

Zoom Meeting with Taught Postgraduate (TPg) Students on 31 March 2020

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, CityU adopted online teaching for all students on a campus-wide scale from 7 February 2020. This aroused students' concerns regarding their learning experiences being compromised. To better understand and respond to their concerns, the Department of Accountancy (AC) swiftly scheduled a Zoom meeting for the afternoon of 31 March and invited all TPg students (MAIA and MScPACG programmes) to attend. This meeting was attended by 60–70 students, senior and programme management staff, and the relevant AC programme teaching staff listed below:

Senior and programme management staff:

- Prof Jian Lu (Vice-President of Research and Technology and Dean of Graduate Studies)
- Prof Robert Li (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies)
- Prof Jeong Bon Kim (Chair Professor and Head, AC)
- Dr Sidney Leung (Associate Head, AC)
- Dr Zheng Wang (Programme Leader, MScPACG)
- Dr Liu Zheng (Programme Leader, MAIA)

Teaching staff involved in MAIA and MScPACG programmes in Semester B, 2019/20:

- Prof Phyllis Mo (Professor, AC)
- Dr Carrie Lin (Associate Professor, MS)
- Dr Raymond Wong (Associate Professor, AC)
- Dr Xiaoli Hu (Assistant Professor, AC)
- Mr Alfred Ma (Assistant Professor, AC)
- Dr Alex Zhang (Assistant Professor, AC)
- Dr Annie Mok (Instructor I, AC)

The purpose of the meeting was to collect feedback from students on online teaching and discuss how the Department could support students better.

During the meeting, the Department received enquiries and comments from students about online learning experiences, online examination arrangements, graduation arrangement, accreditation issues, and launch of professional seminars, among other topics. The Department carefully recorded students' concerns, provided appropriate responses in the meeting, and sent a follow-up email to students after the meeting. Meeting notes were summarized and sent to the School of Graduate Studies and all of the teaching staff involved in the TPg programmes for their information and follow-up.

The Department understands that the pandemic has greatly affected the teaching and learning experiences of both local students and our worldwide educational operation. However, we are closely committed to providing the best learning experiences for our students and will endeavor to communicate with students on the most appropriate solutions to any problems that arise. We hope that our students can work hand-in-hand with the Department and the University to overcome any difficulties that they encounter during this challenging period.