The year 2001 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Class of ’71. Whilst the University is celebrating its 90th Anniversary, the Engineering, Science, Arts and Social Sciences classes of ’71 are having their anniversary reunions in June.

The Engineering Class enjoys a happy dinner with the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Ian Davies, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor C F Lee, Dean of Engineering, Professor Joseph Lee and former teachers.

The Arts and Social Sciences Classes return to the Main Building and trace their footprints of their University days.

The Science Class continues their (lifelong) learning by organising a series of visits to the Faculty of Science, the Swire Institute of Marine Sciences, Kadoorie and Agricultural Research Centre, Kadoorie Farm and Botanical Garden, and the weather radar station at the top of Tai Mo Shan.
Following the tradition of having a grand reunion every five years, the class of Medic 1970 celebrated its 30th Anniversary in a three-day event that brought three-quarters of its former classmates together in Hong Kong in the first weekend in October 2000.

As in previous years, and not dissimilar to other reunions, their gathering had the usual ingredients of a formal dinner, some casual meals, a scientific meeting and a tourist event or two. It was the packaging that provided the attraction and lured so many to attend, including 26 from overseas. The overnight stay under one roof at the Airport Hotel was the key to the success. When the programme was over, many lingered on, refusing to get on the coach and say good-bye. All pledged to come again.

The first event was the more formal main reunion dinner, held at the Hong Kong Country Club, for the 115 participants. Ten of the then teachers graced the occasion and came to extend their congratulations. To G B Ong who was as fit as ever, the class were still youngsters. Rosie Young admitted girls always had an advantage. The MCs, Victor Goh and Roger Pang took charge and led the evening from one climax to another. In the teachers’ impromptu speeches Frank Cheng recounted his examining the class in Anatomy and giving distinctions to a few, George Koo praised the class on their comradeship, and K O Wong reminded them of their afternoon tea in his home, after which everybody became his friends. T K Chan remembered clearly teaching the class introductory clerkship on return from his membership examination, C H Leong could simply describe everything that happened in 1970, the year the class graduated, and K H Lee could tell every one’s position and retirement date. Donald Yu never explained why he continued to smoke and Zoltan Lett simply enjoyed keeping patients quiet.

The highlight of the reunion was the two-day tour of Lantau Island and an overnight stay at the Airport Regal Hotel. The guided-tour provided immense picture opportunities and chances for old friends to catch up with each other.

The class did not realise that talents abound among the mates. The evening casual dinner saw not only Karaoke singing and the usual dancing, but also performance dances by Dora Wong, opera singing by Thomas Cheung, accompanied by pianist Chan Siu Ming, and flute-playing by Ronald Lo.

The scientific meeting early the next morning was most popular. Presentations on day surgery, on medicine in a foreign country, and on medicine in China were light-hearted and cheerful. The keynote address by Ng Man Lun on “Marital Practices in China” described the many different views and habits of Chinese in various regions. The day, and the reunion, concluded after a relaxing buffet lunch.