

# CUHK Distinguished Alumni-in-Residence Programme

## MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME 2024

The Distinguished Alumni-in-Residence Programme (DARP) was initiated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Rocky Tuan in 2018. This programme provides a precious opportunity for the University's outstanding alumni to return to alma mater to share their knowledge, expertise and insight with students, alumni (particularly young alumni), faculty and administrators. Each year, one to three distinguished alumni, either based locally or across the globe, will be invited to return to campus for three to five days and host a series of activities related to their fields and professions.

The "2024 Distinguished Alumni-in-Residence Programme (DARP)" will take place from October 17th to 19th (Thursday to Saturday) on campus, under the theme "Cultural Heritage Journey - from Hong Kong to the World". We are honoured to have alumnus Louis Ng (1985/NA/HIS, 1989/GS/M.Phil. in History, 1999/GS/PhD in History), Director of Hong Kong Palace Museum, to share with us his personal growth and experiences at CUHK, as well as his profound expertise and visionary leadership in the realms of artistic direction and curatorial strategies.

Louis will mentor students who are aspiring to carve a path in the creative industry for six months, gearing them up with the invaluable knowledge and insights needed to excel in the world of arts and culture. Registered participants of both Opening Ceremony and Closing Ceremony will have the chance of being selected as mentees.

### Bio of Louis



### Alumnus Louis Ng

Director, Hong Kong Palace Museum

Alumnus Louis Ng has been the inaugural Director of the Hong Kong Palace Museum since August 2019, overseeing the planning, construction and operations of the museum.

The museum has welcomed over 2.5 million visitors since its opening in July 2022. Louis has extensive experience in museum management and heritage conservation. He was the founding Director of the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, which opened in 2000. He headed the Antiquities and Monuments Office from 2002 to 2006 leading the archaeological and built heritage conservation in Hong Kong. Before joining the Hong Kong Palace Museum, he was Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services Department, where he oversaw the department's culture-related institutions such as museums, performing arts centres and public libraries. Currently, he is also an Adjunct Professor of the Fine Arts Department at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

## DARP MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME DETAILS

### Duration:

- November 2024 to April 2025

### Requirements:

- CUHK Undergraduate Students
- All applicants are required to attend **both** the Opening Ceremony cum Keynote Speech – “Shaping the Curator Within: How CUHK Founded My Professional Growth” on October 17, 2024 (Thursday) and the Keynote Speech – “The Foundation That Powers the Future: The Odyssey of the Hong Kong Palace Museum” cum Closing Ceremony on October 19, 2024 (Saturday).

### Enrolment details:

- Please fill in the [online application form](#) by 23:59 (HKT) on October 14, 2024 (Monday).
- Selected candidates will be announced at the Closing Ceremony.

### Dress Code:

- Opening Ceremony cum Keynote Speech “Shaping the Curator Within: How CUHK Founded My Professional Growth”: Smart Casual Attire
- Keynote Speech – “The Foundation That Powers the Future: The Odyssey of the Hong Kong Palace Museum” cum Closing Ceremony: Business Formal Attire

### Selected candidates should:

- Mentees are expected to engage in a mentoring programme for a duration of six months.
- Submit a mentorship summary report by June 1, 2025 (Of any proper formatting; may include photos with the Mentor; either a Chinese report not less than 400 words, or an English report not less than 300 words)
- “Participation Certificate” would be awarded with the above conditions fulfilled.

**Mentorship Programme Enquiry:** Miss Florence Mak, Alumni Affairs Office (Email: [florencemak@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:florencemak@cuhk.edu.hk))

## DARP EVENTS TIMETABLE

Date	Time	Programme
Oct 17 (Thu)	4:30pm - 6:00pm	Opening Ceremony cum Keynote Speech “Shaping the Curator Within: How CUHK Founded My Professional Growth”*
	7:00pm - 8:15pm	Dialogue with Students from Faculty of Arts
Oct 18 (Fri)	09:00am - 12:00nn	Director's Perspective: A Guided Tour and Talk at the Hong Kong Palace Museum
	3:00pm - 4:30pm	Woodblock Printmaking Workshop
Oct 19 (Sat)	11:00am - 12:30pm	Keynote Speech – “The Foundation That Powers the Future: The Odyssey of the Hong Kong Palace Museum” cum Closing Ceremony*

\* Candidates shall attend **both** the **Opening Ceremony and the Closing Ceremony** in order to be considered.