



PRESS RELEASE

HKEAA Welcomes Government's Appointments to Its Council

The Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority (HKEAA) today (30 August 2024) welcomed the government's appointment of Professor Paul Lam Kwan-sing as the Chairman of the HKEAA for a term of three years with effect from 1 September 2024. At the same time, the HKEAA welcomes the government's new appointments and re-appointments to its Council.

Commenting on his appointment, Professor Lam said, 'I am honoured to be appointed as Chairman of the HKEAA Council. The HKEAA is a very important statutory body responsible for administering the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination (HKDSE), providing candidates with qualifications widely recognised by local and international tertiary institutions, employers and examination boards for further studies and employment. At the same time, the HKEAA organises over 200 international and professional examinations each year, promoting lifelong learning and meeting the community's needs. The HKEAA also enhances learning and teaching in schools by providing them with valuable feedback through assessment services, including the Territory-wide System Assessment (TSA). I look forward to working closely with fellow members of the HKEAA Council, the Secretariat and our many stakeholders in the education sector to promote high-quality examinations and assessments to enhance the quality of education in Hong Kong.'

Professor Wei Xiang-dong, Secretary General of the HKEAA, said, 'The HKEAA welcomes Professor Lam to the HKEAA Council. With the wisdom and experience of Professor Paul Lam and other members, they will be able to lead the HKEAA in fulfilling its mission of providing professional and reliable examination and assessment services while ensuring sustainable development.'

The HKEAA also expresses its deepest gratitude and sincere appreciation for the counsel and contributions of the out-going Council members, including its Chairman Mr Samuel Yung Wing-ki, Deputy Chairman Mr Yau Siu-hung, member Ms Yue Kar-man, Dora and Mr Lee Kwong-ye, Jason Joseph. Their membership will expire tomorrow (31 August 2024).

As the HKEAA Chairman since 2018, Mr Yung has successfully led the Authority in conducting the HKDSE over the past six years, overcoming difficulties during the pandemic and ensuring candidates could complete the examination with 'zero infection'. This made the HKDSE one of the few large-scale public examinations worldwide that was successfully conducted during that time. He also encouraged the application of assessment data and information technology, notably by launching a newly developed HKDSE Diagnostic Feedback System in 2022 to promote Assessment for Learning. Additionally, the HKEAA Council has been visionary in formulating a strategic development plan for the HKEAA to

improve human resource and financial planning, enhance operational efficiency and foster the organisation's sustainable development.

Professor Wei said, 'The Authority extends its heartfelt gratitude to Mr Yung for his outstanding leadership and enthusiastic dedication over the past six years. Under his guidance, we have provided high-quality examination and educational assessment services for students and the public while enhancing corporate governance to solidify the position of the HKEAA as an international assessment organisation. In 2024, the HKEAA set up HKDSE examination centres for the first time in Mainland cities within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. Mr Yung not only coordinated and facilitated this initiative but also personally inspected the examination arrangements, contributing to the smooth conduct of the examination.'

Annex: Professor Paul Lam Kwan-sing's profile

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Professor Paul Lam Kwan-sing, SBS, JP



Professor Paul Lam Kwan-sing is President of Hong Kong Metropolitan University (HKMU) and Chair Professor of Environmental Chemistry.

Professor Lam received a Bachelor's and Master's degree from the University of Hong Kong between 1979 and 1984. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship in 1984 to undertake doctorate studies at the University of Sheffield in the UK. He took up a Croucher Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship at King's College, University of London, and in 1988, he returned to Hong Kong to take up a lecturing position at City Polytechnic of Hong Kong. He subsequently held positions in a number of universities, including the Chinese University of Hong Kong (1990–1992) and the Victoria University, in Australia (1992–1994). In 1994, he

joined the Department of Chemistry (formerly the Department of Biology and Chemistry) at City University of Hong Kong.

Professor Lam is a front-runner in the higher education sector in Hong Kong and is well-versed with academic development and university administration. Prior to joining HKMU, he was the Executive Director of Special Projects, Jeanie Hu Professor of Science and Chair Professor of the Department of Chemistry at City University of Hong Kong. During his long service at City University of Hong Kong since 1994, he assumed other management positions as Acting Vice-President (Undergraduate Education), Vice-President (Student Affairs), Chief-of-Staff and Director of the State Key Laboratory of Marine Pollution.

Professor Lam is a renowned scholar and expert in environmental chemistry, ecotoxicology, and environmental risk assessment. Among his many academic achievements, Professor Lam's work in ecology and environmental analysis has raised environmental awareness and defined new sensitive analytical methodology for emerging chemicals of concern. He developed techniques for trace analyses of these chemicals in key environmental matrices, contributing to the international harmonisation of analytical methods to address such concerns. By providing key evidence relating to the distribution and persistence of such chemicals, his research has influenced policy and legislation globally.

Professor Lam is the author or co-author of over 500 publications in international refereed journals. He has been responsible for over 35 major government consultancy projects in the environmental field, including the assessment of risks to Hong Kong cetaceans and water birds from toxic contaminants. He was awarded the Natural Science Award (Second Class) in 2011, 2012 and 2019 by the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China.

Professor Lam actively participates in community service. He is currently Chairman of the Accreditation Advisory Board, member of the Advisory Committee on the Northern Metropolis, member of Global STEM Professorship Scheme Assessment Panel under the Innovation, Technology and Industry Bureau, member of the Land Sharing Pilot Scheme Panel of Advisors, and member of the Standing Committee on Judicial Salaries and Conditions of Service. He was Chairman of the Advisory Council on the Environment from 2010 to 2016. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace by the HKSAR Government in 2008 and was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2014 by the HKSAR Government.