

**Submission to the Panel on Education of the Legislative Council
for its meeting of 15 March 2004,
by the City University of Hong Kong (CityU)**

**CityU's views in response to the UGC's document on
Future Developments in the Hong Kong Higher Education Sector**

CityU thanks the University Grants Committee (UGC) for undertaking this important exercise of steering the continuing development of the Hong Kong higher education system. The revised role statement provided to CityU is considered to be a better and more focused mission statement than the previous version given to it in 1994 when it first became a university. The statement reflects more accurately both CityU's current role in the Hong Kong higher education system and CityU's aspirations for the future, and will enable CityU to develop further in its selected areas.

CityU concurs with the UGC that the eight local institutions should strive for "deep collaboration" in various ways. It also notes that the institutions are encouraged to engage in collaboration with other institutions in the region. In the context of a more symbiotic relationship with the Mainland, such co-operation is believed to bring greater complementarities to both sides, nurturing talent for the development of South China in particular.

CityU also endorses the view of the UGC's Working Group on Role Differentiation that further change is to be expected in the Hong Kong higher education system, notably in its relations with the rapidly evolving tertiary sector on the Mainland, particularly in Guangdong Province. CityU therefore welcomes the UGC's commitment to reviewing the role statements at the end of the next triennium.