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## HKUST Walkathon to Raise Funds for New Student Hostel

*JUST Walk* — a fundraising event for the sixth student hostel at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) — was held today (20 October).

*JUST Walk* is the first walkathon launched by HKUST. Faculty, staff, students, and alumni of HKUST, as well as their families and friends, joined the walk starting from the University, through parts of the beautiful Sai Kung countryside and the "Old China City" at TV City — a filming facility of supporting organization, Television Broadcasts Ltd (TVB) — before arriving back to the finish point on campus.

Addressing the participants at the Setting-Off Ceremony, President of HKUST, Prof Paul C W Chu, said the walkathon was a manifestation of the HKUST spirit. "Our University could never be as successful as it is today without the active participation of each and every member of the University community. Our success testifies to the power of our solidarity and shared vision," he said.

The officiating party at the *JUST Walk* Setting-Off Ceremony also included Dr the Hon Sir Sze-Yuen Chung, Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the University Court, Dr John C C Chan, Chairman of the University Council, Prof Raymond Wong, Chairman of the HKUST Staff Association, Mr Tony Chan, President of the HKUST Students' Union, and Mr Terry Leung, President of the HKUST Alumni Association.

Due to be completed in early 2004, the new 10-storey hostel will add 527 places to enable more students to experience campus life and take the total number of hall places for undergraduates at HKUST to 2,909.

The Government is providing 75% of the total construction cost of \$156 million for the new hostel. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust has pledged a donation of HK\$19.5 million, with the remainder to be raised by the University.

