

Dear Colleagues, Students, Alumni and Members of the HKU Family,

The Review Panel set up by the Council of the University to examine issues arising from the Centenary Ceremony on 18 August 2011, meeting for the first time today (17 September), will conduct the review in three stages and is aiming to complete its task within the shortest possible time.

The three stages of the Panel's work include fact finding, collecting comments and formulating recommendations to the Council.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Mr Lester Garson Huang, Convenor of the Panel, said the Panel was tasked to make recommendations to the Council on improving arrangements and establishing appropriate mechanisms and policies for University events in the future, to ensure that HKU would continue its commitment to freedom, liberty and diversity and would always remain a place for freedom of expression.

"The Panel will continue to invite the HKU Students' Union to reconsider nominating an undergraduate student to join the Panel, or to attend the Panel's meetings as observer," said Mr Huang, adding that the Panel would strive to ensure that undergraduate students' views will be heard under all circumstances.

The Panel is planning to meet every week or fortnight on average. Mr Huang said the workload would be heavy but the Panel aimed to complete its task within the shortest possible time.

The Panel has explored today whether panel meetings should be opened to the public. Mr Huang said there was no conclusion yet and the Panel would discuss the matter again in the next meeting.

In the first stage of fact finding, the Panel will invite university departments involved in organizing the 18 August event to provide information. The Panel will listen to different views and comments in the second stage. Afterwards, the Panel will submit its report to the Council with recommendations.

A dedicated email address (reviewpanel@hku.hk) has been set up for the Panel to collect information and comments.

The Panel will hold its next meeting on 29 September 2011.

致各位港大同學、教職員、校友及友好:

校務委員會成立的 8 月 18 日百周年校慶典禮相關事宜檢討小組今天 (9 月 17 日) 召開首次會議，決定分三階段工作，並務求盡快完成。

小組的三階段工作包括了解事實、聆聽各方意見，並向校務委員會提交建議。小組召集人黃嘉純會後表示，小組會就今後校方慶典活動的安排向校務委員會提出改善建議，訂立合適的機制和政策，以確保大學繼續保持其對自由、開放及多元等方面的承諾，並始終作為言論自由的一個場所。

黃嘉純說：「小組將邀請學生會重新考慮委派本科生代表加入小組參與工作，或以觀察員身份列席會議。小組將致力確保本科生的意見得到反映。」

小組預計需要每一至兩星期舉行一次會議。黃嘉純表示，小組將要處理大量工作，但仍希望能盡快完成。

小組曾探討會議應否公開舉行，黃嘉純表示暫時未有結論，小組下次會議將繼續討論有關議題。

首階段工作是要了解事實，小組將邀請所有籌備百周年校慶活動的大學部門提供資料。第二階段是聽取意見，小組最後會向校務委員會提交報告及建議。

小組特別設立專用電郵信箱 (reviewpanel@hku.hk)，收集資料及意見。

小組下次會議將於 9 月 29 日舉行。