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New Academic Head at HKUST

Prof Yuk Shee Chan is the new Vice-President for Academic Affairs at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, effective 18 December 2001.

Prof Chan has prime responsibility for developing an academic policy for the University and overseeing the functioning and academic activities of the four respective Schools.

"I am greatly honored and excited to serve as the Academic Vice-President of the University. In ten years time, HKUST has been recognized as a premier research university in Hong Kong and the region. I'll do my best to build HKUST into a global university where insights, innovations and scholarship from around the world can meet and prosper," says Prof Chan.



Prof Chan was seconded to HKUST from 1990 to 1993, first as Deputy Head of Finance and Economics and then as Chairman of Faculty in the School of Business and Management. In 1993, he was appointed the Founding Dean of the School.

"Prof Chan is well known for his leadership, integrity and able leadership. As Founding Dean of the School of Business and Management, he has clear visions and set a high standard for the School, and has steadfastly led the School in realizing these goals. The success of the School in rising in the short span of time to achieve world class status and number one ranking in Asia is a testament to his able leadership," says President Paul Chu.

Prof Chan's research interests are economics of information, financial institutions and contracts, and corporate finance. He is currently an Associate Editor of Journal of Banking and Finance and a director of the Asia-Pacific Finance Association, where he presided from 1997 to 1999. He is also a member of the International Advisory Council of AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business), the premier accrediting agency for business and accounting programs.

Prof Chan received a BBA (first class honors) from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1975. He then earned an MBA, an MA in Economics, and a PhD in Finance and Economics at the University of California, Berkeley. Prior to joining HKUST, he had taught at the Kellogg Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University, and joined the University of Southern California in 1986 to become the Justin Dart Term Professor of Finance in 1990.

An active member in professional and community services, Prof Chan has served as a member of the Standing Commission on Civil Service Salaries and Conditions of Service and of the Standing Committee on Disciplined Services Salaries and Conditions of Service, Chairman of the Pay Trend Survey Committee, an advisor to the Hang Seng Index Services Company Ltd, and a member of the Council of the Open University of Hong Kong and the Working Group on the Development of Post-secondary Education of the Education Commission.

Prof Chan was Acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs from 1 January to 17 December 2001. His appointment was unanimously recommended by the Search Committee for Vice-President for Academic Affairs under the University Council and President Chu.