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## **Press Release**

### **Opening Ceremony of Extension of Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic**

The Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences (SHS Division) of the Faculty of Education (the Faculty), the University of Hong Kong (HKU) held an opening ceremony of the newly extended Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (the Clinic) at Kennedy Town on May 17, 2017. The Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning) of HKU, Professor Ian Holliday; the Associate Director of Knowledge Exchange Office of HKU, Professor John Bacon-Shone; the Dean of Education, HKU, Professor Stephen Andrews; the Dean of Education designate, HKU, Professor Lin Goodwin; the Head of SHS Division, Professor Thomas Klee; and the Clinical Education Director, Dr Anita Wong, officiated at the ceremony.

The Clinic was established along with the SHS Division in the Faculty in 1988. It provides a state-of-the-art facility for the clinical education of speech therapy and audiology students in the SHS Division's degree programmes. Over 900 students have gained valuable experience in the Clinic and become qualified speech therapists and audiologists. Clinical services have also been provided to over 5,000 individuals in the community.

In 2016, financial support from the Faculty was provided to expand the facilities at the Kennedy Town Centre from one floor to two. This includes state-of-the-art audio-visual equipment that allows unobtrusive but high-quality recordings to enhance students' clinical education as well as client service.

The Clinic is committed to providing evidence-based services to individuals with speech, language, communication, swallowing and hearing disorders. It provides diagnostic evaluation, individual and group therapy to individuals of all ages and accepts self- and professional referrals. The Clinic consists of three sections and they are:

a) **Student Clinic**

Student clinicians provide diagnostic and therapy services under the supervision of a HKU speech therapist. Following the University academic calendar, the Student Clinic provides services for a block of seven weeks from October to December, and for a block of ten weeks from Jan to late April.

b) **Specialist Clinic**

Our clinical supervisors, who are experienced speech therapists themselves, are the service provider. They provide services to a few individuals in our clinic facilities, as well as give professional consultations to external organizations by request all year round.

c) **Hearing Clinic**

It is open to the public and offers unbiased opinions and a full range of services at affordable rates without waiting in line. Services are conducted by qualified audiologists and supervised postgraduate students.

For more information about the Clinic, please visit:

[http://www.speech.hku.hk/clinics\\_speechandlanguage.html](http://www.speech.hku.hk/clinics_speechandlanguage.html)

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