Standing Committee Election at Ordinary General Meeting
June 26, 2008

Convocation of The University of Hong Kong is a statutory body comprising graduates and teaching staff of the University.

Eight members were elected to the Standing Committee and will hold office with immediate effect after the Ordinary General Meeting on June 26, 2008 to Ordinary General Meeting in 2011.

Standing Committee Members

Mrs Teresa Tong Siu Lai-chun 湯麗珍 (Chairman) (BSocSc 1976)
Mr Choi Sau-yuk 蔡秀煜 (Deputy Chairman) (BSocSc 1972)
* Mr Kenneth Sit Hoi-wah 薛海華 (Clerk) (LLB 1980; PCLL 1981)
Mr Chan Ka-chin 陳嘉信 (BEng[Mech] 1992)
Mr Ian Chu Wai-nung 朱位能 (BSc 1976)
Ir Dr Wilton Fok Wai-tung 霍偉棟 (BEng 1993; MScEng 1996; MSc[EnvMan] 1999)
* Mr Andrew Fung Ho-keung 馮可強 (BA 1969; DipEd 1972)
Mr Norman Kan Ka-hon 關嘉翰 (BSc 1974)
* Mr Andrew Kuet Shun-cheong 關順昌 (BSocSc 1987)
Mr Alex Lai Chun-hung 賴振鴻 (BSc[Eng] 1985)
Professor Lee Kin-hung 李健鴻 (MBBS 1958; MD 1971)
* Ms Betty Leong Sin-ling 梁紫靈 (BA 1987)
Mr Philip Li Wai-ip 李偉業 (LLB 1981; PCLL 1982)
* Mr Jimmy Lo Chi-ming 盧志明 (BSc 1969; CertEd 1978)
Dr Leo Lok Kin-wah 駱健華 (LLB 1976; PCLL 1977; LLM 1990)

There are currently 4 Sub-Committees under the Standing Committee of Convocation:

- **Alumni Affairs Sub-committee**
- **Communication Sub-committee**
- **University Affairs Sub-committee**
- **Community Affairs Sub-committee**
The Monkey King Society that Changes China

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After the Ordinary General Meeting, Mr Yau Lop-Poon, Editor-in-Chief of Yazhou Zhoukan《亞洲週刊》, shared his insights and perspectives about the tools used by the Chinese population to circumnavigate and subvert the coercive policies of the Communist Party.

The Internet is one of those tools; it is one of the most important and powerful that has changed the face of China and how its people interact with the global community. The rapid proliferation of users has stimulated the country’s economy and stellar growth by allowing almost instantaneous communications between suppliers and purchasers, whether for goods, services or both. More importantly it is a platform for the dissemination of ideas and voices of the public.

The unrestrained dynamics of Chinese society are exhibited through this medium and also through cellular communications, media, education and non-governmental organisations. These are prime examples of the synergies being created in this free-wheeling, or “Free Spirit” (as Yau calls it) environment full of vitality.

Yau chose to employ the tale of the Monkey King (孫悟空), one of the many Chinese classics from a "Journey to the West"《西遊記}, as a literary parallel to illustrate the situation in today's China.

Yau says that the Internet, for example, has gone a long way to 'liberate' people because in the cyber world, everyone has the potential to be of great importance, and of significance, because each individual has the potential to bring about change. China's future development as a global player of major importance will be closely tied to the Internet and the resourcefulness of its users.

To illustrate his point, Yau recounted to the audience that just one day after the May 12 Sichuan earthquake a web-based relief co-ordination platform had already been established and more than 150 NGOs had already registered. This is the power of the Monkey King at work.

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