

# MSSc Programme in Public Policy (MPUP)

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### ***I. Programme***

#### ***Director's Message – Professor Wong Wai Ho, Wilson***

Happy New Year of the Dog! I hope you have enjoyed some quality time with your friends and family during the Chinese New Year break and that the year ahead will be prosperous and rewarding for you.

As the programme grows, MPUP is filled with precious and fruitful learning opportunities and this issue of newsletter would highlight some of the key events. First, to kick off the second half of the academic year, MPUP co-organized a policy symposium with Professor Fanny Cheung, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, giving a welcome speech and The Honourable Bernard Charnwut Chan, Convenor of Executive Council of Hong Kong SAR, being the keynote speaker. The symposium served as a platform for scholars, government officials and the general public to exchange views and ideas and effectively raised the visibility of our programme. In addition, we invited renowned scholars to give insightful and inspiring seminars and are privileged to have Dr Charles Hinnant joining us as a Visiting Scholar in Term 2. The Programme also strengthens its career workshop series and provides more diversified and tailored training sessions and workshops to fully prepare our students for their professional challenges and missions.

Aligning with the University goal and recommendation from programme review on internationalization, MPUP is extending its global network. It is our privilege to be invited to join the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPPA) whose members include prestigious institutions such as Harvard University, Princeton University, Columbia University, and University of Chicago. Besides, I and my colleague, Professor May Chu, are representing MPUP to join a public policy education forum in the Third Asian-Pacific Public Policy Network (AP-PPN) Conference at Tsinghua University in Beijing in late March/early April. A reception dinner would be organized for MPUP alumni in the Beijing area during our trip. More details are available under "Upcoming Events".

With a rise in our visibility and impact, in these recent years, competition for admission into MPUP is getting more intense. If you know some friends and colleagues sharing the same vision with us, please do encourage them to apply and ask them to act fast. Application deadline for 2018 entry is 15 March. More details are now available on our website, which has just been revamped.

Until next time, take care and please stay in close touch!

## **II. Teachers**

### ***Ms Annie Tam being invited as Honorary Professor***

Ms Annie Kam-lan Tam, an Administrative Officer who has just retired from the civil service with her last position as the Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare, has recently been appointed as the Honorary Professor of Social Science. She has served in the government for over 36 years with postings of leading and important positions. Ms Tam has offered a workshop for MPUP on policymaking and the Administrative Grade in February. She is expected to engage in more teaching and activities with MPUP in the coming academic year.



### ***News from Professor Wilson Wong and Dr Hanyu Xiao***

Professor Wilson Wong and Dr Hanyu Xiao co-authored an article titled “20 Years of Hong Kong and Macau under Chinese Rule: Their Absorption under ‘One Country, Two Systems’”. The article is accepted and would be published in *Public Money & Management* as a leading article in its September issue of 2018.

## **III. Past Events**

### ***Symposium on Public Policy and Governance***

MPUP has co-organized a policy symposium with Centre for Youth Studies, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, CUHK and Hong Kong Institute for Politics and Governance on 6 January 2018.



Professor Fanny Cheung, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, gave a welcome speech and The Honourable Bernard Charnwut Chan, Convenor of Executive Council of Hong Kong SAR, gave a keynote speech and joined one of the panel discussions.



Scholars and government officials are invited to join the two panels. The first panel discussed deeply about the governing power of civil servants and the second panel looked into local youth policies. Participants also had a fruitful interaction with the two panels.

### ***Career Workshop Series***

Ms Wong Ming Lok, former AO and experienced trainer, conducted a JRE workshop on writing critically and effectively in Public Policy in October 2017 to drill on students' skills in tackling written tests.



Dr Karl Holm from CUHK Independent Learning Centre was invited to give a practical workshop on CV and cover letter writing in November 2017. Apart from some essential skills and strategies, participants had a chance to get personal feedback on how to polish their own CV and cover letter.

In February 2018, three MPUP current students, also serving EOs, shared their experience of going through the recruitment interview and part of their work life (photo on the left below). Ms Annie Tam, former Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare who had a career of over 36 years as an administrative officer in the civil service, conducted a sharing session (photo on the right below) to equip participants with knowledge, skills and strategies to develop their career and prepare them for taking up the challenges faced by the public sector.



### ***Meeting Foreign Consulates***

MPUP students were invited to visit the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Wan Chai in December 2017 (photo on the right). Ms Ekaterina Bogucharskaya, Vice Consul, shared on Russia-China and Russia-Hong Kong Relations.

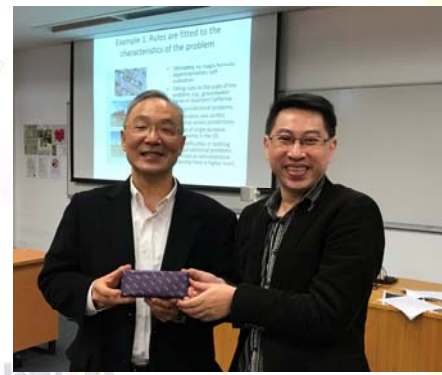


In February 2018, Mr Damian Martinez Taguena (photo on the left below), Consul General of Mexico in Hong Kong and Macao, and Mr Kelly Busby (photo on the right below), American Diplomat, U.S. Consulate to Hong Kong & Macau, came to campus to meet MPUP students. They shared on *Mexico's Foreign Policy and Asia Policy* and *U.S.-HK Relations: U.S. Foreign Policy Towards Asia* respectively.



**Academic Visitor – Professor Tang Shui Yan, Professor Alfred Wu and Professor Kenneth Tan**

Professor Tang Shui Yan from University of Southern California was invited to give a seminar on *Rethinking Governance Reform in China* on 6 December 2017.



Professor Alfred Wu (photo on the left below) and Professor Kenneth Tan (photo on the right below) from LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore gave a seminar on *China's Tiger Hunt and India's Demonetization: A Comparative Research* and *Are Singapore's Finest Years Coming to an End?* on 9 and 13 January 2018 respectively.



## ***IV. Upcoming Events***

### ***MPUP Website Revamp***

MPUP website has changed for a new and more energetic outlook! Special thanks to students and alumni who contributed for the endorsement session and for providing feedback on the website. Check it out at <http://mpup.ssc.cuhk.edu.hk>!

### ***Admission Exercise 2018***

The admission exercise for 2018 entry has started. Application deadline is 15 March 2018. Should you know any friends and colleagues who are interested in our Programme, please encourage them to apply as soon as possible.

The latest programme brochure is now available at <http://mpup.ssc.cuhk.edu.hk/about-us/brochure>.

### ***MPUP Souvenir***

To thank for your continuous support, the Programme has prepared a phone holder as souvenir to all alumni. We would be mailing to your address according to our student database. Should there be any change in your postal address, please update our office via [publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk). Since we may not have your most updated address after graduation, you are welcome to contact us if you do not receive it in due course. We would send it to you immediately upon your request.



### ***The 3rd Asian-Pacific Public Policy Network (AP-PPN) Conference at Tsinghua University***

Professor Wilson Wong and Professor May Chu are attending the AP-PPN Conference at Tsinghua University, Beijing from 30 March to 1 April and would like to meet up with MPUP alumni in the area. All MPUP alumni are invited to join an MPUP reunion dinner in Beijing on 1 April (Sun). Please email [publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk) for more information and registration.

### ***Dialogues on Public Policy***

Ms Cheryl Wilson, former Head, Tourism and Hospitality, Invest Hong Kong, and Ms Rowena Hoy, former Head, Consumer Products, Invest Hong Kong, are invited for an MPUP-exclusive luncheon themed "Foreign Direct Investment" with our students and alumni on 3 March 2018 while Ms Salina Yan, Director-General of Trade and Investment, HKSAR Government, would come over to campus for a luncheon themed "Trade Policy" on 14 April 2018. Alumni are welcome to join by replying to the promotion email or emailing to [publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:publicpolicy@cuhk.edu.hk).

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