

Address by President

Good afternoon, students, colleagues, honored guests, ladies and gentlemen.

It is a great honor and a privilege to stand before you today as the new President of Lingnan University. I am humbled by the trust and confidence that you have placed in me, and I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve this remarkable institution.

Lingnan University has a proud history of excellence, innovation and social responsibility. For 135 years, it has been a leader in liberal arts education, fostering critical thinking, creativity and civic engagement among its students and faculty. Lingnan was established in 1888 in Guangzhou as “格致書院”, or the Christian College in China. Subsequently, it took the name of Lingnan Xuexiao and in 1927 it's renamed Lingnan University. Operating until 1952 before it's re-organised into several universities, Lingnan had 64 years of glorious achievements and unmatched prominence in higher education. Lingnan had served as a bridge between China and the West, promoting a rich exchange of information, learning and communication – for both teachers and students.

In 1967, Lingnan was re-established in Hong Kong as Lingnan College and in 1999 it's renamed Lingnan University. It has been a pioneer in liberal arts education in Asia, addressing diverse challenges of our time with cutting-edge solutions. And it has been a partner in community development, contributing to the well-being and prosperity of Hong Kong and beyond.

Lingnan is now an internationally recognised global leader in providing quality education and conducting high-impact research. Lingnan is currently ranked second in the world for "Quality Education" in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings. Additionally, Lingnan has achieved the highest rating of 5+ Stars in the recent QS 5-Stars Assessment.

As we embark on a new chapter of our journey, we face unprecedented opportunities and challenges. The world is changing rapidly, and so are the needs and expectations of our society. We must adapt and evolve, while staying true to our core values and mission. We must embrace diversity and inclusion, while fostering a sense of belonging and identity. We must pursue excellence and innovation, while maintaining academic integrity and quality. And we must balance local relevance and global impact, while enhancing our reputation and influence.

We are determined to make the following four connections.

First, we must build connections between traditional programmes and the digital revolution. We are providing Lingnan staff and students with free access to ChatGPT and GPT 4.0, enabling us to remain at the forefront of digital breakthroughs. Technologies like artificial intelligence are empowering every part of our life and work. We are set to become a leading liberal arts university of the digital age. We have to revitalise everything about the institution to embrace the ongoing process of digitalisation.

Second, we need to connect well between arts and sciences. To advance liberal arts education for whole-person development, both the arts and the sciences will be enhanced with human-centric themes. To provide a truly liberal education environment, students will study with the freedom to choose among interdisciplinary subjects. We strive to equip our students with critical thinking skills and competitive professional skills.

Third, we must enhance our connection with the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and globally. We have built a network of over 270 partners worldwide and are actively forging partnerships within the GBA to expand our impact. Geographically, we are the closest local university to Shenzhen. We are poised to lead the development of higher education in the Northern Metropolis, leveraging our proximity to it.

Fourth, we need to connect well to Lingnan's past, drawing inspiration and confidence from Lingnan's rich history and heritage of 135 years. We hold our motto, “作育英才，服務社會”, or "Education for Service", close to our hearts. Our Lingnan spirit is characterised by passion, loyalty, perseverance, openness, and a commitment to service. With this spirit, and a shared goal to excel in the digital era, we will make a significant difference and propel Lingnan to new heights.

Last but foremost, student education is at the very core of our mission. We will expand initiatives and activities to enrich our student experience and foster our community engagement. We will instill the spirit of innovation in everything we do as a way of life. We have established the Lingnan Entrepreneurship Initiative (LEI) to provide training, mentorship, funding, and networking opportunities for our students. We have also launched the Lingnan Arts Festival (LAF) annual gala to showcase our cultural diversity and creativity. Moreover, we will continue to support our students in participating in various local and international competitions, internships, exchange programmes, service-learning projects, and other co-curricular activities that enhance their experiential learning and personal growth.

To achieve these goals, we need the collective wisdom, passion and commitment of our entire Lingnan community. We need to work together as one team, with a shared vision and a common purpose. We need to listen to each other, respect each other and support each other. And we need to celebrate our achievements, learn from our past and grow from our experiences.

I pledge to do my best to lead this university with courage, compassion and humility. We will uphold the highest standards of governance and accountability. We will consult widely, communicate openly and collaborate effectively. And we will inspire, empower and serve you, our students and colleagues, as we strive to make Lingnan University a **world-class liberal arts research institution in the digital era**.

Thank you for your attention. Thank you for your support. Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey. And thank you for making Lingnan University a place where we can all grow, thrive, and make a difference. Thank you.

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各位同學、各位同事、各位嘉賓、女士們、先生們，大家下午好。

今天我非常榮幸能夠以嶺南大學新任校長的身分站在大家面前，亦萬分感謝大家對我的信任和信心，能夠有機會為這所卓越的學府服務著實令我感戴莫名。

嶺南大學擁有驕人的歷史，以追求卓越、創新和體現社會責任見稱。過去135年，嶺南大學一直是博雅教育的領先學府，致力培養師生慎思明辨的能力、創意思維、和公民參與意識。嶺南大學於1888年在廣州成立，當時名為「格致書院」，亦稱為中國基督教書院，其後改名為嶺南學校，再於1927年更名為嶺南大學，前後64年，嶺大在高等教育領域取得了輝煌的成就，聲名卓著，直至1952年，嶺大改組成為多家院校。嶺南大學肩負起連接東西方的橋樑角色，積極為老師和學生提供交流資訊、學習和溝通的機會。

1967年，嶺南大學在香港復校，曾更名為嶺南學院，至1999年正名為嶺南大學。嶺南大學一直是亞洲博雅教育的先驅，以前沿的解決方案應對時代的各種挑戰。嶺南大學也是社區發展的合作夥伴，為香港和其他地區的福祉與繁榮作出了重大貢獻。

目前，嶺南大學在提供優質教育和開展高影響力研究方面已成為國際公認的領先院校。在最近一次的泰晤士報高等教育影響力排名中，嶺南在「優質教育」方面位列全球第二。此外，在最近的QS之星大學評級中，嶺南大學獲得了5+星的最高評級。

當我們踏上新的征程時，我們面臨著前所未有的機遇和挑戰。世界在迅速變化，社會的需求和期望也在不停改變。我們在堅守大學核心價值和使命時，亦必須知所適應及與時並進；在致力培養歸屬感和認同感時，亦要擁抱多元和懂得包容；我們固然要維持學術誠信和品質，但亦必須追求卓越和創新；我們在積極提高聲譽和影響力的同時，亦必須平衡本地相關性和全球影響力。

我們決定著力建立以下四方面的融合。

第一，要建立傳統課程與數字化融合。我們為嶺大師生免費提供ChatGPT和GPT 4.0，使我們能夠走在數位化科技的前沿。人工智慧等技術正在為我們生活和工作的方方面面賦能。我們將成為數字時代領先的博雅大學。我們必須激活大學一切相關的環節，以更好地迎接正在進行的數位化進程。

第二，要做好文理科融合。為了讓博雅教育能夠更配合全人發展，文科和理科都要加強，並要貫徹以人為本的主題。為了提供真正的博雅教育氛圍，學生可以自由選修跨學科的科目。我們會努力裝備學生，讓他們具有明辨思維的能力和具競爭力的專業技能。

第三，我們必須加強與大灣區和全球融合。我們已建立了一個有超過270個合作夥伴的網絡，並積極在粵港澳大灣區內建立合作夥伴關係，以擴大我們的影響力。在地理位置上，我們是離深圳最近的本地大學。我們將充分利用毗鄰深圳的優勢，引領北部新城高等教育的發展。

第四，我們要很好地與嶺南的過去融合，從嶺南 135 年的豐富歷史和遺產中得到啟發和信心。我們會牢記「作育英才，服務社會」的校訓。嶺南精神是以熱情、忠誠、堅毅、開放和服務見稱。憑藉這種精神，以及在數位化時代追求卓越的共同目標，我們將大有作為，使嶺南大學層樓再上。

最後但最重要的是，學生教育是我們的核心使命。我們將加強各種舉措以豐富學生的體驗，以及促進大學參與社區的工作。我們會把創新精神融入每一環節，就像是我們生活的一部份。我們成立了嶺大創業行動（LEI），為學生提供培訓、指導、資金和交流機會。我們還推出了嶺南藝術節（LAF）年度晚會，展示我們的文化多樣性和創造力。此外，我們將繼續支持學生參加各種本地和國際比賽、實習、交流、服務學習和其他聯課活動，以加強他們的體驗式學習，促進個人成長。

為了實現這些目標，我們需要整個嶺大社群的集體智慧和全情投入。我們需要抱持相同的願景和目標，一起向前邁進。我們需要相互傾聽、相互尊重、相互支持。我們需要為成就歡呼雀躍，亦需要從過去中學習，從經驗中成長。

我謹此承諾，將竭盡所能，以勇氣、同理心和謙遜帶領大學往前邁進。我們會信守最高的管治和問責標準。我們會四出徵求意見，與大家坦率溝通，衷誠合作。我們會鼓勵和授權我們的學生和同事，並致力為他們提供服務，以期一起努力將嶺南大學建設成為數位時代世界一流的博雅型研究大學。

衷心感謝大家的聆聽和支持。也感謝大家參與這段非凡的旅程，讓嶺南大學成為我們共同成長、一起進步和有所作為的學府。謝謝大家！