courageous as you explore the many possibilities ahead. A few years from now, as you stand on stage at your graduation, you will be amazed by how far you have come in terms of knowledge, friendships and vision.

Once again, I am delighted you have joined the HKBU community. There will be more exciting events throughout the year-long 70th Anniversary celebrations, and I shall look forward to seeing you in these celebration events.

Thank you!

STUDENT CHARTER

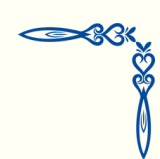
As a student of Hong Kong Baptist University, I pledge,

- to develop a proactive attitude toward learning;
- to seek various kinds of learning opportunities for holistic development;
- to build a character that upholds the highest ethical standards;
- to get involved in campus life and develop a strong sense of belonging to the University;
- to respect and care for others, and to cultivate a team spirit;
- to understand the nation and serve the community.





MISSION OF THE UNIVERSITY



Mission

Hong Kong Baptist University is committed to academic excellence in teaching, research and service, and to the development of the whole person in all these endeavours built upon the heritage of Christian higher education.





EMBLEM

The current University emblem adopted is a modernised version of the old design. The book symbolises the unique quality of the University's educational philosophy that involves training the mind, body and spirit – Whole Person Education. The waves are symbolic of Hong Kong's geographic nature as well as the University's unceasing pursuit of excellence. The interlocking border illustrates the linkage of kindred spirits, reflecting HKBU's Christian heritage and international relationships.



LOGO

The University logo, embodying a book and water motif, is adopted after the institution was granted university status in November. The acronym "BU" coupled with the outline of a book on the logo resembles the Chinese characters of "welcome" and "progress", denoting the merging of Eastern and Western cultures.



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