Quality Assurance Council publishes report on quality audit of HKU

The following is issued on behalf of the University Grants Committee:

The Quality Assurance Council (QAC) under the University Grants Committee (UGC) today (September 17) published the report on the quality audit of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) in the third audit cycle.

The HKU was the fourth university audited in the third audit cycle, which places an emphasis on how individual universities review and enhance their framework on academic standards and academic quality, academic programme development, teaching and learning, student learning assessment and support for students, as well as the collection, analysis and usage of data to inform such quality assurance processes.

The audit report presents the findings of the audit panel appointed by the QAC based on the self-evaluation report prepared by the HKU and a series of audit meetings with staff, students and external stakeholders (such as employers) of the university held in December 2023. The audit report was endorsed by the UGC after being considered by the QAC.

The report identified a number of features of good practice and a recommended action with a view to encouraging the HKU and the higher education sector as a whole to strive for continuous enhancement to their quality assurance regimes. The full audit report with the formal response from the HKU is available on the QAC website (www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/qac/about/term/publications/report.html) for public access.

The QAC quality audits ascertain whether the arrangements for quality assurance adopted by universities are fit for purpose and comparable with international best practices. The QAC third audit cycle covers all programmes at the levels of sub-degree, first degree and above, however funded, leading to a qualification wholly or partly awarded by the UGC-funded universities.

The QAC expressed gratitude to the HKU and all stakeholders for their support for the quality audit.