HKU SPACE and Its Alumni: The First Fifty Years

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Lawrence M W Chiu 趙明華 (BA 2003; MPhil 2006)
Publisher: Hong Kong University Press

This seminal work by Dr Peter Cunich and Lawrence M W Chiu commemorates the golden jubilee of HKU SPACE. It examines up close a not often scrutinised aspect of continuing education in Hong Kong – its history.

Specifically, this work by Dr Cunich and Mr Chiu looks at HKU’s efforts to provide adult learning opportunities at the university level. From the establishment of SPACE’s forerunner, the Department of Extra-Mural Studies in 1956 to the birth of the former in 1992, the book offers a broad overview of Hong Kong’s higher adult education system.

Beginning with the provision of external studies by the University in 1912, the work traces the establishment and early years of the fledgling department. Its various chapters look at the phenomenal growth and activity as well as its abrupt halt due to various external factors, then its re-structuring and the birth of the School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE) in 1992. With the new status of a ‘school’, SPACE was positioned to proceed with its academic development, permitting a response “to the continuing and professional education (CPE) market in flexible, prompt and pro-active ways” to become the success it is today.

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882)

“I took the liberty of quoting a stanza from Longfellow’s ‘A Psalm of Life’ to remind fellow alumni and other readers that it is within the power and capability of each and every individual to make life ‘sublime’…”

Dr Peter Lee Chung-yin

A valuable addition to the corpus of work concerning Hong Kong higher education, HKU SPACE and Its Alumni was made possible through the support of Dr Peter Lee 李仲賢 (MBBS 1952; Hon LLD 1977), Honorary President, HKU SPACE ALUMNI, a member of the School’s Advisory Board and Chairman of HKU Convocation, 1968–1986, who generously provided a grant for research in 2005/6. Dr Lee has been a supporter of the school since, as a young medical graduate, he enrolled in Department of Extra-Mural Studies courses.
The Cockroach Catcher

Author: Am Ang Zhang (MBBS 1968)
Publisher: Bauhinia Press

“Child psychiatry is not about asking questions, but in feeling the answers. It is a discipline where empathy rules.”

Am Ang Zhang

This is a work of fiction that draws upon the authority of Zhang’s 30 years’ experience in childhood and adolescent psychiatry. In writing, he purposely adopted a pen name in order to protect the identities of his patients. Yet he offers the reader insight into, amongst other topics, toilet and sleep problems, anorexia nervosa, abuse and psychosis.

Dr Zhang is also a world-class photographer who has won many international salon medals, and an enthusiastic snorkeller. Find a veritable treasure-trove of information at: http://cockroachcatcher.blogspot.com/

Photo of Salzburg taken by the author, Gold Medal winner, Open Exhibition of British Photography, 1994

Moving Millions: The Commercial Success and Political Controversies of Hong Kong’s Railways

Author: Rikkie Yeung (BSocSc 1989; MJ 2002; PhD 2005)
Publisher: Hong Kong University Press

This book offers a comprehensive analysis of the Hong Kong railways, the MTRC and KCRC, and looks at the exceptionally profitable model followed by both corporations, but also the social costs arising as a result of their success.

Yeung’s book also looks at the issue of public utility governance and puts under the microscope the challenges faced by the amalgamated corporation after the merger and looks at the inter-relationships of governance, development, mismanagement, accountability and public welfare.

The Concubine’s Daughter: A Hong Kong Story

Author: Helen Kwok (BA 1958; MA 1968)
Publisher: Authorhouse

This novel is a snapshot of a bygone era, depicting life in the British colony of Hong Kong in the Fifties and Sixties. For those who were at HKU during those years, reading the book will hit you with a sense of nostalgia. You will be able to identify Loke Yew Hall, St John’s College, and other buildings even though they go under different names in the book.

Kwok was a St Johnian when she studied at HKU, and later taught at the English Department during the Seventies.
Patients’ Companion 就診良伴, New Revised Edition

Co-authors: Chow Cheung Wai-ping 周張慧冰 (BA 1960; AdvDip(SocWk) 1961),
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S.U.C.C.E.S.S., a non-profit social services group, promotes the well-being of Canadians and immigrants. It has recently launched a revised edition of its publication, Patients’ Companion.

The book was originally published in response to the need for improved communication between Chinese-Canadian immigrants and local health care personnel. It compiles a glossary of Chinese-English health care terms and phrases to help these immigrants overcome language hurdles.

戰勝中風症

主編: Raymong Cheung Tak-fai 張德輝 (MBBS 1987)
出版: 經濟日報出版社

本書詳盡說明中風的病因和治療、年輕化的發病趨勢、日常生活如何增加發病機會、康復的路途等，幫助讀者從自己和家人的生活習慣、飲食等方面防治中風症。

親愛的姪女 給女兒的信

作者: Ho Wing-ip 何永奕 (MSc(IDM) 2005)
出版: 經濟日報出版社

本書是一位睿智慎思、博學多才的父親寫給初入世途、勤奮善良的女兒的信的結集。信件分為勉勵篇、引導篇、珍惜篇、分享篇、讚賞篇和啟發篇，內容盡流露了一位父親對女兒的關心和愛護，傳達了高尚人生觀和價值觀。

Hong Kong Internment, 1942-1945
Life in the Japanese Civilian Camp at Stanley

Author: Geoffrey Charles Emerson (MPhil 1975; PCEd 1990)
Publisher: Hong Kong University Press

This book tells the story of the more than 3,000 non-Chinese civilians who were trapped in the British colony and interned behind barbed wire in the Stanley Internment Camp from 1942 to 1945. The author, while researching for his MPhil thesis, interviewed twenty-three former Stanley internees who have long been regarded as an invaluable reference.