Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering
Class of 1995

On August 27, 2005 the IMSE class had its 10th anniversary reunion dinner and only its second reunion dinner since graduation. Fifty-four members of the class joined this warm, touching and enjoyable event. Although a few waistlines may have expanded, the faces were still familiar - full of the same vitality of a decade ago – and everyone enjoyed finding out where life has taken people in the ten years since graduation.

More photos and details:
http://www.hku.hk/imsehome

MBBS Class of 1965

MBBS 1965 class held the 40th anniversary celebration of their graduation in October 2005. It began with a tea reception at the University lodge where they were welcomed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Rosie Young and Dr Lee Kinhung. It was followed by a tour of the main campus, the Faculty of Medicine and a welcoming dinner.

The group then left Hong Kong and journeyed to Beijing and Dalian. The grand finale of the anniversary was a farewell dinner at the IFC.

The events were well attended by the majority of classmates. The class also published a souvenir book containing information about all the classmates and included many photos of the good old days.
Computer Studies Class of 1985

In 1985, 28 young men and women became the first batch of computer science graduates from the Faculty of Science. Twenty years on and we’ve seen the dotcom bubble burst, Y2K fizzle, IT jobs outsourced and technologies developing at lightning speed. Yet through it we have built careers, raised families and scattered across the world.

On August 26, 2005 we celebrated our 20th anniversary at Club Qing in Lan Kwai Fong. It was great to see so many familiar faces, particularly the ones we have not seen for so long. We enjoyed reminiscing about our time at HKU: the hours spent in the Computer Centre, chatting by the Lily Pond, hitting the books in the Main Library and taking leisurely walks along the Haking Wong Podium.

We all look forward to our next anniversary gathering although we can only guess where technology will be in 20 years time.

by Elza Lee 李淑興 BSc [CompStud] 1985

BSocSc Class of 1985

Celebrations were held on September 11, 2005 at Ramas Greens in Causeway Bay. Everyone enjoyed catching up with each other, renewing old friendships and reminiscing about old times. There was great food, drinks, games, prizes and lots of fun. The party was captured on video and all would receive a DVD of the evening to enjoy for years to come.

Many thanks to the organising committee for making it a memorable night, notably Raymond Chau and Alfred Man who masterminded the whole event; Ambrose Wong and Brenda Li who designed the games and sourced the prizes; Jersey Yuen and Douglas Cheuk who were the night’s MCs, and Kathy Chan, Emily Shum, Thomas Tse, Taffy Lee, Vincent Kwok, Jacky Yung and Gordon Leung for their invaluable support. We are also grateful to the HKU Development & Alumni Office which provided so much help in reaching fellow graduates and for sponsoring prizes. Surplus monies from this reunion has been donated to the University.

More pictures at http://homepage.mac.com/pekinese/HKU_Reunion
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Simon K Y Lee Hall

In the autumn of 1985 Simon K Y Lee Hall opened its doors to student residents. On November 24, 2005 it turned 20 years old and various events were organised by the Hall Students’ Association to celebrate the 20th Anniversary.

One such commemoration was a High Table held on April 29, 2005 at the Excelsior Hotel. The Hall’s founder Mr Simon K Y Lee 李國賢, SKYER alumni and close friends of the Lee Hall family were invited to join on this special occasion.

Mr Simon K Y Lee talking to students
True to the spirit of a proud HKU tradition, the Class of ’80+ met after a quarter of a century. They initiated “GROWING PARTNERS” an innovative project that aims to rebuild social capital by using the network and resources of the HKU family. Funds raised from the series of Silver Jubilee activities will be doubled by the “Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge” and will go towards this project.

GROWING PARTNERS Walk the Talk on Poverty

As an institution proud of nurturing leaders for Hong Kong, the University might expect to see its alumni quickly ascend the social ladder after graduation. But it would be a mistake to presume that the higher they climb the more detached they become from society’s grassroots.

When the call went out for assistance on a unique community project, the enthusiastic response from alumni overwhelmingly dispelled that myth. This June the Growing Partners Project—a mentorship scheme matching alumni with teenagers from disadvantaged families—was launched and the requests to be direct participants flooded in from relatively fresh graduates to those who graduated back in the 1960s. Project supporters and donors came from an even wider spectrum.

So where did all this enthusiasm come from? Perhaps the caring spirit is alive and well among many alumni; a spirit undiminished by the years of modern life’s paralysing stress. Or could it reflect a quiet outburst of moral outrage at the widening disparity between rich and poor in Hong Kong? Whatever their reason, many alumni seized on this opportunity and make a point through personal participation.

Recognising poverty cannot be cured by charity, Growing Partners is not a charity project in the conventional sense. The project is built on a simple premise: poverty is a failure of development. No society can reach its full potential when disadvantaged sectors of a community are underutilised, especially when its younger members fail to flourish and fulfil their promise.

With more than one in four of today’s children living in poverty, a ‘harmonious society’ seems more distance than ever. We decided that to tackle poverty we had to create a new approach to development, one where HKU alumni could be a catalyst for change. Growing Partners will make that change by rebuilding social capital and raising public awareness. By emphasising growth, Growing Partners builds mutual support and learning opportunities for the Blue Partners (alumni) and Green Partners (teenagers from low-income families). An additional benefit can be the friendships formed between Green Partners and the children of Blue Partners.

As with all pioneering initiatives, there is no guarantee of success. Therefore, to achieve optimum effectiveness, operations will be fine-tuned over the project’s three-year period and we are fortunate the University’s research unit will conduct a tracking study to assist with this. Should this project be a success we would like to see the model developed for the wider community.

If you share our concerns over the current development shortfalls, or if you feel that the political rhetoric of a ‘harmonious society’ requires concrete action, you are welcome to join us as Blue Partners or supporters. Every action enables us to continue on the path of sustainable development.

Albert Lai 黎廣德 BSc(Eng) 1980
Chairman, Class of ’80+ Silver Jubilee Organising Committee
November 13

Reunion Dinner at Loke Yew Hall

DVD & Souvenir Book
If you missed this memorable occasion, order the DVD which recaps the highlights of the event and the Class of ’80 souvenir book at www.hku.hk/class80 now!
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港大80 GROWING PARTNERS

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We are now recruiting Blue Partners. If you are interested, please send an email to class80@hku.hk or contact Ms Vienenna Cheng on 2343 3354.

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BLUE and GREEN Partners share their experiences

「我一向不喜歡和陌生人交談，尤其是當青友是一個內向和木訥的孩子，我更覺得是沉重的負擔。但我跟青友有奇妙的緣份，他的母親和我年齡相若，在同一間小學讀書，也在同一貧困的社區長大，也曾在學校 Crowd 一起在操場遊樂，也曾一起在街頭角看幾塊紙為家人的飯票張羅。現在青友和青友的媽媽常打電話給我，可能只問幾個字的看鈔，問我電郵上那個數，告訴我他寫書合格了……很單純，但如果他們高興，只要他們高興，這個擔子還是值得挑起的。我當然也有得著 — 我更知道要感謝上天對我的眷顧。」

藍朋 — Tracy Ng 吳麗娟 BSocSc 1981

「最初構想與所謂“家庭面對經濟挑戰”的少年人結伴，動機難有自私——讓自己的獨生子認識社會上另外一些群體的生活實況，明白幸福不是必然的道理。

然而當遇上我們的青友之後，卻發現這些年青人的性格是那麼單純，內在潛質是那麼深厚，只是等待著一些讓他們積累年的機會，在入學後的無聊訪談中，我的青友興奮地告訴他他參加了“結伴成長”計劃的暑期活動班後，竟然對“社工”這個行業產生興趣！雖然一個十四、五歲的男孩子未必了解作為社工的真正要求是什麼，這卻絕對是個令人鼓舞的標誌：他受到身邊負責照護和教導一套青友的社工姐姐和社工哥哥的感化，覺得關懷和幫助別人是件快樂和有意義的事！

不論我的青友或是他的同伴日後是否真正投身社工行列，作為藍朋，我希望能將自己的所知所學，與他們分享，讓這群年青人在自己的成長路上作出最佳的抉擇。而能夠與他們結伴同行，亦正是讓自己度過成長的好機會呢！」

藍朋 — Rosanna Wong 王薇 BA 1980

「藍朋用英文寫電郵給我，初收到時很想放在一旁不看，但在傍晚無事便打開來看。看著、看著，始感到啊！雖然有很多不明白的地方，但我會試着查字典，翻查英文的解釋，至於回覆呢，我大部分會用中文的書面語回覆，其實也頗辛苦的，不過真的很想了解他多些！」

青友 —曾嘉男

「我覺得我的藍朋好好，我特別喜歡與他用電話傾談，感覺也好。雖然我不是太想參加義工小組，但因藍朋鼓勵我參加，我便因此參加了。」

青友 —陳裕恒

「藍朋每星期也會致電關心我的近況，雖然他只陪我一次購買新學期的書，但我也很開心。」

青友 —湯鎮鴻
6,048 graduates received their degrees (including doctoral, master and bachelor levels) at the 172nd Congregation held on December 6, 2005.

Dear Classmates,

We may have left the physical campus of the University, but a virtual campus is always available at our fingertips.

Let’s celebrate our graduation and support our alma mater!

Class of 2005 Core Group

Members of the Class of 2005 may receive this certificate folder with a donation of HK$100 or more to the “Class of 2005 Fund” which will support the University’s development.

Make a donation now for your own commemorative Class of 2005 certificate folder!

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