Summary of Qualitative Feedback Collected from the University Community

Planning Objectives

• Need to maintain a balance between development and sustainability.
• Maintain the identity and uniqueness of CUHK, its tradition and Chinese culture.
• Preserve the scenic and greenery environment of the campus as well as preserving heritage.
• Reinforce and preserve college characteristics such as college tradition, buildings and features and strengthen the exchanges among Colleges.
• Facilitate the movements of students on campus.
• Adopt a student-based principle for the design and meet the aspirations of students for the design.
• To be an international university in Hong Kong.
• Oppose all the four preliminary master plan proposals because the proposed blueprints destroy the existing designs of the campus and cannot answer the basic needs of the campus.

Campus Organization

• Preserve the characteristics of CUHK’s college system. New Colleges should not be built too closely together as this would affect the identity of and sense of belonging to individual Colleges.
• Building density and heights should be subject to control.
• Consider creating a public space for the communication among members of the University community.
• Area 39 should be the focus of future physical development. The Central Campus should still be the focus of future academic development and the focal point for all Colleges to gather.
• New buildings or facilities could be built on the outskirts of the existing campus but do not over-develop them.
• Design of the campus should not be too commercialized as this would not match the current designs and natural landscape of the campus.
• Need to ensure that the future blueprint can achieve harmony between existing unique campus character and modern design.
• Harmonize Chinese and western cultures in building designs.
• Create and highlight the characteristics of different areas on campus.
Pedestrian Circulation & Transportation
- A pedestrian-friendly covered walkway or access network is important.
- Support the building of escalators as it is very physically demanding to walk up and down the hill.
- Do not support covered walkway because the natural environment has provided the best cover already.
- Building escalators would incur huge development and destroy the existing landscape.
- Adequate transportation support needs to be considered when developing the campus and expanding its size.

Greenery & Heritage
- The natural environment and the existing scenic landscape should not be affected by the development.
- Preserve buildings with high historical, cultural and architectural values.
- Need to demolish buildings that are too old and build taller buildings so as to make effective use of the limited space on campus.
- The hilly landscape and topography are a distinctive feature of the CUHK campus.

Environment & Energy
- Support the principle of energy saving and conservation by reducing air-conditioning.
- Support the use of renewable energy or solar energy.

Consultation Process
- Step up publicity of the development proposal and release more information. More information about the CMP should be posted onto the website and views collected should be published.
- Broader discussion and more time be made available for stakeholders to express their views. Encourage stakeholders to express their views before making a final decision.
- Students should be involved in the planning process. The decision-making of the Campus Master Planning should be democratic and transparent.

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