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Press Release

Director of the Office of Planning and Coordination
Appointed for the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology announces today the appointment of Professor Peter Norman DOBSON, Jr.

(杜家驹) as Director of the Office of Planning and Coordination.

Prof Dobson has held a number of administrative positions in the University of Hawaii's state-wide system of higher education including Vice President of Academic Affairs, as Chancellor of one of the state's four-year campuses, and currently serves as tenured Professor of Physics and Provost of one of the state's community colleges.

During his years in university administration, Prof Dobson was involved in major planning projects such as the Hawaii Mauna Kea Science Reserve Development Plan which formed the basis for developing the site housing more than ten major astronomical instruments and where the world's largest telescope is under construction. He led the University's development of a State Higher Education Plan and has recently completed the Educational Development Plan for Leeward Community College, the campus he now heads.

Prof Dobson earned his BA in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his PhD from the University of Maryland. He spent two years, 1984-86, consulting in China and Hong Kong for an American computer company. He is married and has two daughters and a son, all in their twenties, living in California.

"While I have enjoyed contributing to some of the accomplishments of the impressive growth at the University of Hawaii, nothing I have done compares to the creation of a new university. This is an immense undertaking and being part of it is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

As Director of the Office of Planning and Coordination, Prof. Dobson serves as a member of the Vice Chancellor's staff, supporting the planning and implementing activities directed by senior management officers. The planning office helps to look at the long-range issues, identify the significant decisions that have to be made, and convert the results into long usable products. This frees the officers and operational managers, for the day-to-day responsibilities that compete for their attention.

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