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## **Press Invitation**

## HKU Faculty of Education & HKAPA School of Drama Boost Students Perceived Competence & Confidence with Simulation-Based Learning

Speech, Language and swallowing disorders affect millions of individuals worldwide, and Hong Kong is no exception. As the demand for speech therapy services continues to rise, in the geriatric, medical and educational settings, it has become increasingly vital to ensure an adequate supply of qualified speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to meet the needs of the community. Furthermore, the provision of high-quality clinical education plays a pivotal role in equipping aspiring SLPs with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their profession.

Members of the media are invited to attend the press conference, which will shed light on the following key topics:

- 1. The importance of quality clinical education in shaping competent and compassionate speech therapy professionals.
- 2. Strategies and innovative teaching initiatives undertaken by Bachelor of Science in Speech-Language Pathology [BSc(SLP)] at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) to provide quality clinical education for students.
- 3. The outcomes of a collaborative project between HKU BSc(SLP) and School of Drama, The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA): "SiMulation with ActoR Teachers (SMART) @ HKU Speech-Language Pathology" and future developments of the collaboration.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: November 28, 2023 (Tuesday)

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 nn

Venue: Room 401-402, 4/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU, Pokfulam, Hong Kong (Map)
Speakers: Dr Estella Ma, Associate Professor, Academic Unit of Human Communication,

Development, and Information Sciences, and Clinical Education Director of BSc(SLP),

Faculty of Education, HKU

Ms Ada Chu, Assistant Lecturer, Academic Unit of Human Communication,

Development, and Information Sciences, and Clinical Educator of BSc(SLP), Faculty of

Education, HKU, and Speech Therapist

Mr Li Wing Hong, Senior Lecturer in Voice Studies and Discipline Leader in Musical Theatre Curriculum, School of Drama, The Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

Sharing: Ms Chan Hiu Yan, Actress and Simulated Patient

Language: Cantonese

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