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A Soaring HKUST Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) kicked off its [10th anniversary celebrations](#) today at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with the presence of the Hon Tung Chee Hwa, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong SAR, as its guest-of-honor.

Mr Tung was joined by Dr the Hon Sze-Yuen Chung, Pro-Chancellor of HKUST; Dr Vincent H S Lo, Council Chairman; President Chia-Wei Woo; Professor Paul Ching-Wu Chu, President-Designate; Siu Yu-Kwan, President of the HKUST Students' Union; and Leung Tin-Yu, President of the HKUST Alumni Association.

In less than ten years' time, HKUST has gained international recognition as a premier research university, and its accomplishments in education, academic research, technology transfer and community service have become widely recognized. This rapid success would not have been possible without the concerted efforts of pioneers such as founding Council Chairman Dr Sze-Yuen Chung and founding President Prof Chia-Wei Woo, the University's dedicated faculty, students and staff, and the community at large.

"As we enter the second decade, HKUST will build on the success of the first ten years and make further contributions to the economic and social development of Hong Kong and China," says Dr Vincent Lo.

"HKUST Soars is the slogan of our 10th anniversary celebrations. Many new initiatives and exciting plans are underway to bring the University to still greater heights," he says.



Mr Tung Chee Hwa (right) toasts President Chia-Wei Woo.



The officiating party at the Launching Ceremony: from left, Siu Yu-Kwan, Prof Paul Chu, Prof Chia-Wei Woo, Mr Tung Chee Hwa, Dr Vincent Lo, Dr S Y Chung and Mr Leung Tin-Yu.

Under the visionary leadership of President Woo, the University has laid solid foundations in science and technology, business and management education, and has excelled in many areas of research. Its five most recent world-class achievements, presented in a video at the Launching Ceremony, include :

1. the creation of the world's smallest single-walled carbon nanotubes;
 2. the recognition of the fast motion estimation algorithm as a new global standard for MPEG-4;
 3. the development of a new class of resonant sonic materials to block low frequency noise;
 4. the development of a gene chip technology for convenient and conclusive identification of Chinese herbal medicines;
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5. the nomination of its MBA program as one of the world's top 50 by the Financial Times.

"Many visitors have told us that HKUST is a miracle in the history of the world's academic community. Ten years ago, people said we were too ambitious and unrealistic, but as it turns out, we have far exceeded the high expectations we had in the early days," says President Woo, who is retiring in July.

HKUST 10th anniversary celebrations began on campus with a spectacular parade, lion and dragon dances, and music and dance performances by students and staff. This was followed by the Launching Ceremony at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre, attended by the University's founders, Council and Court members, donors, government officials, business leaders, corporate partners, as well as students and faculty who have witnessed the success story of HKUST themselves.

From April to December, the University will be hosting a wide range of [celebratory activities](#), including distinguished lectures, two of

which will be presented by Nobel laureates, academic conferences and symposiums, roving exhibitions, student cultural exchanges, Open Day Carnival, alumni homecoming dinners and cultural events.



Students and staff share moments of joy at the on campus kickoff ceremony.