

**President's Sharing on 2 Jan 2025**  
**National and HKSAR Flag-raising Ceremony**  
**Yip Kit Chuen and Yuen Yuk Hing Hall**

Good morning, colleagues and students,

Thank you for joining us at this New Year Flag-raising Ceremony today. As we enter the new year, I extend my best wishes to you all for a healthy, productive and fulfilling year ahead.

To me this New Year gathering symbolizes a moment of reflections and the spirit of our university community. It represents the values we cherish— mutual trust, value-addedness, innovativeness, human caring and responsibility.

The past year has brought both special challenges and triumphs. We have faced some uncertainties, but together, we have overcome obstacles. Our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that our students receive the best education possible, adapting to new circumstances with creativity and dedication. Our students' hard work and commitment to transform themselves as changemakers have impressed many of us. I am confident that you will carry forward our legacy with pride. I am proud of each member of our University community.

As we embark on this new year, let us set our new goals and aspirations. Let us embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, fostering an environment of collaboration and innovation. Together, we can create a more vibrant community that not only excels academically but also values compassion, sustainability and social responsibility.

The year 2025 also holds special meaning for the University as we celebrate our 45th anniversary of founding. It is a time for us to express our gratitude to our Founding Families, former leaders, colleagues and supporters, commemorate our significant milestones, celebrate our accomplishments, and showcase our aspirations to the community. We have planned an exciting array of events and activities throughout the year, including the Cocktail Reception in mid-March, the Anniversary Concert on 18 Sep at the HK City Hall, the “HSUHK Green Run/Walk” in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter on a mountain trail next to our campus, and other academic and art events. More details will be announced at the HSUHK 45th Anniversary Kickoff Ceremony scheduled on 23 January during the College Assembly. My heartiest appeal to everyone of you to participate in many of these celebratory events.

Today, I am especially thrilled to announce the establishment of the HSUHK Flag-raising Student Group. This inaugural Group, composed of 12 dedicated students, has performed the flag-raising ceremony for the first time today. In preparation for this important event, they underwent special training on the concepts of the two flags and the National Anthem, and on the flag-raising and marching techniques. They also gained valuable knowledge about the national flag, the HKSAR flag, and the significance of our national anthem. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to each member of this Group for their service and enthusiasm.

In the spirit of a new start, I encourage we all to reflect on how we, as a community, can support one another in achieving our goals and participate actively in our community life. Let us be a source of encouragement and strength for each other, as we navigate the adventures that await us in 2025.

Thank you once again for joining us here today. Again wish you all a healthy, productive and fulfilling Year 2025.