

Welcome to City University of Hong Kong

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Congratulations!

Now you are a first year student in University,
where life will be full of challenging uncertainty.

From now on, you will be truly FREE,
to reflect, to explore, to experiment and to feel.

What is the purpose of life?

Why is social problem so rife?

Why does the sun rise from the East?

Why isn't everyday in life a feast?

Why are some so rich and some so poor?

Yes, but how can you be so sure!

What is right and what is wrong?

The search for meaning is life-long.

Why is the world changing so fast?

Is there eternity and will it last?

Some will strive hard and some hardly try.

What am I supposed to do and the reason why?

You are your master and you are you.

Do what is good for all and what is true.

Your past is just a small part of your age.

Here soon you will start a new page.

University is about intellect and reason,
and the search for truth for all seasons.

It is more about manhood than manpower,
because the head needs the heart to empower.

It is more about giving than getting,
being guided by the life-goals you are setting.

It is more about wisdom than information.

After all this is not secondary school education.

It is more about life-long learning than examination
because university is more than professional qualification.

It is whole person development that matters,
if you want to be your life's pace-setter.

It is about aspiration and sophisticated taste
 which can never be manufactured in haste.
 It is about life's dedication and passion
 and not just another holiday vacation.
 It is about society and self
 which should not be left idle on the shelf.
 The well being of human society should be dear to our heart
 in whose progress we all should play a part.
 Let us try hard and aim high.
 To reach our destiny and read its sign.
 Nothing in life is easy and sure.
 Tomorrow's Brave New World will be built by you and U.
 Welcome you all to CityU,
 our best wishes in whatever you do,
 because here your life will take two!

