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Topic: Quality Enhancement from UGC Perspective

Since its establishment in 2007, the Quality Assurance Council (QAC) has played a critical role in assuring the quality of academic programmes for the eight UGC-funded universities in Hong Kong. In the previous three rounds of quality audit exercises on student learning experience conducted on the basis of “fitness for purpose”, the QAC identified the respective strengths and relevant areas for improvements in our universities. Their outcomes have inspired positive systemic changes. While a solid foundation has been laid over the past thirteen years, as we move towards the next audit cycle, there are numerous challenges and evolving trends to be addressed in our upcoming endeavours in a higher education environment that is changing rapidly. The sector as a whole would have to work closely together if we would like the next phase in our pursuit for the enhancement of quality assurance to be as successful as what we have achieved over the past decade.