Libraries Celebrates 2nd Millionth Volume With Ten Special Titles

It took eighty years for the HKU Libraries to acquire its first million volumes but only twelve years to acquire its next million. The Second Millionth Volume Celebration signified the maturity, capability and the readiness of the HKU Libraries to better serve the Hong Kong community. To celebrate this milestone, ten separate titles (three of which were web-based databases) were selected by each of the ten faculties to represent their area.

**Faculty of Architecture**

“La Basilica di San Pietro in Vaticano” is one of the works from the series Mirabilia Italiae, created to illustrate the art and beauty of Italy’s monuments. This prestigious work documents every part of Saint Peter’s Basilica which stands in the Vatican above the supposed resting place of the remains of St. Peter.

**Faculty of Arts**

“Early English Books Online” (EEBO) is a major resource for the study of early modern literature, culture, and history. EEBO is an online version of the University Microfilms International (UMI) microfilm products “Early English Books 1475-1640” and “Early English Books 1641-1700”.

**Faculty of Business and Economics**

《孫子兵法百家集》 (The Art of War) is noted for its realistic assessment of the political constraints of warfare. It is part drill book, part tactical survey, and part political treatise. Its advice has been followed for centuries and it continues to be consulted by modern Chinese leaders. In recent years it has been promoted as a tool in business schools in Japan and the United States.

**Faculty of Dentistry**

“Three Memoirs on the Development and Structure of the Teeth and Epithelium” is an important book because it is the earliest to provide a precise report on the structure of the tooth based on microscopic observation. Nasmyth was taken with the work of Retzius and Purkinje and discusses their results at length in this book. He was the first to accurately record the flow of blood in the tooth and to describe and note the cuticula.
Faculty of Education
“The International Education Series” is the most important American series, published in five sets of ten volumes each, incorporating early twentieth-century ideas on the theory and practice of education. The works covering practical, theoretical and historical education, are rare and useful to historians of education and social history.

Faculty of Engineering
“ISI Web of Knowledge” is a portal from which researchers can access, analyse, and manage information. It was developed recognising the need of researchers to facilitate discovery by offering seamless navigation to the highest quality content, evaluation tools and bibliographic management tools.

Faculty of Law
“Law and Practice of the World Trade Organization” is the complete reference on the law and practice of the WTO and the rules of international trade for the 21st century. Designed for use by the practitioners as well as the academic researchers, this series provides an extensive examination of these new rules of international trade, as negotiated by representatives of more than 120 nations.

Faculty of Medicine
A rare first edition, first issue of “The Principles and Practice of Medicine”, was the best English work on medicine of its time, and probably the most influential general textbook of medicine ever published. It became a standard text for students and practitioners in every country and language in the world.

Faculty of Science
“Selected Works of Charles Darwin”, this fifteen-volume set brings together the most important works of Charles Darwin. Originally published circa 1890 by Appleton and Company in New York, it is numbered 421 of a limited authorized edition of 1000 numbered copies.

Faculty of Social Sciences
“The Digital National Security Archive” contains previously classified documents now declassified under the United States Freedom of Information Act. This web database features more than 35,000 declassified documents from 15 collections under the heading “The Making of U.S. Policy.”

For more details: http://lib.hku.hk/2million/
HKU Libraries
Reading Club

Speaker:
Patrick Yu 余叔韶
Audrey Eu as moderator
7:15 pm, 26 September 2002 (Thur)
Full text: http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/

Speaker:
Frank Ching 秦家駒
7:15 pm, 7 November 2002 (Thur)

Speaker:
Joyshan Lam 林在山
7:15 pm, 12 December 2002 (Thur)

All book talks will be held at Main Library New Wing 1/F and conducted in English.
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二十世紀以來，出現了不少華文企業家和財團，他們對中國內地和香港的教育、科學、文化、慈善事業的支持和捐贈，均不勝枚舉。居港華人中，洪氏家族便是代表之一。

洪氏發跡自洪平山先生開始，四子秉芬克力鴻業，承繼父業，在香港商業上馳騁，他更熱心公益，屬任公職，對社會發展影響深遠。

洪秉芬爵士年齡雖長，大司司銜深表哀悼，特撰文誌念。

冯平山 一九三九年，至一九三三

名朝安，號平山，廣東新會人。為香港二十世紀初之著名華人企業家。創鴻勝行，經營海味生意，開辦鴻勝銀行及鴻勝號。

一九四一年與孫東南、李冠群及李子方兄弟於會道中合辦銀行，成為東亞銀行第一批入股東南董事。三年後，更與李冠群創辦華人銀行。翌年，又與開業大王李有泉合資開業華南，涉足地產生意。

洪氏平生慈善為懷，熱愛教育，致力推動中文教育，建樹良多。一九四一年捐款五萬元另籌得二千五百元予香港大學。後又建議政府於香港大學自辦醫科（即中文系前身，現址為現代醫學樓）。此時，洪氏負債達二十萬，另自捐一萬元。七十歲時，又捐款興建中文圖書館（現址為洪平山樓）。一生用於教學之資凡百餘萬。

馮秉芬 一九五九，至一九六三

馮平山的第四子，他於一九三一年父親病逝後，即出任東亞銀行經理及鴻兆銀行。他事事盡心，貲未到已先給金屬商，以免二次大戰後，日、澳、南洋九成供應商均指定供貨予洋與行。故後來發展成香港最大的海味雜貨供應商。另外，他还把原來一輛輔助鋪的冬菇：自行包裝成五公斤裝（玉竹牌）零售，令銷售額過億而獲得「冬菇王」之美譽。大陸解放後，他將鴻勝銀行生意交予兄弟，專心創立鴻勝集團。

馮氏於一九三九年成立「鴻勝有限公司」，後與祖國同聲多家公司：如台灣鴻勝紙業、鴻勝養老院、鴻勝同業聯合會等。其中經營家電、紙品、成衣、食品、個人護理產品的代理分店的鴻勝集團（一九三九年創立），當時代理《Tempo》紙巾及麥芽日本影音產品在港熟熟知。一九三九年成立上市機構，業務涵蓋更大。一九五五年成立麥當勞的香港經營權，把貿聯實業扶養文化引入香港，大大改變了香港人的飲食習慣。

馮爵士於五十年代開始涉足政壇，廿年間曾出任過立法局、市政局及行政局非官守議員，參與多項公政，執亙六任港督，三度任勳，一九七一年榮獲英國爵士爵位勳銜。把馮氏家族的聲望推至極峰。

馮氏與香港大學

馮爵士和其父親一樣，早年已和香港大學結緣。其兄秉華畢業於香港大學文科，馮爵士亦曾隸屬於港大中文系。因父親年事已高，便退伍療養。他原是中文學會主編創辦人和會長，至離任方任名譽會長。一九三二年主持鴻福山圖書館開館，一九六四年圖書館改建成博物館圖書室，馮氏家人積極協助。圖書館全框紀念時，馮爵士更親剪綿紀念冊長。一九四九年太校師延聘馮氏社會科學博士學位給他。次年，馮爵士出任香港大學校長代，經常親臨校舍校內事項和出席活動，去年三月，尚坐輪椅出席港大九十年周年慶祝會，與記者談論往事。

文教社會貢獻

馮爵士平生熱心慈善公益及教育事業，在故鄉新會創辦新會市平山小學。除任職香港大學校長序列外，亦開設中文大學創校校董，於中大聯合臺成立「馮秉芬獎學金」。獲衛生優秀學生。當年名校十二箇小學及三所中學，和去年的香港「伊夫拉」幼稚園。

此外，創辦海洋公園和海藝術中心，給予港人全新的文化及消閒玩樂設施和建立旅遊景點，帶來旅遊業的發展；他把國際扶輪會引入香港，使港人人士活得更有意義；亦創立世界自然基金會，保存本地瀕危動植物，積極展開本地及環保工作。他創辦馮氏宗親會，聯繫華僑華人。