

Our Statement Regarding An Incident at The Novmeber 6 Forum

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Dear Members of the HKUST Community:

Regarding the incident during the Open Forum on Nov 6, which included an attack on our UST student, we want to communicate a few points:

1. After the event we have seen many video recordings of the entire incident including the deliberate and totally unacceptable assault and battery on our student. We want to reiterate that no violence on our campus will be tolerated, and we strongly condemn this attack.

2. Disciplining those responsible for this malicious incident is one of our highest priorities. We are seeking external professional help to more effectively collect and review all of the available evidence to identify those responsible for the violence as well as those deliberately shielding the violence from view, and who among them were HKUST students. We are making every effort, and hope that everyone will work with us to help quickly identify those responsible.

3. Once we have found the attackers and those who assisted them, for those who are HKUST students we will follow the University disciplinary process and impose appropriate punishment, and no matter whether those responsible are HKUST students or not, we will pursue appropriate legal action.

4. Some among our HKUST community have expressed concern over the security arrangements for the Open Forum. We will evaluate all of the security measures as well as the process of handling safety during and following the attack.

Let us join hands to make common cause in restoring and maintaining a safe and peaceful atmosphere on our campus and among our community.

Sincerely,

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