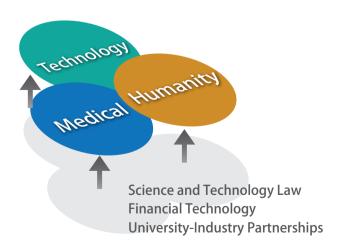


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On February 1, 2021, the merged National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU) was formally unveiled. In the past, National Yang-Ming University and National Chiao Tung University respectively bore the great responsibilities of ensuring access to health care in remote communities and fostering the development of the semiconductor industry. The merger of the two top universities brings new strengths to medical and electronics research and undoubtedly, we will continue to embrace our responsibility in advancing the transformation of Taiwan's industry. The merger coincided with the plague of a century, COVID-19, which has caused tremendous changes in interpersonal relationships, and has altered the very structure of life, economy, industry, and politics that the world had previously been accustomed to. It's as if we've been shuttled down a long and winding path, yet one at which the end promises to reveal new and striking landscapes.

In these times of great upheaval, and as one of Taiwan's top-tier universities, NYCU is fully shouldering the social responsibility that it carries, while at the same time beginning to rethink the role played by universities. Sustainability issues have become of the utmost importance, and for this reason, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set forth by the United Nations (UN) in 2015 have been and will continue to be primary development goals for NYCU. This year, NYCU has continued to work diligently towards the realization of all 17 SDGs outlined by the UN. Outstanding results have been seen in academic research, in the cultivation of socially-minded talent, and in direct contributions to society. It is our hope that we can thereby put an end to various inequalities and create a more sustainable environment. Through integration of technology, medicine, and the humanities, advancements can be made in science and technology law, financial technology, and industry-academia collaboration, leading to the fulfillment of our University Social Responsibility (USR).

NYCU believes that while reexamining and redefining the social responsibilities of the university, we can simultaneously instill the sensibilities of the humanities into both medical care and electronics. Doing so can extend the influence of the university to its partners in collaboration, and, in the case of international collaboration, can even bring its research and experience to the world stage, in turn making the world a more beautiful place to be. NYCU is confident it can lay the groundwork for global sustainable development, and deeply believes that if we "ACT TOGETHER, WE GO FAR!"