

The Review Panel on the Centenary Ceremony Held on August 18

Progress Report (up to end of October 2011)

1. On 30 August 2011 the Council of the University of Hong Kong established the Review Panel on the Centenary Ceremony held on 18 August 2011. It adopted the following terms of reference:

“In the light of the controversy surrounding the Visit of the Vice-Premier Li Keqiang to the University of Hong Kong, to review the areas of concerns with a view to making recommendations to the Council on means of improving arrangements and establishing appropriate mechanisms and policies for future University events to make sure that HKU will continue its commitment to freedom, liberty and diversity and will always remain a place for freedom of expression.”

2. Subsequently, the Council Chairman, in consultation with the Convenor of the Panel, appointed the following persons to be members of the Review Panel:

- (1) Lester G Huang (Convenor)
- (2) Zhang Yi (Postgraduate Student Representative)
- (3) Professor Cecilia Chan Lai Wan (Academic Staff Representative)
- (4) Professor Johannes Chan (Academic Staff Representative)
- (5) Man Cheuk Fei (Council Member)
- (6) Stephen Cheung Pok Yin (Council Member and non-academic staff representative)
- (7) Patrick Wong Chun Sing (Alumni)
- (8) Simon Fung Shing Cheung (Alumni)

3. In addition the Council Chairman invited the Hong Kong University Students' Union (HKUSU) to nominate a representative from among the undergraduate students. The HKUSU has not done so up to now. The Panel renewed the invitation to the HKUSU on 18 October 2011 and understands that the HKUSU is still considering the invitation.
4. On 17 September 2011 the Review Panel convened its first meeting and decided that the scope of the review would include the security arrangements, the event arrangements and the post-event crisis handling. The review would be conducted

in three stages, namely fact-finding, opinion gathering and formulation of recommendations. The Review Panel is accountable foremost to the Council, to which it will make its recommendations.

5. Since that time the Review Panel has met on 6 other occasions. In these meetings the Review Panel invited various members of the University community to assist with developing an understanding of the facts. In particular: -
 - (1) on 4 October 2011 the members of the Review Panel conducted a site visit to LG2 of KK Leung Building and Swire Bridge where students, security and police officers were involved in incidents that have given rise to concerns;
 - (2) the University administration, including the Registrar, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Director of the China Affairs Office, the Assistant Security Manager and security guards who were at LG2 of KK Leung Building at the relevant time, has provided information on security arrangements and the occurrences leading up to the Centenary Celebration and on 18 August 2011;
 - (3) Mr. Li Shing Hong has provided information on his encounters on 18 August 2011;
 - (4) the Police has provided preliminary information on their preparations and operations;
 - (5) the University Administration, including the Registrar, the Director of the China Affairs Office and the Director of the Development & Alumni Affairs Office, has provided information on the event preparations, guest lists, and student participation;
 - (6) the Review Panel has obtained information about the experiences of other universities in relation to security arrangements for VVIP events.
6. The Review Panel intends to conduct further interviews and has issued invitations to the Police as well as various students who were at the stairwell at LG2 of KK Leung Building at the relevant time. It will soon issue invitations to others in the University including the Vice-Chancellor and the Council Chairman.
7. In addition, members of the Review Panel attended a meeting of the Hong Kong University Students' Union Council (the "Union Council") on 18 October 2011. There was a frank and open discussion with student representatives and the Review Panel received useful information. After the meeting Review Panel

members, Lester Huang and Simon Fung, gave an interview to Campus TV on the work of the Review Panel. The Review Panel is keen to maintain close communications with the Union Council.

8. The Review Panel is planning to hold a forum open to HKU stakeholders on 23 November 2011 to solicit views from students, staff and alumni.
9. The public is welcome to contact the Review Panel through its e-mail address (reviewpanel@hku.hk). The Review Panel will periodically issue progress reports to keep all in the University community informed of its work, and these are available at the Review Panel's webpage (<http://www.hku.hk/rpanel/>).
10. The Review Panel is pressing ahead with its work and has scheduled more than 10 meetings in November to meet different people involved in organizing the event and to study information gathered. The goal is to complete the task in the shortest possible time.

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