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**Internal Review of SHSS** {School of Humanities and Social Science}

**Office of the Provost** <[omitted]>

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To: [All members of the SHSS]

Message from Prof Lionel Ni, Provost

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Dear colleagues in SHSS,

As some of you may know, an Internal Review exercise was conducted in SSCI, SENG and SBM in 2015-2017. Thanks to the hard work of the respective Committees, extensive interviews/consultations were conducted with different stakeholders and an all-staff open forum was held in each School. We were encouraged by the openness and transparency in the process, and colleagues' willingness to share opinions.

SHSS has a distinctive position for being a non-science school in a university of science and technology. It contributes substantially to the University's common core education and plays an important role in nurturing scholarship and teaching conducive to human well-being in the rapidly changing world. Following the recent External Review which is research oriented, it is considered opportune for the School to have an all-encompassing review of its activities. The Internal Review exercise will assist the new leadership of the School and the senior management in evaluating SHSS's effectiveness, identifying new possibilities, and developing its strategic plans.

I have now appointed a Committee to kick off the review in SHSS. The Committee will assess all dimensions of SHSS including but not limited to, academic development and planning, undergraduate and postgraduate education, offering of self-financed programs, collaboration with other Schools, regular and teaching track faculty recruiting and development, administrative staffing and streamlining of work, financial and budgetary matters, and engagement with the local and international community. It will also identify the next steps on the research priorities based on the recommendations of External Review. I am pleased to announce that the following colleagues have kindly agreed to serve on the Internal Review Committee of SHSS:

Chair: [omitted]

Members: [3, omitted]

It is expected that the Committee will consult broadly within SHSS, including but not limited to, faculty, staff, students and alumni as appropriate; and formulate recommendations and action plans which will serve as an important reference for DHSS to take forward the school. The findings of the internal review will be shared with colleagues of SHSS in a written report and in a forum open to all members.

I am sure you will render your full support to the Internal Review Committee; and I look forward to hearing from them.

Best regards,  
Lionel