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Senior Appointments at HKUST announced

The Council of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) today announced the following acting appointments to take effect from 1 September 2006:

Prof Roland Chin (currently Vice-President for Research and Development) is appointed Acting Vice-President for Academic Affairs; and

Prof Tony Eastham (currently Associate Vice-President for Research and Development) is appointed Acting Vice-President for Research and Development.

Prof Yuk-Shee Chan is to stand down from his current position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs and is appointed Senior Advisor to the President and will continue to serve in his faculty position as Chair Professor of Finance. Prof Chan has earlier accepted the appointment as Lingnan University's next President effective September 2007.

Prof Chin and Prof Eastham will respectively take the helm of the University's Academic Affairs Branch and Research and Development Branch in the interim until a successor to Vice-President for Academic Affairs is appointed.

"We warmly thank Prof Chan for his steadfast and distinguished service to the University for the past 16 years in his various capacities. As the founding Dean, he has played a pivotal role in building up the School of Business and Management which has risen to international stature within an exceptionally short period of time. As Vice-President for Academic Affairs, he has assisted HKUST in making notable accomplishments in upholding the quality of the University's academic programs, expanding exchange opportunities for students, and enhancing the internationalization of the student body," says President Paul Chu.

Prof Chan joined HKUST in 1990 as Deputy Head of Finance and Economics and Professor of Finance. He was appointed the Founding Dean of the HKUST Business School in 1993 and served in that position until 2001, when he was appointed the Vice-President for Academic Affairs of the University.

Prof Roland Chin, a long-serving member of the University, started as a Professor of Computer Science in 1992 and served as Head of the Department from 1996 to 2001. He was then seconded to the Government's Applied Science and Technology Research Institute Inc (ASTRI), where he was Vice President of Information Technology. He took office as Vice-President for Research and Development on June 2003. He is also the Chairman of the Research Grants Council.

Prof Tony Eastham joined HKUST in 1996. Apart from his capacity in the Research and Development Branch, he is also the President and CEO of HKUST R and D Corporation



Prof
Roland Chin



Prof Tony
Eastham



Prof Yuk-
Shee Chan

Ltd, which is responsible for commercialization of research. He also serves as Professor of Civil Engineering, and Electronic and Computer Engineering.