

## **About the Hong Kong Polytechnic University**

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) is a government-funded tertiary institution in Hong Kong with a total student headcount of about 27,000, including full-time and part-time students. The University offers a wide range of taught and research programmes up to doctoral level and is fully committed to academic excellence in a professional context with a view to designing, developing and delivering application-oriented education and training programmes. It offers programmes at various levels including Doctorate, Master's and Bachelor's degrees. The University has 29 academic departments and units grouped under 6 faculties and 2 schools. It has a full-time academic staff strength of around 1,400. The total annual consolidated expenditure budget of the University is in excess of HK\$7.4 billion.

The University has put in place its fifth Strategic Plan under the theme of "Shaping the Future" (2019/20 to 2024/25) with the vision to be a leading university that advances and transfers knowledge, and provides the best holistic education for the benefit of Hong Kong, the nation and the world. It engages in a broad portfolio of research and scholarly activities in a focused manner, with special emphasis on applied research. In addition to research funding obtained from external sources, the University provides internal funding for research. In 2018/2019, the internal funding allocated for research activities amounts to about HK\$168.5 million. Over the years, the University has developed a close and productive partnership with industries and commerce in Hong Kong and collaboration with numerous universities internationally. The University has established the Institute for Entrepreneurship to support industrial and commercial development in Hong Kong and the Region through knowledge transfer and entrepreneurship activities.