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*Press Release*

## **DR LEE SHAU KEE DONATED HK\$500M TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

The University of Hong Kong (HKU) announced today (November 22) that Dr Lee Shau Kee, Chairman of the Lee Shau Kee Foundation, had generously donated the sum of HK\$500 million to HKU in support of its institutional advancement.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice-Chancellor of HKU remarked, "We are most grateful to Dr Lee for his longstanding trust and support of HKU. This generous gift is a major investment towards higher education in Hong Kong. As with Dr Lee's astute business sense, this will surely be a valued investment for the future of Hong Kong and China."

Dr Lee pointed out, "Nurturing great talents is a long-term investment. The task often seems imposing and monumental. The result, however, is immensely rewarding as the society benefits from the knowledge and expertise that these leaders acquire during their school years. The University of Hong Kong is an outstanding institution. Through this donation I wish to support the future development of the University, thereby enabling it to continue its excellent tradition of producing exemplary leaders for Hong Kong, Mainland China and the global community."

The University shall endow half of this gift (HK\$250 million) to support student scholarships, and the remainder (HK\$250 million) towards campus development.

In recognition of this generous gift, the University will name the Lecture Centre and the Learning Commons at the Centennial Campus, as "Shau Kee Lecture Centre" and "Colin Lam Learning Commons". The Centennial Campus is targeted to be completed by 2011/2012.

A donation ceremony was held at which Dr Lee Shau Kee presented a cheque of \$500 million to Professor Tsui.

Photos of the ceremony will be uploaded to the following website before 8pm on November 22:- <http://www.hku.hk/press>.

For media enquiries, please contact Miss Polo Leung of HKU Development & Alumni Affairs Office (Tel: 2241 5677).

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## Fact Sheets

### **Centennial Campus**

As the University of Hong Kong approaches its centenary, it continues to make history – with a bold new campus that combines cutting-edge teaching and research facilities with a desire to protect heritage and the environment.

The new campus, called the Centennial Campus, will be built on a site previously occupied by the Water Supplies Department to store fresh and salt water supplies for the Western District. It will provide state-of-the-art facilities to accommodate the needs of a 40% increase in students in 2012 resulting from the new four-year undergraduate curriculum, as well as to support our mission as a world-class university.

Key features of the Centennial Campus include three new faculty buildings, a multi-purpose lecture centre (**Shau Kee Lecture Centre**), a unique collaborative learning space called the learning commons (**Colin Lam Learning Commons**), and three academic courtyards. It will be linked to the Main Campus via the University Street and the main entrance of the Centennial Campus will be connected to the new MTR station of the West Island Line.

Environmental and sustainability principles have been key considerations of the new campus from conception through to design. Three historical buildings at the site will be preserved in-situ and extensive greening and landscaping are planned on both the Main Campus and the Centennial Campus. Other sustainability initiatives such as renewable energy and green roofing are being considered.

The construction of the Centennial Campus will commence in 2009 and complete in 2011-2012.

For details of the HKU Centennial Campus:- [www.hku.hk/cecampus](http://www.hku.hk/cecampus)

## **Shau Kee Lecture Centre**

- A multi-purpose facility that can stage a variety of functions including lectures, conferences, seminars and public exhibitions.
- Lecture Hall 1 can accommodate up to 950 seats and has a stage, natural acoustics properties and good sightlines. It is to be used primarily as a large lecture theatre and is also suitable for musical performances.
- Lecture Hall 1 is located directly below one of the courtyards, the lobby is filled with natural light from the overhead skylights which also provide the lobby with a visual connection to the landscape above. The adjacent car park at the same level provides convenient access for selected guests and for servicing.
- Lecture Hall 2 is a flat-floored multi-purpose hall that can be subdivided into four separate theatres, each seating 250 people. The high ceiling floor space makes it an ideal venue to stage exhibitions and fairs.

## **Colin Lam Learning Commons**

- A unique collaborative learning space, new to university education.
- The Learning Commons is a one-stop service centre where students and teachers can come together in one place and have all their informational needs met.
- It is a teaching and learning environment incorporating numerous computer workstations equipped with software which supports a variety of uses. It offers a comfortable workspace for individual self-study and group work.
- There is a help desk to support a full range of activities related to accessing information and the use of technology in the development of new products.

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