## **Guidelines to the Preparation of Research Proposal Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, CUHK**

The followings are items that you may include in your proposal for application to the MPhil and PhD Programmes:

- 1) Area of interests
- 2) History of the problem identified for research
- 3) Proposed thesis and arguments of your project
- 4) Brief outline of the thesis/dissertation proposed
- 5) Preliminary list of primary and secondary references

Length of proposals (for reference only):

MPhil	5-8 pages, about 2,000 to 3,200 words
PhD	10-12 pages, about 4,000 to 4,800 words

Language: Either Chinese or English

A strong proposal will be essential to the success of your application. It shall be assessed, among other things, for its strength in background research and the originality of its thesis.