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Dear Colleagues, Students and Alumni,

The Chinese University's project for a Campus Master Plan entered a new and its final phase yesterday with the University Council's acceptance of SYNOPSIS REPORT by the Consultants.

The Plan is the result of extensive contribution by all members of the University towards the formulation of a vision for the future of the campus as the University evolves in meeting its aspirations and obligations to serve as an international centre of education and research. We invite you to examine the synoptic report, which has been posted on the CMP website ([www.cuhk.edu.hk/cmp](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cmp)) and give your further views.

An essential factor in shaping the report has been its process of consultation, and the most important product of the process has been the discourse that it has generated about the campus, leading to a shared vision amongst the various constituencies of the University in celebrating the legacy and tradition that have strongly defined the culture of the Chinese University. The Master Plan is essentially a synthesis of the many ideas and views generated in this process into a feasible plan of action. In order to continue this process, the Master Plan has put forth certain recommendations and implementation strategies, including a mechanism to ensure that the Master Plan will be updated periodically so as to remain relevant and appropriate in relation to any future development on campus. It is based on the following six primary precepts that have emerged out of the process of consultations and expert studies:

1. Planning and design of places for education and research activities
2. Enhancing college life
3. Promoting a pedestrian-friendly campus
4. Conserving places of value
5. Creating a landscape of vital importance
6. Making a sustainable campus

The Master Plan has identified and assessed different sites on campus for potential development, having regard to their geological features, ecological characteristics and cultural values. They have been classified into sites of immediate, intermediate and long-term potential. The Plan embraces the principles of sustainable development and strikes a balance between provision for growth and enhancement of campus environment with the conservation of natural heritage.

The preparation of the full report offers the opportunity for incorporating the many ideas, and much information accumulated in the process as well as the refinement and detailing out of the ideas introduced in their outline in the Synoptic Report. We trust that you would find the principal aspects of your expectations and suggestions incorporated or envisioned in the synoptic report, just as the ideas and suggestions resulting from consultations and workshops will form an extensive part of the full report.

Although this will end the project, we must note that a Master Plan is a process embodied in a living document. To serve its true purpose successfully in guiding the future course of growth and change in the campus, it must remain open to changing conditions and new ideas, and will require continued interest and engagement of the entire University community. Your contribution is no less essential to that future success of the process than it has been up to this point.

It has been a privilege to serve the University as co-chairmen of the committee entrusted with this task. We deeply appreciate the assistance and contribution accorded the committee by every member of the University.

Yours faithfully,

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