

City University of Hong Kong
Policy and Guidelines
for the Use of the University’s Name, Artistic-related Intangible and
Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks

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Policy and Guidelines for the Use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks

A. Preamble

1. City University of Hong Kong is a leading university in the Asia-Pacific region. Its name, visual identity and trade marks are recognized as symbols of excellence in education, applied research and consultancy services and are important assets of the University that shall be protected.
2. The University's Policy on Intellectual Property (hereafter "Policy") states that:
"The ownership of various logos, marks, designs, etc, as used by the University including but not limited to "City University of Hong Kong", "CityU" and the University logo shall vest with the University. These marks (collectively referred to as the "Marks") are the property of the University. The University has the sole and exclusive right to use the Marks and license their use for commercial purposes on various forms of merchandise. The University also uses and licenses the use of the Marks as service marks in connection with various business enterprises and in the promotion of the University and its activities.

The Marks are extremely important to the University. Their importance is increasing as the University engages in more commercial and external activities. These Marks are therefore a commercial asset with increasing value."¹

3. This document elaborates on the Policy and provides guidelines for the use of the University's name, artistic-related intangible and tangible assets, visual identity and trade marks, which form parts of the Marks as defined in Policy, in accordance with the Policy.

Some of the Marks have been registered and Section I herein lists the trade marks owned by the University. All Marks, whether registered or unregistered, are protected by the relevant trade mark laws and passing off as the case may be.

4. At its meeting held on 6 October 2022, the Council resolved to approve ceasing the use of "HK Tech" in all facilities' names and products of the University with immediate effect. Future naming of University facilities, products and major initiatives must be submitted to the Community Relations Committee for consideration and approval.

¹ City University of Hong Kong, Policy on Intellectual Property: Trade and Service Marks, sections 12, paragraphs 12.2 and 12.3. The University has established Policy on Intellectual Property in relation to three aspects of intellectual property, namely, (i) Copyright, (ii) Patent, Registered Designs, Circuit Layout and Plant Variety Rights, and (iii) Trade & Service Marks.

B. Definitions

The following are the definitions of the terms used in these guidelines.

<i>"University's Name"</i>	<i>means "City University of Hong Kong", "City University", "香港城市大學", "城市大學", the acronym "CityU", "CityU HK", "城大", "香港城大", the domain name cityu.edu.hk and all other names, abbreviations, acronyms etc. that connote an association with the University.</i>
<i>"Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets"</i>	<i>means artistic and creative works including, but not limited to, University Anthem, its music and lyrics, and works such as photographs, illustrations, paintings, literary works, and visual media including films and videos.</i>
<i>"Visual Identity"</i>	<i>means the university logo, marks, designs, and any other visual forms that are approved by the University and connote an association with the University. The graphic standards of the logo, marks and designs are laid down in the Corporate Identity Manual published by the University ².</i>
<i>"Trade Marks"</i>	<i>means all registered trade marks owned by the University.</i>
<i>"University Activities"</i>	<i>means teaching and learning, research, community service, administration, development work and student services, in support of the University's educational and operational purposes.</i>
<i>"University Departments"</i>	<i>means the central administration, colleges, schools, academic departments or units, research institutes or centres, administrative and academic support units, and all other units established under the University;</i>
<i>"University Members"</i>	<i>means all current staff and students of the University whether full-time or part-time</i>

² The *Corporate Identity Manual* can be viewed and downloaded at http://www.cityu.edu.hk/cpro/cityu_brand.html.

C. Application

The principles and guidelines shall apply to:

- (a) University Departments;
- (b) University Members;
- (c) Alumni bodies;
- (d) Individuals or organizations, who through direct or indirect participation and engagement in University Activities, have become involved in the use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks;
- (e) Print materials such as publications, stationery, business cards; exhibits and signs; souvenir items; television, video and motion picture; the Internet, websites; and all other forms of media and devices.

D. Basic principles for the use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks

1. The University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks shall be used in an appropriate manner up to the standards and expectation of the University as stipulated by the Standard Manuals and Reference Guides in Section H herein³.
2. The University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks shall not be used in a derogatory manner causing any dilution of the University's reputation.⁴
3. All University Departments and Members shall have the obligation to uphold the corporate identity of the University.
4. Subject to the University's overall control of the use of the University's Name, Artistic- related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks as stated in this document, the use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks by University Departments and Members for University Activities is permitted provided that the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks are not used in any derogatory, deceptive, scandalous or distorted manner.
5. Subject to the University's overall control of the use of the University's Name, Artistic- related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks as stated in this document, University Members and alumni are permitted to use the University's Name, but not the Visual Identity and Trade Marks, in true and accurate statements of their affiliation or relationship with the University in stating their qualifications or experience for academic and professional credit.

³ See Policy on Intellectual Property, paragraph 12.4.2. See Section H of this document for standard manuals focusing the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks.

⁴ See Policy on Intellectual Property, paragraph 12.4.3.

E. Other Considerations

1. The use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks is, in general, limited to official University Activities; and not for support or endorsement, or appears to be for support or endorsement, of non-CityU activities, products, or services.
2. Staff engaging in outside practice may not use the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity or Trade Marks to promote that practice.
3. University Members and alumni may not use the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity, Trade Marks or their affiliation with the University in any manner which implies or suggests University support for, endorsement of, association with or opposition to any activities, products, or services.
4. The trademarks including the University logo and other marks set out in Section I herein are protected by law and must be used in strict accordance with the relevant policy of the University. Staff or students using the said trademarks without the prior written approval of the University will be subject to disciplinary action by the University in addition to possible legal actions.

F. Authority

1. The authority to approve the use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks ultimately belongs to the President, who may delegate such authority to departments/persons as appropriate and in compliance with the University's Corporate Identity Manual.
2. The President has delegated the authority to the following persons to approve the use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks in general, provided that such use is for non-commercial purposes.
 - (a) Heads of University Departments
For staff of the department to use the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks on letterheads; name cards; printed matters such as publications and reports; advertisements for departmental events; souvenir items which are given away free of charge; publicity materials such as posters, banners and exhibits; electronic communications such as websites, emails provided that such uses are limited to conducting University Activities.
 - (b) Director of Student Development Services
For use in student related activities and matters.

- (c) Director of Alumni Relations
For use in alumni-related activities and matters.
 - (d) Director of Development
For use in fund-raising and development-related activities and matters.
 - (e) Director of Admissions Office
For marketing and promotion of, including advertisements for, university programmes and courses of study administered through the Admissions Office.
 - (f) Dean of Graduate Studies
For marketing and promotion of, including advertisements for, university programmes and courses of study administered through the School of Graduate Studies.
 - (g) Director of Human Resources
For staffing related matters including advertisements for staff recruitment.
 - (h) Director of Communications and Public Relations
For materials intended for media communications such as press releases and advertisements for University events.
 - (i) Director (Global Engagement Office)
For marketing and promotion of the University outside Hong Kong.
 - (j) Director of Computing Services
For domain name and web sites, including the allocation of internal domain names and the registration of external domain names for departments.
 - (k) Director of Campus Development
For signage on buildings and other facilities.
3. The President has delegated the authority to approve the use of the University's Name, Visual Identity and Trade Marks to the Director of Finance for licensing arrangements such as those related to commercial products or services; and for the production of clothing, badges, stationery etc. bearing the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks of the University which are intended for sale or commercial purposes.

G. Special Cases

1. For any other use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks, including but not limited to the following:
 - (a) use in connection with an outside organization/institution,
 - (b) use in connection with commercial enterprises or trade associations representing commercial enterprises,
 - (c) the use may carry a potential for financial, legal or reputational risk to the University,



prior written permission must be obtained from the President or his delegated authority.⁵

H. Standard Manuals and Reference Documents

1. ***Corporate Identity Manual*** which lays down graphics standards for the logo, marks and designs approved by the University. It can be viewed and downloaded at http://www.cityu.edu.hk/CPRO/cityu_brand.html
Enquiries: Communications and Public Relations Office, email: cpro@cityu.edu.hk
2. ***Domain Name System Policy and Guidelines*** which spells out the rules and regulations for the use of for all internal and external University domain names. It can be viewed and downloaded at <http://wikisites.cityu.edu.hk/sites/upolicies/dnpolicy/>
Enquiries: Director of Computing Services, email: chead@cityu.edu.hk
3. ***Intellectual Property Policy*** which details the University's policy on the ownership of intellectual property. The University intellectual property policy relates to three aspects of intellectual property, namely, (i) Copyright, (ii) Patents, Registered Designs, Circuit Layout and Plant Variety Rights, and (iii) Trade & Service Marks. It can be viewed and downloaded at <http://wikisites.cityu.edu.hk/sites/upolicies/ippolicy/>.
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⁵ The President has delegated the authority to the Director of Communications and Public Relations to approve the use of the University's Name, Artistic-related Intangible and Tangible Assets, Visual Identity and Trade Marks for cases covered under Section G.

I. Trade Marks Registered by the University


 
 
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