

## **Review of Research Policy and Funding Interim Report for Consultation**

I have the pleasure to present to you the Interim Report for Consultation on the Review of Research Policy and Funding (Interim Report) and would like to invite your views on the preliminary recommendations contained therein.

On the invitation of the Chief Executive as announced in her Policy Address in October 2017, the Task Force on Review of Research Policy and Funding (Task Force) was set up under the aegis of the University Grants Committee (UGC) to take a holistic review on the existing research support strategy and the level and allocation mechanism of research funding for the higher education sector in Hong Kong. The objective of the review is to ensure quality and excellence of research undertaken by the sector which can meet the needs of and be translated into competitive social and economic advantages for Hong Kong.

Since its set up in October 2017, the Task Force has met five times and reviewed the current research landscape in Hong Kong as well as the existing level and allocation mechanism of research funding. Having studied the prevailing situation in Hong Kong and taking reference to the experience of the Mainland and jurisdictions overseas, the Task Force has explored ways to allocate research funding in a more streamlined and transparent manner; means to incentivise the sector to engage and collaborate with industry and other end-users; as well as proposals to encourage the sector to engage in research commercialisation and knowledge transfer with industry and the community.

To converge insights for the betterment of Hong Kong's development in research, the Task Force is launching a consultation exercise and welcomes views from stakeholders on its preliminary recommendations contained in the Interim Report as endorsed by the UGC, which is accessible on the Internet at <http://www.ugc.edu.hk/>.

In addition to conducting briefings for the Heads of UGC-funded Universities / Heads of Self-financing Degree-awarding Institutions / Members of the Research Grants Council and a symposium for the administrators, academics and researchers, the Task Force would like to reach out to gauge views from other stakeholders. In this connection, we earnestly appeal for your views and feedback to facilitate the finalisation of recommendations which aim to build a stronger foundation for the research work of the higher education sector, enable industry to flourish, and promote the development of innovation and technology in order to meet the needs of the development of Hong Kong in the long run. All views and comments collected in this consultation exercise will be taken into account when the Task Force formulates its final recommendations for inclusion in a final Review Report to be submitted to the Government for consideration later this year.

Please let us have your views and comments by post, fax or email to the UGC Secretariat on or before 10 July 2018:

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If you have any question in the course of providing your views, please feel free to contact us via the UGC Secretariat at [tfgc@ugc.edu.hk](mailto:tfgc@ugc.edu.hk).

We look forward to having your full support to this consultation exercise.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lap-chee Tsui', written in a cursive style.

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