Big Fish and Small Fish

A small fish swims freely alongside a big fish. It seems that the big fish is the `teacher´, and the small fish is a `friend´ riding with the `giant´.

But take another look …

Perhaps the big fish is the `student´, and the small fish is his `giant friend´.

大魚·小魚

小魚兒跟隨大魚在海洋裏游弋。
本以為大魚是「師」·小魚是「友」,
小魚站在巨人肩膊上········

可是再看仔細·嗯·

或許大魚才時主角·是學生·
而伴隨在旁的小魚才是「大朋友」········

自此大魚小魚·亦師亦友·
再分不清楚！

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**Mentor: Alexander Lui 呂耀華**  
**Mentee: Kate Chan 陳君衡**  
(BBA(Law), Year 2)

*A peek into the world of business*

“Alex has generously shared with me his career development in the real estate industry. He discusses with us social and economic issues. I learnt a lot from his unique thinking style. He challenges us on some deep-seated beliefs that we possess and teaches us to think multi-dimensionally. He often reminds us we have to contribute back to society once we graduate.

He always invites us to company functions and festival celebrations. He genuinely hopes we can learn and grow. He is funny and always makes jokes. He is selfless and shares with us his career journey, his work and views on different topics. I have had a peek into how the top management of a listed company works and lives.”

*Kate Chan 陳君衡*

**Mentor: Adrian Lee 李澄明 (BSocSc 1973)**  
**Mentee: Ben Miller (Social Sciences)**

*Access Hong Kong, barrier-free*

“When I initially applied to the programme, I thought that being a non-local might be a barrier. However, Mr Adrian Lee quickly dispelled that idea. Although it can quite be intimidating for students to chat with highly successful, older people, I quickly found Mr Lee to be approachable and easy to talk to.

In addition to a variety of useful Cantonese phrases that Mr Lee and his family have taught me, he has also provided me with a more experienced, objective viewpoint on several topics we discussed. This has been valuable to me, especially as a foreigner in Hong Kong. We recently went out for some delicious ‘Chiu Chow’ food with Mr Lee’s mentees from previous years. This was a great way to meet even more interesting people, and learn about the cuisine of my mentor’s home region. I would thoroughly recommend the mentoring programme to fellow international students – in fact, many are already quite envious of me!”

*Ben Miller from the UK*
Mentor: Taylor Lam 林國恩 (BSocSc 1990)  
Mentee: Dennis Suen 孫楠 (BSc(IM), Year 3)

Cure for my homesickness

“I am currently on my academic exchange at Tsinghua University, Beijing. Thankfully, I have been able to meet with my mentor Mr Lam. We first met in a coffee shop in Hong Kong before my departure. Our first meeting was a delightful moment, a wonderful starting point for my Beijing exchange journey.

After my arrival in Beijing, Taylor invited me to have lunch with his family which was unexpected. I felt like I was a part of his family and it cured my homesickness. And while I enjoyed having family dinner at my mentor’s apartment, we also shared wonderful stories and had a great time.

Taylor also advised me on my career planning. Following his advice, I decided to have my internship in Beijing because it would be a better way to experience the local culture in a deeper sense. I am very grateful to have my mentor as my career adviser. In the coming two months, I will stay in Beijing for my internship and keep contact with my mentor regularly.”

Dennis Suen

An unforgettable semester in Boston

“On April 20, 2013, Simon Nip, Yum Tong and I had an enjoyable time eating dim sum with this semester’s exchange students Roy Lam (Harvard University), Ma Hui (Mount Holyoke College) and Zeng Xin (Wellesley College). Simon Nip, who mentors Ma Hui, is a wonderful mentor. He drove to Cambridge to pick up the students and then took them to breakfast in Concord, an old colonial town. He also showed them around the tourist attractions in Concord and Lexington. The exchange students this past semester have certainly experienced a lot - one of the most severe winters we have had, the Marathon bombings, and the closing down of Cambridge and its neighbouring towns.”

Professor Siu Wong Sau-fong

Mentors: Simon Nip 聶禮和 (BSc(Eng) 1987)  
Professor Siu Wong Sau-fong 蕭黃秀芳 (BA 1964; DipSocSt 1965)  
Professor Siu Yum-tong 蕭蔭堂 (BA 1963; Hon DSc 1990)
Mentees: Roy Lam 林子豪 (BSc(ActuarSc), Year 2)  
Ma Hui 馬慧 (BSocSc, Year 2)  
Zeng Xin 曾昕 (BA, Year 2)
It’s really amazing how visually impaired people handle daily tasks all by themselves. When I was in total darkness, I was so nervous and panicked because I needed to do tasks like shopping and crossing the road. You must never underestimate the ability of the visually impaired.

When I was in the darkness, I could only rely on the instructions of the visually impaired guide in order to move around. Before joining the tour, I only believed in what I could see; but after the darkness experience, I learnt to trust people and pay more attention to and listen to the people around me.

Mentors and mentees also discussed social entrepreneurship and innovative ideas for tackling social problems with Patrick Cheung 張瑞霖 (BSc(Eng) 1979; MIPA 2009), mentor and Founder of Dialogue in the Dark Hong Kong.