

## 敬致本校全體師生同仁

本校校長遴選委員會上個月推選高為元教授為新任校長,昨日獲教育部核定聘任。下任校長聘期原訂於明年2月1日開始,但高為元教授人在海外工作與家庭之故,未及返台,將延至明年5月1日上任。新任校長聘期為111年5月1日至115年4月30日。

高為元教授需要一些時間將目前工作完善交接,並安排全家返台及子女教育, 再加上2月春節期間防疫旅館訂房困難,因此延後3個月上任。本校近日將依 程序討論這3個月的校長代理方式。

校長遴選結果公布後,高為元教授即與賀陳弘校長定期討論交接事宜,包括目前正在關鍵階段的清華醫院、學士後醫學系、半導體研究學院等組織、招生及 未來發展等,務期校務無縫接軌。

據了解,從海外延攬的大學校長返台就任時間延後,多校曾有前例。本校前校 長劉炯朗從海外返台就任,即在原校長卸任3個月之後;陽明大學前校長梁賡 義及交通大學前校長張懋中也都有延後一學期上任的類似情況。

> 國立清華大學 秘書處 敬上 110年12月24日

〈高為元校長致清華人的一封信附於英文版公告之後〉

To all faculty, staff, and students:

Last month the Presidential Search Committee recommended that Professor John Kao be appointed as the new president of our university. The appointment was approved by the Ministry of Education yesterday. The new president was originally scheduled to take office on February 1 of next year. However, Professor Kao has requested to postpone his inauguration until May 1. As such, his tenure will be from May 1, 2022 to April 30, 2026.

The main reason for this postponement is that Professor Kao needs some additional time to complete the handover of his current work, to prepare for his family's return to Taiwan, and to arrange his children's education. In addition, it is difficult to book rooms in quarantine hotels during the Spring Festival in February. The university will hold discussions to appoint an Interim President for these three months as soon as possible.

After the announcement of the selection of the new president, Professor Kao and President Hocheng have regularly discussed issues related to the handover, including the university's organization, student and faculty recruitment, and the future development of

the hospital, the Department of Medicine, and the College of Semiconductor Research.

In the past, there have been cases of postponement of presidential tenure, particularly when the new president was recruited from overseas. President Chung Laung Liu, the former President of National Tsing Hua University, President Kung-Yee Liang, the former President of National Yang Ming University, and President Mau-Chung Chang, the former President of National Chiao Tung University, are just a few examples.

Sincerely, Office of Secretariat National Tsing Hua University 2021. 12. 24.

## 敬附高為元校長致清華人的一封信如下

各位親愛的清華人:

感謝您的信任,讓我擁有為清華、為台灣服務的機會。從得知您賦予我重任的 那一刻起,我全心感謝,也歸心似箭,希望立刻回到台灣。

但無奈受到疫情影響,及必須為目前工作完整結尾,還有家人一同返台、子女轉學的安排,得延後3個月就任。

我在小學時就隨父親因公派駐海外,離鄉四十餘載,長年在不同的國家地區求學、工作。由於您的付託,如今我終於能回到家鄉,心中充滿感激。能在父母晚年的時候常伴左右,也成全我為人子女多年來的心願。

想回台灣不僅是私人的情感,也與個人核心價值相關,這些重要的價值包括了民主與自治。這幾年我在國外深深體會到,如果未能好好鞏固這些珍貴的核心價值,一旦消失,就難再追回。

再次感謝清華大學校長遴選委員會的付託。我也要感謝清華行政團隊,尤其是 賀陳弘校長,自校長遴選結果公布以來,從各方面幫助我為接任做好準備。感 謝校務諮詢委員同意我在線上聆聽他們寶貴的意見。

這段時間我也會加緊學習了解清華及台灣高等教育環境,以期無縫接軌,盡全力達到清華師生、校友及各界對我的期許。

期待我們在清華園相會的那一天!



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