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## Admiralty Learning Center Opens

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)'s College of Lifelong Learning (CL3) today inaugurated its first downtown Learning Center in Admiralty.

Dr John C C Chan, the University Council Chairman, and Prof Paul Chu, President of HKUST, officiated at the opening ceremony.

Speaking at the event, Prof Chu remarked: "The Admiralty Learning Center represents the beginning of a new phase in the development of CL3. Education that promises personal fulfillment can add life to years, instead of just adding years to life."



The 10,800 square foot Center comprises four classrooms and two computer laboratories, and is equipped with broadband Internet access as well as both wired and wireless networks. Each room is also installed with HKUST's proprietary Personal Response System  $\mu$ V a wireless student response system developed to promote interactive teaching and learning in the classroom. The first tool of its kind, PRS has been used by local universities and secondary schools, as well as prestigious universities including Harvard and MIT.

With its easy accessibility, the new Center will allow CL3 to expand its services further in the community. CL3 offers a wide variety of programs for working professionals, numbering over 300 to date. These range from business, logistics, information technology and language, to design and self-development courses. Half the programs are eligible for reimbursement under the Government's Continuing Education Fund, and over 3,500 students have already benefited from their availability.

Established in 2000, **CL3** is a wholly owned subsidiary of HKUST. It aims to support the University's mission of assisting the economic and social development of Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland through the fostering of a lifelong learning culture. Using innovative teaching and learning methods, CL3 excels in combining online learning with face-to-face teaching and tutoring. It also forges alliances with prestigious overseas universities to offer online degree and professional training programs.