

Appointments to Steering Committee of Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus (RAISe+) Scheme

The Government today (November 1) announced the appointment of four additional non-official members to the Steering Committee of the Research, Academic and Industry Sectors One-plus (RAISe+) Scheme, namely Ms Vanessa Huang Yifei, Professor Randy Poon Yat-choi, Professor Tu Wenwei and Professor Wong Wing-tak. Their term of office will end on December 31, 2025.

The RAISe+ Scheme was launched in 2023 to unleash the potential of local universities in the "1 to N" transformation and commercialisation of research and development outcomes, and facilitate relevant collaboration among the Government, industries, universities and research sectors. It will fund at least 100 research teams from universities funded by the University Grants Committee that have good potential to become successful start-ups on a matching basis.

The Government has earlier set up the Steering Committee of the RAISe+ Scheme to vet eligible applications, with a two-year term from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025. The Committee is composed of members from the Government, research, academic, industry and investment sectors. The updated membership of the Committee is as follows:

Chairman:

Mr Duncan Chiu

Non-official Members:

Professor Bian Zhaoxiang

Professor Cai Hongbin

Dr Sunny Chai Ngai-chiu

Professor Chan Chi-hou

Professor Francis Chan Ka-leung

Mr Simon Chan Sai-ming

Dr Hu Zhanghong

Ms Vanessa Huang Yifei*

Ms Li Qianxin

Professor Li Zexiang

Mr Daryl Ng Win-kong

Professor Randy Poon Yat-choi*

Mr Sunny Tan

Professor Teng Jin-guang

Mr Patrick Tsang Shun-fuk

Professor Tu Wenwei*

Professor Wong Wing-tak*

Ex-officio Members:

Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry or his/her representative

Commissioner for Innovation and Technology or his/her representative

(* New appointee)

A Government spokesman said that the newly appointed members are experienced in their respective areas of expertise, including life and health sciences and investment. They will provide valuable knowledge and advice to the Committee in the assessment of the applications under the RAISE+ Scheme.