



香港城市大學
City University of Hong Kong

University Announcement

Notification on Emergency Response Unit (ERU) (10)

In the midst of the unrest in Hong Kong, CityU kick-started the beginning of the new semester yesterday (2 September) and operated normally. The Emergency Response Unit remains very concerned about recent incidents in Hong Kong.

Professor Way Kuo, President, specially made time from his tight meeting schedule yesterday morning to attend CityU students' annual O'Camp, with 22 Vice-Presidents, Deans and Heads of academic departments also in attendance, to welcome around 200 new students and deliver words of encouragement.

Regrettably, this communication opportunity for new students was interrupted for long, impolitely, by a committee member of the Students' Union (SU) who questioned the President for declining its invitation to attend an open forum.

In fact, the President has kept in touch with students through different channels. Since June, regarding the social situation in Hong Kong, the President has contacted the Chief Executive's Office several times to reflect students' opinions and urge the government to communicate sincerely with all relevant parties.

The University always respects students' rights of expression, and at the same time we stress that our campus needs to accommodate diversified views instead of voices from one narrow perspective. Otherwise, further conflict among our family of alumni, staff and students holding different ideologies will be triggered. Harsh language and impolite attitudes do nothing to resolve problems.

For this reason, the University appeals to everyone on campus to co-operate and be inclusive to provide a welcoming environment that promotes rational discussion.

Chairmen of the ERU,
Professor Horace Ip Ho-shing, Vice-President (Student Affairs)
Mr Sunny Lee Wai-kwong, Vice-President (Administration)

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