Summary of the 152nd Council Plenary Session held on 22 September 2026

1. The ensuing items were considered and approved by Council:

Governance

- The proposed sunsetting of the Council Committee on HKUST(GZ) and revisions to the governance framework of HKUST(GZ).
- The proposed amendments to the "Policy on Solicitation, Acceptance and Use of Donations" as recommended by the Institutional Advancement and Outreach Committee of Council.

Campus Development

- The proposed acquisition of off-campus properties.

Human Resources

- The adjustment of
  (a) university salaries for year 2026 based on the civil service pay adjustment; and
  (b) the maximum hourly rate of student helper in accordance to the revised Statutory Minimum Wage, which took effect from May 2026.

Donation Pledge and Naming Recognition

- The acceptance of a proposed donation pledge and the associated naming recognition for the newly built Medical Education and Research Complex on campus.

Others

- The submission to the Innovation and Technology Commission, in response to the Government's initiative of establishing a branch of the Life and Health Technology Research Institute in partnership with some local universities, to conduct research related to age diseases.

2. The Council also took note of the annual declaration of waiver of overhead charges of non-UGC-funded research projects for the financial year 2025/26.