**HKU Awards four Honorary Degrees**  
*at the 171st Congregation on March 18, 2005*

Dr the Honourable Donald Tang Yam-kuen 唐永清 (Doctor of Laws honoris causa), Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, is the leading Principal Official, supporting the Chief Executive in administering Hong Kong. In 1995, Dr Tang was appointed Financial Secretary of the Government of Hong Kong, the first Chinese to hold the position in the territory’s history. In 2001, he became Chief Secretary and in March 2005, he became the Acting Chief Executive of HKSAR.

**Professor Chen Zhu 陈曾（Doctor of Science honoris causa）** is the Vice President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Director of the Chinese Human Genome Centre in Shanghai and Director of the Shanghai Institute of Hematology. His work is recognised and acclaimed around the world as being at the forefront of genomic research, particularly in the advancement of molecular target-based therapy on human cancers. In 1997, Professor Chen was the first non-French winner of the “Prix de l’Oise” by “La Ligue Nationale contre le Cancer” of France.

**Dr Charles Lee Yeh-kwong 李業成 (Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa)  
** is the Chairperson of Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited, the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority and the Hong Kong Arts Festival Society Limited. During his tenure as Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, Dr Lee initiated a series of reforms that would modernise the stock exchange’s operations, attract listings from Mainland enterprises, and also reinforce Hong Kong’s position as an international finance centre.

Citations of the honorary doctors are available at:  
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*on December 16, 2004*

**Professor Dan Kwong-on 陈经栋 (BScGen 1962)** retired Chair Professor of Zoology of HKU and the former Director of the Kadoorie Agricultural Research Centre, has made significant contributions to a wide range of agricultural research.

**Mr Warren Chee-hoi SC 陈添雄 (LLB 1977)**, a distinguished counsel in Hong Kong, has made many contributions to his alma mater. He is a benefactor of the Faculty of Law, and has been heavily engaged in some of the important alumni projects in the faculty.

**Mrs Christina Lee Look Ngan-kwan 李葵閔** is a long-time supporter of HKU’s Faculty of Medicine and Founding Chairman of the HKU Foundation-Bone Health Fund. She has been instrumental in a number of donations made to the Faculty and to the University through the Lee Hysan Foundation.

**Ms Shelley Lai-kuen 李麗(unique) (BA 1971)**, together with her Class of 1971, organised the Silver Jubilee Reunion and pioneered this alumni-giving tradition. She helped connect the university to the community by promoting the Young Leaders of Tomorrow scholarship scheme.

**Professor Lo Hong-lik 呂洪烈** retired professor of HKU’s Department of Chinese, is held in high esteem in Chinese academia first of all for his achievements in classical Chinese poetry, Confucian classics, Chinese history and historiography, ancient philosophy, the great anthologies, as well as classical philology and phonology.

**Peter Lee 李仲賢 (MBBS 1952; HonLLD 1977)**

Dr Lee has been conferred with the award of Honorary Fellowships by the Academy of Family Physicians of Malaysia.

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**Arthur Antonio da Silva 亞瑟·安東尼·達席爾瓦 (BA 1967)**

The Managing Director of JetSpeed Air Cargo Forwarders HK Ltd, Arthur Antonio da Silva is the owner of the famous “Silent Witness” (Silent Witness) – a legendary horse that made his 17th consecutive win on April 24 in the Queen’s Silver Jubilee Cup, which takes him past the record established by the American horse “Cigar”.

Born into a Portuguese family in Macau with a Chinese mother, Arthur grew up and studied in Hong Kong. He has owned four horses in Hong Kong, all containing the word “Witness”. This is to follow his father’s tradition as the first horse owned by his father that won a race in 1947 was named “Hostile Witness”. He loves his horses, and especially the marvelous “Silent Witness”. As quoted from his interview with the Hong Kong Jockey Club: “We knew he has the ability to win but you never know what can happen in racing, accidents can happen, and that made me nervous. But once I saw that he jumped well and racing ‘one out, one back’, I felt that we had it in the bag. This horse is a symbol for Hong Kong.”

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**Dejay (BA 1999)**

The Pancakes, winner of the Best Original Film Song at the 24th Hong Kong Film Awards, was created by Dejay, the 27 year-old all-round composer, lyricist and singer. She signed with Spanish record company “Elefant Records” in 2000 that publishes and distributes her records locally and overseas. Many of her tunes have been picked as advertising theme songs for famous brands in Hong Kong. Seemingly coming out of nowhere, Dejay & her Pancakes received the Hong Kong Film Award for the song “(I Don’t Mind) 我不介意” for the film “Mcdull, Prince De La Bun”, while competing against experienced composers and lyricists such as Mark Lui and Lin Xi (BA 1984).
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Hong Kong University Alumni Association

This year the HKUAA Golf Day was held on April 20, 2005 at the Eden Course of the Hong Kong Golf Club (HKGC) at Fanling. This was the second year of an annual golf event organised by HKUAA for HKU golfers to compete for the “Challenge Cup” donated by Dr George Choa. The Chairman, Dr Lau Wai-man, represented HKUAA and presented the “Challenge Cup” to Dr George Choa donating it to the HKUAA Golf Day. A total of 41 alumni participated in the event and the winner of the “Challenge Cup” went to Dr Leung Man-kit, a 1989 graduate of Dental Surgery. For more photos and details, please visit HKUAA’s website at www.hkuaa.org.hk.

One of the participating flights at the first tee of EDEN before the off (from left) Mr Ivan Lau, Mr Alexander Ho, Mr Thomas So and Mr Vincent Cheung.

We would like to thank the HKUAA and its members for their support and encouragement. We would also like to thank the HKUAA Golf Day Committee for their hard work in organising the event. We would also like to thank all the sponsors for their generous support.

We hope to see you all at next year’s HKUAA Golf Day.

Dr. George Choa presenting the “Challenge Cup” to Dr. Leung Man-kit.

Hong Kong University Graduates Association

An Extension of Quality Education — HKUGA College to open in September 2006

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Choi Sau-yuk (BScSc 1972) and Social Sciences Class of 1972

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Chen Kin-kan (MB 2003)

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The group plans to have a second reunion in 2006 in Japan. Hopefully, the missing members, Dr Michael & Mrs Kay Lee, Dr Wok Kwong Lee (nickname Kamakura), Mark Kee Sheung Tse and Chee-Lan Goh (nickname Cheese) will be able to make it next time.

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HKU Japan Study Group 1964

Ladies in HKU Japan Group in 1964 – Young & Fearless: (from left) Marianne Kitchell, Peggy Ma, Evelyn Lay, Julia Ng, Connie Yeung and Amy Kwok before boarding ss President W Iyon for Japan

HKU Japan Group 1964 in 1964 reviewing: Amy Kwok reviewing with the group the programme for the next day

HKU Japan Group 1964 on board ship: (from left, back row) Kay Chiu, Amy Kwok, Christine Man, Martin Sai-Tak Leung, Susan Man, Connie Yeung, Julia Ng, Peggy Ma, Marianne Kitchell, Evelyn Lay (with Afro hairdo) and Chee-Lan Chung (front row) Wok Kwong Lee, Ka Yan Li, Ben Hock Kan Chow, Shody Chow, ship officer Michael Lee and Mark Kee Sheung Tse

HKU Japan Group 2004 at Whistler: (from left, back row) Martin Sai-Tak Leung, Anthony Ma, Shody Chow, Peggy Yeh (nee Ma), Julia Wokong (nee Ng), Amy Chan (nee Kwok), Dr Raymond Ka Yan Li and Dr Ben Hok Kun Chow (front row) Connie Looi (nee Yeung), Marianne Chown (nee Kitchell), Christine Clement (nee Man), Susan Nielson (nee Man) and Evelyn Leung (nee Lay)

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Jack So

Jack, currently Deputy Chairman and Group Managing Director of PC CW, was invited to speak at the Arts Faculty's Distinguished Alumni Lecture 2004-05 on April 23, 2005 on the topic: "An Arts Graduate and Proud of It".

"One time, a family friend asked my mother: 'What does your son study?' Upon hearing the answer, ‘Arts’, she exclaimed: ‘but that is for girls!’. 'Does he want to be a teacher? Another derogatory comment, as if teaching is one of the cardinal sins!'

Thirty years later, I can tell you that from having no regrets about being an Arts graduate, I consider it with joy and pride. I would not have been able to do the things I have done had I not made this choice of university education. The absence of a rigid discipline can free your mind and spirit, making you more creative and daring, and giving you a kind of blind confidence, not unlike that of David when facing Goliath.” Full speech: http://arts.hku.hk/lecture/

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Litter Anything But Your Key

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Something slipped, a metallic curse,
Her fate was sealed, there's no reverse,
No felony, no crime was more perverse.

It's her key, she dropped it near her flat,
In 26 font-size it reads 'Drop your key? That'll be a $1500 fine'
She's being given the wrong charge and also the wrong treatment,
What happened to Madame Lau could happen to you or me.

In vain she tried to reason with the wall her situation,
"Who would litter their own key" gave no illumination,
"We'd call the police if we don't get your cooperation."
"Yes, I sure want the police", she cried in exasperation.

Litter Anything But Your Key

Police came, but four more inspectors did,
They formed a circle around her, God forbid,
Bystanders were watching, men, women and many a kid,
Was she an armed 6-footer of whom HKSAR must get rid?

Ten long minutes gone and no police came,
Intimidated and insulted, she gave them her name,
Other personal details they too wanted to claim,
She took the penalty notice and shot to sudden fame.

On front page of the Post we saw her and her key divine,
Complete with the full story and a most hilarious headline-
In 26 font-size it reads 'Drop your key? That'll be a $1500 fine'
The 4-ft-11, 95-pound offender looks like your sister or mine!

Verse inspired by the cover story run in the other Social Sciences graduates, majoring in Psychology and Sociology respectively are writing English poems for the past few months after nearly twenty years. Her good friend, Lydia, Head, Monetary Management Department of Hong Kong Monetary Authority, is translating the poems into Chinese. They have by now a collection of over 40 poems and have already found a publisher. The poems are both in rhymes and free verses. Most of them are light-hearted ones lampooning on what is happening in Hong Kong and the world while others are satirical, sentimental or serious. Here is the hilarious story of the littered key in verse inspired by the cover story run in the South China Morning Post earlier.

Monica Kan

Monica Kan (BA 1983)

Having moved to the US 18 years ago, I have not been completely out of touch with China and Hong Kong, my home town. In fact, my career in cross Pacific trade promotion in the past years enable me to witness the growth and success of the Chinese economy and how perception and behavior change over time on both sides of the ocean.

I still remember the early days of the open political economy of China when affordability rather than quality or technology content predominated the purchase decision on the side of China, while US corporations hesitated if there would be enough buying power from China for their products.

Now I am seeing more readiness for US corporations to consider a marketing plan for China even for their new products. Likewise, from the Chinese side, more decision makers are able to read English brochures and rely less on translators. Their purchase criteria have also become more sophisticated.

No doubt, Globalisation is happening. The Student Exchange programme by our University is one of the most effective strategies to help our fellow students expand their visions and enrich their experiences. I am excited to take on a new hat at the Executive Director of the Friends of HKU Ltd to help support the alumni networks and fundraising capacity in North America for my alma mater.

Monica (2nd right) at a reunion gathering in San Francisco.
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It's her key, she dropped it near her flat,
Impossible to discard this scandalous litter rat.

Four male hygiene inspectors appeared there at,
A man-well they formed, ready for the combat -
"Don't you dare remove the piece of evidence!"

"If it is rejected, she can seek redress in court" is an empty statement.
"If you don't get your co-operation."

"Who would litter their own key" gave no illumination,
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"Don't you dare remove the piece of evidence!"

Pray do not forget the lesson and learn from what you see,
Litter Anything But Your Key.
Medical Alumni Day 2005

The first Medical Alumni Day was held on Sunday April 17, 2005 at the Faculty of Medicine Building, with over 500 alumni and their family members in attendance. The Opening Ceremony was officiated by Professor Lee Kin-hung, President of HUKMMA, Dean of Medicine Professor Lam Shiu-kum, and ex-CPC President Dr Paul Cheung. The varied programme of activities included a memorabilia exhibition, guided tours led by MBBB students, magic performances and coaching by alumni, a wine tasting contest, and talks introducing recent Faculty and MBBB programme developments.

The talent show was a major attraction, although some may have been surprised by the wide range of hidden talent among our alumni. Distinguished alumni including Professor David Fang (MBBS 1972), Dr Sylvia Chen (MBBS 1972), Dr Cheng Po-chi（MBBS 1986), Dr Ip Man-ho (MBBS 1978) and Dr Tong Sau-yin and MBBB students Miss Chow Mei-yee, Mr Yee King-hang, Miss Yeung Pui-ning and Mr Ng Lap-ki charmed the participants with their outstanding singing, musical and magic performances.

M aster of Ceremonies, Dr Ip Yan-min （MBBS 1978), brought the evening to a delightful climax with his sparkling wit.

We did it!

Neither the icy wind nor the beating rain could stop us. We were determined to finish. And finish we did—at 39 members of the MEICOM (M aster of Science in E-commerce and Internet Computing) alumni completed the 2005 Hong Kong Marathon on February 27. This was the first marathon (10k run) for most of us and two determined members went on to finish the full marathon, all 42.195 kilometres, within the specified time. What kept us going? It has to be the MEICOM spirit we inherited from our programme director, Dr Paul Cheung.

The spirit of the marathon is an excellent metaphor for our attitude towards life and its challenges. It represents our spirit of endurance and perseverance. With careful preparation and working to our best abilities, we can endure any suffering and persevere till we reach our goals.

MEICOM’s membership is growing rapidly, rising to 300 members within five years—approximately one third are graduates of the course. Regular industry seminars are held for alumni members to keep them abreast of the latest development in e-commerce. Special interest groups develop members’ interests and potential and we actively participate in community work. We pride ourselves on the coherence and unity among our members.

We believe: one who has a why to live can bear almost any how.

St. John’s College & Its Alumni Association

Round the Island Marathon 2005

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The Guests of Honour for the 2005 RTI’s Opening Ceremony included:

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Of these guests, Dr Lao was Sports Captain of the College Students’ Association from 1971 to 1972, and Dr Yeung was Chairman of St John’s College Association from 1972 to 1973.

The opening ceremony was followed by a warm-up and stretching session and the College Song led by Dr Lao.

Over 250 people participated in the RTI this year and many commented that the RTI was one of the biggest challenges in their university life. This activity aims to train the perseverance and endurance of participants and to help them deal with life’s challenges. Tough though it was, the experience was definitely worth the pain. And the adventure of a moonlit run around Hong Kong Island alongside good friends is a great memory of their time at the University.

The alumni regard St John’s as a community for life and are happy to share their experiences with current students and support their activities. A total of nine alumni banded enrolled and competed for the Alumni Cup donated by SJCAA. They were: Curry Tee (1/F Alumni), who completed the route individually; 1/F AD Alumni Team (comprising of graduates from 2000 onwards); 1/F 5FA Team (comprising of graduates from 1998 onwards); Mr Wong (96-97 exco); Miss Yeung (97-98 exco); Mr Fung (98-99 exco); Mr Tsang (99-00 exco); Ms Leung (00-01 exco); Ms Chan (01-02 exco); and Mr Cheung (02-03 exco).

Mentor-Mentee High Table

2005 marks the third year of the mentorship scheme. On January 27, 30 alumni (mentors) returned to St John’s College to meet their mentees for the first time at high table (dinner).

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**Medical Alumni Day 2005**

The first Medical Alumni Day was held on Sunday April 17, 2005 at the Faculty of Medicine Building, with over 500 alumni and their family members in attendance. The Opening Ceremony was officiated by Professor Lee Kie-kung (MBBS 1958, MD 1971), President of the HKU Medical Alumni Association (KUMAA), Professor Rosie Young (MBBS 1953, M D 1959), Founding President of KUMAA, Dean of Medicine Professor Lam Shiu-kum (MBBS 1967, MD 1975), Associate Dean Professor Raymond Liang (MBBS 1979, MD 1990), and Vice Presidents of KUMAA Professor Chow Shue-ping (MBBS 1968, MS 1988) and Professor Leung Nai-kong (MBBS 1966). The varied programme of activities included a memorabilia exhibition, guided tours led by MBBS students, magic performances and coaching by alumni, a wine tasting contest, and talks introducing recent Faculty and MBBS programme developments.

The talent show was a major attraction, although some may have been surprised by the wide range of hidden talent among our alumni. Distinguished alumni including Professor David Fang (MBBS 1977), Dr Sylvia Chen (MBBS 1972), Dr Cheng Po-chi (MBBS 1986), Dr Ip Man-ho (MBBS 1978) and Dr Tsang Sze-yun and MS 1992) brought the evening to a delightful climax with his sparkling wit.

This splendidly successful reunion concluded with a dinner for over 300 alumni, their families and friends at the Grand Foyer of Cheung Kong Hoi Ha Centre of the Faculty Building.

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**MEICOM Alumni Association**

**Dr Heston Kwong** (MBBS 1988, MSCE & EMSc (Comp) 2002)

President (2004-05)

Alumni Association of E-Commerce and Internet Computing

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**We did it!**

Neither the icy wind nor the pouring rain could stop us. We were determined to finish. And finish we did—at 39 members of the MEICOM (Master of Science in E-Commerce and Internet Computing) alumni completed the 2005 Hong Kong Marathon on February 27. This was the first marathon (10k run) for most of us and two determined members went on to finish the full marathon, all 42.195 kilometres, within the specified time. What kept us going? It has to be the MEICOM spirit we inherited from our programme director, Dr Paul Cheung.

The spirit of the marathon is an excellent metaphor for our attitude towards life and its challenges. It represents our spirit of endurance and perseverance. With careful preparation and working to our best abilities, we can endure any suffering and persevere till we reach our goals.

MEICOM's membership is growing rapidly, rising to 300 members within five years—approximately one third are graduates of the course. Regular industry seminars are held for alumni members to keep them abreast of the latest development in e-commerce. Special interest groups develop members' interests and potential and we actively participate in community work. We pride ourselves on the coherence and unity among our members.

We believe: one who has a why to live can bear almost any how.

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Condolences

Peter Pang

Dr Peter Pang of Sherwood Park passed away as the result of an automobile accident on May 9, 2005. After receiving his two bachelor’s degrees from HKU, he received the degrees of MSc and PhD from Yale University in 1968 and 1970. He was awarded a DSc from HKU in 1986.

He taught at Yale University, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University, Brooklyn College of the City University of New York and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center where he became a full professor of Pharmacology in 1981. In 1986, he was recruited to become the Chair of the Department of Physiology at the University of Alberta School of Medicine. He was Professor Emeritus at the University of Alberta and Honorary Professor at Jilin University, Peking Union Medical College, Shanghai Second Medical College, and Hunan Medical University in China, and also at the National Research Institute of Chinese Medicine in Taiwan. He was also a Visiting Professor at several universities and was the director of several international research programmes and the organiser of an International Research Programme on Traditional Chinese Medicine.

He began his research career with the study of fish endocrinology and later pursued topics relating to hypertension in human medicine. He was also active in herbal medicine research in Canada and Asia.

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Lydia Ling HKU Ex-Staff Association in Ontario

“Hi! Greetings from Ontario, Canada! While we enjoy living in Canada, we think often of our colleagues and the good old days at the University. Our thanks to the University which helped shape us to become who we are. Please keep in touch!”

Nearby 80 people, including Tim Cheng (BSc 1970), former president of HKU Alumni Association, Ontario, attended the AGM and Annual Dinner in February 2005.

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We began as a group of committee members working for the HKU 1977 graduates’ Silver Jubilee in 2003. In preparing for the event, the committee of twelve came together as we went through days of joy as well as moments of anguish when Hong Kong was hit by the SARS epidemic. These trials could not deter us from our devotion and commitment but served to strengthen our bond, which finally led to a reunion party that was as unprecedented as the epidemic, raising a record-breaking $11 million for the University. It also brought about friendships as warm as the ones during our University days. It is particularly touching that some of us even did not know each other 25 years ago.

Here we are, reuniting every two months at a special event organised through a roster where each Committee Member takes turn to host a function. So far, we have been to most of Hong Kong’s exclusive clubs like the Hong Kong Club, Hong Kong Jockey Club, HKU- Alumni Office (DAAO), and better still, enjoyed the mouth-watering home made cuisine at our members’ homes.

These popular events always have a full house with our core members, families and guests, such as mentees, every time! We look forward to many more exciting events to come, the fruits of our compassion, creativity and initiative. It is particularly enjoyable for those who have had their turn, when it is time to sit back, relax and enjoy a two years of wholesome programmes till their time on the roster comes round again.

Here are the members of our group:

Architecture – Tony Wong
Arts – Betty Chan, Catherine Cheung, May Wong
Engineering – Paul Mak, Carmine Siu
Law – Yvonne Chua
Science – Hymen Lam
Social Sciences – Gary Chow, Vivien Pau, Frederick Tong, CK Yeung
Medicine – Alvin Chan
HKU – Alumni Office (DAAO)

written by Vanissa Chow (MBBS final year student), for her father Gary Chow (BSocSc 1977, Chairman of the Class of ‘77 Silver Jubilee Organising Committee)