

# Guidelines for the Use of Big Character Poster Wall

## 1. Eligibility

1.1 Eligible users of the Area shall be all HKUST students and staff.

## 2. Usage

2.1 The Area shall be for the expression of opinions and rational discussion with supporting facts, data and arguments.

2.2 Promotion and / or propaganda shall be prohibited.

2.3 Anonymity shall be allowed in posts.

2.4 Society stamp and, if applicable, signature of person in charge ("PIC") shall be shown on posts issued by all main bodies of HKUSTSU and all affiliated societies of HKUSTSU.

2.5 Expiry Date/ Posting Date shall be indicated clearly at the end of **EACH** post.

## 3. Content

3.1 The use of profanity shall be prohibited.

3.2 Personal attack shall be disallowed.

3.3 Obscene and / or indecent materials shall be strictly prohibited.

3.4 Defamatory and inaccurate posts shall be forbidden.

## 4. Prior Notice before Issue

**4.1 Notwithstanding item 2.3 above, soft copies of posts shall reach HKUSTSU E-mail account ([su\\_union@connect.ust.hk](mailto:su_union@connect.ust.hk)) or DSTO E-mail account ([dst@ust.hk](mailto:dst@ust.hk)) in advance with the FULL NAME, STUDENT ID NUMBER and DEPARTMENT of the issuer / PIC and the Date of Posting.**

## 5. Removal

5.1 Posts shall be considered to be **expired 14 consecutive days after the posting date.**

5.2 Regular clearance of outdated posts would be carried out twice a month (on 15<sup>th</sup> and the end of each month).

5.3 Notwithstanding item 5.2 above, all the posts that are not expired on the clearance day shall remain on the board until they expired

5.4 The HKUSTSU Executive Committee reserves the right to remove any outdated posts at any time without prior notice.

5.5 Removed posts shall be discarded.

5.6 The right of removing posts from the BCP rests with SU and DSTO. Any unauthorized party shall report concerns to SU ([su\\_union@connect.ust.hk](mailto:su_union@connect.ust.hk)) or DSTO ([dst@ust.hk](mailto:dst@ust.hk)) but not remove posts from BCP individually.

## 6. Miscellaneous

6.1 Posts shall be attached to the Area by tape only.

6.2 Posts shall not be attached beyond the Area.

6.3 Posts shall not be covered.

6.4 Deliberate damage to the Area shall be strictly prohibited.

## 7. Violation of Regulations

7.1 Notwithstanding item 5.1 above, posts violating the regulations shall be removed immediately without prior notice.

## 8. Notice

8.1 The posts do not necessarily represent the stance of HKUSTSU.

8.2 The HKUSTSU shall bear no responsibilities regarding the content of any posts issued within the Area.

8.3 The English version of this regulation shall be consulted for correct interpretation.

# Big Character Poster Wall

## Operation of Big Character Poster Wall

1. The Big Character Poster (BCP) Wall is designated for the expression of opinions and rational discussion by all HKUST students and staff with supporting facts, data and arguments.
2. Only messages previously notified to SU ([su\\_union@connect.ust.hk](mailto:su_union@connect.ust.hk)) or DSTO ([dst@ust.hk](mailto:dst@ust.hk)) are considered registered messages for posting.
3. Email confirmation for your registration should be obtained from SU or DSTO before posting.
4. Registered messages on the BCP Wall will be marked with an official BCP stamp and expiry date (14 days).
5. Expired messages after 14 days of posting will be removed.
6. Postings not befitting the purpose for expression of opinions and rational discussion will be reviewed and removed by SU or DSTO daily, including but not limited to:
  - a) News reports or any postings extracted from print or social media. Special consideration may be given to information related to the University or its members.
  - b) Photos/ pictures without any message in writing.
7. Unregistered messages, propaganda or promotion materials, messages with profane or insulting content, related to discrimination, promotion of violence and hatred, or in violation of guidelines will be reviewed and removed by SU or DSTO daily.
8. Unlawful messages will be removed such as violation of Personal Data Privacy Ordinance, National Flag and National Emblem Ordinance, Regional Flag and Regional Emblem Ordinance.
9. The right of removing messages from the BCP rests with SU and DSTO. Any unauthorized party shall report concerns to SU ([su\\_union@connect.ust.hk](mailto:su_union@connect.ust.hk)) or DSTO ([dst@ust.hk](mailto:dst@ust.hk)) but not remove posts from BCP individually.
10. Disputes will be settled under the university's established guidelines and policies.
11. Full guidelines are also posted next to the BCP Wall itself.