

Message from the Chairman of the Council and the Court



As it proudly celebrates the 60th anniversary of its founding, Hong Kong Baptist University is richly deserving of congratulations on many fronts. It has undergone dramatic transformation during the past six decades and successfully charted a course for its unique brand of whole person education to play an important role in the development of education in Hong Kong, serving as a catalyst in driving the territory's economic growth and social progress.

Throughout this time, HKBU has gained an enviable reputation at home not only for the high standard of its teaching and learning, including launching programmes that are first of its kind in Hong Kong, but also for the quality and impact of its research and its deep commitment to focusing on the needs of the community it serves. The ever-growing roll call of awards and recognitions it wins from counterparts and peers overseas serves as testimony to its success in enhancing its international stature.

While HKBU can justly take pride in its achievements since its modest beginnings as Hong Kong Baptist College 60 years ago, it is by no means resting complacently on its laurels. According to the Chinese calendar, “60 years” has a special meaning: the conclusion of a full cycle and the beginning of a new one.

HKBU has been a place of outstanding scholarship, ground-breaking research, and quality education that encourages young minds to think independently. As it embarks on a new cycle, it will remain so. As reflected in the theme of the 60th anniversary celebrations, Whole Person Education for a Better World, we will maintain our relevance and value to society and seek to transform the ambitions, opportunities and lives of our students and the way the world works – through ideas and innovation.

This pictorial booklet is a record of HKBU’s extraordinary journey from being a small private post-secondary college, obliged to sharing classrooms with a secondary school, to a medium-sized public university – one with soaring ambitions.

The booklet is also a tribute to those who have made this transformation possible: our founders, present and former staff and students, and the myriad supporters and stakeholders whose backing has been a vital source of encouragement and practical assistance. Let us all wish HKBU the most joyful of birthdays and may its next 60 years be crowned with as much success as the first.



Cheng Yan-kee
Chairman of the Council and the Court
Hong Kong Baptist University

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Message from the President and Vice-Chancellor



Since joining Hong Kong Baptist University, I have become more keenly aware of the remarkable role HKBU has played in Hong Kong's higher education over the past six decades. From its humble beginnings as a post-secondary college, the University has come a long way and remains steadfast on its path to strive for excellence. With the dedicated efforts of students, staff, alumni and other stakeholders, HKBU has built upon the mission and aspirations of its founding fathers and developed as a higher education institution that delivers academic excellence, innovation and social progress.

As we celebrate the historic occasion of HKBU's 60th birthday, I warmly recommend this publication to anyone who is interested in higher education and those who would like to learn more about HKBU's amazing journey of development. I believe this publication serves a number of useful purposes.

First, it is a succinctly informative record of Hong Kong Baptist University's path of development through the decades from its humble birth. It chronicles the evolution of its cherished ethos of whole person education, the institution's blossoming into different fields of innovation and research both in Hong Kong and

beyond its borders, and its response to the challenges posed by a fast-changing and increasingly globalised world. It is a fascinating story running as a parallel and complementary narrative to the development of higher education in Hong Kong since the 1950s.

Second, the publication shares with the public the insights and thinking behind the unique HKBU mission that believes quality higher education should go beyond imparting technical knowledge and skills; it should also adopt a holistic approach to strengthen attitudes, character, health and moral qualities.

The booklet also serves as a unifying force for all members of the HKBU family, past and present, by showcasing the University's myriad achievements and strengths as it endeavours to nurture all-round leaders, conduct innovative research and provide dedicated service to the community.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all parties involved in this important project: they include the writing and editorial team comprising Professor Ricardo Mak, Professor Chow Kai-wing and Dr Wong Man-kong of the Department of History, and Mr Fung Man-sang of the Communication and Public Relations

Office (CPRO), as well as members of CPRO responsible for the production and coordination work.

Our special gratitude goes to HKBU alumnus Dr Jacinto Tong for his generous support in the printing and production of this meaningful publication. The third Chinese version of the history book is also being produced.

On the joyous occasion of HKBU's diamond jubilee, I hope you enjoy reading this publication and find out more about our vision, mission and dedication to serving and helping build a better world.



Roland T Chin
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Hong Kong Baptist University major milestones

1956

Hong Kong Baptist College was founded by the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong as a private post-secondary institution, and was housed in borrowed facilities at Pui Ching Middle School.



1966

The College's permanent campus on Waterloo Road was completed



Dr Lam Chi-fung became the founding President

1956



The College was recognised by the Government as Hong Kong's first privately run four-year post-secondary institution

1970



Dr Daniel Tse was appointed as the College's second President

1971

1981

The United Kingdom Council for National Academic Awards validated Hong Kong Baptist College's diploma programmes and affirmed its potential to offer bachelor's degree courses



1986

The first batch of bachelor's degree programmes was introduced



1992

The College launched the Doctor of Philosophy programme



The College was brought under the aegis of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee, and became a fully funded public tertiary institution

1983



All incoming students were enrolled in bachelor's degree programmes. Master's degree programmes were also introduced

1989



Hong Kong Baptist College was officially renamed Hong Kong Baptist University

1994

1995

The second campus, the Shaw Campus, was completed on Renfrew Road. The Waterloo Road campus was renamed Ho Sin Hang Campus



2000

Hong Kong Baptist University Kindergarten, the first university-affiliated institution of its kind, was established



2005

The fourth campus, Kai Tak Campus on Kwun Tong Road, was established to house the Academy of Visual Arts



The third campus, Baptist University Road Campus, was established

1997



Professor Ng Ching-fai was appointed as the University's third President and Vice-Chancellor

2001



Beijing Normal University - Hong Kong Baptist University United International College, the first full-scale collaboration in higher education between Hong Kong and Mainland China, was established in Zhuhai

2005

2006

The HKBU Affiliated School Wong Kam Fai Secondary and Primary School, the first of its kind in Hong Kong to be managed in conjunction with a university and providing 12-year through-train education, officially opened



The fifth campus, Shek Mun Campus in Sha Tin, was completed to run associate degree programmes and self-funded degree programmes

2009

The Hong Kong Baptist University Foundation was established



Professor Albert Chan was appointed as the University's fourth President and Vice-Chancellor

2013

The Partner State Key Laboratory of Environmental and Biological Analysis (Hong Kong Baptist University) was established



Professor Roland Chin was appointed as the University's fifth President and Vice-Chancellor

2006

2010

2015