

Research Grants Council to present public lecture on FinTech on July 27

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

The Research Grants Council (RGC) will present its first public lecture this year under the theme "FinTech" on July 27 (Saturday) at the Hong Kong Science Museum.

The RGC has invited the Dean of Business and Management of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Professor Tam Kar-yan, and Professor of Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Chan Chun-kwong, to share their research findings and knowledge with the public. Details are as follows:

Time: 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Science Museum

Language: Cantonese

Admission is free on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hong Kong has a competitive edge in fintech and has developed its own ideas and strategy suited to the trajectory of its economy. Through research, we can gain a deep understanding of the interplay between technology and financial services, and build an intellectual foundation for a strategy on fintech for Hong Kong. Professor Tam, in his talk titled "Contributing to the Development of Hong Kong into a Global FinTech Hub", will illustrate how this strategy needs to take into consideration its impact on individual investors, financial institutions and regulators, as well as society in general.

Fintech is defined as the application of technology to improve the level of financial services provided to customers. The technology includes blockchain, cloud computing, open API and virtual banking. Professor Chan will share his experience in his talk, "How will the FinTech Movement Change the World of Financial Services?"

The public lectures of the RGC aim to arouse public interest in local research developments. Since 2009, the RGC has invited numerous leading scholars to speak at these lectures. For enquiries, please call 2524 3987 or visit the University Grants Committee webpage (www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/lectures/lectures.html).