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## **Press Release**

### **University of Wollongong Australia offers new top-up degrees**

The University of Wollongong Australia (UOW), a top-rated university in the country, is offering three top-up degree programmes in 2016 in association with the Community College of City University (CCCU) in Hong Kong.

The three programmes especially tailored for the Hong Kong market will be Bachelor of Business, Bachelor of Computer Science, and Bachelor of Communication and Media Studies. Commencing in September 2016 and offered at CCCU's Kowloon Bay campus, the programmes can be completed in 3 trimesters or one calendar year.

“Recent national rankings confirm UOW’s reputation as a university that offers an exceptional student experience and world-class opportunities for graduates, with many key indicators showing UOW leads the country,” said Dr Bill Damachis, UOW’s Director of Transnational Education & Alliances.

UOW outperformed all other universities in the country to score the highest number of star ratings in the 2016 Good Universities Guide. UOW scored an impressive 50 stars across all categories – three stars clear of its nearest metropolitan-based university rival. It is also the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row that UOW has received five stars for graduates getting a full-time job.

The release of the Australian Federal Government’s Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) clearly reinforces UOW’s position as one of the best universities in the country. In percentage terms across the key 12 categories, UOW came out on top. Of the 14 disciplines on offer at UOW, 5 are rated as the best in the country and a further 5 as the best in New South Wales.

“CCCU has long experience in offering international bachelor degree programmes to Associate Degree graduates. The programmes give a global perspective while having the advantage of being taught locally by both our own highly qualified staff and visiting scholars from UOW. All programmes have been carefully selected for their unique characteristics, and are particularly suitable for Associate Degree graduates or those holding equivalent qualifications” said Dr Choi Yiu-Kuen, Vice-Principal (Planning) of CCCU.

Strong academic support will be provided to the programmes offered in Hong Kong, with face-to-face lectures by well-qualified teaching staff and visiting lectures by UOW scholars with strong industry experience and connections. Students will have full access to the online learning resources of UOW, which includes over 300,000 eBooks, 63,000 eJournals, scholarly articles, multidisciplinary and specialist databases for the three UOW programmes.

With a competitive tuition fee set at HK\$84,600 for the 3 trimesters, entry to the programmes requires a recognised Associate Degree, Higher Diploma or equivalent qualification in related disciplines. Applicants from unrelated disciplines but with demonstrated foundation knowledge for the programmes may also be considered. Applicants who have not completed a recognised qualification may need to meet the University’s English language requirements. Admittance into the programme is at the sole discretion of UOW.

Following graduation from the top-up degrees, graduates can progress into many of the postgraduate programmes offered by UOW.

For further information please refer to the University of Wollongong Degree Programmes 2016-17 brochure, which is available on the CCCU website.