

EF PhD STUDENT ORIENTATION

PhD Student Orientation and Lunch Welcomes New and Continuing Students

The Department of Economics and Finance hosted its PhD Student Orientation and Lunch on 22 September 2026 at the CityUHK Chinese Restaurant. Bringing together new and continuing PhD students in Economics and Finance alongside faculty members, the event offered a warm welcome and an opportunity to connect at the start of the academic year.



Finance Research Degree Coordinator Professor CHEN Zhiyao and Economics Research Degree Coordinator Professor LI Yunan delivered welcoming remarks.

Professor LI highlighted the transition from learning about existing knowledge to making original discoveries, reminding students that uncertainty and questions are natural parts of research. She encouraged students to stay curious, seek support, and exchange ideas with faculty and peers, including through informal conversations beyond academic meetings. She also emphasised the importance of friendships, regular breaks, and a fulfilling life outside research, alongside reminders about graduation requirements and the forthcoming qualifying examination.



The event also featured faculty introductions, followed by informal conversations over lunch. The gathering gave students and faculty an opportunity to get to know one another and reconnect, marking a welcoming start to another year of doctoral study and research at CityUHK.

