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## 5-Day Work & 5-1/2 Day Service at HKUST

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology today (Thursday) announced the implementation of a five-day work week and a 5-1/2-day service week with effect from 1 January 2007.

Under the new arrangements, the normal office hours of the university will be from 8:45 am to 5:30 pm on Monday to Thursday, from 8:45 am to 5:45 pm on Friday, and from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday.

A spokesman for HKUST said all essential services and support to teaching classes during weekends will be maintained at the existing level.

The spokesman added that the new arrangements will not entail additional staffing resources or reduction in the conditioned hours of service of individual staff member.

To gauge the effectiveness of the new arrangement, a review will be conducted in six months after the implementation of the new arrangements.