

Future development of HKU Public Opinion Programme announced 香港大學民意研究計劃未來發展公佈

Remarks from Dr Robert Chung

My name is Robert Chung and I'm the Director of Public Opinion Programme at HKU. Let me join our Dean Professor Hayward to welcome you to this press conference. As Will has mentioned, POP was founded in 1991 and for almost 30 years we have been actively running studies on public opinion. Up to this date we have conducted over 1,800 independent surveys and other kinds of research, mostly supported by outside funding. Our project collaborators include fellow academics and a variety of organizations - public and private, local and overseas. Throughout this period, we adhere strictly to a set of self-imposed service policies designed to safeguard our independence, autonomy and a share in the proprietary rights of the research output we produce. We promote knowledge sharing and open copyright, and practically all our research reports and datasets are open to the world. Integrity and Quality (IQ) has been our motto.

From my personal perspective, I joined this university as a student in 1977, and the Faculty of Social Sciences in 1979. I took all my degrees here and then work here as a staff until this date. I am honored to be associated with HKU and this Faculty for over four decades. Two years ago when I reached the age of 60, I started to discuss with the Faculty about the future of POP. I was given an initial extension of 12 months starting from July 2018, during which I explored all sorts of possibility with our Dean. I am glad to report here that starting from July this year, an independent institute called Hong Kong Public Opinion Research Institute (PORI) will take over POP's mission, to continue what POP has been doing in HKU for Hong Kong, and also to take on new initiatives. Within PORI will be a research programme called "Hong Kong Public Opinion Program (HKPOP) which will continue to conduct public opinion surveys in almost the same way as POP does now, and with the same degree of Integrity and Quality. I am grateful that our Dean has promised that our Faculty will do its best to ensure a smooth handover of activities, and will seek to support the new institute's early development in any way that it can. Myself and our research team now at POP moving to PORI will do our best to serve the community.

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各位傳媒朋友，歡迎大家出席今日香港大學民意研究計劃的未來發展發佈會。正如夏偉立教授說，香港大學民意研究計劃（民研計劃）成立於 1991 年，近三十年來我們一直致力於民調研究。直至現正，我們已經進行了 1,800 多項獨立調查和其他類型的研究，這些研究大多數由外來資金支持。我們的項目合作夥伴包括學者和眾多，包括公共和私人，本地和海外的機構組織。我們一直嚴格遵守一套我們制定的服務政策，以維護我們的獨立性，自主權，以及研究產出的所有權份額。我們推動知識共享和開放版權，實際上我們所有的研究報告和數據都向全世界開放。誠信與質素（IQ）是我們的座右銘。

在我個人來說，1977 年我成為港大學生，1979 年入讀社會科學學院。我在這個學院取得所有我的學位，然後在這裡工作直到今天。我很榮幸能夠與香港大學及學院一起超過四十年。我在兩年前 60 歲時，開始與學院商討民研計劃的未來發展。2018 年 7 月起我初步獲延任 12 個月，期間我與院長就民研計劃探討了各種可能性。我很高興在此報告，從今年 7 月起，一個名為香港民意研究所（PORI）的獨立機構將繼續民研計劃的使命與工作，並開展新項目。在香港民意研究內將有一項名為“香港公眾民調計劃”的研究計劃，該計劃將繼續秉持誠信與質量，以近同目前民研計劃的方式進行民意調查。我很感激院長承諾盡最大努力確保順利過渡，及支持新研究所的早期發展。我和轉移到新研究所的同事，將繼續竭盡全力為社群服務。

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