

# PROVOST'S MESSAGE

No effort was spared to enhance education, advance impactful research, and deepen collaborations with our partners throughout the past academic year. The results have been truly gratifying and strengthened our resolve to achieve even greater heights for the University.

We welcomed the pioneer cohort of the College of Integrative Studies, developed more pathways for inter-disciplinary and experiential learning, and expanded industry engagement. These and other initiatives help ensure that SMU graduates are well sought after by employers and able to flourish in a competitive world.

Global engagement remains a defining feature of our work. Partnerships with institutions such as the University of Toronto and Zhejiang University have opened opportunities for joint research, student exchange, and collaborative teaching and learning, while our strong presence at global forums like

the World Cities Summit held in Vienna earlier this year has positioned SMU as a thought leader on urban resilience and sustainable living.

Our faculty continue to excel, earning prestigious accolades and producing research with real-world impact – from studies that inform policy on ageing and sustainability to innovations in management and AI development. These achievements affirm the rigour and relevance of our research. They make us even more determined to achieve academic excellence and create meaningful impact for the benefit of society.

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**As we begin the next chapter under SMU's refreshed Vision and Mission, we will take further deliberate steps to attract and develop talent, deliver transformative education that prepares students to be future-ready change agents, and generate and disseminate knowledge that shapes a better future for all. ”**

Professor Alan K.L. Chan  
Provost

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