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NG CHING-FAI assumed office as President and Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong Baptist University in July 2001. He joined Hong Kong Baptist University in 1985 and has served successively as Head of the Chemistry Department, Dean of Science and Chair Professor of Chemistry. A renowned expert in heterogeneous catalysis, Professor Ng is highly regarded by both local and international peers. He was instrumental in founding the Hong Kong Institution of Science and the Society of Hong Kong Scholars; and has been a member of the Council of Advisors on Innovation and Technology and the Research Grants Council. Professor Ng's scope of service goes beyond the academic world. He is currently a Deputy to the National People Congress and a member of the Committee on Social Development and Quality of Life, a sub-committee of the Government's Commission on Strategic Development. He had been a member of the Legislative Council for four and a half years before taking up the position of the President and Vice-Chancellor. In 2005, Professor Ng was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star by the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government.

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Eva Egron-Polak took up the position in IAU after a long career at the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, where she worked for more than 15 years in various positions, with responsibility for international academic relations and the development, negotiations and management of all externally funded international programmes at AUCC. Her last position at the AUCC was as Vice-President for International and Canadian Programmes.