

SELECTED MAJOR EVENTS

9.1986	The Planning Committee for the Third University was formed under the chairmanship of Dr Sze-Yuen CHUNG.	1.1993	On 20 January 1993, the (Royal) Hong Kong Jockey Club completed the handover of Phase Two of the campus.
6.1987	The Hong Kong Government accepted a donation of HK\$1,500 million from the (Royal) Hong Kong Jockey Club to fund the construction of the University campus and agreed that the Jockey Club would manage the project on behalf of the Planning Committee.	3.1993	The first Executive Committee of the HKUST Students' Union was elected.
9.1987	In its <i>First Report</i> , the Planning Committee proposed that the Third University would be named "The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology".	10.1993	Sixty-six master's degrees were conferred at HKUST's First Congregation on 21 October. The University conferred its first two honorary degrees on the Hon Andrew K N LI, Executive Council Member, and Prof Chang-Lin TIEN, Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley.
11.1987	Prof Chia-Wei WOO was appointed Vice-Chancellor (and President) of the University by the Governor, Sir David WILSON.		The University's first Open Days attracted 8,000 Form 7 students and some 60,000 visitors from 22 to 24 October.
4.1988	The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology was formally incorporated on 10 April when its Ordinance was brought into effect by order of the Governor-in-Council.	5.1994	The University Court was established on 27 May as the supreme advisory body of the University.
	The Inaugural Meeting of the University Council was held on 11 April.	10.1994	The HKUST Alumni Association was established on 26 October.
11.1988	The Ground-breaking Ceremony was held on 14 November.	11.1994	At the Second Congregation on 4 November, the University conferred its first bachelor's degrees and PhD degrees. The Michael G Gale Medal for Distinguished Teaching and the Stephen Cheong Kam-chuen Medal for Distinguished Service to the Student Body were presented for the first time.
11.1989	The Prince of Wales undertook the Foundation Stone-laying Ceremony of the University on 8 November.		The first HKUST Business Roundtable Dinner was held on 29 November.
11.1990	Topping Out of the Main Academic Building marked the completion of Phase One of HKUST.	10.1995	The first Student Outreach Day was held on 7 October for Form 7 students and their teachers.
1.1991	The Senate was established on 1 January.	11.1995	The Task Force investigating the tragic accident in a Chemistry Department laboratory released its <i>Final Report</i> . All its recommendations related to the improvement of safety had been implemented. The accident, which occurred on 4 April 1995, led to the death of Richard Wai Cheuk LEUNG, a 1994 graduate and PhD student in chemistry.
10.1991	Classes began on the HKUST campus on 2 October as the University welcomed its inaugural class of 595 undergraduate and 236 postgraduate students.		
	The University held its official Opening Ceremony on 10 October.	1.1996	The presidents of eight leading research universities in the region met at HKUST and founded the Association of East Asian Research Universities (AEARU). President Chia-Wei WOO was elected founding Chairperson of the Association.
3.1992	The University opened its first art exhibition "Recent Works by HUANG Miaozi and YU Feng" at the Library Gallery.		
11.1992	The constitution of the HKUST Students' Union was adopted by the student body in a general poll.		

- 4.1996 The University and the Chinese Academy of Sciences agreed to establish a Life Science and Biotechnology Joint Laboratory on the HKUST campus — the first joint laboratory between the Academy and a university in Hong Kong.
- 4.1997 HKUST became the first tertiary institution in the region to receive an Award of Merit for Campus Safety from the US National Safety Council.
- The University Center was inaugurated on 11 April to serve as a social, cultural, and recreational hub for the campus community.
- 12.1997 The Kellogg-HKUST Executive MBA Program was officially launched. The first in Hong Kong, the Program is a joint creation of HKUST's School of Business and Management and the Kellogg Graduate School of Management of Northwestern University.
- HKUST organized the first Principals' Day, at which 157 school principals and teachers discussed the use of information technology in local schools.
- The Estates Management Office won the International Facility Management Association's Golden Circles Award for 1997.
- 11.1998 The first World Wide Web Consortium Office in the Chinese-speaking world was inaugurated at HKUST on 13 November.
- 2.1999 The French Center of the HKUST Europe Institute was officially inaugurated.
- 3.1999 Founding Council Chairman Dr SY CHUNG retired from the Council on 31 March and was appointed Pro-Chancellor on the following day.
- 4.1999 Dr Vincent H S LO was appointed Council Chairman to succeed Dr SY CHUNG and Dr Steven POON was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Council to succeed Dr Lo on 1 April.
- 6.1999 The architectural design of HKUST's campus won an Artistic Merit Award at the Contemporary Chinese Architectural Art Exhibition held at the National Gallery in Beijing.
- 8.1999 HKUST, Peking University, and the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government signed a tripartite agreement on the "Shenzhen-Hong Kong Institution — Industrial, Educational, and Research" (now the PKU-HKUST Shenzhen-Hong Kong Institution) and its initial projects.
- 10.1999 HKUST was invited to participate in the first China Hi-Tech Fair held in Shenzhen. The University received the Outstanding Organization Award for its contributions to the organization of the Fair.
- 11.1999 The German Center of the Europe Institute was inaugurated.
- HKUST and Peking University held their first Adjunct Professors Appointment Ceremony.
- 12.1999 The new Annex of the University was officially inaugurated on 17 December.
- 2.2000 The University's Entrepreneurship Center was inaugurated on 24 February.
- 3.2000 The University's *Mission, Vision, and Objectives Statement* was announced on 31 March.
- 4.2000 President Woo announced his resignation.
- 5.2000 The University Council appointed Vice-Chairman Dr Steven POON to head a Search Committee for President Woo's successor.
- On 26 May, the University conferred its first Honorary Fellowship on two distinguished entrepreneurs, Mr Hans Michael JEBSEN and Mr Yuk-Lam LO.
- 10.2000 HKUST College of Lifelong Learning launched its first Online Executive Certificate Program in eBusiness.
- 11.2000 HKUST announced the appointment of world-renowned scientist Prof Paul Ching-Wu CHU as President-Designate.