Class of 2005 core group

Riding in the rain with secondary school students

The Class of 2005 Core Group recently organised an outing for some 20 underprivileged secondary school students from the New Territories, inviting them to a horse riding class that included intrinsic mentorship opportunities. The latter included offering advice about studies, work and university life.

Each student was paired with two alumni and given an introduction to horses and the equine arts before a riding session that was capped off by a barbeque. The blustery weather and hoisting of the Typhoon Signal Number 3 just before the scheduled event did not put a damper on things. Just the opposite proved true; participants remained in high spirits throughout.

Website: www.hku.hk/class05

May Chan Mee-fung 陳美鳳
(PCPsych 2001)

May wears many hats; she is a clinical psychologist, singer, vocal tutor in the pop music industry and a composer. Recently, she established the “Happiness Academy” service to cater to the psychological and spiritual growth of children through music, books and the Internet.

Website: www.jollyisland.net
Kingsley Heung Tsz-kin 香子健 (BA 2004)
Tony Ku Chun-nam 古振南 (BSc 2006)
Tina Poon 潘天愛 (BSocSc 2007)
Andy Tay 鄧梓人 (BEng(CE)2003)

A mini-reunion of four smiling, young Hong Kong Police Force recruits! They met during the Police Force Inspector Course Mess Night which is an official banquet for disciplinary forces and requires all officers to dress in Mess kit.

As a St Johnian, Kingsley (top, 2nd right) also gathered with his other hall mates from the classes of 2004 to 2007 for their Fifth Floor Fraternity Alumni Dinner.

Jacky Cheng Pak-lam 鄭柏林 (BSc 2007)

Who recalls “Little Pak-lam 小柏林”? He was the most popular child artist during 1990s and was the star of RTHK’s《親親孩子天》and several other films. After completing his Bachelor’s degree, Jacky joined the Hong Kong Police Force and fulfilled his childhood dream!

Edmond Yip Ka-shing 葉嘉成 (BBA (Law) 2004; LLB 2005)

Edmond was afforded an opportunity to work in San Francisco last year. During his time in the city of cable cars, he was impressed by all the beautiful things he saw and the way people there embraced freedom. He even dressed up for Halloween and went to work!! He also tried his hand at skydiving before he left San Fran!

Carmen Chan Kar-man 陳嘉敏 (MA 2004) and Sunny Yu King-lun 余綺綺 (BSc 1995; MSocSc 2000; MA 2004)

Carmen and Sunny met each other while undertaking their MA programme in Literary and Cultural Studies and were married on March 8, International Women’s Day!

Kelvyna Lam Sau-ying 林秀盈 (BSocSc 2002) and Tsui Fung 徐豐 (MBBS 2000)

A sweet memory!
Two Hysanians, Kelvyna and Fung, married early this year in the Convocation Room of the Main Building.
Class of MPA 1991

A group of MPA (Master of Public Administration) alumni from different fields and professions get together regularly to discuss the formulation and implementation of good public policy. What has emerged from this fellowship is something very meaningful – they have become involved in voluntary service. From July 21 – 27, some of them spent a week in rural areas on the Mainland to train English teachers!

Mei Y Gechlik 熊美英 (LLB 1990)

We are pleased to re-connect with Mei-ying when Professor Johannes Chan, Dean of Law, visited Stanford University in April.

After graduating from HKU, Mei-ying furthered her studies in the United States and obtained a JSD (Doctor of Juridical Science) from the Stanford Law School and later an MBA (Finance) from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. She is now Lecturer in Law and Microsoft Rule of Law Fellow at the Stanford Law School teaching Chinese Law and Business.

Cheng Jing 程静 (MPhil 1989)

Congratulations Professor Cheng! The Exco-member of the HKU Alumni Association of the Chinese Mainland has been promoted to Minister of the Beijing Water Authority 北京市水務局局長.

Peter Lai Wing-leung 黎永良 (BSc 1980)

Peter was invited by CNBC, the world-recognised leader in business news, to be their commentator from April onwards. Now working at DBS Vickers Securities, Peter normally provides his commentaries on the Hong Kong stock market from 9:49 am to 9:55 am every Monday morning.

Lau Ka-ming 劉家銘 (BSc 1972; BSc(Sp) 1973)

Having worked in scientific research for 30 years, and in science management for more than 20 years, Lau’s research focusses on tropical and monsoon meteorology, ocean-atmosphere interaction, global hydrologic processes, climate variability and global change.

Stephen Lam Tak-sum 林德深 (MBBS 1976; MD 1988)

Stephen Lam was involved in the ACGA-HKSMG International Conference on Genetic and Genomic Medicine which was jointly organised by the Association of Chinese Geneticists in America (ASGA) and the Hong Kong Society of Medical Genetics (HKSMG).

Lau (right), Chief, Laboratory for Atmospheres, NASA/ Goddard Space Flight Center, returned to Hong Kong earlier this year to deliver a talk at the Hong Kong Observatory on the influence of aerosols (fine dust in layman’s terms) on climate change.

Being the president of the HKSMG and chairman of local organising committee, Stephen stated that the conference put together an exciting programme based on the theme, which was of interest to both basic scientists and clinical geneticists.
*Wishing them the best...*

**Frederick Ma** 马时亨 *(BA 1973)*

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development resigned for medical reasons.

We wish Ma and his family well.

**Rita Fan** 范徐丽泰 *(BSc 1967; MSocSc 1973)*

After eleven years at the helm as Legco President, the indomitable Dr the Hon Rita Fan bids farewell to her fellow politicos. After a brief respite she will assume the responsibilities of a member of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress.

**New Team on Board**

**Rita Lau Ng Wai-lan** 劉吳惠蘭 *(BA 1976)*

Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

**Raymond Tam Chi-yuen** 譚志源 *(BSc(Eng) 1987)*

Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

**Frankie Yip Kan-chuen** 葉根銓 *(BSocSc 1993)*

Political Assistant to the Financial Secretary

**Professor Gabriel Matthew Leung** 梁卓偉 *(MD 2003)*

Under Secretary for Food and Health

**Yau Shing-mu** 邱誠武 *(HKU Mentor from 2000 – 2006)*

Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

**Paul Chan Chi-yuen** 陳智遠 *(LLB 2001; PCLL 2002)*

Political Assistant to the Secretary for Food and Health
Yeung Lai-yee 楊麗儀
(BSocSc 1975; MSocSc 1992)

Among alumni, there are many who possess special talents. Yeung has a special gift for painting, as demonstrated by a recent exhibition of her works in Lafayette, South California. It is difficult to imagine that she took up the brush only three years ago, and has been acclaimed as an exceptional painter among alumni and friends.

Ching Cheong 程翔 (BSocSc 1973)

After graduating from HKU, Ching Cheong, joined the local newspaper "Wen Wei Po" 《文匯報》. He eventually rose through the ranks to become the vice-editorial manager. Later, he partnered with Li Zhi-song 李子謙, and the two went on to found Commentary 《當代》 magazine. In 1996, he joined the staff of the Singapore-based Straits Times 《海峽時報》 and later became its chief China correspondent.

With a 30-year journalistic career under his belt, Ching shared his insights and experiences during the 32nd Anniversary Dinner of the Hong Kong University Graduates Association (HKUGA) on June 21. It was a particularly meaningful gathering for Ching and his friends.

He revealed in his talk that the core values of Hong Kong — its judicial system founded on Common Law, freedom and human rights — should be vigorously defended by Hong Kong people. Ching also applauded his fellows for their contributions to China and Hong Kong.

Wilson Raphael Cheung 張威臣
(BArch 1969)

Wilson has been award the Pro-Am Award at Pro-Am Fiesta 2008! The Fiesta is an annual dance competition in Canada attracting many professional dancers.
Mai Yiu-wing 米耀榮
(BSc(Eng) 1969; PhD 1972 & DSc 1999)

“I am really thrilled with this news, I never expected it. I owe my basic training to my alma mater. I am indeed proud to be an HKU engineering alumnus.”

Professor Mai has been awarded a Fellowship to the Royal Society, the national academy of science of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth. He is probably the first HKU engineering graduate and the second HKU graduate following Professor Kan Yuet-wai 简悦威 (MBBS 1958; DSc 1980), a world-renowned haematologist, to be so honoured.

According to the Royal Society, there are only three Fellows based in Hong Kong besides Professor Mai. They are: Professor Charles Kuen Kao, former Vice-Chancellor of Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor M Peiris, Director, HKU Pasteur Research Centre, and Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, HKU Vice-Chancellor.

Professor Mai is an internationally renowned scholar of fracture and composite mechanics. His most recognised work is the utilisation of the energy balance principle in the development of understanding of the effects of crack wake and process zones upon the toughness of materials.

He has been elected to fellowships of many prestigious academies and professional organisations. Mai was a Distinguished Visiting Professor in 2003 and 2004 and has been an Honorary Professor of the Department since 2005.

Joseph Wong Wing-ping 王永平 (BA 1969)

Joseph recently published a book《平心直說 — 一名香港特區政府局長為官十二年的反思集》, a civil servant’s memoir yet also a reference on Hong Kong government’s critical policies in the last twelve years. He was also invited in May by CSSAUD (Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Undergraduate Department) to share his thoughts and experiences.

Venerable Yuen Quing 顥 幡 (BA 1965)

澄心靜慮暢遊無聲谷
青青翠竹細聽簫中禪

Ng Siu-ting, also known as Yuen Quing, became a buddhist monk in 1975. Since then, he has actively promoted Buddhism in Canada, Hong Kong and the Mainland. Yuen is also fond of music and has practised singing for years. Recently, he teamed with Tam Po-shek, a veteran dizi musician of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, and held a concert on mind and heart management in the world of Buddhism.
A distinguished Chemistry graduate (Science was under BA before 1970) and Fellow of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Zhong flew from Zhengzhou University to visit HKU with his daughter and grandson on April 9.

Besides visiting the chemistry laboratory and meeting with Professor Che Chi-ming, Hui Wai Haan Chair of Chemistry, Zhong, a Morrisonian, also visited Morrison Hall to meet his juniors and refresh his memories. He was delighted to receive a Hall jacket and put it on immediately!

Accompanying Zhong was his friend, Mr Hui Yin-kan 許賢根 (3rd left), a Science alumnus of the Fifties and also a Morrisonian. Both were active members during their hall days: Zhong was the treasurer of the Morrison Hall Student Association and Hui was the Hall’s sports captain.
A Big Applause!

OUTSTANDING WOMEN PROFESSIONALS AWARDS

Vivian Yam Wing-wah 任詠華
(BSc 1985; PhD 1988)
Karen Lam Siu-ling 林小玲
(MBBBS 1976; MD 1990)

“I hope that more successful stories of women in our society would encourage our young women to dare to pursue their dreams,” said Professor Yam, Chair Professor in Chemistry.

Karen Lam Siu-ling 林小玲
(MBBBS 1976; MD 1990)

“There is now a global trend for women to take a leading role in various professions. I am pleased to have the opportunity to be part of this world trend,” said Professor Lam, Rosie T T Young Professor in Endocrinology and Metabolism.

HONOURS LIST

Congratulations to the following members of the HKU family who have been given an honour or award in recognition of their significant contributions to Hong Kong or for their dedicated public and community service.

Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM)
Chan Sui-kau 陳瑞球 (Hon Fellow 2007)
Cheng Yu-tung 鄭裕彤 (Honorary Patron, HKU Foundation)
Andrew Li Kwok-nang 李國能 (Hon LLD 2001)

Gold Bauhinia Star (GBS)
Billy Lam Chung-lun 林中麟 (BA 1970)
Andrew Liao Cheung-sing 廖長城 (LLB 1972)
Allan Wong Chi-yun 黃子欣 (BSc(Eng) 1972)

Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS)
Au Man-ho 卜文浩 (BSc(Eng) 1968; LLM 1992)
Stephen Chow Chun-kay 周振基 (PhD 2003)
Fung Choi-cheung 冯載祥 (BA 1971)
Patrick Lau Lai-chiu 劉勵超 (BSocSc 1972)
Joseph Lee Chung-tak 李宗德 (former Court Member)
Leung Sik-wah 梁國華 (Senior Member, HKU Foundation)
Kathryn Louey Wai-hung 雲羅慧洪
(Senior Member, HKU Foundation)
Joseph Malik Peiris
(Former Director, HKU Pasteur Research Centre)
Grace Tang Wai-king 鄧惠瓊 (MBBS 1971; MD 2006)
Wong Chee-keung 黃志強 (BSc(Eng) 1971)
Wong Kwok-keung 王國強
(Senior Member, HKU Foundation)
Anthony Wong Sik-kei 王錫基
(BSc(Eng) 1971; MPhil 1977; MSocSc 1980)

Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS)
Alfred Chow Cheuk-yu 周卓如
(LLB 1979; PCLL 1980; MSocSc 1985)
Betty Fu Kam-lui 傅金女 (BSc 1970)
Ko Wing-man 高永文 (MBBS 1981)
Lam Ching-choi 林正財 (MBBS 1985)
Fanny Lam Fan Kit-fong 林梵潔芳
(BA 1974; CertEd 1976)
Lilian Leong Fung Ling-ye 史藪翎 (MBBS 1971)
Mak Sin-ping 謝倩屏 (MBBS 1975)
John Richard Reading 李定國 (LLM 1992)
Kathleen So Pik-han 蘇碧珮 (MBBS 1971)
Tang In-kwan 鄧燕群 (BA 1975)
Angelina Yuen Tsang Woon-ki 阮智姬琪
(BSocSc 1975; PhD 1995)

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING FELLOW

Joseph Lee Hun-wei 李行偉
Professor Lee, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Redmond Chair of Civil Engineering, is among the 44 pioneering engineers elected this year to The Royal Academy of Engineering.