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Supporting Students with Disabilities The University's Obligations and Experiences

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CUHK's Policy on Equal Opportunities for Students with Disabilities

The University is committed to:

- Promoting positive educational outcomes for students
- Promoting equal opportunities in academic pursuits for students with disabilities
- Eliminating & preventing disability discrimination in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Ordinance

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Developments in Recent Years

Heightened community awareness & Government's efforts to ensure equal opportunities

- Disability Discrimination Ordinance
- Code of Practice on Education

Improved learning environments & enhanced support in early, primary and secondary education

- More students with disabilities & special educational needs can be admitted into tertiary institutions

Expansion in student exchange programmes in tertiary institutions

- Increase in number of non-local students with disabilities & special needs for support

Increase in demand for support services

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Disability Services Coordinating Committee (DSCC)

Established in CUHK in 1998

Terms of Reference:

- To advise the University on the provision of effective services to students with disabilities
- To coordinate the administration of services/facilities for students with disabilities
- To advise & coordinate the provision of services for disabled students from relevant units

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Current Membership of DSCC

Chairman: University Dean of Students

Members:

- Representatives from
Colleges, Estates Management Office, Faculties, Graduate School Office, Office of Student Affairs,
Information Technology Services Centre, Library, Registry, Transport Office, University Health Service
- Student representatives

Secretary: Appointed by the Director of Student Affairs

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Disability Awareness in CUHK Campus

Enhanced Communication

- New webpage on support services for students with disabilities
- Featured articles in CUHK Newsletter, University Marketplace
- Forums
- Exhibitions

External Liaison

- Exchange of information & experiences with local tertiary institutions & NGOs
- Exploration and utilization of government & community resources to support students with disabilities
- Participation in relevant survey & meetings conducted by the Hong Kong Equal Opportunities Commission