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Historic Agreement Between Universities From Three Continents

For the first time in its history, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) is entering into a collaborative agreement involving three universities from three continents.

HKUST today (Thursday) signed an agreement with [Universität Karlsruhe](#), a top-ranked elite German research powerhouse, and Carnegie Mellon University, a premier university foremost in America for its expertise in computer science.

The agreement was signed at a ceremony today by the presidents of these three top-ranked universities, namely President of HKUST Prof Paul Chu, President of [Universität Karlsruhe](#) Prof Horst Hippler, and President of Carnegie Mellon University Prof Jared L Cohon.

Speaking at the ceremony, Prof Paul Chu said HKUST felt twice honored by this historic collaboration with two leading universities from Germany and US.

"It will be an evolving partnership that serves as the model of future partnerships for all universities - with each partner enjoying administrative autonomy, while benefiting from the cross-fertilization of ideas, joint efforts and collective support," Prof Chu said.

The agreement signed today will initially commit the three universities to collaborations in research and education program in computing and communication technology - the bedrock of strength for all three institutions. Student and staff exchanges will also be promoted to broaden their multinational and multicultural experiences.

About Universität Karlsruhe, Germany

[Universität Karlsruhe](#) now counts as one of three elite universities in Germany. According to a German journal for jobs and economics "*karriere*", it gets the highest ranking in its courses of Computer Sciences, Mechanical Engineering and Business Engineering.

About Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Founded in 1900, Carnegie Mellon University is consistently named one of the top-ranked universities in the US by US News & World Report. The University is well recognized for its world-class arts and technology programs, collaboration across disciplines and innovative leadership in education.

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Prof Paul Chu, President of HKUST (middle) today attended an agreement signing ceremony with Prof Gene Hambrick, Director of CMU International Development (left) and Prof Horst Hippler, President of [Universität Karlsruhe](#) (right) to strengthen collaborations in research and education program in computing and communication technology.

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