



Dear Students,

SSA Weekly News provides you with updates on student life and activities at HKUST. Get involved and take part in the activities of interest to you!

DSTO Update



Fire Up Your Year

Get ready to ignite your year at our exciting “Fire Up Your Year” event! Join us as we celebrate the start of a new academic year together!

On 1 September at 12:30 in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Atrium, we’ll kick off with warm welcomes from the President and senior leaders. Test your knowledge in the HKUST Trivia Game for a chance to win amazing prizes, and enjoy fantastic dance and Acappella music performances.

Let’s unite and have a blast, showcasing our bond as HKUSTers!



Application Arrangement for MTR Student Travel Scheme 2025/2026

The 2025/26 MTR Student Travel Scheme is now open for new applications. Renewal applications will start on 1 September 2025. Please click [HERE](#) for detailed arrangements. To familiarize yourself with the benefits of the Scheme, including the concessionary fares and the useful functions in the MTR Mobile App, you are welcome to visit the MTR booth at the Academic Concourse (outside Lecture Theater B) on 3 September 2025 from 11:00 to 15:00.

External Activities

- Global Cultural Ambassador Scheme, organized by Inter Cultural Education, due by 3 Sep 2025
- 灣青同行-潮汕非遺 City Walk 交流團, 香港工聯會大灣區社會服務社主辦, 額滿即止
- 第八屆「香港女聲 Glocal Y」年青女性領袖培育計劃, 世界基督教女青年會主辦, 2025 年 9 月 5 日截止

Please click [HERE](#) for the details and more activities.

Scam Alert

Cybersecurity Learning Series –

Why you need to protect your privacy when using free Wi-fi

- Connecting to public networks opens up your phone to hackers and viruses
- What should you do to keep your data safe if you really want to finish your YouTube video but have run out of mobile data?



How to secure your device if you really have to use public Wi-fi hotspots

- Enable firewalls and antivirus software on your devices.
- Never download or install anything while using public Wi-fi – wait until you get home.
- Don’t input any personal information to register for public Wi-fi. If they ask for it, don’t use this network.
- When you finish using the public Wi-fi, always log out from the network, and click “Forget this network” in your settings.
- Choose your public Wi-fi wisely. Search online to check if it has been verified if you’re not sure.
- Don’t shop online or do anything private until you switch to a secure connection.

Extracted from CyberDefender: <https://cyberdefender.hk/en-us/why-you-need-to-protect-your-privacy-when-using-free-wi-fi/>



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