One Heart, One Family

HKU alumni have become catalysts for change and created a new tradition of a giving culture.

The Story of Alumni Giving

Economics of education tells us that higher learning leads to higher earning. Educationists argue that university lives are a process of emancipation and empowerment. The problem is, many do not have the means to even get a place at university. Sociologists therefore suggest that social disparity is reproduced over generations, that is, the poor remain poor. And education is part of that reproduction process.

However, in a mature society, many students receive assistance so that they may transcend their financial constraints. They enjoy world-class research environments and undergo learning experiences unprecedented in their family histories. After all, they break through the vicious cycle of the reproduction of social disparities.

Many of our graduates are the result of such breakthroughs. Because of their university education,
they have made remarkable contributions to society. They have become leaders in all walks of life.

Now, they would like the legacy of such breakthroughs to perpetuate. They want more students to have even better opportunities. They want their alma mater to become an even greater university.

They want to give back. And that is the story of alumni giving. So is the story at Harvard, Princeton and many other leading universities.

A Worthy Investment

“Even though I graduated long ago, I have always considered that being away from the University is not a separation from my alma mater. The older the ties, the more enduring they become. So, in later life, I have often asked myself, ‘HKU has done so much for you, what can you do in return?’”

— Dr Robert Tam 譚善芳 (BA 1930; HonDSc 1998)

Alumni are playing key roles in helping the University to realise its Centenary Vision with this new wave of alumni giving culture and active alumni involvement.

Many alumni have chosen to contribute to:

- their own graduating departments and faculties;
- teaching and research centres, interdisciplinary research areas or specific projects undertaken by individual professors or research teams;
- academic excellence through the funding of endowed professorships, visiting scholars and the recruitment of renowned scholars;
- scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students, and the international student exchange programme; and
- other University facilities like the University Libraries and the University Museum & Art Gallery.
The Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge is providing an important catalyst for attracting new and renewed support from alumni and students.

Last November, Dr Stanley Ho announced a pledge of HK$500 million to his alma mater to inspire alumni and students to give. Under the scheme, donations by alumni and students will be matched dollar for dollar, up to HK$100 million a year, with a total of HK$500 million over five years.

The first-year’s HK$100 million has been successfully matched.

The second-year matching now begins.

Gifts from HKU alumni and students will be matched dollar for dollar!

“I want to join my fellow alumni in developing a spirit of giving. I hope that, come the Centenary in the year 2011, we will come up with a birthday gift of at least HK$1 billion for our alma mater.”

— Dr Stanley Ho 何鴻燊 (Science alumnus 1939-1941; HonDSocSc 1987)
Alumni Donations on the Rise

INTERESTING FINDINGS ON ALUMNI GIVING
From November 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006

% Increase over same period of previous year

Alumni Donations: First-Year’s HK$100M Target Met! 646.2%↑
Number of Donors: 2,455 Alumni/Students 214.3%↑
First-time Donors: 85%

PURPOSE OF DONATIONS

PERCENTAGE OF DONORS VIS-À-VIS DONATION AMOUNTS (HK$)

- General Purposes 32.6%
- Scholarships 28.6%
- Endowed Professorships/Fellowships 24.6%
- Academic Research 5.4%
- Departmental Development 8.0%
- Others 0.8%

- 10M or above 0.3%
- 20K - <200K 5.2%
- Below 1000 69.6%
- 1000 - <20K 22.8%
- 2M - <10M 1.5%

TOP 5 FACULTIES BY ACCUMULATED ALUMNI DONATIONS

- Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Law
- Faculty of Social Sciences

TOP 5 FACULTIES/UNITS WITH HIGHEST ALUMNI PARTICIPATION RATE (BY NUMBER OF DONORS)

- University Libraries
- Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine
- Faculty of Arts
- Faculty of Social Sciences
- Halls
Class Spirit

Beginning with the Silver Jubilee of the Class of 1971, alumni of each succeeding year have aimed to raise at least HK$1 million for the University.

Friends For Life
Back in 1996, the Class of 1971 initiated fundraising efforts for their alma mater through its 25th anniversary reunion activities. This thoughtful initiative, organised by Annie Bentley (BA 1971), Shelley Leo 李麗娟 (BA 1971) and Rupert Chan 陳鈞濬 (BA 1971), did not go unnoticed; Dr Stanley Ho supported this new beginning of an alumni-giving culture by matching the initial donation of HK$500,000 dollar for dollar, creating a total gift of HK$1 million for the University. The Class of 1971 celebrated its 35th anniversary on October 14 (top right) and amassed another HK$350,000 to the pot.

HKU Octopus Cards
HKU Octopus Cards, initiated and designed by the Class of 1977, have been highly popular among alumni, and helped the Class to raise funds for scholarships for students’ exchange programmes.

Growing Partners
Initiated and financed through fundraising by the alumni of the Class of 1980+, the “Growing Partners” project aims to enhance the exposure of teenagers from financially challenged families with HKU alumni acting as their partnering mentors.

Other Reunion Activities
Apart from the Silver Jubilee celebrations, some classes find reunions good occasions to support the University. Both the Social Sciences Class of 1985 and the Social Sciences Class of 1971 held reunion celebrations in September 2005 and June 2006 respectively. Surplus monies from the reunions were donated to their alma mater.

SILVER JUBILEE – ALUMNI GIVING TRADITION

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University Hall was the most popular of the HKU Octopus Card Series, a project initiated by the Class of 1977.
The spirit of philanthropy is spreading to our younger graduates. Alumni who graduated in the 2000s show the highest participation number across all graduating years.

Since 2003, new graduates have set up graduating class funds and designed souvenirs for members donating to the funds. The Class of 2003 led the way with specially designed leather cardholders which class members received with any donations to the Fund.

The spirit of early giving is also embodied in the Class of 2005. Some 930 class members donated a sum of over HK$90,000 to the Class Fund, with each member donating a minimum of $100 and, in return, receiving a commemorative certificate folder.

The latest graduating class of 2006 will support a similar initiative with a Class of 2006 Fund and a certificate folder. So watch out for updates!

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**GIVING BY YOUNG GRADUATES**

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“Our sum may not be the greatest in nominal value, but we, the Class of 2005, have the greatest participation among all alumni fundraising programmes this year! This is only the beginning, and we are always up for any further challenges ahead...”

— Vanissa Chow 周穎思 (MBBS 2005)
A Global Effort

Alumni from across the globe answered the call with donations coming from Australia, Canada, China, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Overseas alumni are always keen to learn about the latest developments of the University, and many of them have been fervent supporters of their alma mater. When the Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge was launched last year, the “Friends of HKU” (http://usfriends.hku.hk) helped to promote the campaign to alumni in the United States.

Overseas alumni groups, including HKUAA New South Wales Chapter Australia Inc., HKUAA of Victoria, Australia and HKUAA of New Zealand have made donations in the name of their respective groups.

Dr Samuel Kam 甘尚武 (BA 1938), President of the Hong Kong University Alumni Association, Malaysia, made a special visit to Hong Kong this September to hand deliver donations from members of the group.

In November 2005, he also led a special delegation of 19 very senior alumni and friends from Kuala Lumpur for a homecoming trip. The group met the Vice-Chancellor and

United We Give

On Winged Feet

In the name of a worthy cause, 1,100 pairs of feet pounded the streets of Hong Kong in February this year.

All those feet belonged to the HKU Marathon Team which took part in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon in support of the “United We Support HKU” Fundraising Campaign.

And plans are afoot to outdo the 2006 team with even more pairs of feet taking to the streets next year.

http://marathon.hku.hk/
members of the University at the University Lodge.
Now residing in Richmond, British Columbia, Dr Hui Wai-ha-an
許惠娟 (BA 1932; MSc 1954; HonLLD 1981) is a retired Senior
Lecturer of Chemistry and a long-time supporter of the University.
After serving the University for 40 years, Dr Hui continues to engage in
philanthropic acts in her retirement.
In 1990, she donated shares listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange,
which carried a market value of approximately HK$17 million at that
time, to establish the Hui Pun Hing
Endowment Fund in memory of
her late father, Hui Pun-hing
許磐鶴. The fund provides support
for the Department of Chemistry,
the University Libraries, and
postgraduate scholarships in the
sciences, including medicine.
In appreciation of her support,
Hui Wai Haan Chair of Chemistry
was established.
This year, Dr Hui has donated
twice in response to the Stanley
Ho Alumni Challenge. She has
designated gifts to both the
Hui Pun Hing Endowment Fund
and the Faculty of Science.
Dr Cyril Wong 黃學曾
(MBBS 1940), the most senior HKU
alumnus in New Zealand, has never
been the kind of man to shirk from
a challenge. His work as a medical
officer in China during WWII earned
him great respect from his superiors
and patients.
And now at the age of 92,
Dr Wong showed he is still ready
to rise to a challenge; this time he
responded to Stanley Ho Alumni
Challenge with two donations.

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**Generous Booklovers**
Honour a wonderful person in your life with a
commemorative bookplate in a new book in the
University Libraries’ collection. Over 200 alumni
chose to honour their mothers and fathers with
this special gift on Mother’s Day and Father’s Day
this year. The fund will be used to enhance the
Libraries’ collections.
www.lib.hku.hk/friends/honourwithbooks/

**History 100 Club**
In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the first
History honours degree awarded in 1955, nearly 100
graduates and former teachers from the former History
Department returned to HKU on March 25, 2006 for
a History Homecoming. The event also kicked off the
launch of the History 100 Club fundraising campaign.
Each graduate was invited to donate HK$100 or above
to the History Endowment Fund in support of relevant
teaching and research activities.
Never Far From Home

“I was brought up at HKU and whatever research accomplishments I have achieved today are, both directly and indirectly, the fruits of the training and support that HKU has provided me with. I would therefore like to share my honour and award with HKU.” — Professor Vivian Yam

The University is never far from the minds of the staff, both past and present. Many choose to give to the University and show their support in different ways. For some it could be donating their honoraria and monetary awards. For others it might be a gift when paying a nostalgic visit. And for a few, they wish to remain anonymous.

Earlier this year, five distinguished HKU-educated and HKU-based academics were honoured with the 2005 State Science and Technology Awards. Without hesitation, each donated their prize money to support future developments of their alma mater. These honourable scientists are:

First-Class Award - State Scientific and Technology Progress Award

- Professor Fan Sheung-tat 范上達 (MBBS 1976; MS 1992; MD 1998; PhD 2002; DSc 2005)
- Sun Chieh Yeh Chair of Hepatobility Surgery

- Professor Lo Chung-mau 黎忠茂 (MBBS 1985; MS 1998)
- Chair of Hepatobility Surgery and Chin Lan-Hong Professor in Hepatobility and Pancreatic Surgery

- Dr Liu Chi-leung 劉子良 (MBBS 1988; MS 1999; MD 2004)

- Dr Chan See-ching 陳詩正 (BDS 1985; MBBS 1995; MS 2005)

Second-Class Award - State National Science Award

- Professor Vivian Yam 任詠華 (BSc 1985; PhD 1988)
- Chair Professor of the Department of Chemistry

- Professor Lai Tze-leung 黎子良 (BA 1987), Professor of Statistics at Stanford University and C V Starr Visiting Professor at HKU, visited the HKU campus twice this year and, on each departure from Hong Kong, he sent donations in support of the Department of Mathematics. In celebration of his 60th birthday last year, a joint-university Conference on Probability with Applications to Finance and Insurance was held on the HKU campus in December.
A Family Affair

Some people get more than just DNA from their parents. They also get a strong sense of giving and this is shown by the kind acts of philanthropy passed down through the generations.

On the occasion of Dr Yu Chiu-kwong's 101st birthday in May this year, his family created the Yu Chiu Kwong Professorship in Medicine at the University to honour the strength and spirit of this compassionate and caring individual.

Since his graduation in 1929, Dr Yu has served with distinction as a doctor for the underprivileged community of Yau Ma Tei. He also served as the Medical Superintendent of Kwong Wah Hospital during the post-war years.

Dr Yu sees his commitment and compassion towards his patients continued by his four sons – all HKU alumni, all doctors and all Morrisonians: Dr Frank Yu, Professor Richard Yu (MBBS 1958), Professor Donald Yu (MBBS 1960; MD 1982), and The Reverend Professor Victor Yu (MBBS 1968; MD 1981).

David Fong, son of Dr Henry Fong Yun-wah and grandson of Fong Shu Chuen, inherited the philanthropic spirit from his bloodline. As Director of Fong Shu Fook Tong Foundation and Vice-Chairman of Fong’s Family Foundation, he made a donation of HK$5 million to the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine this May in support of medical research.

His father, Dr Henry Fong, Managing Director of the Hip Shing Hong (Holdings) Co Ltd, Chairman of Fong Shu Fook Tong Foundation and Fong’s Family Foundation, has been a staunch supporter of the University. He donated over HK$1.7 million in 1981 for the construction of the Fong Shu Chuen Amenity Centre.

Above (from left) The Reverend Professor Victor Yu, Professor Richard Yu, Dr Donald Yu and Dr Frank Yu celebrate the 101st birthday of their father Dr Yu Chiu-kwong with the Vice-Chancellor

From left: Mr & Mrs David Fong,
Vice-Chancellor, Mr & Mrs Fong Yun-wah,
Professor Lam Shiu-kam, Dean of Medicine,
and Ms Irene Fong
Tribute to Teachers

The impact in the life of a student by a teacher can be a profound, life-changing one. This is why many alumni support funds and projects which are associated with teachers who meant much to them.

Eighty-nine former students, colleagues and friends of Professor Rosie Young 楊紫芝 (MBBS 1953; MD 1959; HonDSc 1995), a world-renowned endocrinologist, paid tribute to her with generous contributions to the Rosie T T Young Professorship in Endocrinology and Metabolism 楊紫芝基金教授(內分泌及代謝學).

After graduation, Professor Young began teaching at the University in 1954, and assumed numerous responsible positions, including Dean of the Faculty of Medicine (the first HKU woman graduate to hold that post) (1983-1984) and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1984-1993). After retiring from her alma mater, she retains the title of Honorary Professor of Medicine of HKU, among many others.

A group of 101 staff, friends and former students of Professor Y K Cheung 張佑敏 (HonDSc 2000), Special Adviser to Vice-Chancellor, set up a trust fund for the “Y K Cheung Lecture” to honour him. The Lecture focuses on developments in structural engineering and is delivered biennially by prominent engineers or academics.

He was Professor and Head of Civil Engineering at HKU and later became Dean of Engineering, a post he held for over nine years. He also served the University as Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1988 to 1998. Professor Cheung is acknowledged as the driving force behind building the Civil Engineering Department into an internationally recognised department.

Two well-loved teachers and pioneers in university education, Professor Dafydd Evans (top), former Dean of Law Faculty, and Professor Ma Meng 马蒙 (bottom), former Chair Professor of Chinese, passed away this year. (See also p.62-63.) In fond memory of the two, memorial funds have been set up to support future academic activities that will benefit future students.

Professor Evans devoted most of his life to legal education in Hong Kong. The Faculty of Law has established the Dafydd Evans Memorial Fund for Legal Education to continue his vision (http://hku.hk/law/community/sponsors_3.htm). The fund, supported by law alumni, will be used to support academic and other activities that contribute to the intellectual and personal development of law students. In addition, the Law Class of 1972 set up the Professor Dafydd Evans Memorial Scholarship which will be awarded to a final year LLB student who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievements and leadership qualities.

Professor Ma Meng was the longest-serving Head of the Chinese Department and the curriculum reforms he laid down still impact students today. In tribute to him, the Professor Ma Meng Memorial Foundation has been set up with the support of his students. The School of Chinese also plans to compile and publish a collection of memorial notes in his honour.
In Honour of...

A special dedication is the perfect way for some alumni to acknowledge those exceptional people in their lives.

Honour a Pioneer

Last December, Dr Walton Li Wat-tat, son of Dr Li Shu-pui 李樹培 (MBBS 1928), and a group of 12 doctors who have either a close personal or professional association with his father, established the Li Shu Pui Endowed Professorship in Surgery 李樹培基金教授 (外科) to commemorate this doyen of medicine in Hong Kong.

The elder Dr Li was elected director of the Hong Kong Sanatorium & Hospital in 1929 where he served for more than 70 years. In 1930 he became the first graduate from the University to be awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh.

Dr Li was Chairman of the Board of Governors of Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation. Since its inauguration in 1963, the Foundation has generously donated to HKU’s Medical Faculty.

Top left: Dr Li Shu-pui; Right: (Front, from left) Mrs Gladys Goh Lo, Mrs Marion Goh Tsao, Vice-Chancellor, Dr Walton Li, Professor Richard Yu, Dr Tsao Yen-chow; (Back, from left) Dr Chan Chor-man, Dr Stephen Wu, Professor Yuen Kwok-yung, Mr Richard Lo, Dr Donald Yu and Dr Tse Tak-fu

Honour a Loving Father

A commemorative plaque was unveiled at the lobby of the Main Library to acknowledge the generous and continuous support of Dr Mary Gray Rodrigues 羅紀瑞 (BA 1967; HonDSocSc 2004) to the University Libraries. It was also a dedication in honour of her late father Charles George Gray (1906-1957), Hong Kong’s first impresario and early entrepreneur.

Mary has been a loyal and dedicated supporter of her alma mater. She served as Chairman of Convocation for three consecutive terms from 1993 to 2001, also as Council Member from 1993 to 2004.

At the dedication ceremony, she related to the audience an important lesson her father taught her: “Learn to give back to the community.” Each year, her father would invite all the orphans from St Paul’s Orphanage to his amusement park for an enjoyable day’s outing.

(From left) University Librarian Dr Anthony Ferguson, Mrs Charles George Gray, Dr Mary Gray Rodrigues and Vice-Chancellor
A Pledge for the Future

Some alumni would like to give to HKU, but not just now. They have found that planning ahead gives them flexibility and keeps them in control of their personal finances. Meet a few alumni who have chosen to plan for the future.

Regina Luk 陸秀英 (BSocSc 1978; PCEd 1987), a secondary school teacher, recently consulted the University about her desire to include HKU as a beneficiary of her estate. “The University was an important training ground for my all-round development,” said Ms Luk. “My residential hall life at St John’s also provided me with invaluable opportunities to understand myself and learn how to improve my interpersonal relationships through various activities. Therefore, I want to pass on my support to future generations of HKU students. I believe it does not matter how much one gives, as long as it is done from one’s heart.”

Forward planning is very important to Lam Sum-chee 林森池 (BA 1967). He has planned further ahead than most. He has pledged that, by 2060, his entire private trust fund will be donated to the University. More than once, Mr Lam has expressed his gratitude to his alma mater, saying that without a full bursary from the University he would have never been able to complete his tertiary education and reap the many benefits that higher learning has served him over the years. Over the past 20 years he has set up a number of scholarships and bursaries for undergraduate arts students. “I could spend a lifetime repaying the bursary I received during my days at HKU, and that would still not be enough,” he said.

“I want to pass on my support to future generations of HKU students. I believe it does not matter how much one gives, as long as it is done from one’s heart.”
— Regina Luk

A Legacy of Generosity

The University only learnt of a special gift from alumna Madame Christabel Chu 朱淑漣 (medical alumna of 1930s) upon her passing. In her will, Madame Chu donated the residue of her estate, estimated to be worth around HK$56 million, to establish two endowment scholarship funds for the Medical and Engineering Faculties, respectively. The fund is named “Y S and Christabel Lung Fund (榮軒教授及朱淑漣女士基金)”, in memory of her late husband and herself.

Madame Chu’s medical education was interrupted by the Second World War. She later ran a successful fashion business and owned a well-known designer shop, which was famous for its evening gowns, in Ocean Terminal. Madame Chu’s late husband, Professor Y S Lung, studied in France and later taught at HKU’s Mechanical Engineering Department till his retirement as Reader in 1972. He passed away ten years ago.
The Power of NOW

One alumni couple decided to unleash the power of now with the donations of shareholdings to HKU.

Lawrence Fung (BScSc 1972), Chairman of Hong Kong Economic Times Holdings Ltd, says he is an ordinary graduate — who even skipped a few classes.

But Lawrence believes that the most ordinary person can do extraordinary things. In August, he and his wife Alexandra Lee (BScSc 1972) became the first HKU couple to donate company shares to the benefit of their alma mater. They gave half of their holdings, or about 10%, in Hong Kong Economic Times Holdings—worth about HK$90 million—to set up the Azalea (1972) Endowment Fund.

The Fund is named after the azaleas which bloomed while their nerves were racked by examinations and the year in which the couple graduated.

During his university days, Mr Fung was elected President of the Students’ Union of HKU. In 1997, he was the Chairman of the Class of ’72 Silver Jubilee Celebrations and the Class together raised HK$1.02 million for its alma mater.

“Tomorrow ends today” says Mr Fung who insists on acting today, in every aspect of his life. “That’s why my wife and I choose to make our donation today, and not 10 years, 20 years or 30 years later.”

www.hku.hk/alumni/azalea

Mr Lawrence Fung and Ms Alexandra Lee, together with Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Richard Wong (left) and Vice-Chancellor, plant azalea shrubs in the garden of the University Lodge

Use your power of NOW to make a gift; fill in the enclosed monthly donation form!