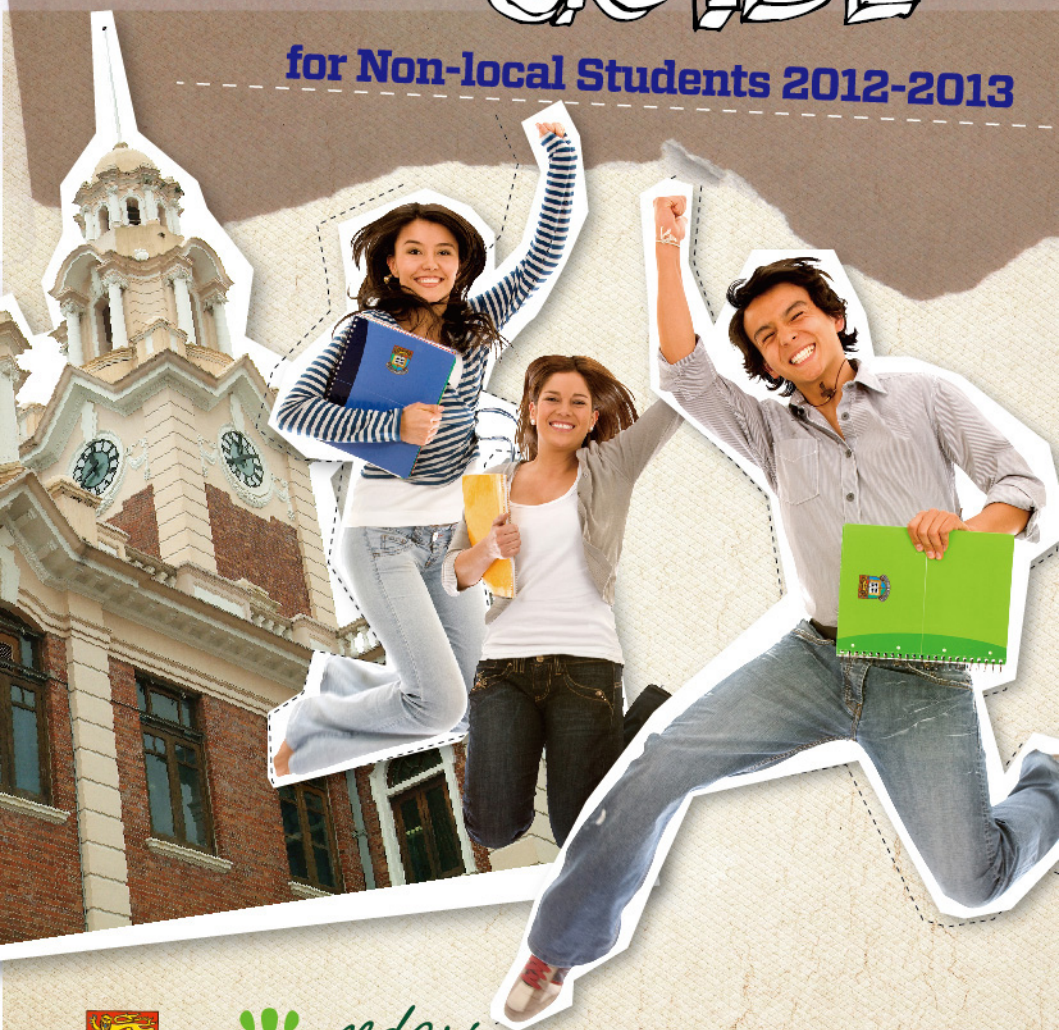


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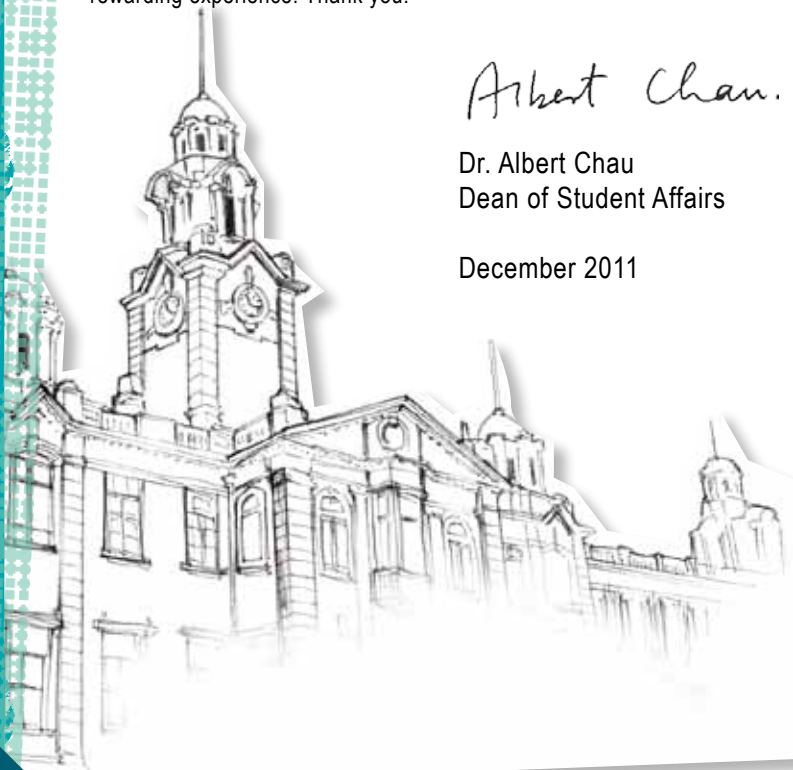


The University of Hong Kong welcomes non-local students and has much to offer, both academically and culturally. As you are preparing to study at The University of Hong Kong, the historical and premier institute in HKSAR, you may wish to have some ideas about the wide range of academic and non-academic support that we provide. This guide is intended to give you some information along with practical tips to ease your adjustment to the University. My colleagues and I look forward to working with you closely to make your stay in HKU a very fruitful and rewarding experience. Thank you.

Albert Chau.

Dr. Albert Chau
Dean of Student Affairs

December 2011



Introducing the Centre of Development and Resources for Students *CEDARS*

➤ International Student Services – We are your first contact

CEDARS as a whole provides a range of support services to non-local students. The Campus Life section is your first contact. We offer you specific support upon arrival.

➤ Campus Life Support

- We provide information and assistance on non-academic matters.
- We give assistance and guidance on:
 - Visa and immigration formalities
 - Accommodation
 - Orientation and cultural adjustment

➤ Why talk to us?

- We are experienced in helping students.
- We understand the university system.
- We have knowledge of issues affecting non-local students.
- All discussions are confidential.
- We can refer you to other services, if necessary.

➤ Who are we?

Chief Student Advisor:

Sylvia Wong (sylvchan@hku.hk)

Accommodation Manager:

Alan Ng (alanhyng@hku.hk)

Student advisors:

Wenkie Koo (wenkie@hku.hk)

Emily Wong (eypwong@hku.hk)

Christina Wong (chriswfw@hku.hk)

Introducing the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS)

▶ When can you meet us?

You can always drop in at our counter for general enquiries or make an appointment anytime to discuss your concerns and needs with a student advisor.



CEDARS
3/F Meng Wah Complex



(852) 2859 2305



(852) 2546 0184



cedars@hku.hk

contact details



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Academic & admission matters

Founded in 1911, the University of Hong Kong is the oldest tertiary institution in Hong Kong. Today, HKU has a population of over 3,000 academic staff, some 22,000 students which includes almost 7,000 non-local students that come from 80 countries. As of 2011, HKU yet again ranks as the 1st in Asia and 22nd in the world (up one from 2010) in the QS World University Rankings.

HKU is a culturally diverse campus. It offers full-degree programmes and short term exchange programmes to non-local students. You can also choose to study at HKU as a "visiting student" for a short period of time. Details on admission criteria and procedure can be found on the website: <http://www.hku.hk/admission>.



Reasons for choosing hku

- ✓ HKU is one of the top 25 universities in the world (ranked by the QS World University Rankings 2011 and THE World University Rankings 2010).
- ✓ Top English Language University in Asia.
- ✓ Vibrant and diverse student community with almost 7,000 non-local students on the campus.
- ✓ Top score in the world in 2008 for the internationalisation of our teaching staff. They are chosen around the world and come from over 50 different countries.
- ✓ Tuition fees are low by international standards.
- ✓ Excellent student support services.
- ✓ State-of-the-art computer centers and first-class research facilities.
- ✓ Fully-furnished halls of residence conveniently located near the campus.



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Important application dates for non-local students

EXCHANGE PROGRAMME

Partner schools nomination deadline:

- September 2012 admission: March 31, 2012
- January 2013 admission: September 1, 2012

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Non-JUPAS Admissions Scheme 2012

- For International students applying for the undergraduate programme:
Fast Track: November 8, 2011
Main Round: September to December 30, 2011
Late: January to August 2012
<http://www.hku.hk/admission>
- For Mainland students applying for the undergraduate programme:
Mid-November 2011 to April 30, 2012 (paper application)
Mid-November 2011 to June 15, 2012 (on line application)

Scholarships

International student entrance scholarships are available for undergraduate students. You can find out more information at <http://www.hku.hk/international>.

RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Application is open throughout the year.

Application deadlines

Hong Kong PhD Fellowships (HKPF)*

Initial application to the Research Grants Council: December 1, 2011 noon

Main round: December 1, 2011

1st clearing round: April 30, 2012

2nd clearing round: August 31, 2012

**All HKPF applications will also be automatically considered for the award of the University Postgraduate Fellowships (UPF).*

TAUGHT POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

Application is open from January 2012, with the deadline varying from programme to programme (please refer to the Postgraduate Prospectus).

SHORT-TERM VISITING STUDENT

September admission: May 31, 2012

January admission: October 31, 2012

SUMMER PROGRAMME

January to June 2012.

Application dates will vary between programmes

<http://www.hku.hk/summer>

STUDENT VISA APPLICATION

You should mail your visa documents to CEDARS immediately after receiving your admission package. Application closes 6 weeks prior to the commencement date of your programme.

For Mainland undergraduate and taught postgraduate students, please apply to China Affairs Office.

HALL APPLICATION

For exchange and undergraduate students

September admission: May to August, 2012

January admission: October to December, 2012

For postgraduate students

Application is open throughout the year. Students are strongly recommended to apply as soon as they have received the offer letter of admission.

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Accommodation

Accommodation for full degree undergraduate and exchange students (for full-time students only)

We have different types of accommodation to suit your needs:

(A) Halls of Residence (primarily for undergraduate students)

There are thirteen halls of residence, eleven of which are directly administered by the University, while two are financially and administratively independent of the University. These thirteen halls vary considerably in size and character. They are basically undergraduate halls, but they also accept a small number of postgraduate students. The quota for international students is relatively small and competition is usually keen. (A new residential college at Lun Wah Street, Kennedy Town, Western District will be completed in Summer 2012.)

HALL CULTURE: IS IT FOR YOU?

The halls of HKU are committed to the personal and social development of their members. They are part of the education system, rather than a mere provision of accommodation. Hall members are expected to take full advantage of this experience and to participate actively in a wide range of hall activities.

The halls are also known for their strong hall spirit. Members identify very strongly with their halls. Each hall has its own tradition, culture and unique characteristics.





HALL FACILITIES

All halls have common rooms and recreational facilities. Each floor has its own pantry and is equipped with refrigerator, microwave oven, hotplate, water boiler and drinking fountain. Communal bathroom and toilet facilities are provided on each floor. All rooms are air-conditioned and are furnished with bed and mattress. Each student is provided with a wardrobe, writing desk with lamp, chair and bookshelf. Individual network point and a shared telephone line are provided in every room in most of the halls. Coin-operated washing and drying machines are provided in every hall as well.



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HALL CHARGES: PLANNING YOUR EXPENSES

The following table outlines the fees (in HK dollars) for undergraduate students residing in the halls of residence, based on the charges of the year of 2011/12. Fees are normally adjusted annually.

Halls	Lodging Fees	Compulsory Meal Charges
St. John's College	\$11,037~\$16,980 (283 residential days) 1st Semester: \$5,265-\$8,100 2nd Semester: \$5,772-\$8,880	\$8,133 1st Semester: \$3,862 2nd Semester: \$4,271
Ricci Hall	\$10,619 (287 residential days) * 1st Semester: \$4,921 2nd Semester: \$5,698	\$5,909 1st Semester: \$2,864 2nd Semester: \$3,045
University Hall & other university-administered halls¹	\$10,188 (283 residential days) 1st Semester: \$4,860 2nd Semester: \$5,328	\$8,000 Not applicable

¹ Swire Hall, Simon K.Y. Lee Hall, Lady Ho Tung Hall, Lee Hysan Hall, Lee Shau Kee Hall, Morrison Hall R.C. Lee Hall, Starr Hall, Suen Chi Sun Hall and Wei Lun Hall.

* Resident has to pay the following additional items: (1) \$1,200 Communication & Network Charges and Air-conditioner Fee; (2) \$800 RHSA Fee; (3) \$2,000 room and electricity deposit (refundable). Please confirm with hall office for update figures.

Note:

- In Year 2011-12, the residential year for the university-administered halls starts on **19 August 2011** and ends on **28 May 2012**.
- The compulsory meal plan does NOT cover all meals. For those residents whose halls do not provide compulsory meal plans, they can have meals on the campus catering outlets. The cost is around \$2,000 to \$3,000 per month.
- Apart from lodging fees (and compulsory meal charges for some halls), residents also need to pay other miscellaneous charges such as hall association membership fees, compulsory high table fees, key deposit, etc. on a semester basis. Such lump sum ranges from \$800 to \$1,500 per semester. Please confirm with hall office for update figures.
- For those students who reside in hall for the whole residential year, hall charges are paid in 2 installments: in October and in January. Students who wish to stay in hall during the summer vacation (from June to August) should contact their hall offices by April for the application of summer vacation residence.



University halls of residence



HKU Main Campus

Swire Hall



Simon K.Y. Lee Hall

Lady Ho Tung Hall

Pokfulam Road

Sassoon Road

Simon K.Y. Lee Hall

- for men and women 
- Shared room 
- On main campus (Pokfulam Road)
- <http://www.hku.hk/skylee>



Swire Hall



- for men and women 
- Shared room 
- On main campus (Pokfulam Road)
- <http://www.hku.hk/swire>



Lady Ho Tung Hall

- for women only 
- Shared room 
- 91 Pokfulam Road
- within walking distance to the main campus
- <http://www.hku.hk/hotung>



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HKU Main Campus






University halls of residence

University Hall

- for men only 
- Shared room 
- 144 Pokfulam Road
- within a short bus ride from the main campus
- has dining room, with compulsory meal charges for residents
- <http://www.hku.hk/uhall>




Starr Hall

- for men and women  
- Shared room 
- 91 Pokfulam Road
- within walking distance to the main campus
- <http://www.hku.hk/starr>



Ricci Hall

- for men only 
- run by Jesuit Fathers
- Single room 
- 93 Pokfulam Road
- within walking distance to the main campus
- has dining room, with compulsory meal charges for residents
- <http://www.hku.hk/ricci>



Lee Shau Kee Hall

- for men and women 
- Shared room 
- 109 Pokfulam Road
- next to Flora Ho Sports Centre
- within walking distance to the main campus
- <http://www.hku.hk/lshkhal>

Suen Chi Sun Hall

- for men and women 
- Shared room 
- 109 Pokfulam Road
- next to Flora Ho Sports Centre
- within walking distance to the main campus
- <http://www.hku.hk/scsweb>

Lee Hysan Hall




- for men and women 
- Shared room 
- 6 Sassoon Road
- next to the medical campus
- within a short bus ride from the main campus
- <http://lhh.hku.hk>

R.C. Lee Hall

- for men and women 
- Shared room 
- 6 Sassoon Road
- next to the medical campus
- within a short bus ride from the main campus
- <http://www.hku.hk/rcldhall>



Morrison Hall

- 150 undergraduates (for men only) 
- 150 postgraduates (for men and women) 
- Shared room 
- 109 Pokfulam Road
- next to Flora Ho Sports Centre
- within walking distance to the main campus
- <http://www.hku.hk/morrison>



Wei Lun Hall

- for men and women 
- Shared room 
- 6 Sassoon Road
- next to the medical campus
- within a short bus ride from the main campus
- <http://www.hku.hk/weilun>



St. John's College

- for men and women 
- an Anglican Foundation College
- for students who study for a full academic year
- Single room 
- 82 Pokfulam Road
- opposite to the Flora Ho Sports Centre
- has dining room, with compulsory meal charges for residents
- <http://www.hku.hk/stjohns>

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(B) Non-hall Student Housing

When all hall vacancies for non-local undergraduate students are filled, students will be assigned a place in a “non-hall” student hostel like the Patrick Manson Student Residence (PMSR) and Pokfield Road Residences (PRR). (see *Accommodation for postgraduate students below*).

The lodging fee for undergraduate students in the PMSR and PRR is same as that of other university-administered halls. In addition, residents will be charged air-conditioning fees and they have to pay key and smartcard deposits.

PATRICK MANSON STUDENT RESIDENCE (FOR NEW NONLOCAL STUDENTS)

Patrick Manson Student Residence (PMSR) is a “non-hall” student hostel. It is a four-storey building housing about 141 students. Accommodation facilities are provided on a sharing basis. It is situated near the main teaching sites on Sassoon Road. Unlike traditional halls, there are no hall commitments and fewer activities for residents.



FACILITIES:

Each room in PMSR is furnished with beds, wardrobes, writing desks with lamps, chairs and bookshelves for each student. Main entrance access, laundry and air-conditioning service are operated by smart-card devices. In addition, residents share one spacious TV common room, which can be used for various social and academic-related activities. Each floor has a communal pantry equipped with hot plate, rice cooker and refrigerators. Two washrooms and separate shower stalls are also provided on each floor.

This residence is linked to the main campus by means of university shuttle bus within school hours. Residents can also travel to the Main Campus by bus.

Website: < www.hku.hk/pflac >



(C) Application Procedures: Getting a place

The Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) coordinates and places newly admitted non-local undergraduate students into halls and non-hall student housing. As soon as you are admitted to the University, you may submit your application. The online application form is available under "Accommodation for non-local students" of the CEDARS website at <<http://cedars.hku.hk>>. You will normally be notified of your application result in late July (for those students admitted for the first semester) or in early December (for those students admitted for the second semester).

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Accommodation for postgraduate students

The University has a few postgraduate residences that are independently managed. You should contact these residences directly for applications and enquiries.



(A) Graduate House

Located on the main campus, Graduate House provides air-conditioned accommodation for 200 postgraduate students. There are 190 single rooms with shared bathroom between two adjacent rooms and 10 double rooms with private bathroom. Approximately 80% of residents are from overseas.

MONTHLY CHARGES:

Single room: HK\$2,700

Double room: HK\$4,950 (for married couples without children)

(Occupants are required to pay the monthly electricity charges of his own bedroom)


Security deposit: one month house charge


Key deposit: HK\$100


**For enquiries about vacancies,
please contact:**

Mr. Dick Chow

Manager

 Graduate House, University Drive
The University of Hong Kong

 (852) 2249 1800

 (852) 2546 1861

 gradhse@hkucc.hku.hk

 <http://www.hku.hk/gradhse>





(B) Wong Chik Ting Hall, St. John's College

It takes about 15-minute walk to the main campus and is well served by bus routes. Priority is given to research students. Residency for one complete year is preferred. The monthly charge for a room ranges from HK\$4,000 to HK\$4,500 (excluding utilities). All rooms are fully furnished and air-conditioned, with self-contained bathroom.

**For enquiries about vacancies,
please contact:**

Miss Jean Mak

Administrator



St. John's College, 82 Pokfulam Road
Hong Kong



(852) 2817 7102



stjohns@hkucc.hku.hk



<http://www.hku.hk/stjohns>



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(C) Pokfield Road Residences

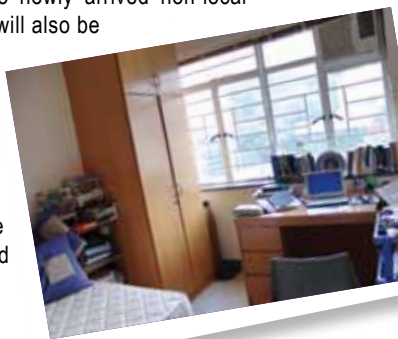
Pokfield Road Residences can accommodate up to 216 postgraduate students in four types of flats: single flats, 2-bedroom flats, double/triple-shared flats and family flats. Priority is given to newly arrived non-local research students. (A small number of vacancies will also be set aside to buffer the demand from non-local undergraduate students). Residents can stay from one month up to twelve months, with the possibility of renewal. The monthly lodging fee ranges from HK\$1,680 to HK\$3,465.

The Residence is within walking distance to the University's main campus (by 20 minutes) and Flora Ho Sports Centre (by 10 minutes).

FACILITIES:

All flats come with en-suite bathrooms, domestic washing machines and are fully furnished with bed, wardrobe, study desk, chair and telephone connection. Each flat also contains a small kitchen area with sink, cupboard, gas-stove and small refrigerator for the preparation of light meals.

While lodging fee includes utilities cost, air-conditioning is payable and activated by a smartcard device. Residents are responsible for cleaning their own bed space, the communal bathroom and kitchen facilities.



For enquiries, please contact:

Mr. Alan Ng

Accommodation Manager



Pokfulam Amenities Centre

Pauline Chan Building

10 Sassoon Road, Hong Kong



(852) 2589 0404



(852) 2819 7973



pflac@hku.hk



www.hku.hk/pflac





(D) Morrison Hall

Founded in 1913, Morrison Hall is one of the oldest halls in the University. The Hall was closed down in 1968. Yet, with the efforts of the "Morrisonians", a campaign for the rebuilding of Morrison Hall was initiated in late 1990s. The new building is located near the Flora Ho Sports Centre. All rooms are double rooms fully furnished with air conditioning and access to the campus network. There is a common bathroom and a pantry on each floor. It provides 150 residential places for both male and female postgraduate students. Priority will be given to newly arrived research postgraduates. It also consists of an undergraduate residence which accommodates 150 male students. All Morrisonians are expected to interact with each other through formal as well as informal hall activities. The monthly lodging fee for each postgraduate student is around HK\$1,350, subject to annual review.



For enquiries, please contact:

Ms Christina Lo

Manager



109 Pokfulam Road

Hong Kong



(852) 3604 2014



(852) 2855 7192



jockeyv2@hkusua.hku.hk



www.hku.hk/morrison

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(E) Robert Black College (for short stay only)

Robert Black College provides accommodation primarily for overseas visiting scholars. There are a few vacancies for students.

Applicants can choose from a variety of accommodation, including single rooms, twin rooms, suites and apartments. All bedrooms have their own showers, and are air-conditioned and furnished with a refrigerator, television, radio and telephone. There is also access to the University's computer network in every room. Computers, fax machine and other facilities are also provided in the communal areas for residents' use.

For enquiries, please contact:

Ms Catherine Lok

Manager



(852) 2549 3719



rblack@hkusua.hku.hk



www.hku.hk/rblack



(F) Off-campus University Rented Accommodation


In anticipation of the growing number of non-local students and the corresponding shortage of residential places, the University has rented a small number of flats in Sai Ying Pun (西營盤) for those students who are interested in living in off-campus housing owned by private landlords. These off-campus flats are located within walking distance to Main Campus and are well served with facilities such as shops, banks and restaurants. Priority will be given to newly admitted non-local postgraduate students.



**For enquiries about vacancies,
please contact:**

Mr. Alan Ng

Accommodation Manager

 (852) 2859 2305

 accommodation@cedars.hku.hk

Accommodation for married students and dependants

The University does not have any accommodation facilities specifically provided for married students and their dependants. However, they may apply for the flat and apartment run by the Robert Black College (monthly rental ranges from \$7,000 to \$20,000) for the temporary stay. In the long run, they need to rent a private flat outside the campus. Graduate House and Pokfield Road Residences also have limited residential places for those married couples without children.

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Off-campus privately rented accommodation: an option for all

Privately rented accommodation is another option for you. Private accommodation is relatively more expensive than living in halls. Most landlords look for long-term tenancy of at least a year. If you wish to look for privately rented accommodation, you are strongly advised to arrive earlier, so that you will have ample time for property inspection and rental negotiation. The monthly rental starts from HK\$3,000 up for a small single room and HK\$9,000 or more for a flat. A set of guidelines on tenancy matters can be found under “Accommodation” section on our website at <http://cedars.hku.hk>.





HOTELS AND HOSTELS IN HONG KONG

There are a number of hotels and hostels in Hong Kong, in which students can stay either short-term or long-term. Please visit the CEDARS website and go to "Accommodation" for information and reservation.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION ON CAMPUS

A few guest rooms are available in some halls for students to stay temporarily. For those who need temporary accommodation, they should contact the following hall offices directly for reservation and information:

Hall	Email Address	Telephone No.
Lee Hysan Hall	lhhall@hku.hk	(852) 2986 5110
Lee Shau Kee Hall	jockeyv2@hku.hk	(852) 3604 2024
Morrison Hall	jockeyv2@hku.hk	(852) 3604 2014
R. C. Lee Hall	rclhall@hku.hk	(852) 2986 5250
St. John's College	stjohns@hku.hk	(852) 2974 3500
Starr Hall	starr@hku.hk	(852) 3156 7575
Suen Chi Sun Hall	jockeyv2@hku.hk	(852) 3604 2034
Swire Hall	swarden@hku.hk	(852) 2105 6600
Wei Lun Hall	weilun@hku.hk	(852) 2986 5300

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Finances

FEES AND EXPENSES 2012-2013

The following estimates are based on charges for the year of 2011/12 only.

Basic
expenditure
(in HK dollars)

Items	Undergraduate Students	Postgraduate Students
Academic		
Tuition fees <i>*This is for UGC-funded programmes only. For self-financing courses, the fees vary from programme to programme.</i>	\$119,000 p.a.**	\$100,000 p.a.* <i>(for taught courses)</i> \$42,100 p.a. <i>(for research students)</i>
Other University expenses	\$350 Caution money + \$240 Student Union Fees	\$350 Caution money
Academic expenses <i>(e.g. books and supplies)</i> <i>Some courses also have significant expenses relating to overseas field trips and special equipment.</i>	\$11,000 p.a.	\$11,000 p.a.
Housing		
Lodging fees of the University's residential halls	\$10,200 - \$20,000 p.a. <i>(283 residential days)</i>	\$12,500 - \$55,000 p.a.
Hall miscellaneous charges	\$1,600 - \$3,000 p.a.	\$1,600 - \$3,000 p.a. <i>These include hall association entrance & subscription fees, high table dinner fees, key deposits etc, excluding air-conditioning charge which varies with individual lifestyle & seasons (approximately HK\$200 per month in summer).</i>
Compulsory hall meal charges <i>(for certain halls only)</i>	\$5,900 - \$8,200 p.a. <i>(not all meals are covered)</i>	\$5,900 - \$8,200 p.a. <i>(not all meals are covered)</i>
University-administered non-hall housing	\$11,000 p.a.	\$20,000 to \$42,000 p.a.
Privately rented accommodation	<i>From \$30 per sq.ft. up, excluding utilities</i>	





Other Expenses

Meal charges <i>(campus catering outlets)</i>	\$27,000 p.a.	\$27,000 p.a.
Local transportation expenses	\$9,800 p.a.	\$9,800 p.a.
Entertainment fees	\$10,600 p.a.	\$10,600 p.a.
Others	You may also wish to spend on sports goods, durable goods, overseas travel, personal items, services, insurance and medical expenses.	

Items	Price range (\$)
Set Breakfast	13 - 22
Set Tea	13 - 20
Sandwiches	8 - 30
Set Lunch	11 - 28
Set Dinner	18 - 32
Bakery	5 - 20
Salads	12 - 25
Hot Drinks	5 - 25
Cold Drinks	6 - 27

MEAL CHARGES
(on-campus
catering outlets)



TRANSPORTATION
COST

HKU student's frequent routes	Fare (HK\$)	Means of public transport
Sassoon Road to Main Campus	2 5 to 6	By shuttle bus By bus or mini-bus
Main Campus to Central	5 to 7	By bus
Main Campus to Causeway Bay	5 to 7	By bus or mini-bus
Main Campus to Mongkok	10 to 13	By bus, mini-bus and MTR

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FINANCES



FINANCIAL AID

Like most countries, the HKSAR government or the University does not provide financial aid to non-local students. It is therefore important for you to plan your budget well and ensure that you will have adequate financial resources to cover all of your expenses during your stay in Hong Kong.

SCHOLARSHIP

Postgraduate studentships/scholarships are available for those reading for a M.Phil. or Ph.D. degree. Further information is obtainable from the Graduate School.

International student entrance scholarships are available for undergraduate students. You can find out more information at <http://www.hku.hk/international>.

PART-TIME AND SUMMER JOB

Under the existing immigration regulations, full-time full-degree non-local students are allowed to work at the designated operators on the HKU campus for up to 20 hours per week during term time. They can also work full-time during the summer period. For details, please visit the CEDARS website at <http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/visa.html>.

While some students can earn extra money from part-time and vacation work, availability of suitable jobs is not guaranteed. It is not advisable to plan your budget expecting to find work for the maximum allowable hours.



BANKING ARRANGEMENTS: MAKING EARLY PROVISION

If you do not have a bank account in Hong Kong, you will need to transfer money for use on arrival. This can be done, either

- by instructing an overseas bank one or two weeks prior to your departure. Arrange to send money in your name to a bank in Hong Kong (both HSBC and the Bank of East Asia have branches on the HKU campus); or
- by carrying traveller's cheques or a bank draft for deposit into a local account (personal cheques can also be deposited but may take up to three weeks to be cleared).

The majority of banks are open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays to Fridays. Most establishments in Hong Kong accept major credit cards such as VISA, MasterCard and American Express but the University and most campus outlets accept cash or cheque only.

BRINGING MONEY

There are usually significant extra expenses in the first month of your stay, such as rental charges, household items and textbooks. On top of the tuition fees, the first month's expenses can amount to HK\$10,000 or more for a student. It is important to have a realistic idea of the amount of money you will need and plan accordingly.

You are advised to bring enough cash, traveller's cheques, or bank drafts to cover expenses of at least your first month. Do not, however, carry too much cash at any time.

You will be able to locate banks and currency exchange services at the airport as well as on campus.

You can obtain a bank draft or transfer money to a bank account in Hong Kong through your local bank. Keep in mind that it may take some time to cash a large bank draft.

Money transfers should be arranged well before your departure.

There are two banks located on the main campus:

HSBC (Tel: 852-2233 3000)

The Bank of East Asia (Tel: 852-3609 1812)

Bank of China (Automated Teller Machine only)

The official currency of Hong Kong is Hong Kong Dollar (HK\$). You can exchange foreign currency or Traveller's Cheque with Hong Kong dollar according to the daily exchange rates at any banks or money exchange shops in Hong Kong.





Family matters:

SHOULD I BRING ALONG MY OWN FAMILY?

Before making a decision of bringing your family to Hong Kong, it is important to consider the following issues:

- The airfare expenses for your family to and from Hong Kong
- Additional accommodation expenses as you need to rent a larger flat
- Extra cost for food, clothing and other necessities
- Restricted employment opportunities for your spouse
- Provision of child care facilities
- Whether your children will adjust well to schools in Hong Kong
- English-speaking schools are mostly privately run and expensive
- The impact on you and your studies if your family is not happy in Hong Kong
- Whether you come to Hong Kong first and arrange things for your family, or bring your family to Hong Kong together with you

Medical care & insurance: keeping well

The University provides comprehensive primary health care to entitled students through a clinic on the main campus. Medical consultations are generally free of charge. Certain medications, preventive services and other items are charged at cost. A charge is also levied for dental treatment and physiotherapy treatment at the University clinic.

When specialist care and hospitalization are required, students may be referred to specialists/hospitals in the public or private sector. Non-local students without a Hong Kong Identity (HKID) card are required to pay full fees for services and hospitalization in government hospitals. You are therefore strongly recommended to arrange medical insurance for your whole period of stay before you come to Hong Kong. Insurance options for non-local students are very limited in Hong Kong.

Non-local persons without a HKID card have to pay FULL FEES for services and hospitalization in Government Hospitals. The charges are as follows:

Deposit	Around HK\$33,000 to be paid upon admission	
Room charge per day	General Ward	HK\$3,300
	High Dependency Ward	HK\$9,800
	Intensive Care Ward	HK\$13,900
	Special Intensive Care Ward	HK\$18,100
Operation cost	HK\$3,900 to HK\$12,300 (for minor surgery) HK\$70,300 to HK\$300,000 (for ultra major surgery) This does not include charges for tests, X-rays, cast, medication and follow up checks etc.	

Fees are adjusted upward annually.

Patients need to settle all outstanding charges before discharge.

Please note that many insurance policies are strictly on a reimbursement basis. International students, even with insurance coverage, may have to settle the medical bill first before you can claim reimbursement. It is important that you check carefully with your insurance company on the extent of coverage, and the claim procedures, and set aside a sum of money for contingencies.

Further details are listed on the CEDARS website at
<http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/incoming/sl/healthcare.html>

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Visa matters

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA?

Generally speaking, if you wish to study in Hong Kong and you do not have a right of abode in Hong Kong, you need to apply for a HKSAR student visa.

WHEN TO APPLY ?

As soon as you have received the admission letter.

HOW TO APPLY ?

1

Mail your complete visa application documents to the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS).



2

Upon confirmation of your student status, CEDARS will forward your visa application documents to the Hong Kong Immigration Department (HKID). HKID normally needs 6 to 8 weeks processing time. They will inform CEDARS of your student visa application result.



3

If HKID approves your visa application, CEDARS will courier the visa label to you. For mainland students, after receiving the visa label from CEDARS, you need to approach your Local Police Unit (戶口所在地的公安機關 出入境管理部門) to seek their endorsement. You also need to apply for a private travel pass to HKSAR (因私往來港澳通行證). This may take you another 2 weeks at least.

DOCUMENTS LIST

Details can be found on the CEDARS website at <<http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/visa.html>>.

ENQUIRIES

Information on visa procedure can be updated anytime without prior notice. Enquiries about immigration formalities can be directed to CEDARS at <cedars@hku.hk>. Mainland undergraduate and taught postgraduate students should consult China Affairs Office directly at <visaapp@hkucc.hku.hk> on student visa matters.

Cultural adjustment and life in HKSAR

HONG KONG CULTURE

Language

Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan society. Chinese is the major ethnic group. Locals speak the dialect of Cantonese. Most people speak Cantonese and know English, though fluency of the latter is another issue. Putonghua is commonly heard and spoken nowadays. Some locals may have difficulties in understanding you, particularly if you have strong regional accents. You may also find that you have difficulties in understanding them at first. Just be patient. Try to speak slowly and deliberately. Avoid colloquialisms and jargons if you can. When communication becomes really difficult, remember the magic word “smile”. It works across all cultures.

Social Customs and Behaviour

- It is common to call your peer's first name. It is always safe to address the elders and seniors in the social circles with their titles such as Mr. Chan, Dr. Wong, Professor Lee etc.
- It is advisable to give your Chinese friends plenty of personal space, particularly if you do not know them well. If you are interacting with the locals, avoid the common western gestures like back slapping, and nudging, as most Chinese find them uncomfortable.
- Do not push ahead of others who are waiting in queue.
- It is not polite to ask a newly acquainted person about his or her income or marital status.
- Squatting on the street and spitting or speaking loudly in public areas is regarded as “uncivil” acts. Putting your feet on a chair or on a train seat is deemed as a “very bad manner”.
- Modesty is highly valued by the Chinese. Display of intense affection, temper or anything “extreme” will very often be frowned upon.
- The concept of “face” (dignity) is very important for the Chinese. Refrain from making criticism and personal remarks on social occasions.



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Chinese Festivals

Hong Kong has upheld many traditional Chinese festivals. The most important one is the Chinese New Year, which usually falls in January/February. Classes will be suspended and university offices will be closed.

DAILY LIVING IN HONG KONG

The University campus is well served by modern public buses and green mini-buses. Eligible students can apply for a "Student Octopus Card" in October every year.

Generally Hong Kong is a safe city with many well-lit roads. Public transportation services also operate till midnight throughout the week.

If you wish to learn about the other facets of "HK life" such as transportation, money matters, cultural events, tourism spots, you can surf the official websites such as <http://studyinhongkong.edu.hk>, <http://discoverhongkong.com> before departing to Hong Kong. Essential information is also listed on the CEDARS website at <http://cedars.hku.hk/nonlocal/incoming.html>. You are strongly recommended to pick up a copy of "Guide for Newcomers" at the CEDARS office upon arrival.

SOME HINTS ON ADJUSTMENT TO HONG KONG

- Examine your expectations
- Listen and observe
- Ask questions and seek clarification
- Keep an open mind on cultural differences
- Keep your sense of humour
- Expect anxiety and frustration
- Get involved in student activities
- Explore the local culture of Hong Kong
- Actively interact with local students and introduce your culture to them
- Learn basic Cantonese



ON-LINE UNIVERSITY ADJUSTMENT TIPS



- Watch the FAQ videos on Successful University Life
<http://wp.cedars.hku.hk/web/faqvideos/>
- Visit our website to get more information about successful university adjustment
<http://w3.cedars.hku.hk/counselling/content/resources.php>

Consultation service offered by CEDARS

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

If you have concerns with your studies, emotions, psychological health, and relationships, you can arrange to meet a counsellor anytime during office hours by appointment. All our counsellors are professionally qualified and our service is confidential. You can make an appointment in person, or calling (852) 2857 8388, or email to <cedars-cope@hku.hk>.

If you have a crisis or need urgent counselling, you can meet our Duty Counsellor on a first-come-first-served basis during our drop-in hours:

CEDARS (Counselling and Person Enrichment)
Rm 408, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex
Mondays to Fridays, from 2pm to 5pm

GENERAL CONSULTATION AT CEDARS LEARNING PLUS (G/F., MAIN LIBRARY)

You are also welcome to discuss any matters related to hall life, learning support available on campus, participation in extra/co-curricular activities, financial management and career development with CEDARS-student advisors at the Learning Plus.

Please send an email to <cedars-learningplus@hku.hk> or call (852) 2219 4857 to make an appointment with a student advisor.

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Arrival reception service

Exchange students may apply for the HKU Buddy Programme. A current HKU student will be assigned to be your buddy and help you throughout your stay at HKU. Your buddy can also meet you at the Hong Kong station, the terminal station of Airport Express and bring you to the HKU campus. You are expected to establish direct contacts and exchange emails with your HKU buddy before your departure. You can apply for a buddy directly on the website of the Office of International Student Exchange (OISE) <www.hku.hk/exchange> after you have received the admission letter.

Postgraduate students may contact the Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA) at <pgsa@hku.hk> to inquire about the availability of reception service.





Orientation programmes

Cultural adjustment session, library tour, city tour, campus tour will be organized for the newly arrived non-local students at the beginning of every semester. You can sign up at the CEDARS & OISE office upon arrival. Updated news will be posted on the CEDARS website nearer the time.

In order to facilitate your adjustment and adaptation to the HKU hall life, you are strongly encouraged to participate in the hall orientation activities which will normally take place in late August. You can find out more details from your own hall manager or Hall Association in early August.

ARRIVING HONG KONG

Getting to hku

FROM HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL
AIRPORT TO HKU

HK International Airport is situated in Chap Lap Kok on Lantau Island.

option 1 By Train & By Taxi

Take the Airport Express Train from Hong Kong International Airport to Hong Kong Station, Central (train fare is HK\$100 and the train ride is 25 minutes).

Then take a taxi from Central District to your hall (taxi fare: HK\$50 to \$80 + luggage fee; 20-minute ride to HKU halls).

Although there are green mini buses from Central to the campus, this is not recommended as they do not allow luggage.



HK airport



HK Station



HKU

25 MINS

20 MINS

Take bus no A11 from the Hong Kong International Airport to Central (bus fare is HK\$40, 1-hour bus ride).

Then take a taxi in Central to your hall (taxi fare: HK\$50 to \$80 + luggage fee; 20-minute ride to HKU halls).

option 2 By Bus & By Taxi



HK airport



Central



HKU

1 HOUR

20 MINS

option 3 By Taxi

If your budget permits, simply take a taxi from the Hong Kong International Airport directly to the hall, the cost is about HK\$350 and the traveling time is approximately 45 minutes.

Most taxi drivers understand enough English to get you where you want to go. But it may be helpful to show the instructions on "Going to HKU Student Residences" (refer to the insert card of this book) to the taxi driver.



HK airport



HKU

45 MINS

If you are living in the University Hall or Sassoon Road student halls, you can take the bus no. A10 at the Hong Kong International Airport. That will take you directly from the airport to the Pokfulam district. The fare is HK\$48.

option 4 By Bus



HK airport



HKU

1 HOUR 30 MINS

FROM HUNG HOM RAILWAY STATION TO HKU

You can simply take a taxi from Hung Hom Station to HKU. The travelling time is about 40 minutes and the taxi fare is around HK\$150, plus luggage fee. As an alternative, you can take bus no. 103 to the HKU main campus.

從香港赤蠟角機場至香港大學

途徑有四：

1. 乘搭機場鐵路快線至香港總站，然後轉乘的士(即出租車)至香港大學。機場快線列車費用為港幣100元，的士費用大概為港幣60元。
2. 你可在機場直接乘搭的士至香港大學，車費大概為港幣350元。
3. 若你只是攜帶輕便行李，你可選擇在機場乘搭巴士(即公共汽車) A11號至中環區，然後轉乘的士至香港大學。巴士費用為港幣40元，的士費用大概為港幣60元。
4. 若你住在大學堂宿舍或沙宣道學生宿舍羣，你可在機場乘搭機場巴士A10號至薄扶林區，巴士費用為港幣48元。

從港鐵紅磡車站至香港大學

在紅磡車站下車後，可直接乘搭過海的士直接到達香港大學宿舍或旅館。從紅磡到香港大學本部校園的路程約40分鐘而車費大概為港幣150塊。若你只是攜帶輕便行李，你可選擇乘搭103號隧道巴士直達香港大學本部校園(在香港大學東閘下車)及沿途宿舍(大學堂宿舍及沙宣道宿舍除外)。若你的宿舍位於沙宣道，你須在本部校園轉乘28號或10號公共小巴。



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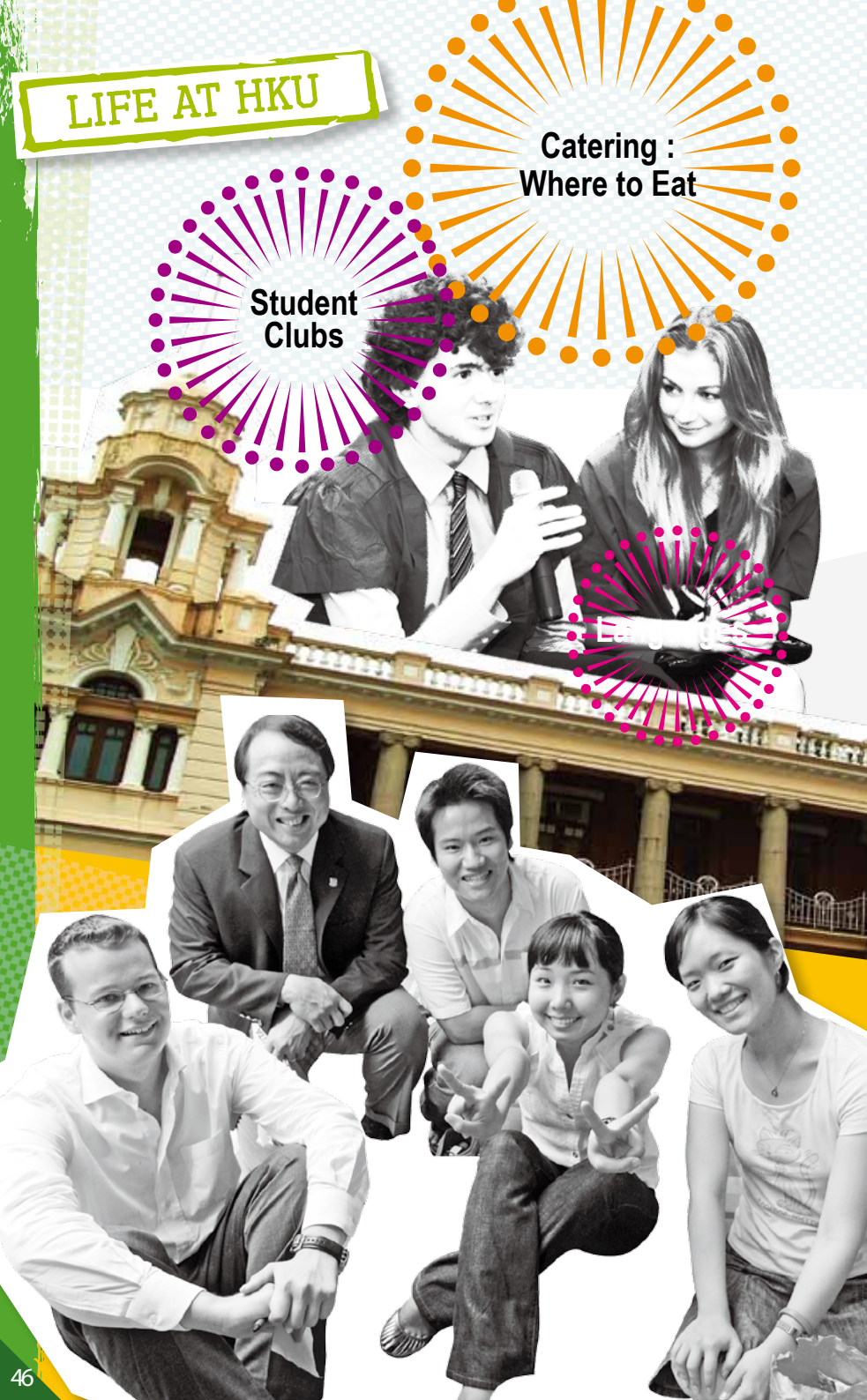
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Catering :
Where to Eat

Student
Clubs





**Student
Amenities**



**Smoke-free
Campus**



**Student
Attire**



**Prayer room
and chapel**





Catering: where to eat

CAMPUS CATERING OUTLETS

You can easily access to restaurants, café and kiosks located throughout the Main Campus, Sassoon Road Campus, student villages and residential halls along Pokfulam Road and Sassoon Road.

Main Campus



4/F Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre Restaurant Outlet A

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

(Daily)

Fast food, western cuisine (semi table-serviced), Halal box meals

4/F Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre Restaurant Outlet B

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

(Daily)

Pasta, sandwiches, petites, breads, baked potatoes, salad, coffee



Haking Wong Podium New Union Restaurant

7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

(Daily)

Fast food, noodle, Chinese BBQ, SE Asian food





**1/F Fong Shu Chuen Amenities
Centre Halal Food Corner**

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Mon - Sat)

**Closed (Sat, Sun & Public
Holidays)**

Halal Food (kebabs, pizza, Biryani
rice, salad), drinks



Main Library Coffee Shop

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

(Mon-Fri)

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Sat)

11:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

(Sun & Public Holidays)

Pasta, sandwiches, pastries, breads,
salad, coffee

Pokfulam Road



**91 Pokfulam Road, Jockey
Club Student Village-I
Ho Tim Hall Restaurant**

11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

(Daily)

Local fast food



**2/F Fong Shu Chuen Amenities
Centre Food Court**

Food Court

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

(Mon-Fri)

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Sat)

Closed (Sun & Public Holidays)

Fast food, noodles, Chinese BBQ,
SE Asian food



Global Lounge Café

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Mon - Fri)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Sat)

Closed (Sun & Public Holidays)

Sandwiches, petites, breads, pastry,
puff, salad, coffee

**P3 Graduate House
Joseph's at the Graduate House
Western Fine Dining**

11:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

(Mon - Sat)

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Sun & Public Holidays)

Western cuisine (Table-serviced)

**111 Pokfulam Road, Jockey
Club Student Village-II
C.C. Canteen**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Daily)

Local fast food



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Sassoon Road Residence



LG/F, 6 Sassoon Road
Bay View Restaurant
7:30 a.m. - 9:15 p.m.

(Daily)

Local fast food, noodles, Chinese Dim Sum, Chinese cuisine (Table-served)



Medical Campus



Faculty of Medicine Building
Restaurant
7/F William M.W. Mong Blk, 21
Sassoon Road

11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

(Mon - Sat)

Western fine dining (Table-served)



Sports Centre



10 Sha Wan Drive
Stanley Ho Sports Centre Kiosk

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(Daily)

Noodles, snacks, drinks



Garden Patio
Fun Pui Garden,
LG/F William M.W. Mong Blk,
21 Sassoon Road

11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

(Mon - Sat)

Snacks, sandwiches, coffee and tea



Cyberport Phase 4

L2, Block A, Phase 4, Cyberport,
100 Cyberport Road, H.K.

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Mon - Sat)

11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Sun & Public Holidays)

Chinese cuisine, Chinese style soup
(Table-served)



OFF CAMPUS

If you do not mind spending a bit more, there is a variety of restaurants serving different kinds of cuisine located within walking distance from the Main Campus. You may also explore different international delicacies at the SOHO district (Central). Adjacent to it is the famous Lan Kwai Fong where you can hang out drinks and enjoy chit-chat with your friends and fellows. A number of restaurants in town also serve specialist Halal Food, Kebabs and Kosher Food.

Cuisine & Location	How far?
Pizza and Burger Bonham Road (Burger) Pizza (Western District or call-to-deliver)	5-10 min walk from East Gate
Western fine-dining Along Bonham Road	5-10 min walk from East Gate
Chinese Restaurant and Dim Sum The Westwood Shopping Arcade, Western District downtown	10-15 minutes walk from Main Campus
Local Tea Restaurant Along Bonham Road, Third Street, Water Street, Western District	All within 10 min walk from Main Campus
Japanese Cuisine The Westwood Shopping Arcade	10 min walk from West Gate
Pubs, International Cuisine SOHO District (Central), Lan Kwai Fong	10-15 minutes by Green Minibus or Taxi from East Gate
Specialized Kosher Food	http://cedars.hku.hk/catering/KosherRestaurant.pdf

Further details on campus catering services and the reference menu of respective outlets can be viewed at
< <http://cedars.hku.hk/catering> >.

New catering outlets at centennial campus in 2012

In anticipation of the surge of student and staff population in 2012, the University decided to allocate about 1,010m² for the construction of five brand new catering outlets at the Centennial Campus by mid 2012. The new outlets will provide a variety of delicacies aiming at serving diversified food that are different from the existing outlets.

Student amenities

All HKU students can enjoy the facilities provided by the three amenities centres. The Global Lounge located on the G/F of Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre is a favourite mingling place among local and non-local students.

Facilities include:

- Bank
- Breastfeeding room
- Meeting room
- Multi-purpose rooms
- Music rooms
- Prayer room
- Photocopying centre
- Restaurants
- Shower rooms
- Student society rooms
- Supermarket
- TV room
- Theatre

STUDENT SPORT AND RECREATION

At HKU, there is a broad range of health, fitness, sport and recreational facilities and programmes to help make your stay in Hong Kong a fun and healthy experience. Sports fans can make use of the wide range of sports facilities at the Lindsay Sports Centre (indoor sports) and Stanley Ho Sports Centre (outdoor sports and athletics). You can find out more information from the Institute of Human Performance at <<http://www3.hku.hk/iohp>>.

PRAYER ROOM & CHAPELS

Students of different religious beliefs can make use of the prayer room on the 1/F of the Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre. Both the St. John's College (an Anglican establishment) and Ricci Hall (run by the Jesuit priests) house a chapel outside the main campus.



STUDENT ATTIRE

There is no official dress code in HKU. Students normally dress casually for lectures and tutorials. It is a norm for students to put on business attire for the presentation class. Formal dress code is required for formal functions like “High Table Dinner”, official ceremonies and special occasions. If you participate in competitions or sports games, you are expected to wear team’s uniform.

SMOKE-FREE CAMPUS

HKU is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is not allowed on the campus.

LANGUAGE

At HKU the official medium of instruction is English. If needs arise, you may make use of the “Language Resources Centre” run by the School of Modern Languages and Cultures. Details can be viewed at < <http://www0.hku.hk/smlc/> >.

Chinese courses

Undergraduate students and exchange students can enroll in the credit-bearing Chinese courses run by the School of Chinese. The School runs Putonghua courses, Cantonese courses, Chinese Language Courses and Chinese Cultural Courses for foreign students. Research postgraduate students can also sign up for the Cantonese classes offered by the Graduate School.

HKU jargons

HKU students have a lot of jargons like “submarine”, “superpass” etc. It would be interesting to learn some of them from your buddy.

Student clubs

HKUSU

HKU is renowned for its vibrant campus life. Students enjoy a high degree of autonomy. The Hong Kong University Students' Union (HKUSU) is the largest student body on the campus. It is independent of the university administration and runs its own Co-op store and photocopying centre on the campus. It has more than 100 sub-organisations, each with distinctive objectives and functions, catering to the diverse interest of the student population. Only HKUSU members can represent HKU or HKU halls to participate in competitive games. For the full list of student clubs and membership details, please refer to the HKUSU homepage at <www.hkusu.org>.

PGSA

Postgraduate students may apply for the membership of the Postgraduate Student Association (PGSA). It aims to enhance the student life of postgraduate students by encouraging their participation in academic and social events. More can be found on its website at <www3.hku.hk/pgsa>.





CSSA

Students and scholars coming from Mainland China is automatically a member of the Chinese Students and Scholars Association (CSSA). Its prime objective is to provide rapport amongst the Mainlanders by organising regular social activities and meetings. CSSA has also published an information booklet (in Chinese) for the newly arrived Mainland students. More details can be found on their homepage at <www.hkucssa.com>. You may also write to them at <hkucssa@hotmail.com> for tips before arrival.



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Pre-departure checklist

Prepare the followings before you leave

- Ensure that your passport and travel documents are valid and in order.
- Obtain a student visa for your study in Hong Kong (refer to p.34).
- Make sure you have finalised your accommodation arrangements. For students admitted into our halls of residence, you are required to confirm your acceptance of the offer directly with the hall concerned.
- Notify your hall of your arrival details so that they can arrange for the keys collection.
- Arrange health/medical insurance if necessary (refer to p.32). You should make additional provision if necessary.
- For visiting and exchange students only: Confirm the credit transfer arrangement with your own study abroad office. Make sure you know whether your home institution will give you credit for the classes that you complete at HKU.
- For visiting and exchange students only: Keep your buddy informed of your arrival details so that you can be met at the Airport or at the Hong Kong Station. It will be better for you to send your buddy a photo first, and ask your buddy for the contact number.

What documents should i bring?

We recommend that you carry the following documentations with you. Do not put them in your luggage when you travel. To be safe: make photocopies of them

- Valid passport or travel documents.
- Student Visa (You have to present your student visa label to the Immigration Officer at the Airport on arrival).
- Original Letter of Acceptance from HKU.
- Proof of funds available (e.g., bank draft, transfer of funds, credit, scholarship or other) and/or credit cards such as Visa, MasterCard).
- Address and telephone number of where you are going.
- Your medical records, immunisation records and academic records.
- Documents with details of your insurance policy (if any) issued in your home country.
- For those who are married, marriage certificate if your spouse is accompanying you.
- Passport photo for hall registration.
- Proof of your permanent address in your own country (e.g. original bank statements, driving license). The bank statements should be of the past 2 months and in English.

What should i pack?

Clothes & Bedding

- You can expect sunny, bright and cool weather during winter and occasional mist and showers from March to mid-May, so a shower proof jacket is desirable.
- You may consider bringing a quilt for the cooler days or alternatively buy one in Hong Kong.
- Linen and pillows are not provided in halls. You can get these items easily in the nearby markets of the HKU campus. Some halls will lend you these items for the first few days.

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Language

Cantonese is the main language spoken among local students, but students are competent in speaking good English and all classes are conducted in English. However, you may expect some of the general public cannot speak good English. Bring along a good bilingual dictionary if you need one.

Food

Hong Kong is a cosmopolitan city, and you will be able to find most, if not all, types of food here.

In case your flight arrives late, you may have difficulties in locating a restaurant or catering outlet. It is advisable to pack some light snacks such as biscuits or chocolates in your hand luggage.

Electrical equipment

The electrical equipment you bring should be compatible with Hong Kong's voltage, which is 220 volts, 50Hz. The plug used in Hong Kong has 3 pins in rectangular shape.

Study tools

Computer facilities are available on the campus and inside the halls. You may however wish to bring along your own laptop for the use inside your room. Most of the campus areas have wireless network coverage for registered students. However, internet connections in halls are connected via Ethernet. So you may want to prepare a wireless card or/and a LAN cable. You can also buy them at a cheap price in Hong Kong.

Mobile phones

Hong Kong is using the GSM network. There are a wide range of packages offered by different service providers in the market. Alternatively, you can also purchase a roaming pre-paid SIM card in Hong Kong.

Sports goods/music instrument

If you wish to participate in student sports teams or any other student clubs, you may wish to bring along your personal equipment or instrument.

Directory

Residential Halls

Lady Ho Tung Hall
何東夫人紀念堂

🏠 91 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道91號
☎ (852) 3152 6500
✉ lhhsa@hku.hk

Lee Hysan Hall
利希填堂

🏠 6 Sassoon Road 沙宣道6號
☎ (852) 2986 5110
✉ lhall@hku.hk

Lee Shau Kee Hall
李兆基堂

🏠 109 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道109號
☎ (852) 3604 2024
✉ jockeyv2@hku.hk

Morrison Hall
馬禮遜堂

🏠 109 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道109號
☎ (852) 3604 2014
✉ jockeyv2@hku.hk

R. C. Lee Hall
利銘澤堂

🏠 6 Sassoon Road 沙宣道6號
☎ (852) 2986 5250
✉ rchall@hku.hk

Ricci Hall
利瑪竇宿舍

🏠 93 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道93號
☎ (852) 2546 9201
✉ riccihal@hku.hk

Simon K.Y. Lee Hall
李國賢堂

🏠 Main Campus 薄扶林道本部校園
☎ (852) 2857 8788
✉ skyhall@hku.hk

St. John's College
聖約翰學院

🏠 82 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道82號
☎ (852) 2817 7102
✉ stjohns@hku.hk

Starr Hall
施德堂

🏠 91 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道91號
☎ (852) 3156 7568
✉ starr@hku.hk

Suen Chi Sun Hall
孫志新堂

🏠 109 Pokfulam Road 薄扶林道109號
☎ (852) 3604 2034
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Swire Hall
太古堂

🏠 Main Campus 薄扶林道本部校園
☎ (852) 2105 6602
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University Hall
大學堂

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Wei Lun Hall
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
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
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
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
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
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
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 [<http://www.hongkongairport.com>](http://www.hongkongairport.com)

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APPENDICES

Dates of semesters for 2012-2013

First Day of Teaching on September 17, 2012 with shortened Semester 1 (for undergraduate and taught postgraduate students*#)

1st Semester

First Day of Teaching	17.09.2012 (Mon)
Reading/Field Trip Week	29.10.2012 (Mon) – 03.11.2012 (Sat)
Last Day of Teaching	08.12.2012 (Sat)
Revision Period	10.12.2012 (Mon) – 14.12.2012 (Fri)
Assessment Period	15.12.2012 (Sat) - 22.12.2012 (Sat)

2nd Semester

First Day of Teaching	21.01.2013 (Mon)
Classes Suspension Period for the Lunar New Year	09.02.2013 (Sat) - 15.02.2013 (Fri)
Reading/Field Trip Week	11.03.2013 (Mon) – 16.03.2013 (Sat)
Last Day of Teaching	04.05.2013 (Sat)
Revision Period	06.05.2013 (Mon) – 11.05.2013 (Sat)
Assessment Period	13.05.2013 (Mon) – 01.06.2013 (Sat)

Optional Summer Semester

02.07.2013 (Tue) - 24.08.2013 (Sat)

Note:

* Applicable to non-clinical undergraduate and taught postgraduate curricula in general and subject to Faculties' confirmation of the first and last days of teaching, reading/field trip weeks (if any), revision periods, and assessment periods for individual curricula as approved by the respective Boards of Faculties.

Public holidays subject to Government confirmation.

International student profile

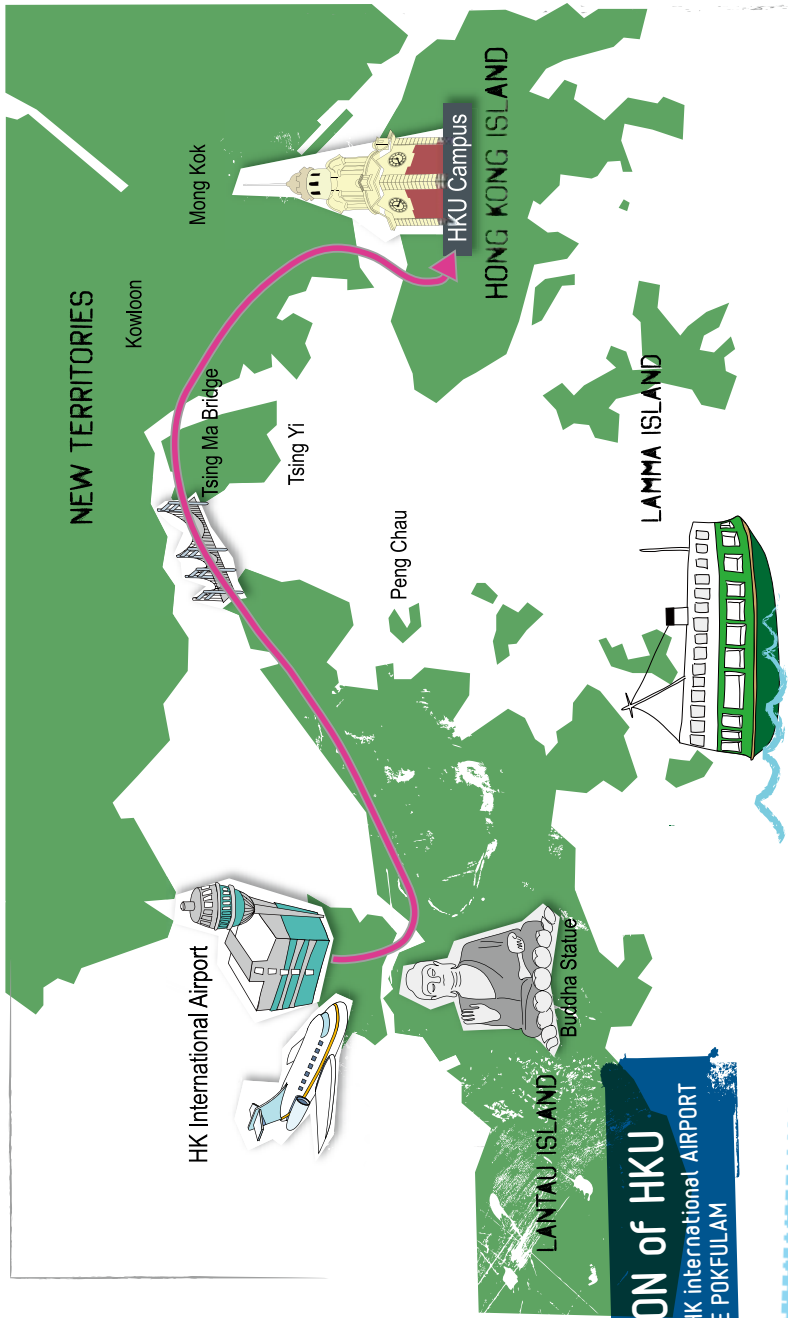
In 2011, we have admitted non-local students from the following places:

Argentina	Iceland	Palestine
Armenia	India	Peru
Australia	Indonesia	Philippines
Austria	Iran	Poland
Bangladesh	Ireland	Portugal
Belgium	Israel	Romania
Brazil	Italy	Russia
Britain	Japan	Salvador
Bulgaria	Kazakhstan	Serbia
Burma	Kenya	Singapore
Cambodia	Korea	Slovakia
Canada	Kuwait	Spain
Chile	Lithuania	Sri Lanka
China	Luxembourg	Sweden
Colombia	Macau	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Malaysia	Taiwan
Denmark	Mexico	Tanzania
Ecuador	Mongolia	Thailand
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LOCATION of HKU

ROUTE MAP FROM HK International AIRPORT
TO THE POKFULAM



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Telling the Taxi Driver to Go to Your Hall

If you take a taxi to HKU campus, you may show the Chinese sentence below to the driver to take you to your Halls to check-in.



Going to Simon K Y Lee Hall

Go on Pokfulam Road via the Western District Police Station in the direction to Aberdeen. Turn left when you enter the West Gate of the HKU (opposite to Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong). Then, turn right at the first corner and follow left hand side of the road. After you passed through the Knowles Building and K.K. Leung Building, go on to the flyover. Turn right at the first right turn and then go along this road until the end. Turn right and go down the slope. Stop your taxi in front of Student Canteen at Haking Wong Building. *(The Hall is at Composite Building next to Haking Wong Building)*

司機先生: 請你載我到“香港大學”本部校園的李國賢堂宿舍

請沿西營盤西區警署(七號差館)旁, 上薄扶林道往香港仔方向, 到了潮商學校對面之港大西邊入口, 轉左按票入閘口, 隨即轉右靠左手面直上, 過了鈕魯斯樓、梁銑鋸樓後再直上天橋, 在第一個路口轉右, 沿路走到盡頭, 轉右下斜坡, 在黃克兢樓的學生飯堂前停車。*(宿舍在黃克兢樓隔壁的綜合大樓內)*

Going to Swire Hall

Go on Pokfulam Road via the Western District Police Station in the direction to Aberdeen. Turn left when you enter the west gate of the HKU (opposite to Chiu Sheung School, Hong Kong). Then, turn right at the first corner and follow left hand side of the road. After you passed through the Knowles Building and K.K. Leung Building, turn left before the flyover and stop your taxi at the car park in front of Swire Building.

司機先生: 請你載我到“香港大學”本部校園的太古堂宿舍

請沿西營盤西區警署(七號差館)旁, 上薄扶林道往香港仔方向, 到了潮商學校對面之港大西邊入口, 轉左按票入閘口, 隨即轉右靠左手面直上, 到鈕魯斯樓再直去, 至梁銑鋸樓前的天橋口轉左, 在太古樓停車場停下。

(P.S. Students are advised to use the lift inside the Fong Shu Chuen Amenities Centre from GA to L Floor of Swire Hall. Please use the inter-com on the wall opposite to the lift by pressing 10 and then “Enter” button.)

(學生可使用方樹泉文娛中心內的電梯, 由地下至太古堂入口, 請使用電梯對面之內線電話, 按10字再按“Enter”掣)



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Going to Lady Ho Tung Hall/Starr Hall/ Ricci Hall

If you are coming to Lady Ho Tung / Starr Hall / Ricci Hall by taxi from Central / Hong Kong MTR station and you do not have lots of luggage, please pass the following message to the taxi driver.

Option 1

司機先生：請你載我到薄扶林道91號“香港大學”的何東夫人紀念堂宿舍 / 施德堂宿舍 / 利瑪竇宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往香港仔方向行駛，過了香港大學黃克競樓後下一個巴士站，即寶翠園對面的巴士站下車。

Please go along the Pokfulam Road to Aberdeen. Pass the Haking Wong Building of HKU, and stop at the bus stop opposite to the Belcher's.

Get off the taxi and cross the road. You will see the Jockey Club Student Village I.

If you have lots of luggages and do not mind giving HKD10-20 more, please pass the following message to the taxi driver.

Option 2

司機先生：請你載我到薄扶林道91號“香港大學”的何東夫人紀念堂宿舍 / 施德堂宿舍 / 利瑪竇宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往香港仔方向行駛，到浦飛路巴士總站回轉，向寶翠園方向行駛，在寶翠園前的學生宿舍轉入，再轉右，駛入香港大學舍堂一村。(請留意舍堂村入口在薄扶林分區電力站前)。

Please go along the Pokfulam Road to Aberdeen. U-turn at Pokfield Road bus terminal and turn in the direction to the Belcher's. Turn left soon after passing the Pokfulam Electricity Zone Sub-station and into the HKU Halls area. Turn right and into the HKU Jockey Club Student Village I.

Going to St. John's College

Go on Pokfulam Road in the direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Stay on the left side of the road after passing the Pokfield Road bus terminal for another 30 meters, turn left at the car park entrance of the College (will go pass the main entrance of the College on the way; opposite to the Flora Ho Sports Centre). Go straight up and stop at the car park.

司機先生：請你載我到薄扶林道82號“香港大學”的聖約翰學院學生宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向，過了浦飛路巴士總站，靠左向前行三十米左右，在學院車場路口左轉(沿路經過學院大門，位於何世光夫人體育中心對面)，直上車場停下。

Going to University Hall

Go on Pokfulam Road in the direction to Aberdeen. Turn left at the first corner after the second traffic light beyond Queen Mary Hospital. (At this corner, there is a sign showing 142-144, and on the left there is pay-phone booth). Go straight up. Turn right at the security kiosk. University Hall is the light green castle in front of you.

司機先生：請你載我到薄扶林道144號“香港大學”的大學堂宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往香港仔方向，過了瑪麗醫院後第二個燈位後第一個路口左轉，(該路口有142及144號門牌，左邊有一個電話亭)沿路直上，見保安亭右轉，大學堂停車場停下。

Going to Morrison Hall/ Suen Chi Sun Hall/ Lee Shau Kee Hall

Take taxi from Airport Express Station in Central or Shun Tak Center in Sheung Wan:

Please go on Pokfulam Road in direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Turn left at the first traffic light following Fulham Garden (located at 84 Pokfulam Road). Make a U turn at the parking meters outside a park. Turn right at the traffic light and keep on left lane in direction to Central. Turn left at the private road beyond the Flora Ho Sports Centre but before Pokfield Road. The halls are in front of the roundabout.

司機先生：請你載我到薄扶林道109號“香港大學”的馬禮遜堂宿舍 / 孫志新堂宿舍 / 李兆基堂宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向行駛，過了富林花園(位於薄扶林道84號)第一個燈位左轉入公園小路，在公園外咪標位回轉出小路，在路口燈位轉右向中環方向靠左線行駛，經過何世光夫人體育中心，並於蒲飛路口前左轉入私家路直達宿舍(私家路入口處有一個大黑色匾牌)。

Going to Lee Hysan Hall / RC Lee Hall / Wei Lun Hall

Please go on Pokfulam Road in the direction to Queen Mary Hospital. At the traffic lights in front of the hospital, turn right down to Sassoon Road and immediately right turn to the access road leading to the student halls.

司機先生：請你載我到沙宣道6號“香港大學”的利希慎堂宿舍 / 利銘澤堂宿舍 / 偉倫堂宿舍

請沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向行駛，至醫院前交通燈處，右轉落沙宣道，隨即於右手面第一個路口轉上學生宿舍。

Going to Patrick Manson Student Residence

Starting from Sai Ying Pun, go on Pokfulam Road in direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Stay on the right lane when approaching the traffic lights in front of the hospital. Turn right and then stay on the left side to go down to Sassoon Road. Turn right at 10 Sassoon Road and go into the car park of Pauline Chan Building.

司機先生：請你載我到沙宣道10號陳蕉琴樓，“香港大學”的白文信學生宿舍之辦事處(薄扶林文娛中心)

請從西營盤沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向行駛，至醫院前交通燈處靠右線，右轉然後靠左駛入沙宣道，往下走至中段沙宣道10號右轉入陳蕉琴樓停車場。

Going to Pokfield Road Student Residence

Starting from Sai Ying Pun, stay on the left lane when going on Pokfulam Road in direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Make a right turn to Pokfield Road at the traffic lights after Sinopec Gasoline Station (next to Pokfield Road Bus Terminus). Go downslope along Pokfield Road and the Residences are at the first left turn.

司機先生：請你載我到蒲飛路13號“香港大學”的蒲飛路學生宿舍

請從西營盤沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向靠左線行駛，經過中石化油站(蒲飛路巴士總站旁)後的交通燈位轉右入蒲飛路，沿蒲飛路往下走左邊第一個路口直達宿舍。

Going to Graduate House

From Robinson Road to Conduit Road. Turn right onto University Drive. Follow the direction of the arrows to the drop off point.

To go to the residential block, enter Graduate House through the entrance on Level P1.

司機先生：請你載我到“香港大學”本部校園的研究生堂

請經羅便臣道至干德道入口進入校園。前往位於大學道之落客區下車。

前往宿舍人士請使用位於P1層的入口。

Going to Hoi Sing Building

Go on Pokfulam Road via the Western District Police Station in the direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Turn right at Second Street. Then stay on left lane and stop your taxi in front of Block 2 of Hoi Sing Building.

司機先生：請你載我到“西營盤第二街128-142號海昇大廈二期”

請沿西營盤西區警署(七號差館)旁，上薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向，到了第二街轉右，隨即靠左線走到128-142號海昇大廈二期停車。

Going to Wah Ming Centre

Go on Queen's Road West via the Western District Police Station. Stay on left lane after passing Water Street. Stop your taxi at the opposite side of Chong Yip Centre, in front of the travel lights at Whitty Street.

司機先生：請你載我到“西營盤皇后大道西421號華明中心”

請沿西營盤西區警署(七號差館)旁上皇后大道西，過了第二街後靠左線走，到創業中心對面馬路、屈地街交通燈位前停車。

Going to Caritas Hostel (Kennedy Town)

Starting from Sai Ying Pun, stay on the left lane when going on Pokfulam Road in direction to Queen Mary Hospital. Make a right turn to Pokfield Road at the traffic lights after Sinopec Gasoline Station (next to Pokfield Road Bus Terminus). Go downslope along Pokfield Road and Caritas Hostel are on left side at the end of this road.

司機先生：請你載我到蒲飛路27號“堅尼地城明愛宿舍”

請從西營盤沿薄扶林道往瑪麗醫院方向靠左線行駛，經過中石化油站(蒲飛路巴士總站旁)後的交通燈位轉右入蒲飛路，沿蒲飛路往下走到底，明愛宿舍在左邊馬路。

Going to Caritas Hostel (Caine Road)

Starting from Cotton Tree Drive, stay on the right lane and turn right to Upper Albert Road. Then, follow left lane and make a left turn to Glenealy at the traffic lights at Caine Road. Go up along the road and stop in front of Caritas House and the Cathedral.

司機先生：請你載我到中環半山堅道2號明愛大廈“堅道明愛宿舍”

請從紅棉路靠右線上山，轉右入上亞厘畢道，之後靠左線到堅道的交通燈位轉左入己連拿利，沿路往上走到明愛大廈及天主教總堂前停車。