On Future Use of the Main Building

The Main Building is the iconic heritage building of the University. The University is collecting ideas and suggestions on how the Main Building should best be utilised after the Faculty of Arts has moved to the Centennial Campus this summer. A consultation exercise was launched in April 2012. Professor Bernard Lim 林雲峰 (BA(ArchStud) 1979; BArch 1981; MSc in UrbanPlanning 1985) was appointed as the independent consultant of the exercise. Three forums were held in April and May where students, staff and alumni shared their views and suggestions.

In a recent email to the HKU Family, Pro-Vice-Chancellor John Malpas said:

“In planning the future use of the building, the key principle is that it should remain the ‘Public Face of the University’. We have identified five potentially compatible uses including facilities which are student-related, alumni-related, administration-related, public-related and staff-related. We also need to realise that, as a Declared Monument, modifications to the Main Building are subject to numerous constraints and the approval of a number of government departments and statutory bodies is necessary.”

The consultation will move to the next stage. Two design workshops will be conducted in July. Professor Lim, together with students from the Faculty of Architecture, will facilitate the workshops.

**Design Workshop 1**

- **Date:** July 16, 2012 (Mon)
- **Time:** 6:00 – 8:30pm
- **Venue:** Convocation Room, Room 218, Main Building

**Design Workshop 2**

- **Date:** July 21, 2012 (Sat)
- **Time:** 2:30 – 5:00pm
- **Venue:** Room 217, Main Building

Alumni, students and staff are welcome to join the workshops.

**Registration:** [www.alumni.hku.hk/MBworkshops](http://www.alumni.hku.hk/MBworkshops)

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