

## Hong Kong-Australia collaboration for advancing clinical education in physiotherapy and occupational therapy

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### Fostering collaborative research and innovation in healthcare professional education



The Department of Rehabilitation Sciences at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) recently hosted the inaugural Clinical Education Conference, the first event of its kind in Hong Kong, aiming to promote the advancement of clinical education in physiotherapy and occupational therapy.

During the Conference, PolyU signed a collaboration agreement with the University of Queensland, Australia to officially establish a Joint Health Professions Education Research Laboratory, with the aim of fostering collaborative research and innovation in healthcare professional education. The Conference brought together over 300 clinical educators and experts in physiotherapy and occupational therapy from government agencies, non-governmental organisations and private practices.

Prof. Marco PANG, Shun Hing Education and Charity Fund Professor in Rehabilitation Sciences, Chair Professor of Neurorehabilitation, Head of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences, and Director of the University Research Facility in Behavioural and Systems Neuroscience at PolyU; and Prof. Sandy BRAUER, Deputy Executive Dean of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Behavioural Sciences at The University of Queensland subsequently signed the collaboration agreement on behalf of both parties, symbolising the official establishment of the Joint Health Professions Education Research Laboratory and marking a significant step forward in their collaborative efforts in teaching and research.