FREE POSTER
Flame of the Forest

MOOCs IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Dinosaur Ecosystems
Hong Kong Cinema
Law, Economy and Society
Data Journalism

E-LEARNING UNBOUND
Entrepreneurship Seed Fund For Students & Young Alumni

DREAMCATCHERS

100K

550 Students and Alumni participants
144 Teams applied in March
63 Teams joined 5-min pitch in April
20 Teams for Final Pitch on August 28
10 Teams to be awarded on August 28

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Eligible for the

Student Development Office
DreamCatchers was launched in 2015 with Pony Ma of Tencent and 67 other speakers.

Congratulations!

2016 Gold
A global competition in recognition of excellence in universities.

What would you do with $100,000?
HKU DreamCatchers 100K is an entrepreneurship seed fund for young entrepreneurs to kick off their businesses. Each winning team will be awarded a $100K seed fund. This programme also includes mentorship, workshops, and networking opportunities.

Mentors:
- Joelle Woo, Microsoft Hong Kong Ltd
- Otto Ng, LAAB
- Kelvin Cheung, UnLtd Hong Kong
- Keith Li, Innopage
- Ray Chan, 9gag
- CY Lau, United Gain Investment Ltd
- Hanek Lo, WeWork
- Sam Ng, Fundnel
- Dr Frank Wan, Versitech Ltd, HKU
- Ben Cheng, Oursky
- Ada Yip, Urban Spring
- Sunny Kok, Green Tomato Ltd
- Prof Paul Cheung, HKU
- Albert Wong, HKSTP
- David Rosa, Neat
- Ross Settles, MDF
- Henry Tan, Bio Ventures
- Howard Ling, Bitu
- Erica Ma, CoCoan
- Freddy Law, InterCultural Education

The 20 Final Teams:
- ShareLock
- Ultra-Portable Folding Electric Kick Scooter
- Project Yippee
- Picssage
- LEGO Express
- MedEXO
- Chillyazy
- Movabar
- Living Tissues Co., Ltd
- BTS Education Discussion Forum App
- CoinChanger
- Smiley Box
- Conzob Ltd
- DNA Replicator
- Recipio
- ROOTS
- Self-contained Sensory Suit for Human Motion Tracking
- GreenActs
- LifeCollection
- Up-Right

FINAL PITCH
August 28, 2016 (Sun)
1 - 6 pm
Rayson Huang Theatre

Judges:
- Mr David Fong, Managing Director of Hip Shing Hong (Holdings) Co Ltd
- Professor Andy Hor, Vice-President and Pro-Vice- Chancellor (Research) of HKU
- Professor John Kao, Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global) of HKU
- Mr Herman Lam, Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Ltd
- Mrs Fanny Law, Chairperson of Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks Corporation
- Mr Theodore Ma, Director of MaBelle Jewellery Co., Ltd; Co-founder of CoCoan
- Mr Daryl Ng, Executive Director of Sino Land Company Ltd
- Mr Jason Chiu, Chief Executive Officer, CherryPicks Ltd
HKU DreamCatchers X PMQ:

Startups Era
Creativity. Design. Marketing. Branding

Over 350 students, alumni and friends of HKU joined the panel discussion, PMQ tour and enjoyed the music performance by Brighten Music (明我以後) and HKU Big Band.

From left:
Ursule Wong 奧宇詩 Founder of me Me & ME
Otto Ng 吳鎬麟 (BA(ArchStud) 2007) Co-Founder of LAAB
Greg Sung 宋漢生 Founder of aNobii, Co-Founder of OneSky
Florence Kong 江慧筠 General Manager of McCann & Spencer

Moderator: Dr Tommy Tse 謝浩麟 (BA 2004; MPhil 2007; PhD 2013)
Assistant Professor (Media and Culture) of Department of Sociology
Startup Weekend HKU &
Startup Salad HK

More about learning than winning!
200 designers, developers, entrepreneurs and
explorers went through the creation process.
During the exhausting but fruitful weekends,
participants pitched initial ideas, met potential
co-founders, formed teams, built prototypes
and business models, and presented their
54-hour efforts to the judges.

Singularity University X Li Ka Shing Foundation
Techcracker Exponential Learning Program

300 university and secondary school students
with great scholars and innovators from all over
the world attended the event at Chi Sun College, HKU.

Participants shared their insights on the latest
 technologies of artificial intelligence, digital
 biology, digital manufacturing & 3D printing,
 network & computing, robotics, future of
 medicine & healthcare and economics.
Young Alumni Entrepreneurs in Action

HKU Delegation @ HK Science Park
led by Professor Andy Hor, Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
and hosted by Mr Andrew Young, Chief Commercial Officer of HKSTP Corporation

with HKU Alumni / Spin-offs at Science Park including

**Novus Life Sciences Limited**
Dr Wilson Wong 黃榮鏘 (BEng 2006; MPhil 2009; PhD 2013) (3rd left)
Dr Kenneth Lai 賴俊然 (BSc 2003; MMedSc 2006; MPhil 2010; PhD 2015) (2nd left)

**PowerElab Limited**
Liu Chui-pong 廖仕鴻 (BEng 1993) (3rd right)

**Q8S System Limited**
Ronald Heung 香志剛 (BSc 1989) and more...

We shall engage HKU alumni in the startup community to be mentors to our techno-aspirational students. We will discuss further with the startups and SMEs on collaborations especially in the area of translational research. And we are going to explore the possibility of corporate laboratories or research centres in an area of focus of HKSTP...

**Professor Andy Hor**
LISTEN TO THE STUDENT INTERNS

"Since our earliest stage, we have had support from HKU students who are very important asset in moving forward. HKU students are still among the best in Hong Kong."

Dr Wilson Wong
Founder & CEO of Novus

"Seeing how a startup works and operates is eye-opening. What I learnt helps a lot, whether I want to have my own startup or not, because it is about how one thinks and acts.

Cheu Wing Sum 招詠心
(BBiomedSc Year 2)

"Love the initiative to build the entrepreneurial culture at HKU - it is definitely something we need to boost in Hong Kong, especially when I see what Imperial Innovation has done in these years to support students to generate their OWN patents.

Liang Shaolin 梁紹麟
(PhD Year 3)

Novus has been a game-changer in my life, the training I received had a profound impact on my personal and career development. It has prepared me in getting a full-time paid internship in Africa, securing a graduate internship offer in the United States, and later starting an HKU-based social-inclusion programme this year.

Chung Tsz-chung 鍾梓聰
(BSc Year 4)

Alumni in startup accelerator at Blueprint

Evans Lam 林焯毅 [BA 2012] (1st left, front)
Karbi Chan 陳悅 [BA(ArchStud) 2007] (4th left, front)
Co Founder of Archiparti

with (from left, back)
Dr Steven Cannon
Executive Vice-President
(Administration and Finance)

Prof Paul Cheung
Director, Technology Transfer Office
Prof Andy Hor
Vice-President and
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)

Prof Bernadette Tsui
Director, Development & Alumni Affairs Office (right, front)

Monica Wong
Assistant Director, Development & Alumni Affairs Office

Laurence Tang
Project Coordinator,
Technology Transfer Office

At MakerBay
Fiona Ching 程德欣 [BSocSc 2003] (1st right)
Founder and Managing Director
Connecting,
Exploring...

Professor Philip Wong (BSc[Eng] 1982) (2nd left), Willard R. and Inez Kerr Bell Professor in the School of Engineering of Stanford University and Professor Bernie Roth, Co-founder and Academic Director of Stanford d.school (centre) hosted the HKU delegates’ visit led by President Peter Mathieson.

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DreamCatchers MedTech Hackathon 2016
All-day 1-week event to demystify the process of healthcare innovation with Stanford and Hong Kong students

MIT Kickstart
Hardware accelerator programme bringing together MIT and Hong Kong students to build Internet of Things (IoT) products and startups

Senior Management Team @Cyberport

hosted by Dr Paul Chow 周文輝 (BSc[Eng] 1970; DipManStud 1979; MBA 1982), (3rd left)
Chairman of Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Ltd

Mr Herman Lam 林向陽 Chief Executive Officer of Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Ltd (5th left)

with (from left)
Professor Andy Hor 賀子森 Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research)
Professor Paul Tam 溫廣亨 Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor
Professor Peter Mathieson 麥斐森 President and Vice-Chancellor
Mr Douglas So 蘇肇德 Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement)
Professor John Kao 高耀光 Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global)
Ms Sara Lo 盧秀梅 Director of Finance
Dr Steven Cannon 康諾思 Executive Vice-President (Administration and Finance)
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「而香港，在妳的課堂裡，不再是空洞的敘述，冰冷的建築，僵化的歷史；而是鮮活的故事，可觸可感的記憶，和浪漫的想像。」
節錄自二零一五年二月廿七日明報副刊 — 《巴黎記憶，紀念張美君教授》 董宇飛 (BA 2010; MPhil 2014) 著
Class Notes

"Everyone will have #bridezilla-like symptoms when being an entrepreneur."

App Store for the Bottom Billion; Let’s Join-a-Ride; The World of Magic; Asia Wedding Network; Snapask; 9GAG; Rosie Rabbie; BALLOONS Lit. Journal; AIVEDETTE; Diamond Cab...

Endurance and Perseverance on Land and at Sea; Maxim’s and me; Morrisonians left no child behind; 紅黃齊奪魁元日 玫瑰銀碗璧還時; The Russian Link; In memory of Professor Brian Lofts

A New Page in Life

"It all started at Room 221A of the Main Building."
“Teaching and learning have taken on a new look in the 21st century, courtesy of the ubiquitous use of digital technology. This historic transformation has led the University of Hong Kong to initiate an e-learning strategy in sync with the culture of the digital generation. As always, HKU is eager to adopt the latest in technology and techniques in order to deliver the most valuable education to its students.

e-learning is already part of the HKU curriculum, and its role in students’ learning journey is growing rapidly.”

Professor Ian Holliday
Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)
“This was such a great course to be part of. I loved the animation that was used. I feel like I learned a lot more about the ancient Chinese philosophers. Thank you for bringing this course to us all over the world!”

A student in the MOOC “Humanity and Nature in Chinese Thought”
2015 was an eventful year for e-learning at HKU. We launched four massive open online courses (MOOCs), web-based courses that anyone with an internet connection can enroll in for free. We have used the feedback from enrollees to improve our educational management systems. Our teachers have introduced trailblazing innovations in e-learning. We have shared our digital experiences with universities and organisations in Hong Kong and abroad.
Achievements in 2015

Renewed the University’s E-learning Strategy for implementing new digital learning models.

Launched 4 MOOCs reaching learners from 183 countries as widely separated as the United States, China and India. Some courses made use of innovations such as online debate and storytelling with animation.

MOOCs delivered in 2015 include:

The Search for Vernacular Architecture of Asia
Faculty of Architecture

Humanity and Nature in Chinese Thought
Faculty of Arts

Epidemics
Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

Making Sense of News
Journalism and Media Studies Centre

Identified outstanding practitioners of such e-learning methods as “flipped classrooms” so as to share their experiences and successes with the wider university community through short videos, write-ups and seminars.

Established e-learning links with local, regional and international universities such as MIT, UC Berkeley and University College Dublin. HKU also initiated an inaugural forum on e-learning policy issues for prominent Asian universities including the National University of Singapore, Peking University, National Taiwan University and Kyoto University.
Upcoming
Additional MOOCs in development and will be made available. These include:

**Hong Kong Cinema through a Global Lens**
Faculty of Arts

**Law, Economy and Society**
Faculty of Business and Economics

**Introduction to Dinosaur Ecosystems**
Faculty of Science

**Data Journalism**
Journalism and Media Studies Centre

Several smaller scale private online courses will be developed from on-campus classes to provide students with a mix of teaching methods. These include:

**Critical Reading of Popular Culture**
Faculty of Education

**Steel Structures**
Faculty of Engineering

**The Science of Crime Investigation**
Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

**Journey into Madness: Conceptions of Mental Health and Mental Illness**
Faculty of Social Sciences

Development will continue on the first game for learning purposes to be made available as a mobile device app at HKU.

The University is collaborating with technology industry leaders to bring students closer to real-world problems and settings.

Partnerships with other universities are being built to develop courses and identify opportunities for intercultural learning.

Data generated by MOOCs and other e-learning experiences is being studied to improve course design and promote the inclusion of educational technologies.

**Targets for 2019**

- Enlarging the HKU e-learning network through MOOCs

- Increasing the percentage of “active learners,” those who follow an online course through to its completion

- All HKU faculties to have integrated e-learning into their regular curricula
MOOC in the spotlight: Introduction to Dinosaur Ecosystems

How do we know what environments and climates dinosaurs lived in, what animals and plants they shared their habitats with, and the relationships between dinosaurs and their ecosystems? Students in this course will virtually visit Erlian, Inner Mongolia, and other leading museums to find out how paleontologists answer these questions. This course will be available in the latter part of 2016, and will be led by Dr Michael Pittman, a paleontologist at HKU specialising in dinosaurs, in collaboration with Professor Xu Xing of the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology, Beijing.
“One of the best things about this class is that you have to learn to juggle different opinions on the spot... and you also have to learn how to express your own opinions in the best way possible.”

Law student interviewed on her experience after a “flipped” session

History and prestige have always added value to an HKU education, but experimentation and adaptation of the latest technologies and techniques are necessary if the university is to maintain its position and relevance. Offering MOOCs has been only part of the story.

Giving it a Whirl: Flipping a Lecture into an Engaging Discussion

Award-winning professor Rick Glofcheski “flipped” his tort law class of 260 students by doing away with lectures. Instead, teaching content in the form of short videos is given to the students before class. Students are expected to watch the videos to prepare themselves for active discussion in class.

Once in class, students are seated in groups of five. They participate in a poll using their mobile devices to check their understanding of key legal concepts, and analyse news articles as if they were analysing a live legal case. The discussions are completely student-led, with tutors observing and occasionally supplementing the students’ ideas. The feedback from students has been consistently positive: instead of simply listening to a lecturer, as in a normal tutorial, they say they have gained real insights into each others’ thinking processes.
Dr Masato Kajimoto of the Journalism and Media Studies Centre repurposed videos from his “Making Sense of News” MOOC for five of the 13 lectures in his on-campus course. In the process, Dr Kajimoto said he came to realize how repetitive in-class lectures could be, and how time in class could be better spent. He incorporated ideas and examples submitted by his MOOC students into his on-campus teaching materials, facilitating inter-cultural learning. The semester-end student survey showed that students enjoyed the blended mode of learning. One student said that concepts “were easier to understand because of the concise descriptions from the videos.” Over 76% of his students indicated that the online lectures enabled them to better manage their study time and facilitated their preparation for the tutorial discussions and exercises.

Scaling up: Interprofessional Learning for Healthcare Professional Students

How do teachers effectively manage a class with more than 500 students? Dr Lap Ki-Chan from the School of Biomedical Sciences recently took up this challenge in a project involving students from a dozen of medical programmes at HKU and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. The students work in teams and learn how the various medical specialities can be combined to resolve individual cases. The Learning Activity Management System (LAMS) played an important role in classroom management for such a large number of students. LAMS, a software programme designed to support collaborative learning, provides instant statistics that help instructors check the progress of individuals and teams. The system also comes with an online discussion forum that provides a natural follow-up to face-to-face sessions. The programme is growing, and is expected to serve about 1,000 students by 2017. This will be the first large-scale interprofessional education programme in Hong Kong.

Learning through videos is being enhanced by sophisticated panoramic photography, and virtual reality hardware and software. The show-reel below will give you a sense of what educational videos can be and where they can take you.

Video has become a very powerful tool in motivating students to learn. More and more of our teachers are signing up for workshops in multimedia production to create media-rich teaching materials.
What are the problems that e-learning is trying to address? The growing number of disengaged participants in our educational system, perhaps. Skipping class is common, lecturers say. Some students feel that a lecture is just a set of presentation slides.
The research goals for e-learning are ambitious, and directly address the question of how active learning happens. Topics that HKU is currently examining include the science of learning, instructional design, learning-management system development, management of educational data and resources, and approaches to teaching practices. Our cross-discipline project on online courses focuses on the Common Core Curriculum (general studies) and brings students, teachers and researchers from different backgrounds together to explore topics such as learning design, and the impact of social interactions in knowledge creation. The research findings will be used to improve on-campus teaching.

The mining of large amounts of data on our learning management systems, combined with mathematical analysis, enables teachers to keep an eye on progress and to diagnose problems. Such data also offer our educators insights into how to deliver a targeted learning experience. Down the line, powerful data sets accumulated over the years will help us determine what works best for our students, and what their learning pathways are. This is very useful as our student population is becoming increasingly international.

Mobile learning is among our mid-term goals. Not only are we helping teachers to make sure that their course websites are mobile-friendly, we are also working with students on apps that facilitate class selection and job searching. For those of our readers who are glued to games, the good news is that HKU is researching and experimenting with ways of incorporating game elements into the process of learning.

This is a typical analysis of video viewing behavior to help teachers find out which part of their presentation is being watched most.
Women are a minority in the technology industry. The HKU Journal of Technology (TecHKU), formed by a group of students from the Faculties of Engineering and Social Sciences, decided to do something about this in Hong Kong.

“Girls4Tech 2016”, a workshop held on February 27, aimed to fuel the interest of middle-school girls in STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and careers. Participants from over 100 Hong Kong secondary schools took part in a series of student-led activities such as coding and editing webpages, and solving algorithmic problems. They met face to face with a number of distinguished women tech leaders, who related their life stories. After the workshop, participants were allowed to sign up for visits to such tech giants as Google, IBM, Lenovo, and Microsoft (Hong Kong), to gain a broader understanding of the industry.
Reaching Out: Partnership with Secondary Schools on STEM

HKU is using e-learning to reach out to the younger generation, many of whom have a natural curiosity about STEM subjects and are waiting for a chance to stretch the boundaries of their imaginations. On March 19, we co-organised the “STEM Learning Fair 2016” in cooperation with Pak Kau College in Tin Shui Wai to showcase our work in MOOCs, flipped classrooms, and first-year engineering design. As an illustration of how to make STEM studies more approachable, we demonstrated simple learning kits on electro-magnetic theory that can easily be used in classrooms. We will continue to collaborate with different organisations on technology education that has a positive impact on the community.

Saving Lives: Sharing Knowledge on Basic Life-support

Students from HKU’s medical school, the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, have begun producing a series of videos on basic life-support skills, to share their knowledge of emergency medicine with the general public. A team of professional multimedia specialists was brought in to teach the students to communicate well in front of the camera, and to help them transform medical procedures into understandable storyboards. The Emergency Medicine Unit is also developing a mobile app explaining hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which can turn bystanders into lifesavers.
"The sense of re-connection spanned multiple levels: it was an emotional experience to see my former teacher, Thomas Abraham, giving a lecture on health risk communication in Epidemics. I revisited some basics of journalism through Making Sense of News. The vernacular architecture course reminded me of a semester-long project that I did on Hong Kong heritage when I was an undergraduate. And I re-explored and re-discovered the richness of Chinese culture when I learnt about the various schools of Chinese philosophy from Professor Chad Hansen. I now appreciate lifelong learning so much more."

Minnie Wang 王婉 (MJ 2009) re-connected with HKU through the university’s MOOCs on edX: she has obtained certificates for all four of the MOOCs issued by HKU to date. “I finished them all when I was working in Beijing last year;”
A major part of e-learning at HKU is now supported by the Technology-Enriched Learning Initiative (TELI), a team of e-learning technologists, instructional designers, multimedia professionals, researchers and partnership managers. Across campus and around the clock, they are ready and keen to work with teachers to turn e-learning into action. TELI has invited faculties to brainstorm, get inspired, and bounce ideas with them to accelerate projects and feel a new momentum of learning.

TELI is led by Professor Ian Holliday, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), and Professor Ricky Kwok, Associate Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) (in black jacket in the photo on the left).

‘Students come to us with new ways to learn, and teachers have to respond with new ways to teach. TELI is keen to work with the whole learning community to explore the unprecedented opportunities afforded by technology, and enhance the impact of an HKU education.’

Professor Ricky Kwok

Further reading:

*Life After MOOCs*
By Phillip Compeau, Pavel A. Pevzner
*Communications of the ACM*

*The Minecraft Generation*
By Clive Thompson
*The New York Times Magazine*

*Will MOOCs kill the university?*
By Gillian Terzis
*NewPhilosopher*

To learn about how TELI’s capabilities work, get in touch with TELI at [enquiry@teili.hku.hk](mailto:enquiry@teili.hku.hk)
Honorary Graduates
at the 195th Congregation

Every day we are confronted with novel situations and ill-defined problems. Meanwhile, society is seeing fewer moral certainties but more moral dilemmas. These are just some of the major issues confronting us since the arrival of the 21st century.

The world needs technologists and scientists, and it equally needs arts graduates and many other forms of expertise. This intellectual cross-fertilisation is important not only at the society level but also at the personal level. Under globalisation, there are greater demands for individuals with multiple skills and the abilities to innovate and lead.

The role of higher education for knowledge economy is to produce highly qualified personnel for different needs on the one hand, but, the role of universities is not just to create and transmit knowledge and train competency in their students, but rather, to instill value to the next generation of leaders.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui

Citations and speech: www4.hku.hk/hongrads

Doctor of Science honoris causa

Dr Victor Joseph Dzau is the President of the National Academy of Medicine, USA, formerly the Institute of Medicine and made a significant impact on medicine through his seminal research in cardiovascular medicine and genetics, and his leadership in health care innovation and global health.

Dr Mary-Claire King is the American Cancer Society Professor in the Department of Medicine and the Department of Genome Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle. She was the first to show that breast cancer is inherited in some families, as the result of mutations in the gene that she named BRCA1.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui was the 14th Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Hong Kong who steered the University through a period of unprecedented growth and development from 2002 to 2014. He was world-renowned for his identification of the gene for Cystic Fibrosis in 1989 when he was Geneticist-in-Chief at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He is currently President of the Academy of Sciences of Hong Kong.

Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa

Dr the Hon Elsie Leung was the first Secretary for Justice of Hong Kong Special Administration Region and headed the Department of Justice from 1997 to 2005. Her LLM degree from HKU in 1988 is the first time the degree was awarded by the University.

Dr the Hon Lui Che-woo is a distinguished entrepreneur, philanthropist and an avid supporter of education in Hong Kong. He founded the first K. Wah company in Hong Kong in 1955 and is currently Chairman of K. Wah Group and is particularly supportive of the development of medical care, education and hotel and tourism industries.
Honorary University Fellows

Edward Chan 陳景生 SC (LLB 1972) was appointed Queen’s Counsel (now Senior Counsel) in 1989, the first HKU law graduate to be so honoured. He has been a staunch supporter of the Faculty of Law and is a Member of the Faculty Board and of the PCLL Academic Board.

Dr Aron Harilela 夏雅朗 is the Chairman and CEO of Harilela Hotels Limited. He is an Honorary Patron of the HKU Foundation. The support he and his family have given HKU spans the generations and most recently includes the establishment of an Endowed Professorship in Strategic Information Management in 2014.

Dr Donald Li 李國棟 (MBBS 1980) is a specialist in Family Medicine in private practice in Hong Kong and the President of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. He has served HKU as an Honorary Professor of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, Honorary Treasurer of the HKU Medical Alumni Association, Senior Member of the HKU Foundation and a Mentor in the HKU Mentorship Programme (1998-2007).

Dr Jimmy Tang 鄧鉅明 is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of the Prince Jewellery and Watch Company. He has served as an Honorary President of the HKU Foundation and established the Jimmy and Emily Tang Professorship in Molecular Genetics in 2014 to promote and support the study and application of genomic and regenerative medicine.

Pansy Ho 何超瓊 is the Managing Director of Shun Tak Holdings Limited. She has dedicated her effort over the years to the promotion of the tourism economy, the empowerment of women and youth, and the enrichment of life experience through art and culture across Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China. She has served as a Founding Honorary Advisor and Board Director of the HKU Foundation.

Tse Sik-yan 謝錫恩 (BSc 1973; DipEd 1974; AdvDipEd 1979; MEd 1980) is an eminent Hong Kong educator. He is the Honorary President of the HKU Foundation and immediate past President of the HKU Alumni Association. He founded the TSE Family HKU-Cambridge Hughes Hall Scholarships to support HKU students pursuing postgraduate studies at Cambridge.

Citations: www4.hku.hk/honfellows
The HKU Foundation supports the University’s advancement and furthers its mission. As a benefactors’ circle, the Foundation has grown to 3,000 members since its establishment in 1995.

Over the past two decades, HKU has been endowed with gifts big and small from over 50,000 alumni and friends, totaling HK$11 billion. A total of HK$650 million has been disbursed through annual Seed Grant exercises in support of various initiatives, majority going towards scholarships and has benefitted over 15,000 students.

Inspired Island II – Public Talk
Moderated by Professor Lung Yingtai 龍應台, Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities, the dialogue featured prominent writers in the Chinese literary world, including Lo Fu 洛夫, Lin Wenyue 林文月, Pai Hsien-yung 白先勇 and Liu Yichang 劉以鬯.

Water Reflections: Hélène Grimaud in Recital, an imaginative programme presented by one of the world’s most extraordinary pianists.

HK$1.4 million was raised at the Gala Premiere of “A Tale of Three Cities”《三城記》. The film was co-produced by Mabel Cheung 張婉婷 and Alex Law 羅啟銳.
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5 HKU-Shenzhen Hospital’s Founding Chief Executive Professor Grace Tang 鄧惠瓊 briefed members on its vision and latest developments.

6 Venerable Sik Hin Hung 釋衍空法師, Director of the HKU Centre of Buddhist Studies, led an exclusive tea-meditation during the visit to Tsz Shan Monastery.

7 Tour of the Lai Chi Wo Community Revitalisation Programme, a sustainability project undertaken by the HKU Kadoorie Institute in collaboration with the Department of Geography and local conservancy organisations.

8 Exploring Hong Kong’s fascinating landscapes with Chan Lung-sang 陳龍生, Professor of the Department of Earth Sciences, HKU and Principal of HKU SPACE Community College.
**A Son’s Gift to Honour his Parents**

In loving memory of his parents, Dr and Mrs Bau Tsu-zung, Dr Maurice Bau left a HK$100 million bequest to establish the **Bau Tsu Zung Bau Kwan You Hing Scholarships**. The late Dr Bau Tsu-zung was an alumnus of HKU, having graduated from the Medical Faculty in 1927 and receiving a Doctor of Medicine in 1932, thus starting the family’s connection to the University. The Scholarships will benefit deserving undergraduate and postgraduate medical students.

In recognition of this generous gift, the Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education, which was established in 2004, has been named the **Bau Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education**.

**Alumni Family Shares Legacy of Education**

HK$1 million was donated from the estates of the late Mr and Mrs Yang to establish the **Yang Tuck Ming & Wong Fung Ying Service Learning Fund**. Despite being blue-collar workers who received little schooling, Mr and Mrs Yang ensured their children had the best opportunities for higher education. The family is also closely tied to HKU, as over the last four decades, nine of its members chose to study here.

It is hoped that the Fund will encourage students to participate in service learning and engage in addressing local and global concerns.

**Giving in Focus**

The late Mr Yang Tuck-ming and Mrs Yang Wong Fung-ying believed that “knowledge can change one’s life.”
Dr the Hon Li Dak-sum 李達三, a renowned businessman and philanthropist, donated three leadership gifts to The University of Hong Kong, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. Each HK$100 million gift has been used to set up a Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Kenneth Li Scholarship 李達三葉耀珍伉儷李本俊奬學金 at the three universities to support outstanding local students who are graduates of Ning Po College or Ning Po No. 2 College.

It is Dr Li’s conviction that “education is the foundation of a strong country”, and therefore, over the years, he has devoted much of his resources to education. President Peter Mathieson thanked Dr Li sincerely, “we applaud Dr Li’s long-term vision of supporting education. It is with this support that HKU continues to thrive and contribute to the advancement of education for the betterment of society.”

The Medical Oncology Drug Discovery and Development Program (Drug Development Program) was established last year at the Department of Medicine through a HK$10 million donation from the New World Group Charity Foundation.

“The establishment of the Drug Development Program will be in line with the strategic development in health and technology advocated by the Hong Kong Government. We shall focus on the development of cancer medicine as different kind of cancers take away many lives every year. We believe that with our expertise in this aspect, more novel drugs can be discovered to help cancer patients worldwide,” said Professor Karen Lam, Head of Department of Medicine in the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine.
The “Growing Partners” project was initiated by a group of Class of 1980 alumni in 2005, aiming to enrich the development of teenagers through one-on-one partnership with HKU alumni. The target youth are from the age group of 12 to 15, all coming from financially challenging families. Empirical evidence shows that this group of teenagers is most vulnerable with low self-esteem. Apart from mentoring, the project also provides enrichment activities to enhance the teenagers’ social exposure and to build up their resilience towards life challenges.

社會上不時發生青少年自殺及家庭慘劇案件，令人惋惜。倘若青少年有正面的友師引導，成長路更能逆境自強，積極面對挑戰。

一群港大1980屆的校友，透過一次銀禧重聚，把籌得的款項致力推展一項貢獻社會的計劃——「結伴成長」。由香港大學不同屆別的校友擔當友師，夥拍基層少年，一起「結伴」探索人生。這些擔任「藍朋」的港大校友，應用本身擁有的歷練、知識，扶持社會年輕一代的成長，更把累積的經驗和理念，輯成《結伴成長 青出於藍》一書。

「結伴成長計劃」由香港小童群益會執行，服務對象為家庭面對經濟挑戰的中一學生，年齡介乎12至15歲。研究印證，這個年齡層最容易感到迷茫脆弱。除了透過一對一的配對建立師友關係，計劃同時提供一系列活動，幫助青少年擴闊視野，提升自信及正向價值觀。
To better address the needs of students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD, 自閉症譜系障礙) in Hong Kong’s mainstream primary and secondary schools, the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust earmarked HK$167 million to pioneer a three-year programme, entitled “JC A-Connect: Jockey Club Autism Support Network” 「賽馬會喜伴同行計劃」, in collaboration with the HKU Faculty of Social Sciences, the Education Bureau, and six NGOs.

Following the launch ceremony last year, a wide range of activities have been organised to achieve the programme’s objectives. The programme delivers over 2,600 school-based group training programmes to students in more than 300 primary and secondary schools, covering more than 50% of the estimated population of targeted students. Education and assistance for their parents will be also provided through 18 satellites centres / parent resource centers and other educational programmes.
A Milestone of 88

‘Each of these gifts came with a story, and a dream’
The Ninth Inauguration of Endowed Professorships was held on April 15, 2016. Eight new Professorships in the Faculties of Architecture, Education and Medicine as well as a Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Humanities and Social Sciences were established.

A total of 88 Endowed Professorships have been established since 2005. All of the Professors recognised their role as torch bearers for those that come after them.

**Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Humanities and Social Sciences**

孔梁巧玲傑出客座教授席 人文及社會科學席

This endowment will support the appointments of visiting scholars in the fields of the humanities and social sciences.

“The Hung Family believes that in this age of innovation Hong Kong needs creative minds with humanistic sensibilities to chart a cosmopolitan, multi-cultural future. In setting up the Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Visiting Professorship, the family hopes to bring leading academics with inter-disciplinary vigour to The University of Hong Kong to help nurture and inspire the next generation of young scholars towards this cherished vision.”

**Sophie Y M Chan Professorship in Cancer Research**

陳一微基金教授席 癌病研究學席

Incumbent: Guan Xin-Yuan 關新元

“Our late beloved sister, Sophie, was a graduate of the Faculty of Law at HKU and it was always her wish to give back to her alma mater. Through this Endowed Professorship, we hope that Sophie’s spirit of service, of never giving up, of generous love for her family, alma mater and community may be an inspiration and guiding light for others.”

**Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation Professorship in Gastroenterology**

李樹芬醫學基金會基金教授席 腸胃學席

Incumbent: Leung Wai-Keung 梁偉強

“The University of Hong Kong has a great tradition in gastroenterology and has nurtured many generations of outstanding gastroenterologists. They are making great contributions to teaching, training, research and clinical services in gastroenterology, benefitting many patients. The Professorship is established by the Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation in recognition of this legacy, aiming to further empower professional development, augment research capacity and improve quality patient care in the field of clinical gastroenterology in Hong Kong.”

**The Hung Hing-Ying Family**

孔慶熒家族

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**Ms Chan Yee-Man and Ir Raymond Chan**

陳綺文女士及陳健碩先生

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**Dr Walton W T Li**

Chairman, Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation

李樹芬醫學基金會主席李維達醫生
**Kintoy Professorship in Mathematics Education**

健泰基金教授席 數學教育
Incumbent: Frederick K S Leung 梁貫成

“Through my business, I see the delight on children’s faces when playing with our toys, and how they become absorbed in what they are doing while learning and developing vital skills.

I hope to support mathematics education, and spread the joy of learning to all children.”

Ms Sherley Lam
Managing Director, Kintoy Die-Casting Manufactory Limited
健泰合金玩具廠有限公司董事總經理林愛健女士

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**Bryan Lin Professorship in Paediatric Cardiology**

林曉輝基金教授席 兒童心臟科
Incumbent: Cheung Yiu-Fai 張耀輝

“The University of Hong Kong has nurtured many generations of medical elites. It is my hope that the establishment of this Endowed Professorship will help fuel the research and development in the field of Paediatric Cardiology, and further empower the professional development of medical science.”

Mr Bryan Lin
林曉輝先生

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**Lo Shiu Kwan Kan Po Ling Professorship in Pharmacy**

羅肇群簡寶玲基金教授席 藥劑學
Appointment to be announced 待聘

“With this Endowed Professorship in Pharmacy, we are pleased to support the University in its effort to nurture the medical elites of tomorrow. It is our hope that it will further add to the strengths of educational development at the University.”

Mr Lo Shiu-Kwan and Ms Kan Po-Ling
羅肇群先生及簡寶玲女士

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**Clara and Lawrence Fok Professorship in Precision Medicine**

霍廣文伉儷基金教授席 精準治療
Incumbent: Jin Dong-Yan 金冬雁

“In continuing Lawrence’s generous nature of giving, it is our hope that the establishment of this Endowed Professorship will both contribute to and encourage research of a subject that promises to revolutionise the treatment and prevention of disease by capitalising on personal variations, such as an individual’s genes, environment, and lifestyle. In these and other ways, scientific and technological advances have the potential to bring about an unprecedented tailoring of medical treatment and health care to the individual characteristics of patients.”

Mrs Clara Fok, in memory of her late husband, Mr Lawrence Fok
霍廣文夫人為紀念先夫以誌
Chan To-Haan Professorship in Urban Planning and Design
陳道涵基金教授席 城市規劃及設計
Incumbent: Anthony G O Yeh 葉嘉安

“Always mindful of our uncle’s saying: ‘get the best out of people and make full use of things’ (人盡其才；物盡其用), we consider it most appropriate to make a donation to his alma mater in the discipline that shaped and defined his being and, at the same time, make a contribution to the advancement of knowledge and, hopefully, humanity at large.”

The Nieces and Nephews of the late Mr Chan To-Haan
陳道涵家族成員

Successive Appointments 繼任明德教授席

Suen Chi-Sun Professorship in Clinical Science
孫志新基金教授席 臨床醫學
Incumbent: Sham Pak-Chung 沈伯松

Zhou Guangzhao Professorship in Natural Sciences
周光召基金教授席 自然科學
Incumbent: Che Chi-Ming 支志明

Henry G Leong Professorship in Social Work and Social Administration
梁顯利基金教授席 社會工作及社會行政學
Incumbent: Terry Y S Lum 林一星

S Y and H Y Cheng Professorship in Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine
鄭兆如鄭杏如基金教授席 幹細胞生物學及再生醫學
Incumbent: Danny Chan 陳振勝

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Dear Fellow Convocation Members,

I hope this letter finds you well and in good health and the weather is fine wherever you may be.

I was elected Chairman towards the end of July 2015, an office that I would hold for three years. I hope to do as much as I can during my term to bring the Convocation closer to the membership and to the people of Hong Kong as a whole. As a start, I have been running a Chairman’s Column on the Convocation website on which I put letters or articles I wrote from time to time on issues related to the University. I hope to share some of my thoughts with you and more importantly to have your feedback.

One of the frequently asked questions of me and my colleagues on the Standing Committee is what the Convocation is and how it relates to alumni and alumni bodies. Let me try to answer the question as simply as I can. Convocation is a statutory body which provides automatic membership to all graduates and teachers of the University and which enables its members to speak on matters related to the University thereby helping to bring the University and the community of Hong Kong closer together. Thus, while Convocation comprises numerous alumni, it is not an alumni body as such, in the sense that an alumni body typically admits members on application and has its own constitution and rules.

It follows that Convocation has no institutional relationship with individual alumni bodies, but would respond to all alumni and discharge its functions in accordance with the law based on which Convocation was set up. For as long as one can remember, Convocation has not been a focus of public attention or of the average member, possibly because other alumni bodies have been actively and effectively taking up the issues of their respective members such that there has been no major call for Convocation to take up their causes.

Recent changes in the political scene of Hong Kong have spread to the campuses. HKU has become a political battleground, whether we like it or not. Politicians and political parties have been able to use the constitutional framework of Convocation to advance political agenda; and it is doubtful whether such proceedings would be useful or beneficial to the University or would be in the long term interest of the University. I refer specifically to the two Extraordinary General Meetings (EGMs) held within three months since 1 September 2015 at which various motions were discussed and passed and the polling results of which were recorded for posterity.

Lest I may be misunderstood and taken out of context, let me quickly say for the record that I have no problems with any members requisitioning Convocation to hold EGMs for any lawful purposes. This is what Convocation was set up for, and we would continue to be a platform for any members who wish to voice their opinions on any matters related to the University.

I would urge you however to consider in context the logistics of holding EGMs; and I would be brief. The primary purpose of holding an EGM is to enable issues related to the University to be discussed in the open. The current Convocation rules provide that an EGM is to be convened at the requisition of 20 members. Now, a typical corporation or professional body would require 5% of its membership to make such a requisition, while another local university has set the threshold at 100 members. Our membership now standing at 162,000 and still growing, 20 does seem an unrealistically low figure.
Still on EGMs, while I have no problems with members asking for EGMs to be held, I would caution on how the outcomes are interpreted. Here, I rely on the wisdom and good judgement of the membership, which is why I am going out of my way to share with you my thoughts on the University and how I see our alma mater is going.

Our University is doing well. A lot of good things are happening every day at the University. The best students are fighting to get into our University and we are getting them. Academic freedom is alive and well and does not require a handful of alumni waving banners and shouting slogans purporting to uphold what is already flying high. There will always be people who choose to think otherwise for the wrong reasons. These are probably the same people who would not hesitate to abuse freedom and who might not want to see a stable and prosperous Hong Kong even as the Heritage Foundation has for 22 years in running ranked Hong Kong as the freest economy in the world.

I believe most of our alumni would want to see their University going from strength to strength, which is why we should all be spreading the good news whenever and wherever we can. The University has published The Review 2015 which is an annual overview of the developments taking place at the University. Students, staff and the University as a whole have been working towards enhancing our existing strengths and pursuing new ventures. At the same time, the University has also published its Vision 2016-2025 which has already been approved by the Court and the Council. Our University is now committed to being Asia's Global University through teaching and learning, research and knowledge exchange. In his speech to the Court in December 2015 presenting the strategy document, the President and Vice-Chancellor urged everyone to help him and the rest of the Senior Management Team to achieve the vision to make our University, which is already great, one of the greatest. The President also dismissed a widespread belief in Hong Kong that our students are difficult, rebellious, subversive trouble-makers. He stressed that the vast majority of Hong Kong students are hard-working, conscientious and respectful of authority. He concluded that our University “is a place where complex and sometimes controversial issues can be debated, where differences of opinion can be respected, where diversity is celebrated, and intellectual, personal, professional and political advances can be achieved.”

On 7 May 2016, the President and his full Senior Management Team spoke at the Convocation Forum during which they had a full and frank exchange of views with Convocation members on this important framework document and on how best to make our University Asia's Global University. On this optimistic note, I wish all of you out there a wonderful and prosperous year ahead and I hope to talk to you again soon.

Yours sincerely,
John

all graduates and teaching staff of the University.
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• Finance Sub-Committee
• House Sub-Committee
• Member Relations Sub-Committee
• University Affairs Sub-Committee

Extraordinary General Meetings
September 1 and November 29, 2015

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Notice of Ordinary General Meeting 2016

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) of Convocation will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 6:30 pm at Senior Common Room, 14/F K. K. Leung Building, The University of Hong Kong.

Members are invited to attend the OGM. A member who cannot attend the OGM in person may appoint a proxy to vote on businesses other than on election of candidates to the Standing Committee under item 5 on the Order of Business (Rule 24). The instrument for appointing a proxy must be in writing, signed by the member appointing the proxy and deposited with the Clerk of Convocation before 6:00 pm on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

Order of Business
1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on November 29, 2015.
2. To receive a report from the Chairman.
3. To discuss questions (if any) from members notices of which have been received by the Clerk of Convocation before 6:00 pm on Monday, June 20, 2016.
4. To elect eight members of the Standing Committee from the candidates listed in the Schedule.*
5. Any other business which the Chairman considers urgent and directs to be transacted without notice thereof having been given.

Mona Tam
Clerk of Convocation
May 23, 2016

*Schedule, voting arrangements and OGM Registration are available on Convocation website: www.convocation.hku.hk/2016OGM/

Convocation Forum:
Asia’s Global University – Our Vision for 2016-2025
Supporting organisations: HKU Alumni Association and HKU Graduates Association

May 7, 2016

The Senior Management Team comprising President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Mathieson, Provost and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Tam, Executive Vice-President Dr Steven Cannon, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing & Resources) Professor Terry Au, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global) Professor John Kao, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) Douglas So, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Research) Professor Andy Hor, Vice-President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching & Learning) Professor Ian Holliday, Registrar Henry Wai and Director of Finance Sara Lo discussed with participants on the strategies to make HKU Asia’s Global University through Teaching and Learning, Research and Knowledge Exchange.
The HKU delegation comprising President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Mathieson, his wife Dr Christina Mathieson, Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global) Professor John Kao, Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) Douglas So, Dean of Arts Professor Derek Collins, Associate Dean (International Affairs) of Law Dr Marco Wan, Director of Alumni Affairs Janet Chung, and Senior Programme Manager Cathy Wong visited universities and The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London meeting Director-General Priscilla To 杜潔麗 (BSc(CompSc) 1992) and Deputy Director-General Cherie Yeung 楊樂詩 (BA 2003; MPA 2011). They also celebrated Chinese New Year with HKUAA, UK Chapter, alumni, students and friends. www.alumni.hku.hk/hkuaauk/

HKUAA of New Zealand celebrated its 10th Anniversary with President Mathieson, his wife Dr Christina Mathieson, and Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Douglas So last autumn. www.alumni.hku.hk/hkuaanz/

“Somewhere in Time”: HKU Engineering Alumni Association 40th Annual Dinner and Dance www.alumni.hku.hk/hkueaa/


More: www.alumni.hku.hk/whatson
Callum Porter-Harris (Exchange student, Business and Economics 2012-2013)
Sylvia Han (BSocSc, Year 4)

App Store for the Bottom Billion

“When more than one billion people in the world live on less than one US$1 a day, how can the poverty trap be broken?”

Poverty is fundamentally driven by the widespread disparity in access to networks of productivity and exchange. Connecting the bottom billion to fundamental goods and services, such as education, health care and banking, in a better way could be one of the solutions.”

Callum, one of the four founders of the social enterprise Mandala Group, believes an offline mobile phone App Store promoting economic inclusion can lift communities out of poverty. Mandala Group, naming after the Marathi word for ‘community’, is building the world’s first offline app store focusing on education, health and finance, the building blocks of an economy. It is specifically targeting the Indian market – the home to one third of the world’s 1.2 billion poorest people.

Mobile phone penetration in India is 95%, although 70% of Indians are not connected to the Internet. Mandala Group seeks to offer solutions that do not require an internet connection or a smart phone. “We utilise Cloud Telephony technology to build our solutions. Cloud telephony is simply a computer that can be accessed via a simple phone call or text message. This computer is where we store code and algorithms that allow us to transfer valuable information when a person signals for the information. An interactive voice call or SMS from the user is a key to open our data points which allows us to know what information to transmit or what action to take,” said Callum.

teleStory, an offline education app developed by Callum’s other social enterprise, is one of the current solutions provided by Mandala Group to help illiterate families read together by giving them access to audio lessons stored on a cloud computer along with a corresponding children’s book. With teleStory, Callum and his teammates made it to the finals of the Hult Prize 2015, the largest such worldwide student competition which is presented at the Clinton Global Initiative in New York. This year, he decided to set the challenge of doubling the income of 10 million people residing in crowded urban spaces by 2022.

Resources are now needed to take Mandala Group to the next level. A revolutionary online volunteering platform has been created to help anyone from anywhere to join their app-building journey. Volunteers, defined by their skill sets, are welcome to join different Expertise Groups, such as “Mandala Techies” and “Mandala Communicators”.

Sylvia, a final-year student of the Faculty of Social Sciences, decided to take a gap year from her studies to be part of Mandala Group in India. Working as a Mandala Communicator, she manages the marketing content for the Group. “From social media to public relations, I build content for sharing and reaching out to schools, NGOs and corporations.”

Be part of Mandala Group: www.mandalagroup.org/
Michelle, Timothy, Chris and Derek were among the 300 honourees of Forbes Asia’s inaugural 30 under 30 list – a list of the top most-promising young leaders, daring entrepreneurs and game changers in 10 different sectors.

“Everyone will have #bridezilla-like symptoms when being an entrepreneur. But I founded the Asia Wedding Network, an online wedding platform, with one goal – to make wedding planning fun and simple,” says Michelle. To keep things running smoothly, she uses the skills she learnt and the experience she gained at other startups, J.P. Morgan, the Wall Street Journal and the HKU Journalism & Media Studies Centre, to make sure she leads her marketing team effectively, and that the web content is always top-notch. “Being able to take part in the most important day of every woman’s life is a dream come true.”

Forbes’s honouree Timothy took a very different track from Michelle by focusing on helping students with their homework. He co-founded Snapask, an app for on-demand homework help with over 60,000 students signed up across Asia. “From a team of three to a staff of nearly 60, our monthly revenue is now nearly HK$1,000,000.”

Chris and Derek founded 9gag.com together with Ray Chan 陳展程 (LLB 2006) and two others. With almost 30 million followers on Facebook and on Instagram, 9gag.com, a leading social media platform to share jokes, is no laughing matter.
Vincent Chow 周嘉俊 (BEng(CE) 2004)

Let’s Join-a-Ride!

"Join-a-Ride can find you ‘riders’ who can share the taxi fare. It saves your precious time and money, and can also reduce traffic jams and improve air quality."

Long queues for taxis during peak hours and on rainy days are a typical sight in Hong Kong. However, many passengers will be travelling alone despite taxis having four- or five-seat capacities, and some travellers might actually be going to similar locations.

Vincent and his childhood friends Calvin Kong, Ken Chan and Kenneth Kwok, who are also HKU graduates, believe car pooling may help travellers save time and money while reducing pollution.

Eric Cheng 鄭耀邦 (BEng (IMMSE) 2002)

A Journey into the World of Magic

"I performed my very first stage magic at HKU Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre during Year 2. And today I performed my magic on stage in Italy to an audience of 3,000. The next FISM will be held in Busan, Korea in 2018 and I hope I can be part of it."

Eric is a licensed aircraft maintenance engineer and is capable of carrying out aircraft certification on aeroplanes by different manufacturers, such as Airbus and Boeing, and that includes the Dreamliner B787. He was one of seven magicians who represented Hong Kong at the 26th World Championship of Magic, also known as FISM, to compete against 150 other magicians from all over the world.

Rosie Grey 灰若 (BA 2009)

My Childhood Dream

My first opportunity to achieve that dream came when I worked for CULT magazine as a student reporter while at HKU. The editor felt I had talent and asked me to draw comics for the magazine. An image of a pink rabbit popped into my head and I created my signature character - Rosie Rabbie (露思兔子).

I started to draw a comic diary using Rosie Rabbie and shared them online. A local publisher published my first comic book - Rosie Rabbie VS Hong Kong Children《爆豬兔子大戰港孩實錄》. It reflected the reality of the tutorial centres. A few years later, I became an official teacher at a local primary school. I try to incorporate my interests into my career and started a Story Writing Workshop (英文繪本創作班) at which I teach students to write and draw their own stories. Meanwhile, I continue drawing comics for online and have set up a Facebook fan page called "Miss Rosie Rabbie" (露思兔子教學血淚史), which shows the lives of today’s Hong Kong teachers.

www.facebook.com/missrosierabbie
www.missrosierabbie.com
**Vincci Law 羅韻芝 (BEcon&Fin 2003)**

**We make people SHINE**

Over the years running my family's handbag manufacturing business, I have met many talented designers who dreamed of developing their own products but were not able to because of limited resources and a lack of professional guidance. It became my dream to help them catch their dreams.

After a whole year of preparations, I launched my handbag brand AIVEDETTE at a local fashion concept store in February 2016. AIVEDETTE is a platform that supports local designers in building their brands. It also gathers potential business partners and friends who share the same dream.

AIVEDETTE plays on the French words “ai”, meaning “have”, and “vedette”, meaning “star”. I believe that the numerous stars in the sky are gifts from Heaven. Each is as beautiful as any other. Some can be seen from Earth.

Starting a new brand in Hong Kong is not an easy task. The greatest challenge is to identify those “hidden” designers who have the same vision as AIVEDETTE. Take our debut collection “L’amour Macaron” as an example. Although the designers had total freedom on the design direction, materials, colours, and so forth, when it came to the manufacturing there were a lot of trial-and-error experiments and discussions to strike a balance between beauty and reality that was workable.

Currently, I am the only one who works on this full time while my teammates are part-time. But, we all share the same dream of “making people shine”.

www.aivedette.com

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**Peter Lee 李浩翔 (PGDE 2005; EdD 2014)**

**BALLOONS Lit. Journal**

"To celebrate the beauty of English and the arts was definitely the first aim of establishing this magazine. And I’m more than honoured to be able to gather excellent works from people all around the world and from all walks of life."

Peter, currently the Panel Chair of English at Ying Wa Primary School, founded an independent online literary journal for young people titled BALLOONS Lit. Journal (BLJ). The name of this magazine comes from Peter's drawings of balloon-like figures with faces, which he makes on students' work along with his markings. The BLJ Advisory Board has now expanded to include academics and experienced educators including Dr Gary Harfitt, Assistant Dean (Experiential Learning) at the HKU Faculty of Education. BLJ will also receive funding from the Hong Kong Teachers Dream Fund for the next three years. www.balloons-lit-journal.com
**Doris Leung 梁淑儀 (MJ 2003)**

**My dream to CHANGE**

From TV journalist to social entrepreneur, I have made an extraordinary journey for a trained journalist. After graduating with a Master of Journalism, I remained at i-Cable News as a Principal Reporter for 16 years until 2009. The unexpected disability of my beloved mum in 2007 inspired me to start the unprecedented barrier-free taxi service, Diamond Cab, in Hong Kong in 2011.

Up to April 2016, Diamond Cab has successfully accomplished more than 100,000 advance bookings, mainly for wheelchair passengers. Wanting to take the service beyond just transportation, I initiated the “Diamond Leisure” and other Diamond Events to advocate the importance of barrier-free access for the elderly and to create a culture of happy aging in Hong Kong. [www.diamondcab.com.hk](http://www.diamondcab.com.hk)

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**Rebecca Chan 陳靜怡 (BSc 2014)**

**Maxim’s and me**

I joined Maxim’s Group as an Executive Trainee after finishing my Bachelor of Science in Food and Nutritional Science. My encounter with Maxim’s started with a cup of caramel macchiato on my first day at HKU. Different Maxim’s brands were there with me throughout my university life: the coffee from Starbucks when I was doing my revision in the library; the student canteen Maxim’s Food2 where I spent most of my lunch breaks; not to mention the cakes and snacks provided by Maxim’s Cakes when I held the inauguration ceremony for my student society. It is marvellous that I now work for this ever-growing company!

The programme provides us with a fast-track learning and development opportunity in the rapidly growing food and beverage industry. We are provided with all-round exposure including on-the-job attachments and training, business and management training workshops, and corporate-wide projects. The company treasures new talent and each trainee is assigned an experienced mentor from senior management to guide us and give us direction in our career development. All these experiences help to deepen our understanding of the management and operations of each business unit. As an Executive Trainee, I find the training programme is a dynamic platform that allows me to excel in the company.
Professor Chan Che-ting 陳子亭 (BSc 1980)

"I have faith that Professor Chan, the first holder of this professorship, will continue to inspire others through his frontier research and bring new insights to the field of science."

Daniel C K Yu
Chairman and Director, Maxwell Electronics Limited

Professor Chan was named as the holder of the Daniel C K Yu Professorship in Science at the 3rd Inauguration Ceremony of Named Professorships at HKUST. He is also Executive Director of the HKUST Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study.

Professor Chan's main research interests include the application of first principles and related methods in the study of the electronic, structural and other physical properties of matter; surface physics; photonic band gaps; and material physics.

Donald Fan 范統 (BA(AS) 1979; BArch 1981)

Donald studied Architecture at HKU when his family migrated to Hawaii in the late 1970s. He misses his father greatly and recently shared his love and memories of his late father in the Apple Daily. Donald is the Chief Operation Officer of Paliburg Holdings Limited, and Executive Director of Century City International Holdings Limited and Regal Hotels International Holdings Limited.

最遺憾的一天

我爸爸是河北人，50年代由內地偷渡到香港，身無分文，講無人能聽得懂的河北話，卻能白手興家養大了我們三兄妹，實在不容易！由於他怕當時的共產黨，故千方百計移民海外，70年代尾他成功移民到夏威夷並開了一間上海餐館，隨後媽媽，弟弟和妹妹皆移民到夏威夷居住至今，當時因香港大學取錄了我，故只有我一個留在香港，一家分兩地直到現在。

1999年8月，爸爸癌症病危，醫生說他已到最後階段，我和太太連同子女一齊到夏威夷探爸爸，在那一段時間，爸爸見到孫女及孫仔，非常高興，胃口也好了，但病情仍每況愈下，一星期後，公司開始催促我回港，但爸爸病況又未改善，連醫生都不敢說，可以一星期，可以兩星期或一個月，作為長子，我很想陪他到最後，但又不能一直留在夏威夷不走，而當時香港的公事實在非常繁重，若我離開崗位太久，自會有其他顧慮，留或不留，當時真是腦交戰，最後逼於無奈把心一橫決定回香港。臨走的一天，可能是我一生最遺憾的一天，太太，孫女和孫仔和爸爸逐一手挥手別，但爸爸只淚流著眼望前方，也不看他們，也不看我，大家心中有數，這次回別是永別，下一次到夏威夷時就是爸爸的喪禮，我離開病房的一刻，見到爸爸是無意識在揮手拜拜，但仍然沒有轉頭望我們。

時隔17年，我仍然不肯定當時告別時爸爸在想甚麼？是否得我不孝，不陪他到最後，或是否他根本不是怪我，只是不想大家分別時，大家太難過，所以避開眼神接觸。回香港時，在飛機上百感交集，一方面自己想自己何不留下多一點時間，另一方面又自解公司既然委以重任，要向公司負責，我媽媽、弟妹都沒有怪我，反而我的嚵咀女兒在飛機上哭過不停，就連最喜歡的雪糕也不吃 (平時見到雪糕，她會眼睛發亮)，一個11歲的女孩比她爸爸還懂事！

一個月後，9月30號的早上收到弟弟的電話，爸爸走了！媽媽、弟弟和妹妹在爸爸患病的時候，一直小心照顧，陪伴左右，弟妹的孝心，比哥哥強多了！尤其在留院期間，爸爸大小二便都是弟弟幫他清潔，真的辛苦了他，我想幫爸爸清潔，弟弟怕我不慣，怎都要爭住做，從小到大，我和弟弟的身份是倒轉，弟弟在任何情況下都保護及維護哥哥，實在令我十分慚愧及感謝。

爸爸走之前，可喜的一件事是醫院准許爸爸最愛的狗狗 (Rocky) 在醫院陪他(爸爸住的醫院是只照顧彌留病人)，Rocky是普通唐狗，流浪街頭，爸爸收留牠，從此一直只當爸爸是主人，牠不漂亮但聰明有人性，我在相片看見Rocky睡在病床上和爸爸凝望依依不捨的眼神，牠明白爸爸很快要離開，爸爸走了幾個月後，Rocky也走了。

直到今天，我對自己當時將事業放在親情前的決定還是不能釋懷，如果再給我選擇一次，我會陪爸爸到最後。

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More: www.alumni.hku.hk/stories
This is the 40th year that I have participated in marathons. My plan is to run full marathons for 50 years.

My first marathon dates back to December 4, 1977. There were no half-marathons or 10k races then, so the full marathon was the only option. I was among some 200 runners who paid the HK$2 entry fee to run the gruelling 42.195 kilometres. Only 60 of us finished the full course within the five-hour time limit. Twenty years later, in 1997, the Open Marathon was named the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon when the Bank became the main sponsor.

In 1996, I took part in the 100-km Oxfam Trailwalker for the first time as part of a Hong Kong University Graduates Association (HKUGA) team with three other HKU graduates. I have now participated in this popular fund-raising event every year since 1998, and 2016 sees me taking part in my 20th Trailwalker. Over our 19 years’ participation, the team has raised over HK$4.23 million to help the underprivileged, with over HK$2.75 million having been raised by myself. My active involvement in this meaningful event is most rewarding as I get to help many needy people, make good friends, train new members one after another, and share a great team spirit and positive attitude with my peer group. If you are interested in joining the Trailwalker, please email me at kwansekyiu@gmail.com.

I have also participated in distance swimming events, the first one being the 2,300-yard Cross Tolo Harbour Swim in 1971. For 30 years I have assumed the role of co-ordinator for distance swimming events including the annual New Year Swim, with temperatures ranging from 4°C to 22 °C. I feel fortunate to have been able to join the last two Victoria Harbour Swims from Tsim Sha Tsui to Central in 1977 and 1978, and it is disheartening to witness the narrowing of the Victoria Harbour from one mile to one kilometre.
Mainland China has 61 million “left-behind children” (留守兒童), the rural children left behind by parents who move to the cities for work. It is estimated that over the past eight years a further 2.42 million children have fallen into this category. The impact is huge. The lack of parenting may cause the children to have behaviour problems and emotional disorders, resulting in bullying at school. The Morrison Hall Social Service Group (MSSG) organised a two-week trip to Chongqing earlier this year to provide services to over 300 local left-behind children.

“One of the teachers shared with us that there was a left-behind child with emotional issues who set a fire during class. I was so shocked. But then I realised the left-behind children, without much care from their parents, feel hopeless about their future and like to challenge their teachers’ authority,” said Sabrina.

Norris shares the same thoughts as Sabrina, that the service trip offered a first-hand experience in understanding the needs of the left-behind children. “In the classrooms we visited around 60-90% of the pupils were left-behind children. Their self-management skills are very poor and they tend to build harmful relationships with others. But at the end of our trip some children gave us freshly harvested white radishes as a token of thanks!” Matthew, another participating organising committee member, also benefitted from this trip in a way that surprised him – he realised that his interests lie in teaching.

Throughout the past decade, MSSG, with its motto of “We enrich life through Service”, has been providing various services to different groups, such as the needy, the youth, the elderly, and the mentally challenged, as well as to environmental projects.
紅黃齊奪魁元日 玫瑰銀碗璧還時

香港大學何東夫人紀念堂與利瑪竇宿舍交往素睦, 合作良多, 比如舉辦何馬營、球隊訓練、樂隊演奏、友誼辯論等。每年九月, 兩舍新生均積極投入「搶銅鑼」攻防, 手腳並用, 水袋横飛, 試為港大多年佳話。電影《玻璃之城》的浪漫情懷, 更是教人難禁不已。

適何東夫人紀念堂65周年堂慶, 又逢利瑪竇宿舍及何東夫人紀念堂於2016年度聯舍體育比賽中摘元, 分別奪得聯舍馬來人挑戰盃（「馬來人盃」）Malayan Cup及奧瑪玫瑰挑戰碗Omega Rose Bowl。利瑪竇宿舍宿友楊思亮、何東夫人紀念堂友陸之頴夫婦, 經利瑪竇宿舍文物及保育徵集計劃協助, 獲得1967年友堂奧米加玫瑰碗乙枚, 於何東夫人紀念堂堂慶高桌晚宴期間, 慷慨將玫瑰碗完璧奉還為慶, 藉此祝願兩堂友誼永固, 宿生自強不息。

璧還銀碗其來有自。話說在1965年, 香港大學邀請阿米加奧姆迪斯公司捐出舍際體育比賽獎項, 女子總冠軍為「奧米加玫瑰碗」。1995年, 贊助商改為奧爾瑪公司, 該碗亦改稱為「奧瑪玫瑰挑戰碗」。勝出的舍堂學院可保有大碗一年。名列前茅的亦會有一隻紀念小碗永作存念。今次物歸原主的, 乃是四十九年前的紀念小碗。男子總冠軍獎盃全名為聯舍馬來人挑戰盃, 由泛馬來亞校友聯會於1949年捐出。無論是馬來人盃抑或是玫瑰碗, 上面都鏤有獲勝舍堂學院的名字。不少校友即使畢業良久, 只要手執盃碗, 也能數算著上面的銘刻, 娓娓道來當年的熱血和激狂。

利瑪竇宿舍和何東夫人紀念堂齊奪聯舍男女子體育總冠軍, 上次已是九年前往事。兩所舍堂均為聯舍體育比賽常勝客。從1949年至今, 利瑪竇人三十五次奪得男子總冠軍殊榮, 次數冠絕所有舍堂學院。自2014年起, 宿舍更三年連霸, 蝉聯魁首寶座。何東夫人紀念堂自1965年起曾十六次勇奪女子總冠軍, 成績彪炳顯赫。

香港大學利瑪竇宿舍文物保育及徵集計劃及何東夫人紀念堂舊生會一直致力保育徵集舍堂有關的文物和歷史, 促進舍堂學生、大學同儕、畢業校友乃至廣大公眾對相關文物歷史的興趣和認識。如有查詢, 欢迎與香港大學利瑪竇宿舍文物保育及徵集計劃聯席召集人梁逸超（電郵：leungdei@connect.hku.hk）或何東夫人紀念堂舊生會主席何思慧（電郵：lht.ceciho@gmail.com）聯絡。

梁逸超 (BSc 2014; MEd 2015)
香港大學利瑪竇宿舍文物保育及徵集計劃聯席召集人

吳敏兒 (BSocSc (Govt & Laws)&LLB Year 4)
2014至2015年度香港大學學生會何東夫人紀念堂宿舍會體育秘書
2015至2016年度香港大學學生會何東夫人紀念堂宿舍會主席

利瑪竇宿舍和何東夫人紀念堂齊奪2015至2016年度舍際男女子體育總冠軍。
The Russian Link

Vadim Bonch studied Electrical Engineering at HKU in the 1930s and resided at Morrison Hall. After graduation, he worked for the HK Electric Company at the power station when it was a coal-powered facility, located by the harbour past Causeway Bay. Bonch joined the British army during the Japanese attack in the 1940s and became a Prisoner-of-War. Bouch and his wife were in Japanese prison camps, he at Stanley Bay and his wife in Shanghai where she was sent to a civilian camp. He and his family left for Canada in 1957.

“The photos and story are poignant reminders of what my parents went through, as did so many. They were survivors. My father never spoke of the difficulties. He emerged from the ordeal with the philosophy that life is to be enjoyed and appreciated. When I asked questions about what it was like, he replied that one time they made curry in a large metal tub, although it took a long time to gather the ingredients.”

Barbara Myronuk
Daughter of Vadim Bonch

At the Singularity University X Li Ka Shing Foundation Techcracker Exponential Learning Program on April 15 & 16, 2016 at Chi Sun College, Kathryn Myronuk of Singularity University showed the photo of her grandfather Vadim Bonch, a Russian student at HKU in the 1930s.
In Memory of
Professor Brian Lofts (1929–2015)

• Head and Chair Professor, Department of Zoology (1967–1989)
• Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1981–1984)
• Emeritus Professor

It is with deep sadness that we mourn the passing of Professor Brian Lofts, our Emeritus Professor, on the 6th of December, 2015 at a hospital in Norwich, at the age of 86.

Professor Lofts’ exceptional research achievements were well recognised internationally. He was the Fellow of the Institute of Biology (which was later merged with the Biosciences Federation to form the Society of Biology), a Fellow of the Zoological Society, and a Doctor of Science (Zoology), and was a recipient of the Order of the British Empire. He was also elected as the Honorary Member by The Hong Kong Society of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Reproduction in 1988 and was a Justice of the Peace.

Professor Lofts was renowned and respected for his lifelong dedication to the disciplines of biology and zoology. During his 22 years of service at HKU, Professor Lofts was keen to promote conservation and zoology. He was one of the founders of the Conservancy Association in Hong Kong in 1968. He actively engaged his students to research on the physiology and endocrinology of Hong Kong's reptiles and amphibians. He published several popular titles in biology, including *Photopériodisme animal* and *Animal Photoperiodism (Studies in Biology)*.

We honour the memory of Professor Lofts for his lifetime dedicated to endocrinology scientific research. He will be dearly missed by all whose lives he touched.

Professor Sun Kwok
Dean of Science (2006-2016)

In late 1969, I received a letter from Brian Lofts asking if I would be interested in applying for a position in the Zoology Department of HKU. I replied that I was, duly applied, was interviewed at the Office of the Association of Commonwealth Universities and finally received another letter from Brian inviting me to meet him in London. He explained that he would meet me under the clock in Victoria Station at a certain time and date and that I would be able to recognise him by his distinctive striped jacket that made him look like an ice-cream seller. On arrival at Victoria after a two-hour train ride from England's south coast, I saw Brian, approached him and said “Hello, I’m also Brian; can I have two cornets please?” He looked at me for a few seconds and then said: “why do you want two?” I replied that “I want to take one back to Sussex for my wife!” Again, he looked at me for a few seconds and then roared with laughter. “Come on,” he said, “let’s get a cup of coffee.” We chatted over coffee for about an hour, he explained that he wanted to restart the teaching of marine biology at HKU and asked if I was up to the job. I said that I thought I was and, really, that was that. I received the official telegram of appointment a few weeks later.

That was Brian: always immaculately dressed, affable, cheerful and friendly. The epitome of an English (but actually Welsh) gentleman. As with every University in the 1970s, he ran the Zoology Department of HKU as a kind, benevolent dictator. We as staff had no input into the department’s budget or its allocation: instead we just asked for what we needed and typically got it. In 20 years of working with Brian, I never had a single argument with him, his office door was always open, we talked often, he helped my career along and occasionally he circuitously sought my advice. When he retired in 1989, I had affectionately known my ice-cream vendor for 20 years and was very sorry to see him peddle off. It is also very sad that he has now died taking a big chunk of my life with him.

Professor Brian Morton
Emeritus Professor

In his capacity as a Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor Lofts was Chairman of the Management Committee of the Fung Ping Shan Museum from 1978 until 1986. He was deeply interested in Chinese works of art and antiquities, and together with Mr Duncan Mackintosh of the Department of Extra–Mural Studies and myself were three of the seven founding members of the Oriental Ceramics Society (OCS) of Hong Kong set up in March 1974. He was the Society’s Honorary Treasurer from the beginning until 1986 and on departure was elected Honorary Life Member of the Society. He and his wife Claudine had a small collection themselves and before leaving Hong Kong donated a pair of early Qing mother-of-pearl inlay plates to the Museum. Apart from ex-HKU colleagues and students he will be remembered with affection by members of the OCS, a society that has remained active here in Hong Kong.

Ellie Alleyne 王蘅 (BA 1952)
Registrar (1980–1985)
Ronnie and Tony first met at a casual meeting of the Arts Association, HKUSU. Tony assumed the position of General Secretary of the Association later that year, while Ronnie turned her focus to the Film Society.

They were not close friends, only keeping in touch through Facebook – that is until ten years after they first met. They shared trips back to HKU before the Faculty of Arts moved to the Centennial Campus, and also celebrated the University’s Centenary as well as attending the Bricks Wall opening together.

And then love blossomed.

“HKU is the place that cultivated my thinking. The Main Building holds a lot of shared memories for Tony and me. He can even recall the very moment we first met in the Main Building when we were between lectures. We met again when we were much more mature and ‘marriage-ready’. We definitely want to raise a family if it is God’s plan for us,”
in Life
Rigel and Rathaphattaya met in 2007 when they were HKU students. Rigel was a member of the Duchess of Kent Hall and a member of the softball team, while Rathaphattaya was staying at Ricci Hall. Having been together for eight years, they decided to tie the knot in 2015.

Love struck at Stanley Ho Sports Centre

“We met at P2, the softball pitch in Stanley Ho Sports Centre. Rathaphattaya was the softball team coach for our Hall. HKU is a place that we are very proud of and we have a lot of great memories of the city. We made a lot of friends and also found our lifelong partner. We appreciate the unique hall culture at HKU, which gave us a lot of opportunities to try out different things and make friends from different backgrounds.”
William Choi 蔡振雄 (BEng 1996), Janey Wu 胡珍莉 (BSc 2003; PCEd 2004) and their kids Hailey and Harris

Ricci Fong 方蔚子 (BA 2004, PGDE 2005, MEd 2007, PhD 2012)

Peter Lee 李浩翔 (PGDE 2005, EdD 2014)

Christy Yu 余杏芳 (LLB 2004; PCLL 2005)
Peter Tai 戴辛酉 (BSc(CIS) 2004)

Judy Kwok 郭玉珠 (BMS 2010) and her husband Leo Li and daughter Pui-lam

John Lam 林志明 (BEng 2004) and his son Ching-hin

Wong Ching-yee 黃靜儀 (BJ 2007; PGDE 2011)
Euij Lam 林煒鎬 (Med 2011) and their son Chi-hang

William Choi 蔡振雄 (BEng 1996), Janey Wu 胡珍莉 (BSc 2003; PCEd 2004) and their kids Hailey and Harris
“I had the good fortune to serve as a mentor to HKU students for many years. I always suspected that perhaps I got more out of the programme than they did, for I learned much about HKU, about today’s young people and their concerns.”

“I appreciated the HKU Mentorship programme and how it extends beyond time and circles. It is initiatives such as this that passes on the legacy of the University and idea sharing.”
“So many times in life when I have had to make hard decisions, the first person I seek advice from is my mentor. What he gives me is not only advice from a teacher, but also support from a dear friend.”

“My mentor had me recall what the Tang Dynasty intellectual Han Yu (韓愈) said in On Teaching: ‘A teacher not just teaches you about knowledge in books, but answers your worries and lets you know the way of being a moral person in a complex society.’ ”
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