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John Chan Appointed HKUST Council Chairman

Dr John Cho-chak Chan has been appointed by the Chief Executive, in his capacity as Chancellor of the University, as Council Chairman of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) to succeed Dr Vincent H S Lo, who stepped down on 1 April 2002.

Dr Chan is the Managing Director of The Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Ltd (KMB) as well as Chairman of RoadShow Holdings Ltd. Before joining KMB in 1993, Dr Chan served in the Hong Kong Government, holding a number of key posts, including Private Secretary to the Governor, Deputy Secretary (General Duties), Director of Information Services, Deputy Chief Secretary, Secretary for Trade and Industry, and Secretary for Education and Manpower. He served as Council Member of HKUST from 20 March 1989 to 19 May 1991.

Active in public service, Dr Chan is a Steward of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, a member of the Council of the University of Hong Kong, First Vice President of the Community Chest and Chairman of its Executive Committee.

Dr Chan graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 1964 with an Honors Degree in English Literature. He was awarded the degree of Doctor of Business Administration (honoris causa) by the International Management Centres in October 1997.

Dr Chan said: "It is my great honor to be appointed Council Chairman of HKUST. It is indeed a remarkable achievement that HKUST has received international recognition as a major research university in 10 short years. I look forward to working closely with the Council and Court Members, President Paul Chu, faculty, staff, and students to realize HKUST's vision of becoming a world-class university and playing a key role in propelling Hong Kong into a knowledge-based society."

Upon stepping down as Council Chairman after a successful three-year term, Dr Vincent Lo was appointed by the Government as a HKUST Court Member. Welcoming the appointment of Dr Chan, Dr Lo said: "Dr Chan is an accomplished community leader with an outstanding record in both business and public service. I have full confidence that under his leadership, HKUST will continue to foster the best talents for Hong Kong and extend new frontiers in science and technology."

The term of Dr Chan's appointment as Council Chairman of HKUST is one year.