

A message to the HKUST community (26 August 2019)

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Dear members of HKUST,

We had an engaging, open and frank forum last Thursday (22 August 2019) with more than 450 members getting together in person, and many more watching via live streaming. Before the forum, we knew that it was extremely challenging to facilitate a dialogue on the current situation in Hong Kong. After the forum, on reflection, we appreciated hearing different and opposing viewpoints from members while observing necessary mutual respect.

Over the weekend, it was most unfortunate that, escalated violence erupted during and after peaceful protests in Hong Kong. We have grave concern about the growing violence and urge all parties to act responsibly.

Today, we noticed that a social media page – purposely confusing the public by implying that it may share official views of HKUST – promoted hatred and absurd messages in a posting, challenging the very basic principles of Hong Kong's existence. HKUST condemns such messages and we can't stay idle while these individuals staged such an act without revealing their identities. The University has alerted the HKUST Students' Union and will take the appropriate action as required.

Yours sincerely,

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President