Summary of the 139th Council Plenary Session held on 26 March 2024

1. The ensuing items were considered and approved by Council:

Governance

- The HKUST Strategic Plan 2031.
- The proposed revisions to the Terms of Reference and Scope of Responsibilities of both the Audit Committee and Knowledge Transfer Committee (KTC) of Council.
- The revised strategic risk management policy, process, and statement of risk appetite.

Memberships

- The proposed appointments and re-appointments of nine Members to the University Court, including the two representatives from the Senate.
- The recommendation to the Chancellor of the proposed re-appointment of a Member to the Council.
- The appointment of Chair of the KTC and change in capacity of a Member in Council Committees.

Finance

- The proposed framework and establishment of a dedicated legal entity, Redbird Innovation Fund Limited, for HKUST Redbird Innovation Fund.
- The raising of capitalisation limit of facility projects, with effect from 2024/25 financial year.

Honorary Awards

• Nominations for the awards of Honorary Fellowships and Honorary Doctorates of the University in 2024, as recommended by the Honorary Awards Committee.

Engagement and Donation-related

- A number of governance and operational issues of the Board of HKUST Foundation.
- A number of donation pledges and related naming recognitions.

Campus Development

• The pre-tender design for the Foundations package of the New High Performance Computational Facility.

Matters related to HKUST(GZ)

- The proposed adjustment to the duration of appointments of the HKUST-Appointed representatives on the Governing Board of HKUST(GZ).
- The proposed use of HKUST's title for the establishment of HKUST(GZ) R and D Corporation Limited.
- The update on deregistration of HKUST(GZ) (Provisional).
- The proposed change of the Chinese name of HKUST(GZ) Education Foundation.
- 2. Council also endorsed for consideration of the Governing Board of HKUST(GZ), the proposed appointment of the candidate for the position of Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs of HKUST(GZ).