

Strategic Planning Framework & Process: Some Recent HSUHK Experience

Simon S.M. Ho
President, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong

HKCAAVQ Forum, 2 May 2019



Riding on the New Era: Private University with a Difference



CONTENTS

Message from the Chairman of Board of Governors	2
Message from the Chairman of College Council and Strategic Planning Group	3
Message from the President	4
Executive Summary	6
Preamble	7
Purpose, Vision, Missions, Motto and Core Values	8
HSMC's "Liberal + Professional" Education Model and	10
Desired Graduate Attributes Framework – iGPS	
Five Strategic Focus Areas	13
Robust Curriculum and Programmes	14
2. Innovative Teaching, Learning and Research	18
3. Transformative Student Experience	22
4. Dynamic Public Engagement and Advancement	26
5. Sustainable Campus and Resources Management	30
Concluding Remarks: Gearing up for a Great Future	34
Appendices	
I. Formulation Process	36
II. Membership of Strategic Planning Group and Sub-groups	38

Strategic Planning Group

Chairman

Dr Moses CHENG Mo Chi
Governor & Chairman of College Council

Members

- Dr HO Tzu Leung Governor
- Mr Thomas LIANG Cheung Biu Governor
- Dr Patrick POON Sun Cheong
 Governor,
 Chairman of Fundraising and Donation
 Committee & Chairman of
 HSMC-Foundation Management Committee
- Mr Martin TAM Tin Fong Governor

- Ms Suzanne CHAN Shet Hung
 Member of College Council &
 Vice-Chairman of Finance Committee
- Dr Jacky CHEUNG Wah Keung Member of College Council
- Professor Simon HO Shun Man President
- Professor Gilbert FONG Chee Fun Provost
- Professor HUI Yer Van
 Vice-President (Academic & Research)
- Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho [also Secretary]
 Vice-President (Organisational Development)

- (i) 8 May 2017
- (ii) 12 September 2017

Sub-group I: Robust Curriculum and Programmes

Conveners

- Dr Moses CHENG Mo Chi
 Governor & Chairman of College Council
- Professor Gilbert FONG Chee Fun Provost

Members

- Mr James S. TSIEN
 Member of College Council
- Professor HUI Yer Van
 Vice-President (Academic & Research)
- Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho Vice-President (Organisational Development)
- Dr Shelby CHAN Kar Yan
 Acting Dean of School of Translation
- Mr James CHANG Chih Yu
 Associate Dean of School of Communication
- Mr Ted CHUCK Tat Man Senior Programme Manager of Registry

- Professor Desmond HUI Cheuk Kuen
 Professor of Department of Social Science,
 School of Humanities and Social Science & Member of Academic Planning and
 Development Committee
- Professor Thomas LUK Yun Tong
 Interim Dean of School of Humanities and Social Science, Head of Department of English & Chairman of Common Core Curriculum Committee
- Dr Brossa WONG Yeuk Ha College Registrar
- Mr WONG Chun Lam Student Representative

Co-opted Member

Dr SIU Sai Cheong Associate Professor of School of Translation

Secretary

Ms Lancy HO
Assistant to the Provost

- (i) 13 June 2017
- (ii) 30 August 2017

Sub-group II: Innovative Teaching, Learning and Research

Conveners

- Professor NYAW Mee Kau Member of College Council
- Professor HUI Yer Van Vice-President (Academic & Research)

Members

- Professor Richard WONG Yue Chim Governor
- Professor Gilbert FONG Chee Fun Provost
- Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho Vice-President (Organisational Development)
- Professor Bradley R. BARNES Dean of School of Business
- Dr Gavin BUI Hiu Yuet
 Associate Professor of Department of English, School of Humanities and Social Science & Member of IT Advisory Committee
- Dr Ben CHENG Ka Ming
 Associate Director (Teaching and Learning Enhancement) of Centre for Teaching and Learning & Member of Teaching and Learning Quality Committee
- Professor Francis CHIN Yuk Lun
 Director of the Deep Learning Research & Application Centre & Member of Research Committee

- Professor Desmond HUI Cheuk Kuen
 Professor of Department of Social Science,
 School of Humanities and Social Science
- Ms Sarena LAW Yuk Lin
 College Librarian & Member of Library & Learning Resources Committee
- Professor Paul LEE Siu Nam
 Professor of School of Communication &

 Member of Research Committee
- Dr Daniel MO Yiu Wing
 Associate Director (E-learning) of Centre for Teaching and Learning & Member of Teaching and Learning Quality Committee
- Dr SIU Sai Cheong Associate Professor of School of Translation
- Professor TANG Man Lai
 Associate Dean of School of Decision Sciences & Head of Department of Mathematics and Statistics
- Mr WONG Chun Lam Student Representative

Secretary

Ms Ritz HO Lok Yan Assistant to Vice-President (Academic & Research)

- (i) 22 June 2017
- (ii) 4 August 2017

Sub-group III: Transformative Student Experience

Conveners

- Dr HO Tzu Leung Governor
- Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho Vice-President (Organisational Development)

Members

- Mr Dannie CHEUNG Kong Ting Member of College Council
- Ms Rebecca CHAN Po Yu Director of Student Affairs
- Dr Ben CHENG Ka Ming
 Residential College Master & Member of
 Residential Colleges Management Committee
- Dr Paul FUNG Kai Yeung
 Associate Professor of Department of English,
 School of Humanities and Social Science,
 Residential College Master & Member of
 Student Affairs Committee
- Mr JIM Sze Chung
 Manager (Physical Education) of Student Affairs
 Office & Secretary of Committee on Sports and
 Physical Education

- Ms Maria KWOK Yuk Ling
 Hall Manager & Member and Secretary of
 Residential Colleges Management Committee
- Dr Thomas LEUNG Kim Ping Associate Dean of School of Business
- Dr Jacky LEUNG King Tai
 Senior Lecturer of Department of Mathematics and Statistics, School of Decision Sciences
- Mr Kingston SUN Kin Sang
 Associate Head of Campus Development and Management Office
- Dr Brossa WONG Yeuk Ha College Registrar
- Mr Andy LAI Ka Wing Student Representative
- Mr WONG Chun Lam Student Representative

Secretary

Ms Tammy CHAN Ka Mei Head of College Secretariat

- (i) 28 June 2017
- (ii) 31 August 2017

Sub-group IV:

Dynamic Public Engagement and Advancement

Conveners

- Dr Patrick POON Sun Cheong
 Governor, Chairman of Fundraising and Donation
 Committee & Chairman of HSMC-Foundation
 Management Committee
- Professor Scarlet TSO Hung
 Associate Vice-President (Communications and Public Affairs) & Dean of School of Communication

Members

- Dr Jacky CHEUNG Wah Keung Member of College Council
- Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho Vice-President (Organisational Development)
- Ms Elisa CHAN Man Wai
 Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs Office

- Dr Collin WONG Wai Hung
 Head and Associate Professor of Department of Supply Chain and Information Management,
 School of Decision Sciences
- Ms Lilian YEUNG Lai Kwan
 Senior Lecturer of Department of Accountancy,
 School of Business & Chairman of Alumni Affairs
 Committee
- Mr CHOW Pak Chun Student Representative

Secretary

Ms Alison WONG Wai Yi
Manager of Communications and Public Affairs Office

- (i) 19 June 2017
- (ii) 6 September 2017

Sub-group V: Sustainable Campus and Resources Management

Conveners

- Mr Martin TAM Tin Fong Governor
- Professor Simon HO Shun Man President

Members

- Mr Thomas LIANG Cheung Biu Governor
- Ms Suzanne CHAN Shet Hung Member of College Council & Vice-Chairman of Finance Committee
- Dr Tom FONG Wing Ho Vice-President (Organisational Development)
- Professor Bradley R. BARNES
 Dean of School of Business
- Mr Patrick LAM Man Ho
 Director of Finance & Member of Resources

 Allocation Committee
- Dr Hackman LEE Hon Yin
 Head of Campus Development and Management
 Office

- Professor Lawrence LEUNG Chi Kin Dean of School of Decision Sciences
- Mr Cornelius MAN Chi Kwong Registrar
- Mr Samuel SHUM Tse Ming
 Senior IT Manager & Member of Space
 Allocation and Facilities Management Committee
- Professor WONG Po Choi Director of Information Technology
- Dr Brossa WONG Yeuk Ha College Registrar
- Ms Mary YEUNG Mi Lan
 Head of Human Resources Office

Secretary

Ms Zoe HO Ngar Man
Senior Executive Officer of President's Office

- (i) 29 June 2017
- (ii) 21 August 2017

HSMC Strategic Planning 2018-2023 Approach and Framework for Strategic Planning Process

Revised Vision & Mission Statements



Core Values/ Principles



Situational Analysis/ Contextualisation



Strategic Focus Areas



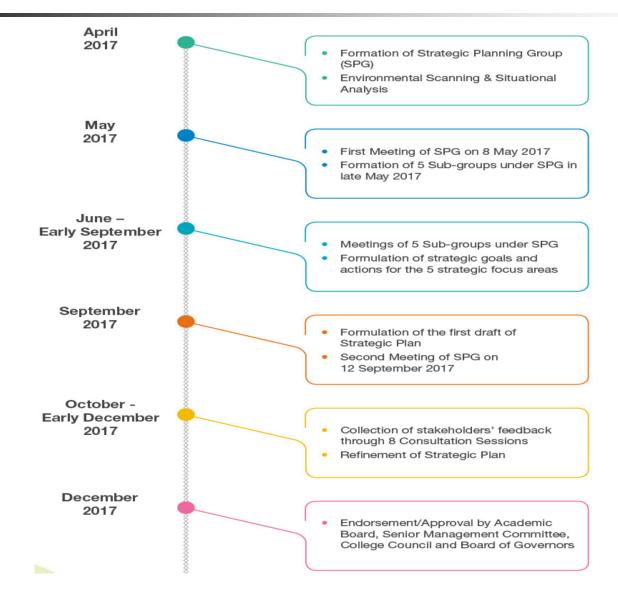
Strategic Goals/ Priorities

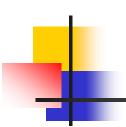


Targets/ Objectives (Plans, Strategies, Initiatives, Actions, Performance Indicators)

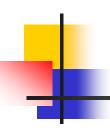
- 1. Why does HSMC exist?
- 2. What are HSMC's unique positioning and primary functions?
- 3. Who are HSMC's stakeholders and what are their needs/ expectations?
- 4. Where does HSMC want to be in 3 to 5 years? And in longer term?
- 1. Institutional facts
- 2. History/Traditions
- 3. Where is HSMC now and how it has been performing? (KPIs)
- 4. Environment Scanning
 - World, Asia, Greater China, HK
 - Political, Economic, Social Technological and Environment
 - Education especially Higher Education
- 5. HSMC's positioning (SWOT/Challenges)

Formulation Process



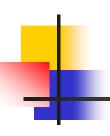


Key Profile Indicators (KPIs) 2017/18



Students

- Student application number (by year, qualifications, location)
- Student enrolment number (by year, qualifications, location)
- Yield rate
- % of target achieved
- Total enrolment
- Student profile (gender, age, etc.)
- Student admission quality (DES core 5 average scores, each core subject score)
- Students' service satisfaction survey
- Student's self-assessment on learning effectiveness



Staff

- Job application number
- Staff profile (gender, track, ranks, location, etc.)
- % of professorial staff with PhD
- Professorial-teaching staff ratio
- Teaching hours by full-time teachers: part-time teachers ratio
- Staff-Student Ratio (SSR)
- Academic-administrative staff ratio
- Participation in staff development programmes
- Staff retention (Staff attrition rate)
- Staff satisfaction survey scores

Teaching & Learning

- Average class size
- Library collections
- English exit test average scores
- Putonghua exit test average levels
- Students' feedback on teaching/learning
- Student GPA and honours distributions
- Student graduation and attrition ratio
- Student scholarships awarded
- Student internship taken
- Student global exposure
- International exchange partnerships
- Number of students applying for residential colleges and number/% admitted
- Graduates' employment or future studies within 4 months upon graduation



Research

- RGC grant applications and results
- Other competitive grant applications and results
- No. of refereed publications by professorial staff
- No. of funded research activities

Others

- Donations received
- Campus and total building size
- Positive coverage in the media and public awareness of HSMC

4

Summary of SWOT analysis of HSMC

Strengths

- 1) Unique Positioning and Education Model
- 2) Good Reputation of HSSC
- 3) Autonomy, Flexibility and Responsiveness
- 4) Strong Academic Team
- 5) Innovative Academic Programmes
- 6) Stringent Quality Assurance Mechanism
- 7) Residential Life Experience
- 8) Research Strengths/Impact of Selected Areas
- 9) Award-winning Green Campus
- 10) Comprehensive Range of Student Support Services
- 11) Quality/Employable Graduates
- 12) Relatively young in history, versatile and dynamic
- 13) Able to cope with the changing and highly competitive socioeconomic environment



Summary of SWOT analysis of HSMC

Weaknesses

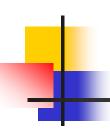
- 1) Limited Range of Academic Disciplines
- 2) Insufficient Operation Financial Resources
- 3) Limited Campus Capacity
- 4) Limited Internationalisation
- 5) Image Building and Publicity of HSMC
- 6) Small HSMC Graduate Number
- 7) Limited Fundraising Capacity
- 8) Large Outstanding Government Interest-free Loans
- 9) Less competitive staff salary levels
- 10) Relatively short history on academic accomplishments and R&D



Summary of SWOT analysis of HSMC

Opportunities

- 1) The Seventh Matching Grant Scheme
- 2) Additional 300 places from the HKSAR Government's Selected Programmes under Subsidy Scheme for Designated Professions/Sectors (SSSDP)
- 3) The CE-Elect's pledge to subsidise all self-financed degree students
- 4) Recruitment of Non-local students
- 5) Retiree Market
- 6) Support from Alumni
- 7) Joint Degree Programmes with Reputable Institutions
- 8) College-level and School-level signature initiatives



Summary of SWOT analysis of HSMC

Threats

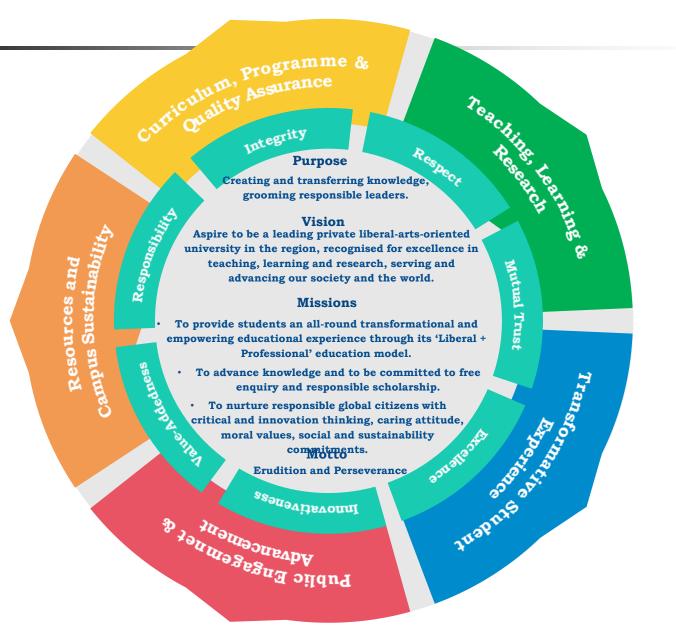
- 1) Decline in the number of Secondary Six Students in Hong Kong
- 2) Keen Competition in the Market
- 3) Uncertain Economy Affecting Fundraising and Government Policies
- 4) Funding concern not in a level-playing field



HSMC Strategic Plan 2018-2023 – Riding On the New Era: Private University with a Difference



HSMC Strategic Plan 2018-





HSMC Strategic Plan 2018-2023

Purpose

Creating and transferring knowledge, grooming responsible leaders.

Vision

Aspire to be a leading private liberal-arts-oriented university in the region, recognised for excellence in teaching, learning and research, serving and advancing our society and the world.

Missions

- To provide students with an all-round transformational and empowering educational experience through its 'Liberal + Professional' education model;
- To advance knowledge and to be committed to free enquiry and responsible scholarship; and
- To nurture responsible global citizens and leaders with critical thinking, innovative minds, caring attitude, moral values and social responsibility.



HSMC Strategic Plan 2018-2023

Motto

Erudition and Perseverance

& Core Values

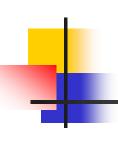
- Mutual Trust
- Value-addedness
- Innovativeness
- Caring Attitude
- Responsibility





The Five Strategic Focus Areas

- (1) Robust Curriculum and Programmes
- (2) Innovative Teaching, Learning and Research
- (3) Transformative Student Experience
- (4) Dynamic Public Engagement and Advancement
- (5) Sustainable Campus and Resources Management



(1) Robust Curriculum and Programmes

Aspiration Statement:

We aim to promote a student-centred and interdisciplinary curriculum with academic rigour, innovations and flexibility, so that students will be equipped with needed professional knowledge and intellectual competencies and become graduates of choice regionally and globally.



(1) Robust Curriculum and Programmes

- **Goal 1** Develop new programmes that support local and regional socioeconomic development
 - Encourage industrial partners to set up study units/centres on campus, reciprocally, HSMC sets up research/development centres in some external organisations.
 - _
 - **......**
- **Goal 2 -** Enhance the academic framework to allow higher flexibility for diverse study modes
 - Develop joint programmes with overseas universities to offer students with more programme choices and international experience.
 - _
 - ______



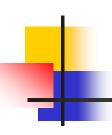
(1) Robust Curriculum and Programmes

- **Goal 3 -** Enhance the employability of students in both regional and global contexts
 - Diversify the study of foreign languages and cultures, e.g., ASEAN, Middle Eastern, Latin and European, to meet students' and society's needs.
- Goal 4 Strengthen existing programmes with innovation and technology
 - Review the Common Core Curriculum and enhance studies in the application of creative technology including AI, big data analytics, Fintech, Blockchain, e-commerce, etc.
 - ______
 -

4

(1) Robust Curriculum and Programmes

- **Goal 5** Augment arts and culture components in curricula and programmes
 - Develop more programmes related to arts and culture to meet the future manpower needs of Hong Kong.
 - •
- **Goal 6 -** Substantiate the pursuit of academic excellence by enhancing our rigorous quality assurance system
 - Strengthen the training on academic quality assurance for relevant staff.
 - ______
 -



(2) Innovative Teaching, Learning and Research

Aspiration Statement:

We aim to foster an intellectually challenging and student-centred community that encourages active, collaborative and creative teaching and learning and engages in impactful research for social advancement.



(2) Innovative Teaching, Learning and Research

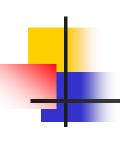
α 14	1	1	, 1	1	1 .	•	4
(+ักภา เ	_	Develo:	o a studen	t-centred	Tearning	t enviror	ıment
Jour 1			o a stadell	t contro	10ullilli	, chi vii on	

- Establish the Student Innovation & Entrepreneurial Centre to cultivate the innovative and entrepreneurial mindset of the HSMC students.
-
- **Goal 2** Foster a creative, multi-disciplinary, collaborative and inclusive teaching and learning culture
 - Establish a creative culture hub for planning and organising more creative cultural activities.
 - **-**

4

(2) Innovative Teaching, Learning and Research

- **Goal 3** Integrate emerging technologies into curricula and teaching and learning process
 - Utilise emerging technologies in at least 90% of the modules to enhance teaching and learning effectiveness.
- **Goal 4** Enhance teaching through integration of research and professional engagement
 - Introduce professional engagement leave to support teachers' industrial/professional attachment and to enhance practical and professional relevance in their teaching.
 - ______
- **Goal 5** Emphasise research with demonstrated impact
 - Strengthen infrastructure to support policy research by establishing new public policy research centres.



(3) Transformative Student Experience

Aspiration Statement:

We are dedicated to equipping our students with the iGPS desired graduate attributes so that they will become positive, collaborative, ethical and responsible global citizens with critical thinking, innovativeness, human caring and social responsibility. These attributes are achievable through a comprehensive and transformative student experience at HSMC.

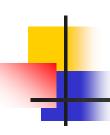


(3) Transformative Student Experience

Student Learning FIRST

- **Goal 1 F**irst Year Experience Facilitate HSMC freshmen's transition from secondary to university education and foster their positive values and attitudes
 - Offer Year One students a series of enriched academic-related and co-curricular orientation activities and workshops – "First Year Experience" for holistic learning.

 - ______



(3) Transformative Student Experience

- Goal 2 Internship and International Exposure Set progressive goals to provide every undergraduate student with an internship learning experience during the course of their studies, to recruit students outside Hong Kong and to encourage HSMC students going abroad to expand their global perspective
 - Introduce a thematic campaign "One Student, One Internship" (local, regional or international learning experience)
 - ______
- **Goal 3 R**esidential College (RC) System Fully implement the RC system and integrate living with learning to facilitate learning that is collaborative, ethical and responsible
 - Offer credit-bearing Common Core and General Education modules and academic seminars at the RCs to create more academic ambience.
 - ______

4

(3) Transformative Student Experience

- **Goal 4 S**ervice Learning and Community Engagement Integrate learning with service to the community and widen students' perspective and understanding of societal needs through experiential learning
 - Establish the-first-of-its-kind Centre for Community Engagement in the self-financed higher education sector in Hong Kong
 - **-**
 -
- **Goal 5 T**echnology Intelligence Promote the smart and comprehensive uses of technologies among students
 - Promote "Smart IT among students and to empower them to become collaborative, ethical and responsible users of IT for learning, services, communication, and work.

 - **-**

Aspiration Statement:

We strive to build up the College's reputation/image as a preferred private tertiary institution with uniqueness in liberal arts education, strong public recognition, and wide community support in various forms for our continuous development.

Goal 1 - Promote the College's uniqueness in liberal arts education

- Invite local and overseas successful/renowned figures to Collegewide functions to introduce the benefits of liberal arts education.

Goal 2 - Strengthen relationships with external and internal stakeholders

- Participate actively in the UNESCO Global Humanities Chair
 Project for HSMC is the only invited Full Collaborative Member in Hong Kong (as well as one of the five in the world).
- **-**
- ______

- **Goal 3** Feature the College as a preferred tertiary institution among prospective students and parents, and the College's graduates as employers' choice
 - Strengthen and expand the collaboration with industrial partners and professional organisations for job placement/internship, including bonding scholarships that can extend the internship period.
 - **-**
 - ______
- **Goal 4** Encourage student participation in College-wide activities and external events
 - Reinforce support in various forms for students who participate in sports, music, arts and cultural activities to broaden their perspectives and enhance their soft skills.
 - _

Goal 5 - Foster initiatives on community involvement

- Solicit funds from external parties to set up a reward system under which students' voluntary work hours can be translated into cash donation to charitable organisations or the HSMC's Students' Union.

Goal 6 - Enhance fundraising programmes to solicit donations

- Develop new fundraising programmes and means including alumni monthly giving scheme and internet-based fundraising scheme.
- ______



Aspiration Statement:

We believe that the management and operations of the College shall be effective, efficient, accountable, collaborative and responsive, through robust and sustainable planning, allocation and optimisation of financial, human, information and physical resources, to support and advance teaching and learning, research and service.



- **Goal 1** Financial Resources Diversify revenue sources by growing income from alternative sources other than donations
 - Increase other revenues from executive training, consultancy, applied research, continuous professional development programmes jointly offered with professional bodies.
 - _



- **Goal 2** Financial Resources Revamp and enhance financial resources allocation model for supporting and achieving the strategic goals of the College while maintaining cost-efficiency and financial stability
 - Enhance the resources allocation model in light of the development priorities for academic and learning and campus facilities.
 - ______
- **Goal 3** Space and Facility Resources Expand Gross Floor Area (GFA) and optimise the utilisation and management of space
 - Re-develop the existing College Hall (connecting to Block M) to become a 10-storey tower housing the creative art and design related disciplines, upon funding availability.
 - •



- **Goal 4** Space and Facility Resources Conduct facilities improvement for sustainable development
 - Identify areas for improvement and enhancement, including connectivity and barrier-free access among old and new building facilities.
- **Goal 5** Human Resources Strengthen staff competency and succession planning through effective recruitment and successful staff development programmes
 - Formulate effective staff succession plan for different levels of staff.
 -
- **Goal 6 -** IT and Data Develop HSMC into a Smart University, using smart technologies, developing smart applications, and introducing smart practices to empower staff and students, streamline management and operations, and to transform teaching and learning
 - Smart Management introduce data analytics as information resources for supporting planning and management.

4

- **Goal 7** Operations Management and Sustainability Further improve administrative and support processes for operational efficiency
 - Expand e-processes and integration of operation systems for process efficiency.
- **Goal 8** Operations Management and Sustainability Strengthen the institutional framework for effective risk management and accountability
 - Formalise the management structure for effective risk management and mitigation of compliance, financial and reputational risks.
 - _______

Consultation Sessions

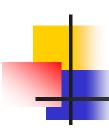


	Date	Target Stakeholders
(i)	11 October 2017 - English Session	HSMC Academic Staff
(ii)	14 October 2017 - Cantonese Session	Parents
(iii)	17 October 2017 - Cantonese Session	HSMC Students
(iv)	9 November 2017 - English/Cantonese Session	HSMC Students
(v)	16 November 2017 - Cantonese Session	HSMC Governors and College Council Members
(vi)	22 November 2017 - Cantonese Session	HSMC Academic Staff, Management & Support Staff and Alumni
(vii)	1 December 2017 - Cantonese Session	HSMC Management & Support Staff
(viii)	5 December 2017 - Cantonese Session	Employers



Wrap-Up of Some Experiences

- Involvement of stakeholders as representative as possible
- A broad directional plan vs. a detailed plan with timelines, resources needs & target indicators
- ❖ The plan should consist of new strategic goals/actions rather than incremental enhancements of existing strategies
- ❖ The strategic goals/actions should address the weaknesses and threats described in the SWOT analysis



Wrap-Up of Some Experiences

- Iterate until it is done
- Cannot be over-communicate
- * Ensure the plan is implementable, operable and measurable
- Quality of plan * Quality of implementation
- Update and keep it relevant



Thank You!!