

The Sixth Inauguration Ceremony of Named Professorships

Monday, September 26, 2022

Named Professorships Program – Partnership for Excellence

The University's Named Professorships program, generously supported by donors, honor and encourage the achievements of our first-class scholars. In an era of global competition for talented academics, these distinguished titles provide vital recognition as well as additional funding to attract, foster and retain the very best minds.

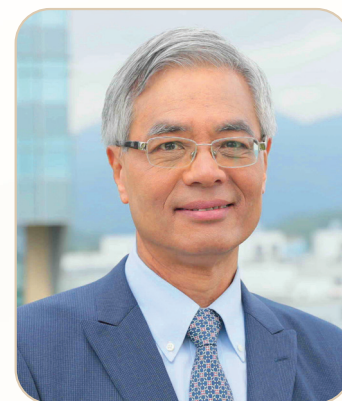
We gratefully thank our donors and applaud our distinguished faculty. Let us joyously celebrate this far-sighted partnership for excellence together!



The Hon Andrew Liao Cheung-Sing
GBM, GBS, SC, JP
Council Chairman
The Hong Kong University
of Science and Technology

"Every year, the University's Named Professorships program attracts and retains globally recognized scholars working on increasingly challenging and diverse topics — in line with HKUST's efforts to promote innovative research across the borders of science and engineering, business, humanities, and social sciences.

I extend my most sincere gratitude to our donors and my warmest congratulations to the 2020 and 2022 cohorts of HKUST Named Professors — the latest torch-bearers for the University's unrelenting pursuit of academic excellence."



Professor Wei Shyy, JP
President
The Hong Kong University
of Science and Technology

"Since 2013, we have awarded the title of Named Professor to more than 50 eminent faculty members, whose outstanding research and teaching are shaping a better world for future generations.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the donors who have supported HKUST over the years — particularly those who have given the gift of a named professorship. Thanks to their generosity, we are able to recognize, reward, and retain intellectual leaders across disciplines and help them scale new heights."

Newly Appointed Named Professorship Holders



Dr William M W Mong
Professor of Nanoscience
Professor Xi Dai
Chair Professor,
Department of Physics

Research interest: Strongly correlated materials, Computational materials science, Quantum materials, Topological matters, Unconventional superconductors

"We believe that transformation of society relies on technological advancement. We hope our donation to HKUST will not only enhance its search for excellence in nanoscience and nanotechnology, but also expand Hong Kong's horizons in scientific discovery beyond the local community."

Dr David Mong
Chairman
Shun Hing Education and Charity Fund



IAS Paul C W Chu
Professor
Professor Kam Biu Luk
Chair Professor,
Department of Physics

Research interest: Particle physics, Cosmology, Symmetries of nature, Instrumentation, Computational techniques

This professorship is named after the University's second President, Professor Paul Ching-Wu Chu, who also served as the Founding Director of the HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (IAS).



Yuk-Shee Chan
Professor of Business
Professor Mengze Shi
Chair Professor,
Department of Marketing

Research interest: Industrial organization / quantitative marketing, Online marketing, Empirical modeling of consumer and firm behavior, Product and pricing policies

This named professorship was established by the University in honor of the late Professor Yuk-Shee Chan, founding Dean of HKUST's School of Business and Management, and former Vice-President for Academic Affairs of the University.



Wu Chien-Shiung
Professor of Science
Professor Jiannong Wang
Head and Chair Professor,
Department of Physics

Research interest: Condensed matter physics, Material physics, Semiconductor quantum structures, Semiconductor spintronics, Nanostructured materials

This named professorship was established by an anonymous donor and is named after the Chinese physicist Professor Chien-Shiung Wu, who was awarded the first Wolf Prize in Physics in 1978 for revolutionary discoveries in the field of atomic and nuclear physics.



Kerry Holdings
Professor of Science
Professor Ting Xie
Head and Chair Professor,
Division of Life Science

Research interest: Stem cell biology, Age-related degenerative eye diseases

"We believe that Hong Kong needs to continue playing its role in the advancement of medical knowledge and treatment, to better serve people here as well as in the rest of China and other parts of Asia. We wish HKUST much success in its endeavors to excel in the life sciences."

Mr Robert Kuok
Kerry Holdings Limited



Otto Poon Professor of Engineering
Professor Xiaofang Zhou
Head and Chair Professor,
Department of Computer
Science and Engineering

Research interest: Database systems, Spatial databases, Big data, Information and multimedia processing, Machine learning

"I am happy to partner with HKUST to pursue technology innovation. I support the establishment of this professorship to further reinforce HKUST's commitment to encourage innovation among faculty members and pave the way for more research breakthroughs in the areas of environmental and sustainability."

Ir Dr Otto Poon Lok To
Founder
Otto Poon Charitable Foundation



Hari Harilela
Associate Professor of Physics
Professor Gyu Boong Jo
Associate Professor,
Department of Physics

Research interest: Quantum simulation and computation, Quantum atom optics, Ultracold quantum gases, Atomic molecular optical physics

"HKUST is known as a research university for achieving research breakthrough in a number of areas. Education has always been very close to our heart and therefore, we decided to give support to HKUST. We hope the professorships will enable Professor Jo and Professor Wang to continue their research for the betterment of the society."

The late Dr Hari Harilela and Mrs Padma Harilela



Padma Harilela
Associate Professor of Life Science
Professor Jiguang Wang
Associate Professor,
Division of Life Science and
Department of Chemical
and Biological Engineering

Research interest: Cancer genomics, Digital medicine, Computational biology

Named Professorship Holders of The Fifth Inauguration Ceremony

Online Ceremony held on August 10, 2020



Alex Wong Siu Wah
Gigi Wong Fook Chi
Professor of Engineering
Professor Man Sun Chan
Chair Professor,
Department of Electronic and
Computer Engineering

Research interest: Nano-CMOS technology, 2-D devices and circuits, AI technologies and systems, Quantum computing

"At King's Flair, we believe in giving back to society. That's why we prioritize corporate social responsibility — it is the only way to build a sustainable business that uplifts society and creates a lasting impact."

Mr Alex Wong Siu Wah
Chairman and Executive Director
Ms Gigi Wong Fook Chi
Chief Operating Officer
King's Flair Development Limited

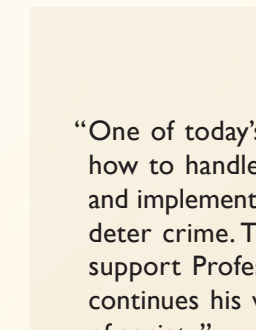


Fung Term Professor of Management
Professor Yaping Gong
Head and Chair Professor,
Department of Management

Research interest: Creativity and innovation, Diversity and team effectiveness, Goal orientation, Strategic and international human resource management

"In today's changing world, education is the key to success. I am delighted to support the research of HKUST Business School's Professor Yaping Gong, whose experience and insights in management will help groom the next generation of business leaders."

Dr William Fung
Group Deputy Chairman
Fung Group



"One of today's most pressing issues is how to handle information responsibly and implement strategies that effectively deter crime. Thus, we are delighted to support Professor Kai Lung Hui as he continues his work for the betterment of society."

Mr Richard Elman
Elman Family Foundation

Elman Family Professor of Business
Professor Kai Lung Hui
Senior Associate Dean of Business and Management
Deputy Head and Chair Professor,
Department of Information Systems,
Business Statistics and Operations
Management

Research interest: Cybercrime economics and policy, FinTech, Information technology policy, Information security and privacy, Electronic commerce



"At Yan Ai, our core focus and contribution have been in education and investing in our future generations. Social Sciences open a window and draw society's attention to our socio-economic issues. We will together, need to make every effort to tackle our humanitarian issues today."

Mr Michael Ying
Yan Ai Foundation

Yan Ai Foundation
Professor of Social Science
Professor James Lee
Chair Professor,
Division of Social Science
and Division of Humanities

Research interest: Chinese history, Demography, Chinese society, Population studies, Chinese social and economic history



New Bright Professor of Engineering
Professor Khaled Ben Letaief
Chair Professor,
Department of Electronic and
Computer Engineering

Research interest: Wireless communications and networks, Artificial intelligence, Big data analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), 6G systems

"We believe that 'it is more blessed to give than to receive'. Through this named professorship, we hope to nurture more brilliant ideas and help HKUST to reach new heights in teaching, research and serving the community."

Ms Gemma C M Wong
Director
New Bright Industrial Co., Ltd

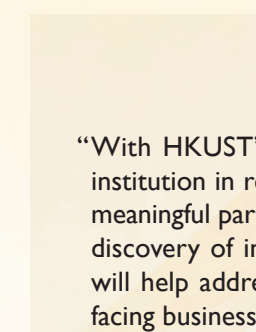


Colin Lam Ko Yin
Professor of Engineering
Professor Zexiang Li
Professor, Department of
Electronic and Computer
Engineering

Research interest: Motion control and manufacturing, Robotics

"Technology can add momentum to our economy. I am supporting HKUST, and especially Professor Zexiang Li because we believe in nurturing talented youths in science and technology and building an entrepreneurship culture. This is important for both our young generation's self-development and the progress of society."

Dr Colin Lam Ko Yin

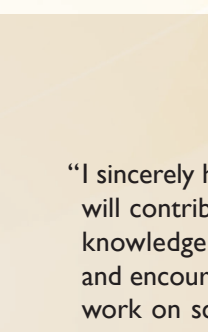


"With HKUST's reputation as a leading institution in research, we hope that this meaningful partnership will empower the discovery of innovative approaches that will help address the various challenges facing businesses in the future."

Ms Lau Kam Shim
Executive Director
Lifestyle International Holdings Limited

Lifestyle International
Professor of Business
Professor Anirban Mukhopadhyay
Chair Professor,
Department of Marketing

Research interest: Consumer psychology, Lay theories, Motivation, Emotion, Food psychology and marketing



Cheng Associate Professor of Science
Professor Kai Liu
Associate Professor,
Division of Life Science

Research interest: Molecular mechanisms regulating axon regeneration

V. Cheng

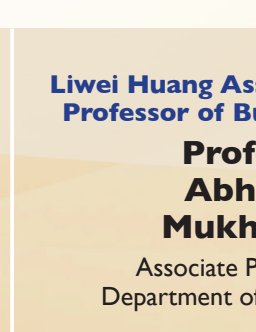


Liwei Huang Associate Professor of Business
Professor Sam Garg
Associate Professor,
Department of Management

Research interest: Chief executive officer and Founders, Entrepreneurship, Venture governance, Corporate governance, Initial public offerings (IPO), Board processes and board leadership structure, Venture capital firm

"As an alumnus of HKUST Business School, I am proud to establish the Liwei Huang Professorship in Business, which aims to retain outstanding international scholars and promote academic exchanges. I hope this would ultimately enhance the competitiveness of businesses in both Hong Kong and Mainland China."

Mr Huang Liwei
Founder and Chairman
Prosnav Holding Limited



Liwei Huang Associate Professor of Business
Professor Abhiroop Mukherjee
Associate Professor,
Department of Finance

Research interest: Asian financial markets, Behavioral decision making, Information economics, Law, Infrastructure and policy issues in economics



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