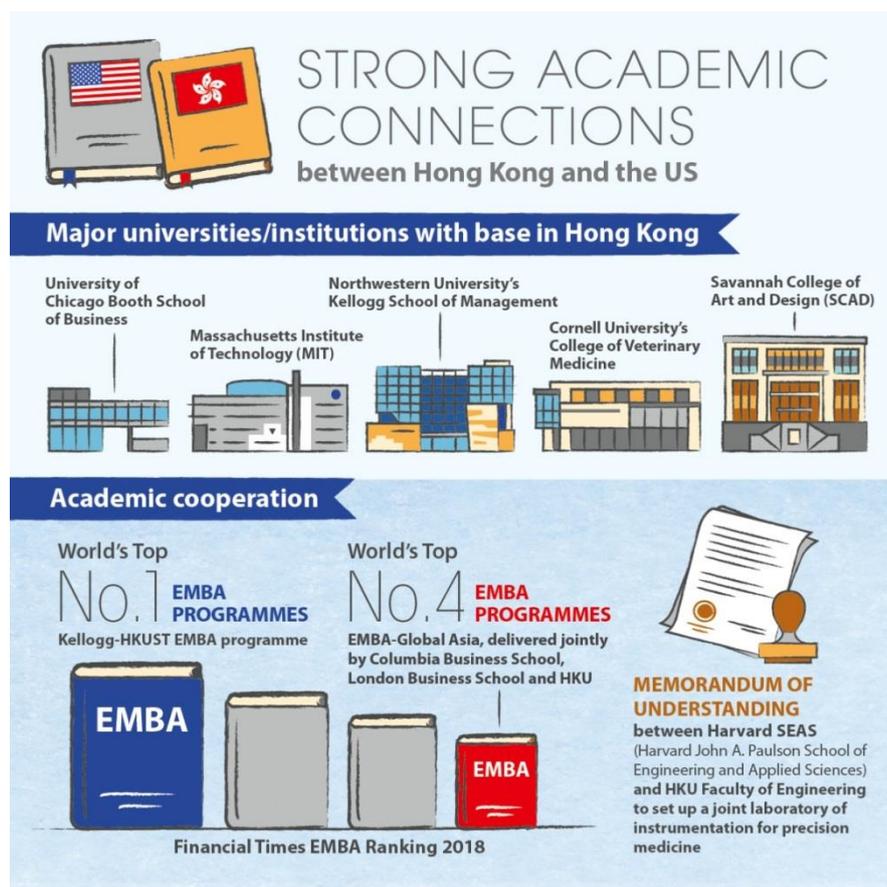


United States and Hong Kong – Strong Academic Links

The United States and Hong Kong have cultivated strong academic connections, with leading US institutes operating regional bases in Hong Kong and collaborations between tertiary institutes in both places. Not only do these links foster strong research co-operation, the people-to-people interactions also enrich the mutual appreciation and understanding between the US and Hong Kong of each other's culture, history and way of life.

With academic freedom and world-class institutes, Hong Kong offers an excellent environment for higher education and research in various fields.

Hong Kong has eight universities funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC) of which three are ranked in the world's top 50 according to the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings 2020 - University of Hong Kong (25th), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (32nd) and Chinese University of Hong Kong (46th). There are currently more than 900 active research collaborations between Hong Kong's UGC-funded universities and institutions in the United States covering a wide range of sectors including healthcare, environmental research, finance and much more.



Major US institutions with bases in Hong Kong include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), University of Chicago Booth School of Business, Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, Cornell University's

College of Veterinary Medicine and the Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD).

In 2017, MIT established a 5,000 sq.ft. centre in Hong Kong to run the MIT Hong Kong Innovation Node, a collaborative space that aims to connect the MIT community with unique resources — including advanced manufacturing capabilities — and other opportunities in Hong Kong and the neighbouring Pearl River Delta. MIT students, faculty, and researchers work on various entrepreneurial and research projects alongside Hong Kong-based students and faculty, MIT alumni, entrepreneurs, and businesses. The inaugural program of the Innovation Node was launched in 2016 and has since evolved into its flagship program called the MIT Entrepreneurship and Maker Skills Integrator (MEMSI), which brings together 30 students from MIT and local universities for a two-week immersive bootcamp.

Opened in 2018, the University of Chicago Booth School of Business campus in Hong Kong hosts its prestigious Executive MBA Program Asia and Executive Education non-degree courses for professionals, as well as the University's undergraduate study abroad program in Hong Kong. The location of the campus on Mount Butler is also significant, rising from two heritage buildings that played a significant role in the defence of Hong Kong in the second World War. As such, the campus represents the successful completion of a heritage conservation and revitalisation project through collaboration between the University of Chicago and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

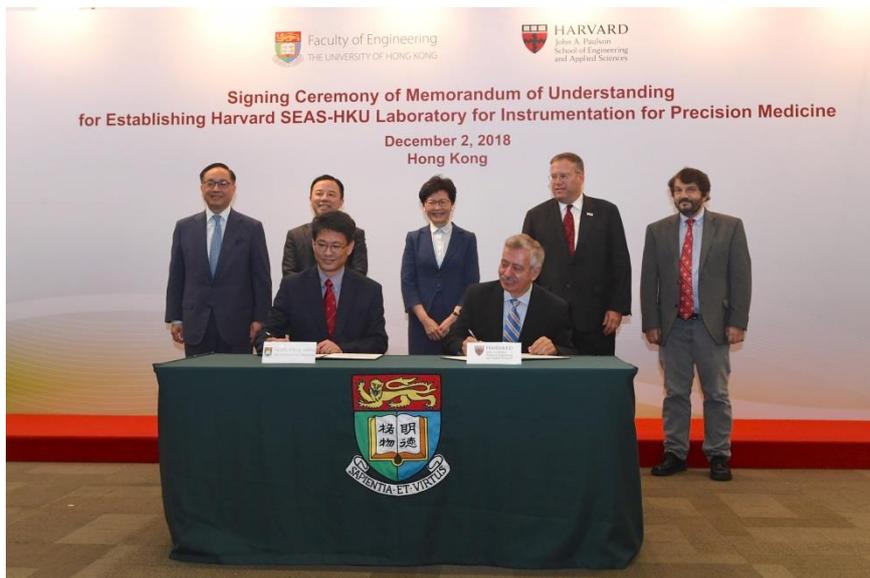
Similarly, SCAD – one of the world's leading design schools – was also involved in a landmark heritage project. Its Hong Kong branch, which opened in 2010, is housed in the revitalised historic North Kowloon Magistracy. SCAD Hong Kong offers 22 world-class undergraduate and graduate programs in 15 disciplines – the largest concentration of art and design degree programs in the city.

The City University of Hong Kong (CityU), in collaboration with Cornell University, launched Hong Kong's first Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine degree program in 2016, specialising in veterinary medicine and biomedical sciences. With the launch of the degree program modeled on Cornell's innovative, highly integrated course, Hong Kong is taking the opportunity to become a leader in veterinary education in Asia.



Hong Kong welcomes students from around the world to study at local universities

In 2018, a Financial Times survey ranked the EMBA program offered by Kellogg in association with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology the world's best for the third year in a row. The survey also ranked the EMBA-Global Asia, delivered jointly by Columbia Business School, London Business School and the University of Hong Kong world's number four.



Chief Executive Mrs Carrie Lam (centre) witnesses the signing of an MoU between The University of Hong Kong and Harvard SEAS

Meanwhile, Harvard SEAS (Harvard John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences) and Hong Kong University's Faculty of Engineering aim to set up a joint laboratory of instrumentation for precision medicine. The agreement between two world-leading universities paves the way for enhanced collaboration and cross-fertilisation in precision medicine in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong is also developing new research hubs, such as the Hong Kong-Shenzhen Innovation and Technology Park. This unprecedented project at the boundary between Hong Kong and Shenzhen in Mainland China is expected to attract top enterprises, R&D institutions and higher education institutions from around the world. US institutes will also be most welcome to explore new partnership opportunities in Hong Kong.
