Virtual Student Exchange Bringing the World to Students

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Comprehensive research university

Bilingualism & multiculturalism

Deep roots in Chinese culture

Established in 1963

"*To combine tradition with modernity; To bring together China & the West*"

Unique College System

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Focus on Student Development

- Only university in HK that offers **collegiate system**
- **9 Colleges** form congenial communities with own hostels, dining halls & facilities
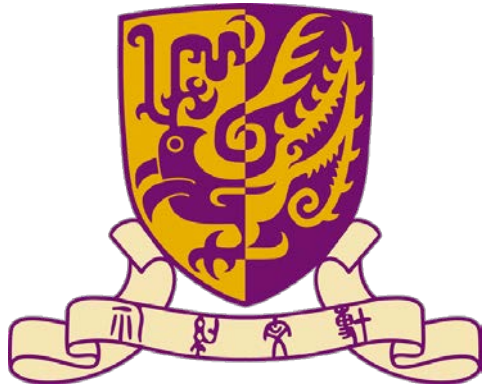
Space to Learn & to Grow

- **Largest, greenest & most scenic** campus in HK

Teaching Facility for Future

- **CUHK Medical Centre**
- **Non-profit private teaching hospital** to open in 2020
- Base for clinical research, healthcare education & professional training

The Chinese University of Hong Kong

8 Faculties

Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science, Social Science

330+ Research institutes & centers

17,000 UGs

12,600 PGs

1,700+ Teaching staff

1,500+ Research staff

140+ UG majors & minors

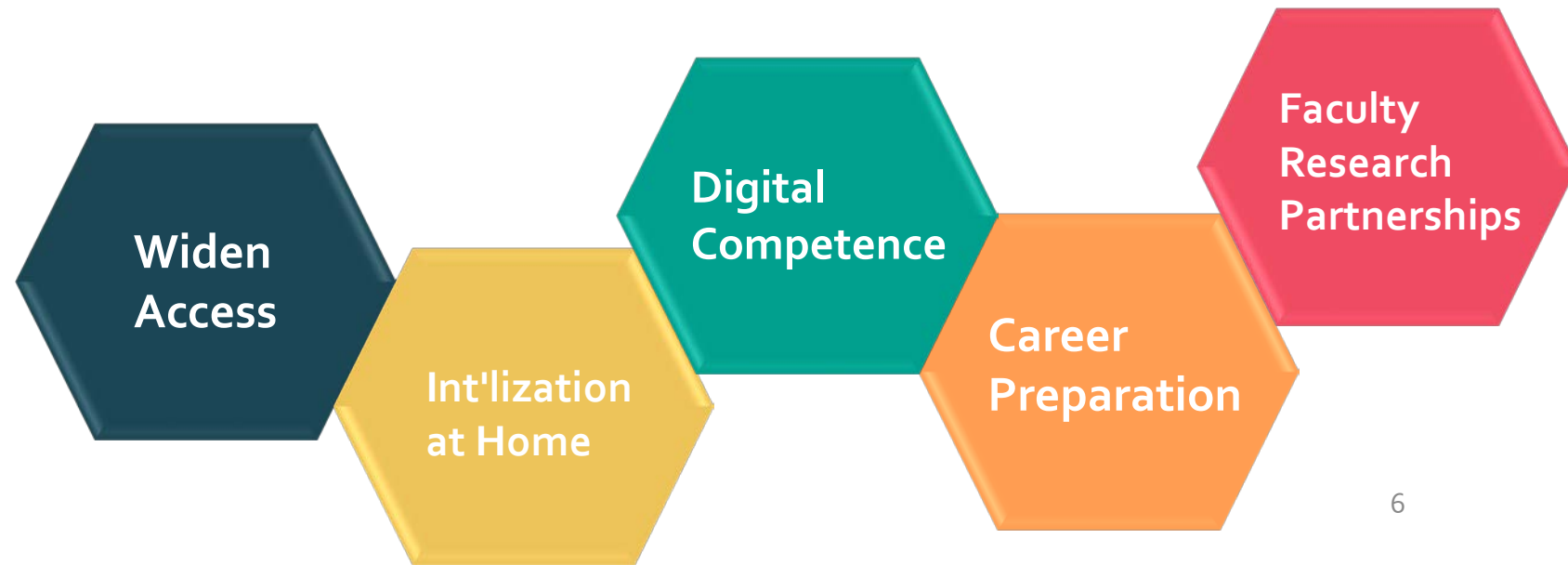**7,400+** Non-local students from 60+ countries/regions

International Education at CUHK

- International exchange supports core mission of CUHK
- 1st exchange established in 1965 with University of California System
- **280 partners** in **30+ destinations**
- **1,200+ CUHK UG** students on **term-long exchanges** each year
- **Approx. 5,000 students** joining **short-term experiential learning** programs outside Hong Kong during summer
- **PG exchanges** for research & coursework (e.g. MBA)
- Other students engaged in **double degree programs**
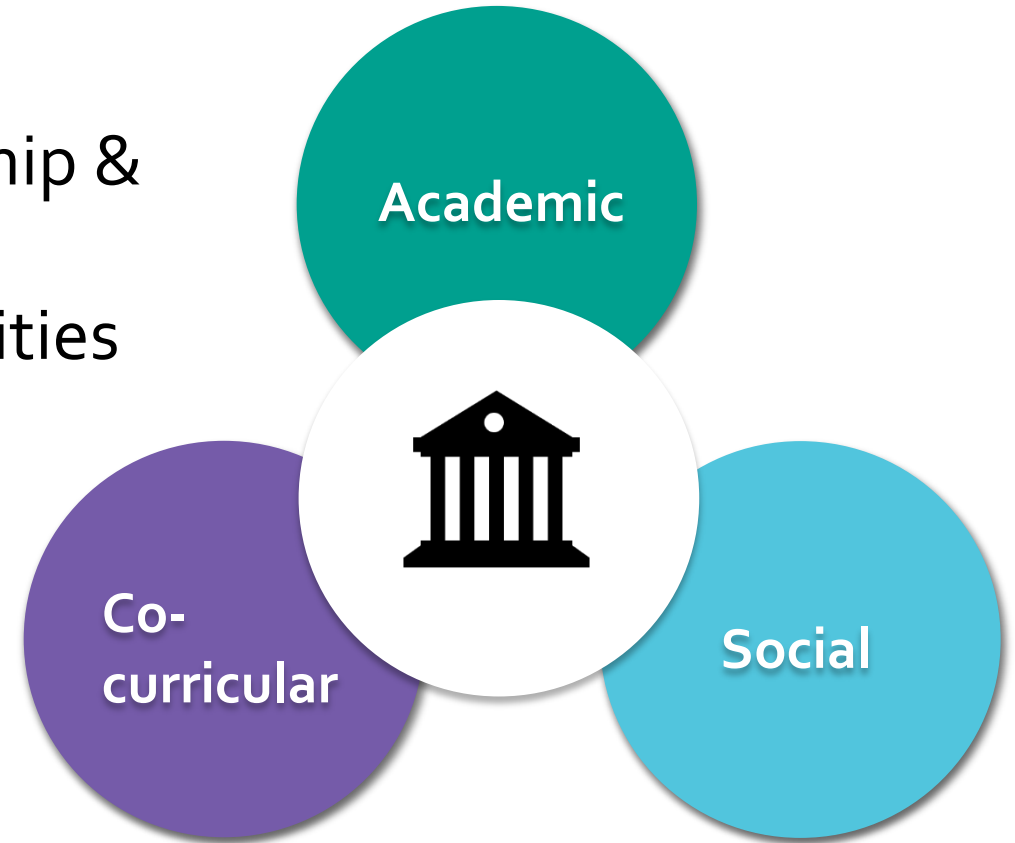
Virtual Student Exchange Concept

- COVID-19 pandemic brought unprecedented challenges, impacting int'l education significantly, especially in times of globalization

- Pandemic accelerated adoption of digital technology in HE

- Work together to create opportunities for int'l exchange for students

- Not short-term fix to current problem – permanent tool for internationalization

Widen Access

Int'lization at Home

Digital Competence

Career Preparation

Faculty Research Partnerships

Virtual Student Exchange Concept

Three "pillars" of traditional exchange – provided on digital platforms:

1. Academic coursework
2. Co-curricular – cultural, careers, leadership & social programs
3. Engagement in new int'l social communities

Academic

Co-curricular

Social

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Pilot Program
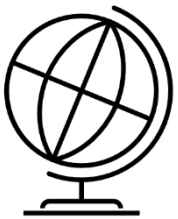## August 2020

APRU Virtual Student Exchange

Connecting students from over **50 universities** in Americas, Asia & Australasia
through **online platforms** & **digital technologies**

Academic Coursework

- Uncertainty with Fall semester, many adopt blended learning
- Good inventory of online courses developed over past semester
- Contribute **courses into "basket"** attracting a diverse student body
- Existing courses or co-created new courses
- Leverage on partner course offerings to complement own curriculum
- Mixed mode of synchronous & asynchronous teaching
- Intentional effort for teamwork among students from different universities

Courses are:

Regionally distinctive

Of int'l context to encourage co-teaching & speakers

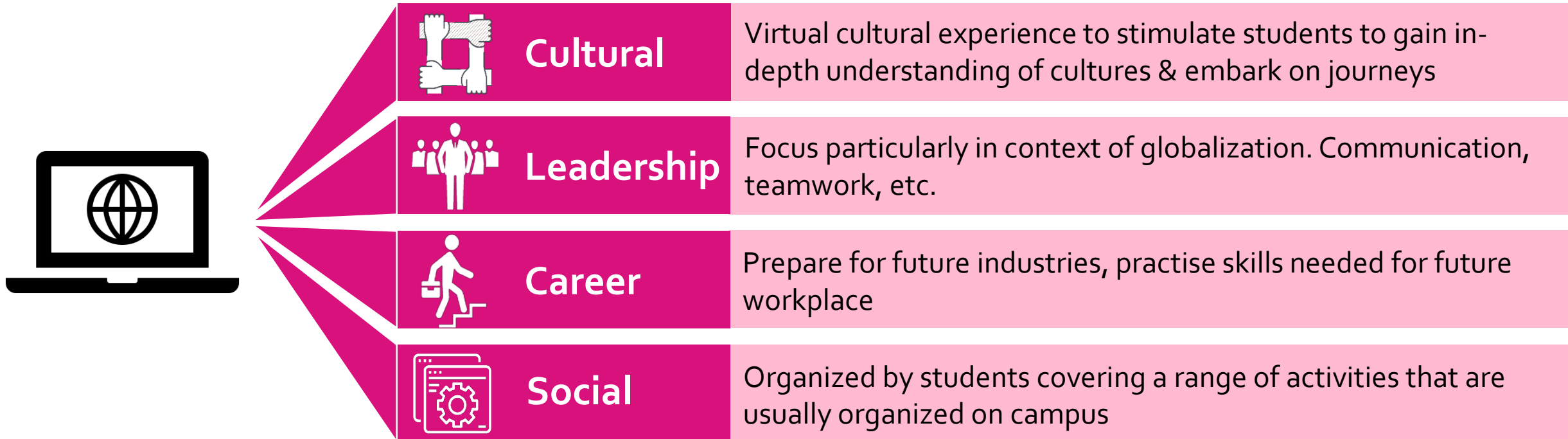**Designed to provide essential skills to prepare students for post-COVID world**
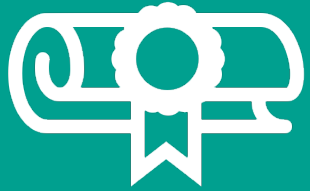
Flagship courses

Co-curricular Programs

- One-off short programs, regular online discussions, competitions, talks & workshops organized by experts, faculty, local figures & students

Examples:

	Virtual cultural experience to stimulate students to gain in-depth understanding of cultures & embark on journeys
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Leadership	Focus particularly in context of globalization. Communication, teamwork, etc.
Career	Prepare for future industries, practise skills needed for future workplace
Social	Organized by students covering a range of activities that are usually organized on campus

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Academic

- Acquire new knowledge & skills
- Develop digital competency

Co-curricular

- Prepare for future careers & workplace
- Experience culture & society of different places through eyes of friends

Social

- Work with peers from around the world
- Learn to work across cultures
- Build new friendships & social as well as professional networks

Global Leadership & Citizenship Training (New)

- Include leadership & other forms of training
  - e.g. One-off talks on career development/entrepreneurship followed by group activities/competitions to bring participants together

- Non-credit bearing

- Another reference model: Remote Global Leadership Challenge organized by University of Oregon connecting students with NGOs & other organizations to work on projects

Putting it Together

Basic principles:

- Reciprocity is consortium-wide
- No tuition to host (no additional cost to students)
- Home university to manage credit transfers, academic load, etc.
- Selection of students by host university/teacher

Management:

- Central office serving as depository of information – academic courses & programs, & coordinate between all parties

APRU VSE Pilot Program August 2020

Applications for academic courses for new semester open!

60+
Courses

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Universities

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Continents

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Economies

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Thank you!

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