Welcome to the "Convocation Column".

On behalf of the Convocation Standing Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Convocation Member Professor Che Chi-ming on being awarded the First Class Prize of the State Natural Science Award.

At the Global Alumni Convention a few months ago, alumni from around the world gathered in the exciting city of Shanghai. One of the highlights of the Convention was the Alumni Summit hosted by Convocation, where several hundred alumni were divided into 18 discussion groups, all focusing on the theme of "Internationalisation of HKU". There were exciting debates, as expected, when alumni from diverse backgrounds met up. It was certainly most stimulating when the facilitators presented the group summaries at the end of the session.

We came to realise that in this age of the "flat world", internationalisation is a multi-faceted and complex issue. You are welcome to share your views and continue the debate online at www.hku.hk/alumni/global2006/summit/. We will also be presenting the report to the University, as we continue to contribute to shaping its Vision.

There have been rapid changes in the higher education scene. As the University plans for its new campus extension, the 3+3+4 curriculum reform, and its Centenary in the year 2011, various alumni groups are also standing ready to support our alma mater. Stay connected and stay tuned!

(Mrs) Teresa Tong
Chairman of Convocation
(BSocSc 1976)

Standing Committee – The Executive Body of Convocation

Convocation is managed by a Standing Committee comprising 24 members who are HKU graduates of various class years and disciplines undertaking their responsibilities in a voluntary capacity. Members are elected by Convocation annually at the Ordinary General Meeting held in June.

Mrs Teresa Tong 湯麗麗 (BSocSc 1976)
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Mr Danny Ho 何定邦 (BScEng 1969)
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Mr Alex Lai 藍振鴻 (BScEng 1985)
Ms Winnie Lai 黎慧儀 (BFin 1998)
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Ms Betty Leong 梁美麗 (BA 1987)
Ms Amanda Lim 林屏 (BSocSc 1993)
Mr Jimmy Lo 劉志明 (BSc 1969; CertEd 1978)
Mr Man Cheuk-fei 文灼非 (BA 1987)
Dr Evelyn Man 文嶽芬 (BA 1971)
Mr Victor Ng 吳煒 (BEng(EEE) 1999)
Ms Vivien Pau 鮑慧兒 (BSocSc 1977)
Dr Winnie Tang 楊淑明 (BA 1992; PhD 1999)
Mr Tong Chun-wan 唐振寰 (BAS 1975; BArch 1977)
Mr Tse Sik-yam 謝錫恩 (BScGen 1973; MEd 1980)
Mr John Wan 溫頌安 (BSc 1970)
Mr Wong Kai-man 黃啟民 (BScGen 1972; BSc(Sp) 1973)

If you are a graduate and/or a teacher at HKU, Register NOW at www.hku.hk/convocat/evoting

Registration Period ends on May 13, 2007!

May 21 (Mon) – June 15 (Fri)
June 28 (Thu)
Registered voters to cast electronic votes
Convocation Ordinary General Meeting & Election
Election Notice

Election of Members to the Standing Committee

Nominations are hereby invited for the election of eight members to the Standing Committee at the coming Ordinary General Meeting on June 28, 2007 to fill the vacancies arising from:

i. the expiry of the term of office of Mrs Teresa TONG of the Standing Committee at the coming Ordinary General Meeting on June 28, 2007; and

ii. the expiry of the terms of office of the following members of the Standing Committee on August 31, 2007:

   - Mr CHAN Ka Chin
   - Mr Danny HO
   - Ms Winnie LAI
   - Ms Amanda LIM
   - Dr Evelyn MAN
   - Mr TSE Sik Yan
   - Mr WONG Kai Man

The elected members will serve on the Committee for a term of three years until the Ordinary General Meeting in 2010.

According to Paragraphs 26 and 28 of the Convocation Constitution, a person is eligible to be nominated for the election if he/she has been a member of Convocation for two years, and a retiring member is eligible for re-election.

Nomination Procedures

Paragraph 40 of the Convocation Rules requires that: A candidate must be nominated in writing by at least ten members entitled to vote.

Nomination form can be downloaded from www.hku.hk/convocat/election/2007 or obtained from the Secretariat, c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office, The University of Hong Kong (Tel: 2859 7064). All nominations shall be accompanied by a statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to stand for election.

Each candidate is also requested to attach with the nominations a brief biography of himself/herself, in English, of not more than 200 words and a copy of his/her photograph to be published in the Notice of the Ordinary General Meeting, the websites of Convocation and electronic voting.

Nominations should reach the Clerk of Convocation, c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office, Rm 738, Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong before 5 pm April 30, 2007. Fax is not a valid mode of delivery of nominations to the Clerk.

Validity of Nomination Forms

All nomination forms, whether original or photocopied, shall be clearly completed with the required information and signed by the nominators.

Paragraph 25(b) of the Convocation Constitution prohibits the Standing Committee from having more than four members who are also officers, teachers or staff of the University or who are also in receipt of any salary or stipend therefrom except individuals occasionally appointed to ad hoc professional contracts. Since paragraph 25(b) of the Convocation Constitution already catches more than four of the current members of the Standing Committee, it is not possible for the Convocation to elect any candidate who is an officer, teacher or staff member of the University or who is in receipt of any salary or stipend therefrom except where he/she is only occasionally appointed to ad hoc professional contract(s). Accordingly, nominations of such candidates will be invalid.

Ordinary General Meeting Notice and Election Information

In accordance with Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Convocation Rules, the notice of the Ordinary General Meeting and election information may be sent to members by electronic mail or by an advertisement placed on an English and a Chinese language newspaper authorised by the Government to carry official or legal advertisements in Hong Kong at least twenty-one days before the Ordinary General Meeting. For the convenience of members, the notice will also be put on the Convocation website (www.hku.hk/convocat/). If any member would like to receive a printed copy of the notice and election information, you are welcome to contact the Secretariat.

April 2, 2007

Kenneth SIT
Clerk of Convocation