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## 2012 年 1 月 5 日 公開聲明

### 關於「鍾庭耀會唔霍德」的傳言

近日不斷有評論文章，明指香港大學民意研究計劃總監鍾庭耀，曾於去年 11 月底秘密會唔前布政司霍德，然後推出「民間全民投票」計劃，暗示鍾庭耀與外國勢力勾結。鍾庭耀雖然在接獲相關查詢後屢次澄清，但有關謠言到今天為止仍然在評論文章不斷出現，兼且引起外國傳媒關注。鍾庭耀因此發表以下公開聲明，立此存照：

- (1) 本人與霍德毫不相識，亦從未會面。霍德曾否訪港，本人毫不知情。霍德是否情報人員，本人沒有興趣知道。本人從來沒有直接或間接與霍德溝通。
- (2) 查實電子化「民間全民投票」計劃，二十年前在香港大學八十週年校慶之中，已被列為多項前瞻測試項目之一，並不新奇，亦與外國勢力無關。
- (3) 本人在 2011 年 12 月 29 日 已經公開指出，本人歡迎所有關於民意研究設計的認真討論，但有關討論應該留在學術層面，不應涉及政治考慮。
- (4) 本人一向認為，文革式的批判和誣衊，不論是針對任何人士，均無助建立香港人或中國人的民族認同感。



## **Public Statement of January 5, 2012**

### **Rumour on “Robert Chung meeting David Ford”**

**There have been frequent accusations directed at the Director of Public Opinion Programme at the University of Hong Kong, Robert Chung, for putting forward a “civil referendum project” after his secret meeting with former Chief Secretary David Ford in November last year, implying that Robert Chung is colluding with foreign influences. Although Robert Chung has repeatedly denied such allegation every time he was asked, such rumours could still be seen in column articles up till today and this has also caught the attention of foreign press. Robert Chung therefore would like to put on record the following public statement:**

- (1) I do not know David Ford and I have never met him. I have no idea whether Ford had visited Hong Kong or not, and I have no interest in knowing whether Ford is a foreign intelligence member or not. I have neither directly nor indirectly communicated with Ford.**
- (2) The “civil referendum” project was actually one of the many post-modern experimental projects listed in the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the University of Hong Kong 20 years ago. This is nothing new and has nothing to do with foreign influences.**
- (3) I have publicly indicated on December 29, 2011 that I welcome all serious discussions on the methodology of public opinion research, but they should remain on the academic level and should not have any political concern.**
- (4) I have always maintained that Cultural Revolution styled curses and defamations, no matter at whom they are directed, are not conducive to the building of Chinese national identity among Hong Kong people.**