

**APRU Annual Presidents' Meeting 2023**  
**The University of Hong Kong (HKU)**  
**June 25 – 27, 2023**

**Theme**

**“From Invention to Implementation: Solutions for a Sustainable Future”**

The negative impact of humanity on our planet has reached a critical point. The boundaries of what our earth’s natural system can absorb are at risk to be crossed irreversibly. At the same time, the globe’s human population of eight billion people, many of whom are endangered by poverty, inequalities, armed conflicts, and climate change, needs innovative solutions for a sustainable future – a future that balances the needs of humanity and the protection of our planet. This cannot be done by any nation alone but requires concerted effort by all of us.

Under the theme “From Invention to Implementation: Solutions for a Sustainable Future”, presidents and senior administrators will explore the state of the planet, from threats to opportunities. They will share innovative thoughts about the goals we need to reach (such as carbon neutrality) and the solutions that allow us to reach them (such as green technologies). They will strive for a concerted effort from individuals, businesses, and governments to make these solutions a reality and to bring us closer to a sustainable future for humanity.

**Programme Rundown**

<b>Day 1 – June 25, 2023 (Sunday)</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity &amp; Venue</b>
10:00am – 5:00pm	<b>Arrival and Registration</b> <i>Venue: Level 5 (Near Tianshan Room), Island Shangri-La Hotel</i>
2:00pm – 3:30pm	<b>Steering Committee Meeting for Steering Committee Members</b> <i>Venue: Tianshan and Lushan Rooms, 5/F, Island Shangri-La Hotel</i>
5:30pm	Transportation from Island Shangri-La and JEN Hong Kong to University Lodge
6:00pm – 8:00pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <i>Venue: University Lodge, 1 University Avenue, HKU</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal Meet and Greet by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Xiang ZHANG, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU</li> <li>- Professor Gene BLOCK, Chair of APRU</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Welcome New Members and New Presidents</li> </ul>
8:15pm	Transportation from University Lodge to Island Shangri-La and JEN Hong Kong

<b>Day 2 – June 26, 2023 (Monday)</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity &amp; Venue</b>
8:30am	Transportation from Island Shangri-La and JEN Hong Kong to Rayson Huang Theatre
9:00am – 10:15am	<p><b>Session I: Opening</b>  <i>Venue: Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Xiang ZHANG, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU</li> <li>- Professor Gene BLOCK, Chair of APRU</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Keynote Speech by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ms Amina J. MOHAMMED  Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations  Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group</li> <li>- Professor Yi CUI  Fortinet Founders Professor of Stanford University  Director of Precourt Institute for Energy, Stanford University  Winner of Blavatnik National Awards for Young Scientists  Winner of U.S. DoE Lawrence Award</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Derek COLLINS, Dean of Faculty of Arts, HKU</li> </ul>
10:15am – 10:30am	<b>Group Photo</b>
10:30am – 11:00am	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11:00am – 12:00nn	<p><b>Session II: Thematic Symposium - Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development in Rural China</b>  <i>Venue: Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr Yuning FU  Former Chairman of China Resources Holdings Co., Ltd.</li> <li>- Dr Simon Hoey LEE, Director and Vice President of China Resources Enterprise</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Derek COLLINS, Dean of Faculty of Arts, HKU</li> </ul>
12:00nn	Student Ambassadors to Escort Delegates to Loke Yew Hall (good weather)/ Transportation to Loke Yew Hall (bad weather)

<p>12:15pm – 2:00pm</p>	<p><b>Luncheon (Co-host Organisation: Our Hong Kong Foundation)</b> <i>Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Campus, HKU</i></p> <p><b>Lunchtime Address: East Meets West – Connecting the World</b> Speaker: - Dr Allan ZEMAN, Chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Group and Governor of the Board of Governors of Our Hong Kong Foundation</p> <p>Moderator: - Professor Derek COLLINS, Dean of Faculty of Arts, HKU</p>
<p>2:00pm</p>	<p>Transportation from Loke Yew Hall to Lecture Hall II</p>
<p>2:15pm – 3:30pm</p>	<p><b>Session III: Panel Discussion - Our Planet, Our Future</b> <i>Venue: Lecture Hall II, Centennial Campus, HKU</i></p> <p>Our planet is undergoing rapid change – from accelerating climate change and ongoing geopolitical tensions through the challenges of economic, demographic, and digital transformations, to the recent world-wide havoc of the Covid pandemic. The global outlook is now vastly different from what it was in the past decade, with wide-spread concern whether these disruptive changes will still allow us to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all.</p> <p>As we are half-way through achieving the sustainable development goals of 2030, what are the urgent issues that now require ambitious action? Do we perceive and assess these problems differently from before? And how can research universities fulfil their social responsibility of communicating and creating solutions to achieve sustainable growth?</p> <p>Panelists: - President Kohei ITOH, Keio University - President Dong-One KIM, Korea University - Dr. Agustin Kusumayati ACHIJAT, University Secretary, Universitas Indonesia - Professor Yatimah ALIAS, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic and International), Universiti Malaya - Mrs Tamara CUNNINGHAM, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Global Initiatives, University of California, San Diego</p> <p>Moderator: - Dr Jane LEE, President of Our Hong Kong Foundation</p>
<p>3:30pm – 4:00pm</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p>4:00pm – 5:15pm</p>	<p><b>Session IV: Panel Discussion - Unleash Green Technologies to Power the Future</b> <i>Venue: Lecture Hall II, Centennial Campus, HKU</i></p> <p>The acceleration of climate change has resulted in more frequent and more intense extreme weather events, causing increasingly dangerous impact on nature, people and built infrastructure in every region of the world. These events have also</p>

	<p>significant economic consequences. The urge for fostering research on low-emission energy production and green technologies apt to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to mitigate the effects of human-caused climate change has never been stronger.</p> <p>What roles do research universities play in facilitating research and discovery across disciplines? How should we incubate innovative technologies and support their growth? How can we unlock the potential of new innovations and leverage them, so they create long-lasting impact? How will we best foster public-private partnerships in this area?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President TAN Eng Chye, National University of Singapore</li> <li>- President Peter HØJ, The University of Adelaide</li> <li>- President Hideo OHNO, Tohoku University</li> <li>- Professor XI Guang, Vice-President, Xi'an Jiaotong University</li> <li>- Professor Eunkyong KIM, Provost, Yonsei University</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr Albert Hak-keung WONG, CEO of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation</li> </ul>
5:15 – 5:45pm	<b>Free Time</b>
5:45pm	Transportation from Lecture Hall II to K.K. Leung Building
6:00pm – 8:30pm	<p><b>Gala Dinner</b> <i>Venue: Ming Pavilion, 14/F, K. K. Leung Building, HKU</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcoming Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Xiang ZHANG, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Welcome of New Members by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Gene BLOCK, Chair of APRU</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:45pm	Transportation from K.K. Leung Building to Island Shangri-La and JEN Hong Kong
<b>Day 3 – June 27, 2023 (Tuesday)</b>	
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity &amp; Venue</b>
8:30am	Transportation from Island Shangri-La and JEN Hong Kong to Lecture Hall II
9:00am – 10:25am	<p><b>Session V: Panel Discussion - Educating Future Generations for Planet Thought Leadership</b> <i>Venue: Lecture Hall II, Centennial Campus, HKU</i></p> <p>The rapid changes our planet is undergoing underscore the importance of swift and collective action. At the same time, they also require foresight and long-term planning. Higher education plays a key role not only in providing research-based solutions for today, but also in training future generations. It is the indisputable responsibility of universities, in the face of these unprecedented circumstances, to</p>

	<p>prepare students so they assume the leadership in addressing the planetary challenges.</p> <p>How can higher education equip students with the mindset, the knowledge, and the skills to be change-makers? What can be done to raise the overall awareness of these core values and abilities? Amidst the widening digital divide and social disparity, how can we provide equitable and inclusive education opportunities to all?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President Bundhit EUA-ARPORN, Chulalongkorn University</li> <li>- President Nancy Y. IP, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology</li> <li>- President Naoshi SUGIYAMA, Nagoya University</li> <li>- President HO Teck-Hua, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</li> <li>- Vice-Chancellor Dawn FRESHWATER, The University of Auckland</li> <li>- President Carol L. FOLT, University of Southern California</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mr. Eric CHAN Sze-yuen, Chief Public Mission Officer of Cyberport</li> </ul>
<p>10:25am – 10:45am</p>	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
<p>10:45am – 12:00pm</p>	<p><b>Session VI: Panel Discussion - Systems Approach to Mitigating Globally Connected Risks</b> <i>Venue: Lecture Hall II, Centennial Campus, HKU</i></p> <p>The threats posed by the climate emergency, the loss of biodiversity, pollution and other planetary challenges transcend national borders and social boundaries. The failure of major stakeholders to collaborate and to take decisive action threatens human existence. At the same time, as emphasized by climate justice, those countries that have been the largest emitters of carbon emissions have the greatest responsibility to help those countries that, while not having been large emitters, will suffer first and worst from the climate emergency. It is crucial to enhance understanding and communication of the complexity of the issues involved, and to hold those who cause climate change accountable.</p> <p>As the key institutions of knowledge creation and knowledge transfer, what role do universities have in educating and communicating about the planetary risks? How well do they draw the roadmap of resilience building? How can we ensure that these plans are comprehensive and equitable, and that there is a shared understanding of the agenda among stakeholders? What can we learn from others when developing a systematic approach to mitigating the consequences of intertwined global risks?</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President Joy JOHNSON, Simon Fraser University</li> <li>- President Wen-Chang CHEN, Taiwan University</li> <li>- Vice-Chancellor and President Mark SCOTT, The University of Sydney</li> <li>- President Angelo A. JIMENEZ, University of the Philippines</li> <li>- Professor Andrea ENCALADA, Provost, Universidad San Francisco de Quito</li> </ul>

	<p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Axel TIMMERMANN, Director of IBS Center for Climate Physics, Pusan National University</li> </ul>
12:00pm – 12:10pm	<p><b>Session VII: Concluding Session</b>  <i>Venue: Lecture Hall II, Centennial Campus, HKU</i></p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Gene BLOCK, Chair of APRU</li> <li>- Professor Rocky S. TUAN, Vice-Chair of APRU</li> </ul>
12:10pm – 12:45pm	<p><b>Session VIII: Business Meeting</b>  <i>Venue: Lecture Hall II, Centennial Campus, HKU</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chief Executive’s Report</li> <li>• Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022</li> <li>• Election of Steering Committee 2023</li> <li>• Invitation to APEC University Leaders’ Forum 2023</li> <li>• Invitation to Annual Presidents’ Meeting 2024</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Professor Gene BLOCK, Chair of APRU</li> </ul>
12:45pm – 12:50pm	<p><b>Concluding Remarks by Professor Xiang Zhang, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKU</b>  <i>Venue: Lecture Hall II, Centennial Campus, HKU</i></p>
12:50pm	Transportation from Lecture Hall II to Loke Yew Hall
1:00pm – 2:00pm	<p><b>Farewell Lunch</b>  <i>Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Campus, HKU</i></p>
2:00pm	Transportation from Loke Yew Hall to Island Shangri-La and JEN Hong Kong
2:30pm – 3:30pm	<p><b>Steering Committee Meeting for Steering Committee Members</b>  <i>Venue: Tianshan and Lushan Rooms, Level 5, Island Shangri-La</i></p>
2:30pm – 5:00pm	<p><b>Sightseeing Programme</b> (optional)  <i>Depart from Lobby (Level 6) of Island Shangri-La Hotel</i></p> <p><u>Tour A: Hong Kong Island Explorer</u>  Walking Tour in Central and Vintage Tram Ride</p> <p><u>Tour B: Kowloon – Old and New</u>  Chi Lin Nunnery, Nan Lian Garden and New Reclamation Street Wet Market</p>