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## **Hong Kong Baptist University Faculty and Staff Union**

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## A Collective Signing Gathering, and A Legal Fund Raising Campaign

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## Dear Colleagues

For the past month, many BU colleagues have lived in fear, and most eventually have no choice but to sign the Consent Form for conversion to the NPRS. However, the struggle of the Union for the past one and a half year has demonstrated that it is only through collective endeavor to channel our demands to the University that can we defend our own rights. Entry into the NPRS is only the beginning of another round of struggle.

To express our anger and our resolve to continue the struggle, we shall hold a collective signing gathering tomorrow, in the Staff Lounge in Run Run Shaw Building, from 1 to 2 p.m., to reiterate our demands concerning the NPRS and the President's promises. Please make yourself available to participate.

At the same time, some colleagues may have their existing contracts "concluded" by the University due to their refusal to join the NPRS.

Due to the limited resource of our union, the ExCo has decided to embark on a fundraising campaign, to raise fund for legal proceedings. We suggest that each member donate \$200, and snowball this to a fund to help affected colleagues to strive for their just rights. We are trying all possible means to protect colleagues' rights, and we are glad to solicit the support of the Hong Kong Federation of Higher Education Staff Associations to extend this fundraising campaign to all colleges and universities. We hope to gain the generous support from all sectors, since the present action is not just striving for the pay of employees, but most importantly this is a striving for social justice, for dignity of the staff, for the reputation of the university. We are unhesitantly engaging in a rational legal dispute.

In the collective signing gathering to be held tomorrow, we shall also place donation boxes to facilitate immediate fundraising. Or you can send in crossed cheque, with the heading stated as "Hong Kong Baptist University Faculty and Staff Union" and indicate at the back of the cheque "Legal Proceedings Donation"; or you can donate through the following Heng Sang Bank account: 366-040632-001, and mail us the receipt (with your name and office at the back) of your donation for record and for getting receipts.

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For all matters of fundraising, or any queries or opinions, please feel free to call Mr. To Yiu Ming (pager: 7684 8713), Mark Li (3411 5686), or any ExCo members.

Yours sincerely,

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