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**CUEGU's response to the Search and Selection Committee's recommendation of
Prof Rocky S. Tuan as the next Vice-Chancellor of CUHK**

CUEGU learnt last night that the Search and Selection Committee had recommended Prof Rocky S. Tuan to the University Council as the next Vice-Chancellor of CUHK.

We are very concerned about Prof Tuan's résumé as a former member of the Research Grant Council, an advisory body under the UGC. The designs of the UGC's funding incentives have directly resulted in the quantifying of tertiary education and research in recent years. The race for numbers has led to disastrous consequences. Students and staff are put under intense pressure. Quantification of outcomes and the blind pursuit of so-called internationalization have only led to a decline in education quality. The contribution of university research to the accumulation of actual knowledge and to Hong Kong society has also been called into question.

We are eager to know what Prof Tuan's views are on university education and research in Hong Kong. More especially, we want to know what cures and strategies he has for leading the CUHK community out of the muddle created by the UGC's short-sighted funding direction, and how he plans to relieve staff and students of their ever-increasing stress.

Against the backdrop of political interventions faced by Hong Kong's universities, we are also gravely concerned about what concrete proposals Prof Tuan has for safeguarding academic freedom and institutional autonomy and for speeding up the internal democratization process of CUHK.

We expect Prof Tuan to give solid answers to these questions in the coming consultation meetings.

May we also call on our colleagues to participate in these meetings to express our concerns and expectations for the VC nominee.