

HKBU Institutional Repository – A “Soft Launch”

In support of promoting research and scholarship, encouraging rigorous research that reinforces university education, and promoting the transfer of knowledge to society, I am pleased to announce the **HKBU Institutional Repository (IR)** is available at the web site: <http://eprints.hkbu.edu.hk>. It has been demonstrated that for research outcomes deposited in an Institutional Repository, their citation rate by other researchers is significantly increased. The HKBU IR is a digital archive to collect and preserve the research/scholarly/creative output of the HKBU community and to make it available and accessible to the global, scholarly network. In its initial phase, the IR will mainly focus on collecting research outcomes by faculty and staff, while inclusion of student work into the repository will be considered at a later stage. Please refer to the [guidelines](#) on what will be collected and archived by the IR. Given that this is a “soft launch”, the IR platform is still being fine-tuned and enhanced. Feedback and comments on the repository are most welcome as we consider future enhancements.

I strongly encourage faculty and staff to deposit their research and scholarly/creative output into the IR. Workshops will be organized by the Library to introduce the IR, discuss benefits and copyright concerns, and go through the deposit process with you. You can register for one of the workshops at <http://www.hkbu.edu.hk/~libref/openworkshop/faculty/ir.html>.

For inquiries, please feel free to contact Information Services of the Library at 3411-2711.

Thank you.

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