Honorary University Fellowships

On December 15, 2006, the University presented Honorary University Fellowships to eight distinguished personalities, in recognition of their contributions to the University as well as to the whole community.

Dr Thomas Chen 陳曾燊博士, one of the founders of Hang Lung Group, established the Si Yuan Foundation in 1997, and supports tertiary institutions in Hong Kong and on the Mainland.

Mr Chung Kin-kwok 鍾健國先生, Chairman of the Maxdo Group, envisions education that is truly without borders.

Dr Fong Yun-wah 方潤華博士, Chairman of the Hip Shing Hong Group of Companies, the Fong Shu Fook Tong Foundation and the Fong Yun Wah Foundation, has established dozens of schools on the Mainland.

The Hon Patrick Lau 劉秀成議員, a Legislative Councillor, taught architecture at HKU from 1973 to 2004 and was the Head of the Department from 1996 to 2000.

Professor Lee Kin-hung 李健鴻教授 (MBBS 1958) is a pioneer of public health education, and earned the household name of ‘the TV Doctor’. He was a Senior Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at HKU from 1969 to 1975. He is currently President of HKU Medical Alumni Association.

Dr James Tak Wu 伍沾德博士, Founder and Chairman of the Maxim’s Group, initiated the re-establishment of the Lingnan University College at Sun Yat-Sen University.

Dr Clyde Wu 胡應洲博士 is a renowned cardiopulmonary specialist and taught at the HKU’s medical faculty from 1961 to 1962.

Mrs Helen Zimmern 施玉榮夫人 set up the Francis R Zimmern Foundation in memory of her late husband Mr Zimmern, an HKU alumnus in 1940s and, through the Foundation, has supported many University facilities and projects.

www.hku.hk/honfellows/

Academy Award Winning Documentary Film Director
Ruby Yang at HKU and the screening of her film

On March 23, Ruby Yang spoke about the challenges facing documentary filmmakers working in China. Ms Yang was the director of the film “The Blood of Yingzhou District”（潁州的孩子）, which won the Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject on February 25 this year. The film, a gripping portrayal of the terror of AIDS in an Anhui province village, grew out of the China AIDS Media Project (CAMP) which Ms Yang and producer Thomas Lennon founded in 2003.
Happy 40 to Social Scientists!

Distinguished Alumni Lecture Series
March 26
Dr Rosanna Wong 王蘇鳴 (BSocSc 1975)
Executive Director, The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups “The New Challenges Facing Social Scientists”

May 7
Mr Tang King-shing 鄧竟成 (MIPA 2002)
Commissioner of Police, Hong Kong Police Force “Innovations within the Hong Kong Police in response to Social Change”

October 4
Mr Alex Fong 方志偉 (BSocSc 1978)
CEO, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce “On Becoming a Global Citizen”

On February 13, an intimate gathering of Social Sciences staff and alumni at the University Lodge inaugurated the year-long celebratory activities for the 40th Anniversary of the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Social Issues Beyond Boundaries

In collaboration with Shantou University and China Youth University for Political Sciences in Beijing, the Faculty of Social Sciences organised live video conferencing lectures in December 2006 with two distinguished speakers.

“When Women Lead”
The Right Honourable Kim Campbell shared her insights on inequalities faced by women under gender stereotyping, her personal childhood experiences and her road to become Prime Minister of Canada in a patriarchal society. Her sharing was captivating and gained significant resonance among audience.

“Corporate Social Responsibility: The Starbucks Story”
Mr Howard Schultz. Chairman of Starbucks Coffee Company, talked about the secrets of success for Starbucks in its rapid global expansion in recent years. He stressed the importance of corporate social responsibility in shaping the brand’s image and maintaining good staff morale at Starbucks.

Conscious of the wealth of wisdom and experiences that could be shared with the rest of the world, the Faculty of Social Sciences has embarked on the themes of “Social Innovation” and “Global Citizenship” since the autumn of 2006.

Summer Institutes@HKU
June 9 – July 1
Researching Greater China (Postgraduate)

July 1 – July 21
Asia as the Global Future (Undergraduate)

Family members of HKU Alumni will enjoy a 5% (US$250) special discount on the programme fee for the Undergraduate Summer Institute or will save US$500 for the Postgraduate Summer Institute.
Serving the Medical Community

Opening Ceremony-cum-Gold Medal Presentation
December 7, 2006

**Gold Medal Awardees**: Gold Medals were presented to six distinguished alumni who have made landmark contributions to medical education, research and the profession both locally and internationally.

- Professor Sir David Todd 達安輝 (MBBS 1952; MD 1958, HonDSc 1992)
- Professor Rosie Young 楊紫芝 (MBBS 1953; MD 1959, HonDSc 1995)
- Professor Kan Yuei-wai 簡悅威 (MBBS 1958; DSc 1980, HonDSc 1987)
- Professor Edward Leong 梁智鴻 (MBBS 1962, HonDSc 2006)
- Professor Fan Sheung-tat 范上達 (MBBS 1976; MS 1992; MD 1998; PhD 2002; DSc 2005)
- Professor Yuen Kwok-yung 袁國勇 (MBBS 1981; MD 1998)

**Medical Exhibition – A Time to Remember**
Until April 30, 2007
Alumni Chamber, 7/F William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road
Alumni Day and Homecoming Dinner
January 21, 2007
Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine Building and Loke Yew Hall

(From left) Dr Ramon Ruiz (MBBS 1950), Ms Pan, Dr Irene Osmund (MBBS 1952), Dr Stephen Foo 傅健蘇 (MBBS 1965), Dr Joseph Pan 潘偉基 (MBBS 1950) and Dr Cheng Po-chi 鄭寶智 (MBBS 1966).

Sports & Family Fiesta
March 11, 2007

Shaping the Health of Hong Kong — 120 Years of Achievements
This book covers the establishment, development and achievements of the Faculty since 1887, as well as graduates’ contributions to the community. It is also a book of collective memories for teachers, students, alumni and friends to share their reminiscences of their alma mater.

Price: HK$ 200 per copy
Interested parties, please call (852) 2819 9994 or visit www.hku.hk/facmed/120years/anniversarybook.html

Coming:

East - West Alliance Meeting
(April 14-15)

U21 Health Sciences Group Annual Conference & Workshop
(September 26-29)

Open Day (October 28)

Walkathon (November 4)

Frontiers in Biomedical Research HKU 2007
(December 13)

Gala Dinner (December 14)

More:
www.hku.hk/facmed/120years
On November 3, 2006, the Faculty of Engineering held its 95th Anniversary Reunion Dinner at the Conrad Hotel, Hong Kong. Over 500 alumni and friends joined this memorable event. In addition to a live music performance and a clown act, alumni Ir Dr Joseph Chow 周明權 (BArch 1960; BScEng 1964) and Ir Mak Chai-Kwong 麥齊光 (BScEng 1973; MSc(UrbanPlanning) 1985) shared their work experience and life wisdom.

Honorary Professors for Civil Engineering

On January 17, the Department of Civil Engineering honoured nine outstanding dignitaries with Certificates of Honorary Professorship for their contributions in teaching and research to the Department and contributions to professional services of the community of Hong Kong. They are:

- Professor Chan Hon-chuen 陳漢銓 (BScEng 1960)
- Professor Cheung Yau-kai 張佐敬 (HonDSc 2000)
- Professor Leslie Arthur Clark
- Professor John Hudson
- Professor Ko Hon-yim 高漢明 (BSc 1962)
- Professor Law Kum-tim 羅錦添 (BScEng 1969; MScEng 1971)
- Professor the Hon Sarah Liao 廖秀冬 (BSc 1973; MPhil 1977; PhD 1985)
- Professor Qian Yi
- Professor Wang Shu-cheng

A song called "出眾" (Outstanding) was written for this anniversary in recognition of the Faculty’s dedication to train first-rate engineers for the community.

http://engineering.hku.hk/new/song.htm
Half a Century of Publishing

Below is a review of the Hong Kong University Press' development by Dr Colin Day, Publisher of HKU Press:

The Press was formally established in 1956 and so the 50th Anniversary of the Press comes in the academic year 2006-2007.

What we believe to be the first publication bearing the name Hong Kong University Press was more of a pamphlet than a book, a catalogue of an exhibition of Chinese Tomb Pottery Figures. During those informal years, the nine publications ranged extremely widely from chemistry to architecture, and that very first title was bilingual, titled in Chinese 明器图录. From its beginning, the Press has published in both Chinese and English.

Henri Vetch, the first publisher, was by all accounts a character and a difficult man. He arrived fresh from incarceration in Beijing as a suspected spy. But it was his long experience as a bookseller and publisher in Beijing that equipped him to lead the Press from its beginning until his retirement in 1968. It was during the ensuing interregnum that, in 1969, the Press published perhaps the most important work in its history: James Legge’s great Chinese Classics with a Translation, Critical and Exegetical Notes, Prolegomena andCopious Indexes – a title of a length appropriate for the five volumes.

In 1970, Geoffrey Bonsall, then Deputy Librarian at the University, was asked to take the helm at the Press. He did so with skill and panache for 10 years and still is actively involved with publishing in Hong Kong. It was at the very end of his period that the Press moved off campus to Béthanie. In the new location, C W (Ken) Toogood took over in 1980 as Publisher. He joined the Press from Oxford University Press. In turn, his successor, Leon Comber, came from Heinemann in 1986. Oxford then again supplied the next Publisher, Barbara Clarke, who served from 1991 to 1999. It was in her time, in 1997, that the Press moved out of Béthanie to the Hong Wai Centre. From 2000 on, it has been my privilege to be Publisher and see the Press grow and grow stronger.

HKU Press held a 50th Anniversary seminar on "Academic Publishing Looking Ahead" with Mr Michael Jensen as keynote speaker. (From left) Vice-Chancellor, Professor Albert Chen, Dr Colin Day, Dr Anthony Ferguson, The Librarian, and Mr Jansen

During those years the Press steadily increased its output of titles, while maintaining the quality of its publications and sustaining the considerable breadth of its list. The total number of books published has now just passed the 700 mark. They represent an impressive contribution to the world of scholarship and mark the effective way that the name of The University of Hong Kong has been disseminated around the world in conjunction with significant academic work over the past fifty years.

www.hkupress.org/

HKU Press has won many awards for its publications, including Hong Kong Print Awards, RTHK Ten Recommended Books 十本好書, Distinguished Publishing Award, ICAS 4 Book Prize, C Wright Mills Prize

Alumni enjoy an additional 5% discount for online purchases.
Details: http://www.hku.hk/daao/alumprivi.htm