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We hope that the MRC will stimulate further research collaborations within the University and with other local, mainland, and overseas institutions. Striving for excellence in research has always been an important mission of the University of Hong Kong. Indeed it is important for us to gather our expertise and aim to further the status of Hong Kong in the international research arena. We believe we are well positioned to the challenges ahead, and through our innovation, collaboration, and hard work, will continue to excel.

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