Centennial Campus

With its centenary approaching, HKU continues building history — with a bold new campus that combines the teaching and learning needs of the 21st Century with a respect for heritage, the environment and the local community.

There will be three new buildings which will house the Faculties of Social Sciences, Arts and Law. Additional facilities will include a new Lecture Hall with seating for more than 1,000 and a Learning Commons providing some 6,000 square metres of space for student academic activities. In addition, there will be a University Street, an open thoroughfare which links the existing campus with the Centennial Campus.

Preparation work, including relocation of the Water Supplies Department freshwater and saltwater reservoirs, continues around the clock as excavation machines dig into the granite and sandstone felsite to make way for these new water systems. This is a first-of-its-kind construction project in Hong Kong.

Machines, instead of explosives, are being employed to excavate the mountain to minimise environmental effects and help prevent any damage to the structural integrity of the Elliot Treatment Works Building. It is closely monitored for any evidence of subsidence, cracks or displacement.
The Learning Commons

The development of the Centennial Campus will enable HKU to better play its role in supporting a knowledge-based society and the community’s pursuit of quality of life. As HKU readies itself for the four-year degree curriculum, the Centennial Campus is a crucial element in its successful future and a symbol of the University’s commitment to and engagement with the community.

Sustainable Campus — some initiatives

Prefabricated construction to reduce costs, waste and construction time.

Wind Turbines sited on the roof of the University convert wind energy into electricity.

The Learning Commons model: showing cutaways of different levels: a place to gather, study, read, discuss, learn and relax.

An example of Sky Gardens on Pedestum Deck and Roofs.

Water Features: The Learning Commons will offer students a tranquil, Zen-like environment for study and contemplation.

Artist’s impression of the main Lecture Hall.

Use of photovoltaic cells, a solar power technology, to convert the sun’s rays into electricity.

Building Greening: An example of sustainability measures, building a “green wall”.
The Campus Master Plan

- Reflects HKU’s mission and strategic principles
- Builds on the heritage of the campus buildings and landscape
- Makes the campus easier to navigate
- Establishes stronger linkages to the community
- Provides a vibrant learning environment
- Supports sustainability principles

Heritage Buildings & Entry Plaza
The Senior Staff Quarters, Workmen’s Quarters and the Entry Plaza form the grand entrance to the Centennial Campus.

The Learning Commons
A convenient one-stop study-and-learning environment where University members and the community can instantly interact.

The Lecture Centre
A 1,000+ seated capacity for lectures and cultural activities.

University Street
An east-west pedestrian thoroughfare that links the Centennial Campus to the existing campus and facilitates the hosting of educational and social activities.

Academic Courtyards
Ideal outdoor spaces for dynamic learning and interaction.

New Lily Pond
The new Lily Pond creates a sense of place for leisure and social interaction.

Landscaped Reservoirs’ Roof Decks
The roof decks of the new reservoirs are welcoming open spaces with various amenities and connections to hiking trails up Lung Fu Shan.

Re-provisioning/Construction of Reservoirs
April 2007 – October 2009

Construction of Centennial Campus
June 2009 – December 2011

www.hku.hk/cecampus
This piece of land will be magically transformed as if by the rubbing of Aladdin’s Lamp!

Centennial Campus Kick-Off Ceremony
February 27, 2008

“Ninety-seven years ago, the story began…”
David L Yuen, Pre-Chancellor

“This University celebrates academic freedom and diversity.”
Victor Fung, Chairman of Council

“Our campus – a place that Hong Kong and all of us can be proud of…”
Rita Fan, Fellow Member (BSc 1967; MSc 1973)

“Looking out from Ricci Hall’s bedroom, I dreamt of moving the mountain, just like the Chinese proverb, ‘愚公移山’.”
Jack So, Associate, Chairman of the Campus Development & Planning Committee

“…the new campus will enhance Hong Kong’s competitiveness in the international education arena…”
Michael Tsang, Professor (BSc 1966)

A “taste” of the new campus – the Brick Cakes, designed and prepared by Dr. James Wu and The Maxim Group.