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## Paul Chu To Serve as President Till 2009

The Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) announced today that Prof Paul Chu will continue to serve as the President of the University until the end of August 2009.

"The HKUST is embarking on a visionary blueprint that would set it apart as a premier university of the future, with world-class teaching, learning, research, and discovery. I am delighted that Prof Chu will continue to lead the University at this crucial stage of its development," said Dr John C C Chan, Chairman of the University Council.

Under Prof Chu's leadership and working in close partnership with the Government, business, industry and the broader community, the University is all set to excel in our mission of contributing towards Hong Kong's economic growth and social development, Dr Chan added.

Key initiatives as envisioned in the HKUST Strategic Plan 2005-2020 include the newly launched Institute for Advanced Study at HKUST, the School of Innovation and Technology Management, and a high-quality four-year undergraduate degree program.

On Prof Chu's watch the University has won world-wide recognition as a leading international research university, catapulting itself into the ranks of the world's top 50 universities.

"I am honored to have this opportunity to continue serving this great university. The years to come will be the season of harvest. Together with other members of the university, I am eager to push it towards its next summit. I feel a sense of humility in being tasked to lead the University in pursuit of its vision and mission," said Prof Chu.

The President is an authority in high temperature superconductivity. In January 1987, he and his research team achieved stable superconductivity at 93 K(-180°C) above the critical temperature of liquid nitrogen (-196°C), a major advancement in modern science. Later, they obtained stable superconductivity at a new record high temperature of 164 K (-109°C) in another compound when it was compressed.

Prof Chu has received numerous awards, including the National Medal of Science, the International Prize for New Materials, the Comstock Award, the Texas Instruments' Founders' Prize, the John Fritz Medal, and the Freedoms Foundation National Award.



