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Spiritual Support
When the massive earthquake struck China’s Sichuan Province on May 12, one of Hong Kong’s immediate responses was to send medical teams to the stricken area to assist in providing emergency care, and also to assess the human damage in preparation for possible longer-term help. Dr Ho Pak-leung (photo below, 1st row, 3rd right), an Associate Professor of Microbiology at The University of Hong Kong, was part of a three-member infection-control team that made the trip.

Dr Ho says his team brought along the expected items: surgical implements, drugs, vaccines and disinfectants. The team also brought medicine for the soul: books, toys and – as Dr Ho later put it in an interview with the *South China Morning Post* – “spiritual support” for the survivors. “The spiritual support Hong Kong doctors provided to the people there is more important than the physical help the team could provide,” he said in the interview.

Volunteers are Crucial
Soon after the earthquake struck, China reported that billions of renminbi worth of donations had begun arriving from around the country and abroad. But experience has shown that in natural disasters of this magnitude – 92,000 dead or missing, almost 374,000 injured, millions left homeless – much more than money is needed before relief and reconstruction efforts can begin to rebuild shattered lives. Volunteers are needed on the ground to help with rescue and relief. Experts in engineering, earth sciences and logistics are needed to advise affected governments on assessing the damage, moving relief materials, training local staff and making long-term plans. Psychologists and social workers are needed to help survivors deal with trauma and grief.
The HKU Response

The Vice-Chancellor’s Appeal
In big ways and small, the staff, faculty, students, alumni and associated organisations of The University of Hong Kong have become a part of the worldwide effort to provide just this type of multi-faceted assistance.

University Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui released a call on May 16 for the HKU community to respond to the emergency. “I appeal to all HKU staff, students and alumni to offer whatever support they can, in whatever form that may take, to help those in Sichuan who will have to rebuild their lives after surviving such monumental destruction,” Professor Tsui said in a statement.

Words of Blessings
As the extent of the destruction began to become apparent in the days immediately after the quake, U-Radio announced that it would broadcast a live show to solicit donations and good wishes for the victims. “You are invited to send your words of blessings or your feelings about the earthquake to this live radio programme via email,” an announcement said. “The host will share your messages with the audience that night. Alternatively, you may phone in during the show.”

A Show of University-Wide Support
The HKU Staff Association (HKUSA) and the HKU Students’ Union (HKUSU) called for donations via salary deductions or donations to the Red Cross Society of China. The Academic Staff Association (ASA) and the HKU Employees Union (HKUEU) also solicited donations, saying one third would go to the Red Cross for emergency relief and the rest to the Community Chest to be earmarked for rebuilding schools and other educational purposes.

HKUSU joined the University in placing donation boxes around campus. Groups such as the Hong Kong University Alumni Association, the School of Professional and Continuing Education, and the Master of Science in E-Commerce & Internet Computing Alumni Association announced various fund-raising performances and collected donations.
Expertise at All Levels

Geotechnical Specialist
This is a university, however. HKU faculty and alumni are in a position to donate more than mere cash, and they have done so, lending their professional and academic expertise to the relief effort.

Professor C F Lee 李焯芬 (BSc(Eng) 1968; MSc(Eng) 1970) (photo below), Academician, Chinese Academy of Engineering, HKU Chair Professor of Geotechnical Engineering, is a civil engineer expert who was involved in the reconstruction of Tangshan after the devastating 1976 earthquake there. Professor Lee predicts that reconstruction in Sichuan will require five to ten years, and he has offered his expertise for the effort. Quite a few others connected with HKU say they, too, expect to contribute on an ongoing basis.

A Journalistic Perspective
The China Media Project (CMP) of the Journalism and Media Studies Centre (JMSC), which regularly researches and analyses the Chinese news media, has been providing steady, up-to-date commentary and analysis of the earthquake story through its web site (http://cmp.hku.hk). This includes columns by CMP co-director Qian Gang 錢鋼, a researcher at the JMSC. Qian is the author of the award-winning book The Great Tangshan Earthquake 唐山大地震, which tells the story of the 1976 quake that killed at almost 240,000 people, and since May 12 he has given dozens of interviews to journalists in Hong Kong and abroad, helping to put the Sichuan disaster into perspective.

Building From Ground-Zero
What goes down in an earthquake must go back up if life is to return to normal. Albert Lai 黎廣德, a civil engineer and graduate of HKU in 1980, is Chairman of the local volunteer group Engineers Without Borders (EWB) 無國界工程師. He said the organisation sent a survey team to the disaster area in May, and has created three working groups to assist in the construction of temporary buildings and the reconstruction of infrastructure and schools.

Understanding Mother Nature
The Department of Earth Sciences held a special public lecture on May 29 designed to explain why the disaster happened, and how, from a geological point of view. Among the speakers were Professor John Malpas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Earth Sciences, and Professor Chan Lung-sang 陳龍生, Professor in the Department of Earth Sciences.
At West China Hospital

HKU microbiologist Ho Pak-leung 何柏良, a 1989 HKU graduate, was part of the three-member team sent to Sichuan on May 19 by the Hong Kong Hospital Authority. Dr Ho told the South China Morning Post that one of the major treatment centres, the 4,000-bed West China Hospital 華西醫院 in the provincial capital Chengdu, was seriously short of disinfectants. He said he asked the Hospital Authority to supply more alcohol, and tetanus vaccines for patients with open wounds. He said the Hong Kong team advised doctors both at the hospital and in less-developed areas on controlling infections. Rural hospitals in the affected region had no expertise in this area at all, he said, and patients were receiving treatment, and even undergoing surgery, in tents.

A Joint Effort Saves Lives

Another Hong Kong physician sent to Sichuan was Dr Chow Yuk-yin 周育賢, a 1984 graduate of HKU and now Chief of Orthopaedic and Traumatology Services at Tuen Mun Hospital. Dr Chow was part of a four-member advance team sent to West China Hospital shortly after the quake. Dr Chow said the hospital was swamped with up to 400 orthopaedic cases from the earthquake, people who suffered broken bones and crushing injuries as buildings collapsed around them. He said there have been a number of amputations, including both crushed legs of one 16-year-old girl. The Hong Kong team was eventually given charge of one of the hospital’s wards, assisted by ten local doctors, and additional medical staff from Hong Kong were being flown in to help.

Dr Chow pointed out that emergency medical treatment is often only the first step in recovery from cases like this. Amputees need artificial limbs, special training and, often, psychological counselling before they can return to normal life. He said that once the emergency is over, his team plans to advise the hospital on long-term rehabilitation of these patients.

When Injuries are More Than Skindeep

Given the nature of the disaster, broken bones and crushed organs are an obvious concern. Dr Edmund Chan Cho-kwan 陳祖鈞, a 1987 HKU graduate, travelled to the quake area on his own initiative to look into another, less apparent medical problem, known as “large-surface de-gloving.” The term refers to the loss of a significant portion of skin, which can lead to infection and loss of blood supply to organs. Dr Chan said that with the huge number of injuries, he was afraid this area of medicine might be overlooked, and he spent five days at West China Hospital observing and offering advice.
Psychological and Sociological Care

The Trauma of Loss
Emergency medical treatment for disaster victims can last for weeks. Treating the psychological trauma that results from personal injuries, loss of loved ones and disrupted lives can take years. Members and alumni of HKU’s Department of Social Work and Social Administration have risen to the occasion, providing on-the-spot help for traumatised victims, along with written advice and offers to aid in post-disaster co-ordination and treatment.

Relief Logistics
Professor Joe Leung Cho-bun 梁祖彬 (BSoc 1971; MA 1978; PhD 1990) of the University’s Social Work and Social Administration Department is an expert in social welfare in China. He and a group of specialists flew to Beijing on June 4 for a previously arranged meeting with China’s Deputy Minister of Civil Affairs. They were told that volunteer relief workers and supervisors are still needed on the spot, but an even greater need is for experts in logistics.

Language Barrier
He said his group was also invited to send volunteer social workers to Sichuan and Gansu Provinces to train local staff in dealing with disaster victims. Working directly with the victims would pose a problem for the Hong Kong experts, he noted, a problem that is common in China and one that Dr Ho, the microbiologist, said he already encountered during his visit to Chengdu in May: many of the victims, especially in rural areas, speak only their local dialect, while most Hongkongers speak only Cantonese and perhaps Putonghua.

Professor Leung said the HKU Social Work and Social Administration Department is co-operating with Beijing Normal University 北京師範大學 to provide knowledge about disaster management, and he said much of this information will be placed on the World Wide Web, for Chinese officials to consult.

Capacity Building
The Social Work and Social Administration Department’s Professor Cecilia Chan 陳麗雲 (BSocSc 1978; MSocSc 1984; PhD 1991), Si Yuan Professor in Health and Social Work at HKU and Director of the Centre on Behavioral Health, has contributed articles to another web site, set up by several HKU departments, called “China Earthquake: HKU Action.” The articles list ways to deal with affected children and with grieving in general.

Dr Paul S F Yip 葉兆輝 is director of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention. He was in Sichuan in the aftermath of the quake to determine how Hong Kong can contribute to the psychological healing of the severely traumatised.

Dr Yip said the visit was arranged by the Peter K K Lee Care for Life Foundation, a suicide-prevention organisation, and included representatives from The University of Hong Kong, Peking University, Tsinghua University and local government organisations in Sichuan. The group’s main aim, he said, will be building up local workers’ capacity to treat post-traumatic psychological problems. “Our job is to find out what they need and strengthen their capacity-building,” Professor Yip said.
今天，汶川不是地名

今天，汶川不是地名。

今天，汶川，是我們每個人的名字。

在悠遠的汽笛聲中垂首默立，任五月的雨水和淚水交匯。這時揮別的一刻：向母親、父親、兒子、女兒、妻子、丈夫、戀人、老師、學生、朋友、同事、鄰居；向五月十二日十四時二十八分之前的平淡、忙碌、盼望、失望、憂愁、歡喜；向那裡習焉不察的溫馨日子。

因為汶川，我一次次想起唐山。我不由驚訝 唐山地震三十二年之後，無論是逝者還是生者，此時全都完整地存在。三十二年，唐山，有過無數祭奠，社會、集體、家庭，乃至心靈。它不再僅僅是別離和悲傷，而成為與親人友人間的相會與祝福。唐山地震讓二十四萬生靈消失，可是，它留下了一個名叫「唐山」的完整生命。那位向汶川災區捐款億元的唐山孤兒，讓你看到廢墟上生命的成長。

今天的汶川祭奠，一定也只是短暫的告別。生命，並非僅僅是呼吸和心跳。生離死別，不是生命的邊界。親人們沒有離去，一切都將延續。在廢墟上嘹亮的嬰兒啼哭聲裡，一個叫做「汶川」的新生命，今天降生。

活著，並不容易。用更好的「活著」告慰親人，要有更大的勇氣和智慧。今天，是抗震救災第八天，嚴峻的考驗正一一迫近，我們需要為內斂的情感與明澈的理性。願所有的逝者安息！

請所有的生者，擦乾眼淚，繼續！
“Universities, as knowledge hubs, should contribute their expertise not only to the short-term redevelopment of the quake areas, but also the long-term knowledge-based catastrophe management worldwide.”

Professor S P Chow
Pro-Vice-Chancellor

The “512 Earthquake Roundtable” convenes by Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor S P Chow (1), consists of members of the University, staff, students, alumni and friends, who are contributing to formulate plans for action.

The “512 Earthquake Roundtable Fund” has been set up to provide seed money to support the rebuilding initiatives of the HKU Family. The University warmly welcomes collaborations with all sectors of the community and the government in this worthy endeavour.

512 Earthquake Roundtable

- June 7: Over sixty HKU family members met to formulate various relief proposals.
- July 11: “Challenges for Chinese Governance in the Response to 512 Catastrophe” by Professor Braven Zhang Qiang (3), Secretary-General of the Wenchuan Earthquake Taskforce (WET).
- July 19: “Crisis and Disaster Medical Operation of the People’s Liberation Army (PLA) - Hardware and Software, Strategies and Tactics” by Professor Zhang Lulu (4), Institute of the PLA Military Health Management Research, and lectures by Professors C F Lee and L S Chan, HKU.
Catastrophe Management Initiative: HKU and BNU

On July 27, The University of Hong Kong and the Beijing Normal University (BNU) officially signed a Memorandum of Collaboration in Chengdu, Sichuan, to launch a pioneering partnership in a large-scale Catastrophe Management Initiative (CMI) in response to the Sichuan Earthquake.

The CMI will be the first-of-its-kind and the most comprehensive, holistic and integrated project in Hong Kong and the Mainland that addresses all aspects of catastrophe management, ranging from rehabilitation to reconstruction and redevelopment, at both policy and practice levels.

Projects under the Catastrophe Management Initiative (CMI) include:
- The first Annual Global Dialogue of the Wenchuan Earthquake in Mianyang on November 12, 2008
- Resource Map (GIS System) to link demand and supply
- Student Services and Training
- Pre-school Programme for Children aged 3 to 6
- Psychosocial Intervention
- Health and Mental Health Intervention
- Survey on Survivors
- Establishment of Centres for Rehabilitation, Youth and Elderly
- Public Awareness Campaign & Support Mobilisation

Professor Cecilia Chan, Si Yuen Professor in Health and Social Work, Director of the Centre of Behavioral Health, HKU is a member of the “512 Earthquake Roundtable” Steering Committee.

From left, front row: Professor Han Zhen, Vice-President of BNU, and Professor Chow Shew-ping, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of HKU. Back row, starting 4th from left: Ms Liu Chuan-sheng, Chairperson of the University Council, BNU, Ms Huang Yan-rong, Vice Governor of Sichuan Provincial People’s Government, and Mr Shan Chun-chang, State Councillor cum Deputy Director, Expert Committee of the National Disaster Reduction Commission.

Professor P S Chow visits Xia Hailin and her father at the transient housing facilities in Huangtu, Mianyang. Hailin who is ten years old now is busy with her English homework. She hopes to go to school again when the new term starts.

www.hku.hk/chinaearthquake/
Honorary Degrees

“Given that education in today’s world should aim at producing not only professionals and technicians but more importantly all-round persons, and eventually leaders and entrepreneurs, who have the ability to adapt, think and create, the conventional concepts of education should be modified.”

– extracted from the address delivered by Professor Edward Chen on behalf of the Honorary Degree recipients

Dr the Hon Chiang Chen 蔣震
Doctor of Science honoris causa

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Professor Mak Tak-wah 麥德華
Doctor of Science honoris causa

The things that will destroy us are politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice.

Professor Edward Chen Kwan-yiu 陳坤耀
Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa

Wisdom and insights cannot be taught but can only be nurtured via appropriate processes.

Dr Joseph Yam Chi-kwong 任志剛
Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa

Our community owes a great debt to Mr Yam for ensuring, over a period of more than a quarter of a century, the monetary and financial stability that underpin Hong Kong’s prosperity.

Full citations and address: www.hku.hk/press/news_detail_5730.html
More than 200 Fudan-HKU IMBA students and alumni paddled at the suburban Oriental Land in a dragon boat race contest on June 14 and 15. The festivities were part of the school’s events to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the IMBA programme.

The programme is intended to provide advanced management education with an emphasis on the Asian region. Since its approval by the Academic Degrees Committee of the State Council in 1998, it has been ranked twice as the Best Programme of its kind.

**Fudan-HKU IMBA: 10th Anniversary**

To celebrate this special moment, Professor Yin Zhi-wen 殷志文, Associate Dean of the School, and Mr Dai Liu 戴柳 (IMBA 2001), President of HKUAA of the Chinese Mainland, lit a torch, beginning the torch relay to kick-off the boat racing ceremony and announce the official start of a series of commemorative events.

**New Programmes**

**HKU-UBC Joint Legal Programme**

Starting in 2009, the Faculties of Law at HKU and the University of British Columbia (UBC) will each accept up to five students per year. All students selected will be able to earn the law degrees required for legal practice in an additional jurisdiction, that being Canada for HKU students and Hong Kong for UBC students.

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**EMBA-Global Asia**

EMBA-Global, the top-ranked partnership programme of Columbia Business School and London Business School, is launching EMBA-Global Asia in partnership with HKU. It will be the first and only programme of its kind to offer learning and networking opportunities in three cities: New York, London and Hong Kong.

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(From left) Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, HKU Vice-Chancellor; Professor Johannes Chan, HKU Dean of Law; Mary Anne Bobinski, UBC Dean of Law; and Stephen Toope, UBC President during the signing ceremony at the UBC campus, Vancouver. (Photo courtesy: UBC)

At the launch ceremony: (from left) Professor Gary Biddle, HKU Dean of Business and Economics; Ms Anne Sandford, Programme Director, Sloan and Executive MBA Programmes, London Business School; Dr Victor Fung, HKU Council Chairman; Professor Richard Wong, HKU Deputy Vice-Chancellor; Mr Ethan Hanabury, Associate Dean, Executive MBA Programs, Columbia Business School; and Dr Peter Fong, Director, HKU EMBA and Executive Programmes.
The project afforded fourteen students from the Masters of Architecture Programme an understanding of the history, heritage, existing planning and questions relating to the future of the 150-year-old market.

Led by Assistant Professor Marisa K S Yiu, Department of Architecture, students researched the history and development of the market and specially designed ‘Lighting’ objects. Students came up with seven small built light objects.

STUDENT TEAMS:
2. Jane Luk Pui-ling and Stella Ho Wai-chong – Here & There
3. Karen Wong Ka-po and Ric Tseung Wai-ki – Projection of Personality
4. Eric Po Chung-yin and Sandra Leung Mei-wa – Market in the Sky
5. Janus Li Ka-yan and Tony Wong Ka-tsun – Social Reflection
   Renewing Hawker Policy
7. Eric Chiu Chi-kit and Stephen Ip – What’s the price?

COMMUNITY CONCERN ADVISOR:
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LIGHTING CONSULTANT:
Christopher Mok

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Project 4 – Market in the Sky
Given the sky-high land prices in Central district, are we allowing the market to remain ‘ridiculous and perverse’? Students propose relocating hawkers to the towers where they can hawk their meats and vegetables while possible balconies could be exempted from ground floor area calculations and deemed usable area.
This past April, 21 HKU members were in Tanzania to climb Africa’s highest peak – Mount Kilimanjaro – and to participate in a community service project. The youngest participant was 21, the oldest an alumnus of 63. Their goal was to reach Gilman’s Point - at 5681 metres.

The group made its way through damp rainforests and surreal moorlands, traversed verdant vegetation and desolate, barren terrain in rain and snow. Having forged through knee-deep snow, the explorers finally reached their ethereal summit.

The group’s expedition also began with a day of community service at a local school. Along with locals, HKU members helped to build the foundation for one classroom at a corner of the campus that has now become a landmark of co-operation between peoples. The programme was organised by the Institute of Human Performance.
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.

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* Eight members elected on June 26, 2008

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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

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.

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.

Revisit the speech at Convocation website www.hku.hk/convocat/
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The Way of Tea

Dr Sen Genshitsu 千玄室博士, the Grand Master of the Urasenke Tradition of Tea from 1964 to 2002, revealed how he uses tea to promote peace and mutual respect among nations and how he has, over the past 50 years, shared the ideals of the Way of Tea – Harmony, Respect, Purity, and Tranquility with people in over sixty countries.

The talk “Peacefulness through a Bowl of Tea” was followed by a traditional tea service given by tea masters from Kyoto. Each participant was served a bowl of tea to complete this unique journey of the Way of Tea!

The event, held immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the HKU Foundation in March, was co-organised by the HKU Foundation, and the Department of Japanese Studies, School of Modern Languages and Cultures. It was also supported by the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong.

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(Distinguished Lectures/special events at HKU)
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Dr Lillian Leong
Dr Leung Chi Wai
Mr Alexander Leung Ho Yin
Ms Carmen Leung Ka Man
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* A total of 33 Endowed Professorships have been established at HKU since 2005.
Chui Fook-Chuen Professorship in Molecular Medicine

Mr Chui Wai-kwan established this professorship as an eternal tribute to his father, Mr Chui Fook-chuen, who founded the Fook Lam Moon Restaurant Group 60 years ago. The chain of restaurants, which is now managed by Mr Chui and his two children, both accomplished doctors, has delighted many discerning palates in Hong Kong, Mainland China and Japan, and is synonymous with excellence in Chinese culinary art.

The Chui family has built a legacy of exquisite Chinese cuisine that has endured the generations. This year, a new legacy has been established through Mr Chui’s establishment of this Endowed Professorship in Molecular Medicine as a way to give back to society.

“I hope this Endowed Professorship will enhance the understanding and allow the creation of better treatments for all types of illnesses through the advancement of molecular biological research.”

Mr Chui Wai-kwan

Yu Professorship in Nephrology

Professor Yu, hailed from an exalted family of champions of medical research and education, has upheld his family’s fine tradition by becoming one of the most influential doctors within the medical profession. Professor Yu has also been instrumental in ensuring that the training and education of physicians in Hong Kong is of the highest international standards.

His father, also an alumnus, established the Yu Chiu-kwong Professorship in Medicine in 2007. Following his father’s footsteps, Professor Yu, together with his wife Mrs Carol Yu who is an ardent supporter of education, created this professorship with the aim of encouraging and nurturing young clinicians and scientists.

“We hope and expect that our endowment will nurture and encourage young clinicians and scientists to conduct analysis and improve on the prevention and management of kidney diseases.”

Professor Richard Yu & Mrs CarolYu

余宇康教授伉俪
Henry G Leong Professorship in Neurology

Caring for the elderly has always been Mr Edwin Leong’s wish. He established this endowed professorship in honour of his father, Mr Henry G Leong, who was a highly respected entrepreneur in Hong Kong in the 1950s and was an exemplary philanthropist.

A successful entrepreneur himself, Mr Edwin Leong is fondly known as “The King of Retail Space”. Fuelled by unflagging enthusiasm and a steadfast determination to care for the elderly, he established a second Endowed Professorship in Neurology as a continuation of his devotion to the care for the elderly.

“This will help to deepen the understanding of the nervous system and support innovative development in cutting-edge research to tackle various kinds of neurological disorders.”

Mr Edwin S H Leong 梁紹鴻先生

“*I know that this Endowed Professorship, dedicated to the furtherance of research in neuroscience, would have been approved with pride and joy by my wife as it will help improve the understanding of the intricacies of the human brain.*”

Mr George Ho 何佐芝先生

Jessie Ho Professorship in Neuroscience

A pioneer and guru in broadcasting and telecommunications, Mr George Ho founded Commercial Radio Hong Kong in 1959, Hong Kong’s first commercial broadcasting station founded by a Chinese. He is one of the founders of Commercial Television established in 1975 and SmarTone Telecommunications Holdings in 1992.

Mr Ho always finds ways to give back to society. He founded the Jessie & George Ho Charitable Foundation and established a scholarship fund in law at HKU in 2004. This Professorship in Neuroscience was established in loving memory of his wife, Mrs Jessie Ho.

In his free time, Mr Ho enjoys tending his garden and shares his produce with his beloved friends and colleagues.
Lee Man-Chiu Professorship in Neuroscience
李文照基金教授席(神經科學)

This Endowed Professorship was established by Mrs Lee Yig Big-kwan, in loving memory of her husband, Mr Lee Man-chiu. Mr Lee was a former director of Dah Chong Hong Limited, a household name in Hong Kong.

Born in Yokohama, Japan, Mr Lee's connection with Japan enabled him to secure the distributorship of automobiles and cosmetics with a number of major Japanese manufacturers. Over the years, Mr Lee forged an illustrious career in trading and logistics in the Asian Region. The Lee Family wishes that this Professorship in Neuroscience will contribute to research in medical science.

“Our Endowment is made in remembrance of my late husband Lee Man-chiu for his kindness and generosity, and his keenness to promote research in medical science.”

Mrs Lee Yig Big-kwen 李易碧君女士

“Loke Yew played a pivotal role in the founding of Hong Kong University. We, his grandchildren, have endowed this Professorship of Pathology to continue his legacy.”

Ms Ruby Loke Yuen-kin and Professor Loke Yung-wai
陸元堅女士及陸容威教授

Loke Yew Professorship in Pathology
陸佑基金教授席(病理學)

The long and endearing relationship between the Loke Family and the University harkens back to the founding years of the University when tin-mining tycoon Mr Loke Yew graciously lent a helping hand to the University when it faced serious financial difficulties. In 1916, Mr Loke Yew was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws in recognition of his distinguished service and commitment to the University.

The family's legacy still lives vividly in the hearts of HKU's students and staff nowadays as they pay their daily pilgrimage to the prestigious historical landmark, Loke Yew Hall.

This year, the University witnesses the inauguration of the Loke Yew Professorship, established through the generosity of Mr Loke Yew's grandchildren, Ms Ruby Loke Yuen-kin and Professor Loke Yung-wai, as a touching testimony of their ties to Hong Kong.
Sir Robert Kotewall Professorship in Public Health
羅旭龢基金教授席（公共衛生學）

Sir Robert Kotewall was a prominent figure in the Hong Kong community in the first half of the 20th century. He served the government and the people of Hong Kong with great distinction. Sir Robert committed his life to public service and instilled in his children its importance and of making society a better place. He was a leading scholar, a devoted friend of HKU and a member of its Court and Council.

Sir Robert’s daughter, Mrs Doris Zimmern, established The Doris Zimmern Charitable Foundation to serve the people of Hong Kong. It is through this Foundation that Mrs Doris Zimmern’s son, Dr Ronald Zimmern, a pioneer in public health genomics, established this Endowed Professorship to immortalise Sir Robert’s dedication to public service and his ties with the University.

“Public health is often a neglected subject in academic medical circles. It is therefore a great testament to the foresight of the Medical Faculty that it should have included Public Health as one of its eight strategic research areas.”

Dr Ronald Zimmern

“To provide a fertile ground for the talents of surgery to take root, blossom and bear fruit, and to advance the frontiers of surgery for the good of mankind.”

Dr Chan Chor-man, Dr Gladys Goh Lo, Dr Marion Goh Tsao, Dr Hui Wai-mo, Dr Lai Kin-ming, Dr Richard Lo, Dr Tsao Yen-chow, Dr Tse Tak-fu, Dr Stephen Wu, Dr Donald Yu, Professor Richard Yu, Professor Yuen Kwok-yung

Li Shu-Pui Professorship in Surgery
李樹培基金教授席（外科）

Dr Li Shu-pui graduated from the Medical Faculty in 1928. He was trained as a surgeon and specialised in otorhinolaryngology. Dr Li had transformed the landscape of private hospital practice in Hong Kong and made long-lasting contributions to the medical field and society.

To perpetuate the monumental legacy that Dr Li so laboriously and passionately wrought, his son Dr Walton Li, garnered the support of 12 medical doctors, each with either a close personal tie or professional association with Dr Li, to establish the Li Shu-pui Professorship to commemorate this doyen of medicine in Hong Kong.
Successive Appointments

Mr Chui Wai-kwan 徐維均先生; Vivian N Y Chan, Chui Fook-Chuen Professor in Molecular Medicine
徐福全基金教授 分子醫學 陳立怡

Professor Richard Yu 余宇康教授; Daniel T M Chan, Yu Professor in Nephrology
余氏基金教授 腎科 陳德茂

Mr Edwin Leong 梁紹鴻先生; Ho Shu-leong, Henry G Leong Professor in Neurology
梁顯利基金教授 神經科 何樹良

Mr Benjamin Lee 李志明先生; Raymond T F Cheung, Lee Man-Chiu Professor in Neuroscience
李文照基金教授 神經科學 張德輝

Ms Amanda Loke Kwai-lin 陸桂蓮女士; Irene O L Ng, Loke Yew Professor in Pathology
陸佑基金教授 病理學 吳呂愛蓮

Dr Ronald Zimmern; Lam Tai-hing, Sir Robert Kotewall Professor in Public Health
羅旭龢基金教授 公共衛生學 林大慶

Mr David Mong 蒙德揚先生; Tse Hung-fat, William M W Mong Professor in Cardiology
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What deeds must one undertake to be honoured as a philanthropist? The Oxford English Dictionary defines ‘philanthropist’ as an individual who is ‘a benefactor of humankind; one who behaves benevolently towards others; a practitioner of philanthropy’.

The definition fits Dr Mok Hing-yiu 莫慶堯 (MBBS 1947) like a glove. For more than half a century, the octogenarian, now 85, has epitomised that definition with feats of selflessness towards others. From volunteering with the Air Raid Precaution corps and Auxiliary Medical Service during the Second World War to acting as a Tung Wah Hospital pro bono consultant physician on a regular basis, the octogenarian has been a tireless promoter of good for Hong Kong.

The King Edward VII Scholar

At the tender age of 16, Dr Mok entered HKU as a King Edward Scholar and was awarded an annual allowance of £40. But, as in 1939 a steak dinner would set one back around 15 cents, so his allowance was a generous one! After the fall of Hong Kong, Dr Mok went to Lingnan University to further his studies in 1942 through the good offices of Professor Gordon King, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, who helped place HKU medical students in various tertiary Chinese institutions to continue their studies during the hostilities. In 1946 he returned to HKU and received a wartime degree in 1947.
A Ragging by Hall Seniors

Recalling with fondness his university years, Dr Mok regaled with tales ofragging by St John’s senior hall mates to be endured by new ones. These might include a requirement to greet seniors with a ‘Good morning, Sir’ or singing. But, in particular he remembered two; one was going to a cemetery at night, finding a particular tombstone and copying the inscription. Those who set the task would have already gone to the cemetery, chosen a particular tombstone and copied the inscription so there was no chance that an initiate could make up something in this ostensible test of courage and bravado. The second required somewhat less courage; being thrown by St John’s seniors into the long-gone pool that once graced the forecourt of the Hall!

A Man Wedded to His Profession

Leaving his university days behind, Dr Mok went to work at Queen Mary Hospital before furthering his studies in the United Kingdom. Upon returning, he took up a posting at Kowloon Hospital as a consultant physician, but while also working as a consultant physician at Queen Mary Hospital where he was for a time the Acting Medical Specialist.

This he explained was because there was a dearth of doctors in Hong Kong at that time, thus he wore many hats, in different medical facilities, including that of a doctor in paediatrics. Then, doctors were also generalists, as opposed to the later trend towards specialisation. Somehow, the energetic doctor even found the time to assume the duties of Chief Editor of the Chinese Medical Journal between 1951 and 1953!

Dr Mok, a Member of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh was a HKU Honorary Lecturer in the Department of Medicine in 1951. Among his students was Professor Rosie Young 楊紫芝 (MBBS 1953; MD 1959; Hon DSc 1995), one of the early protégés of one of the University’s most senior medical alumni. Dr Mok recalled with fondness how she was always eager and swift to offer a response to his questions. Later, Dr Mok was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 1971.

Education and Faith

Not until he was in his seventies did Dr Mok decide to hang up his stethoscope. But, over the years he acquired a reputation for being a tireless and generous supporter of particular areas close to his heart – education, religion and social welfare. He has supported educational institutions from primary to tertiary and also Christian organisations, as well as public welfare organisations, believing that it is good and right to return to the community a portion of the bounty he has reaped during his own lifetime. As for services to his alma mater, Dr Mok was President of the Hong Kong University Alumni Association from 1981 to 1983.

Perhaps, it was inspiration from his father, a Tai Koo comprador like his father before him. Dr Mok’s father, Mok Kon-sang 莫幹生 donated $50,000 to the University in the early 1920s to establish four scholarships and quite likely sowed the seeds of philanthropy in his young son and also reinforced the message of giving back to the community. He was carrying on this precedent of service that his great grandfather had established by being the first Chairman of the board of directors of the Tung Wah Hospital.

Some of Dr Mok’s philanthropy to his alma mater:

- 1972 – A donation to establish the Mok Hing-Yiu bursary, HKU
- 2007 – Establishment of the Mok Hing-Yiu Professorship in Respiratory Medicine, HKU
- 2008 – Establishment of the Mok Hing-Yiu Distinguished Visiting Professorships. This permanent endowment so established will benefit all ten of HKU’s Faculties and is intended to attract at least one Distinguished Visiting Professor of the highest calibre each year who is at the forefront of his or her particular field of expertise
Loke Yew Hall: The Significance

Mentioning Loke Yew and his namesake hall in the Main Building will often bring back a flood of memories for former students, and even current ones. But few may know the significance of Loke Yew’s contributions to the University.

Born in 1847 into a poor family in Guangdong, Loke Yew migrated to Singapore at the age of eleven where he worked as a coolie. Through his entrepreneurial spirit, he made a fortune by investing in tin mining, rubber, property, plantations and other ventures.

In 1912, he was instrumental in establishing an endowment fund at the University and in 1915, when the University was facing bankruptcy, he offered a 21-year interest-free loan of $500,000. This loan enabled the University to remain open and to create four full scholarships for needy students from Singapore.

A dignified Loke Yew 萬錫, wearing the Honorary Degree of Doctor's gown when he was conferred the prestigious title in 1916.

Loke Yew statue at the entrance of the Hall’s balcony.
and Malaya. Before the Second World War, the student population of the University consisted of many Singaporeans and Malayans and subsequently those HKU alumni played significant roles in building the modern states of these two countries.

In recognition of Loke Yew's generosity and commitment to the University, the Great Hall in the Main Building was renamed Loke Yew Hall in 1956.

Over the years, Loke Yew Hall has played host the University's ceremonies and students' examinations. It is the venue for Honorary Degrees and Endowed Professorships ceremonies as well as Orientation. It was, and still is, host to reunion dinners, and drama and music performances.

The Hall forms an integral part of a student’s HKU experience as all students pass through its threshold at some point during their time here. Thus, Loke Yew and Loke Yew Hall are intimately tied to the University and its history.
Unleashing The Inner Sportsman

“The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered but to have fought well.”

- Olympic Creed
by Pierre de Frédy, Baron de Coubertin, founder of the modern Olympic Games
What is sport?

Anyone who has played it knows the thrill of victory, and the bitterness of defeat. But it is what is gained from participation – motivation, discipline, sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play, self-esteem and prowess – that are the worthy lessons learned and what sustains one through the adversities of life. Together, these qualities form the basis of the ethos of sport.

Sports have been closely tied with culture, how a civilisation perceives itself and the strength of a nation. The Greeks of antiquity were perhaps the first to institutionalise sporting events through the Olympic Games.

It is thus that HKU places such an emphasis on an all-round education that includes student participation in sporting activities to cultivate not only the mind but the body – because a healthy body goes hand in hand with a healthy mind.
On the Mark for the Beijing Olympics

“It is an honour to represent Hong Kong at the Olympic Games, especially because they are being held in Beijing, on home turf.”

Elaine Chan Yu-ning 陈宇宁 BEcon&Fin Year 1
50m Freestyle

Luck alone does not help the year one student. It is her desire to win, backed with the fortitude of good sportsmanship and the non-stop tough training that account for her success. From the age of eleven, Chan has dedicating herself to swimming and since then has focused entirely on the sport. Chan has represented Hong Kong in various overseas competitions with excellent results. Yet her most stellar achievements to date have been her selection to represent Hong Kong at the 2004 Athens Olympic Games, and at the coming 2008 Beijing Olympics.

“I once thought my career in swimming would come to an end after the 2004 Athens Olympics because I almost stopped practising in preparation for the HKCEE. I was admitted to Ohio State University after Form Five and received professional training there.”

“Then, I realised that if I tried hard enough I could represent Hong Kong again at the Beijing Olympic Games. Being part of the Olympics and studying in the US are two of my dreams. But the former, unlike the latter, cannot be put on hold!”

In 2007, she made a decision and flew back to Hong Kong. She was subsequently admitted to HKU, and since then has pursued a demanding routine with eight weekly training sessions, yet still managing her university schedule. Each practise day the Olympic hopeful travels between Sha Tin and Hong Kong Island; although this is a considerable commute, Chan insists on not skipping any classes.

“I have to thank my coaches, my family and friends. Without their support I wouldn’t be able to make it,” Chan stressed. “Also, the University’s Institute of Human Performance (IHP) for supporting my current training through the Sports Fund. The combined support helps to lower the stress of being a student and at the same time an athlete who is training intensively in preparation for the August Games.”

Since the end of her examinations in May, Chan has intensified her training. Extremely focused, Chan has only one goal in mind for the moment — to strive for those elusive Olympic laurels on August 15, her race day!
Equestrianism, a sport that is relatively less popular in Hong Kong, is now deserving of more local attention. This is not only because Hong Kong is co-organising the Beijing 2008 Olympic/Paralympic Equestrian Events this summer, but also because a team of Hong Kong riders have obtained their Olympic Certificates Of Capability (COC) at a special qualifier in Hagen, Germany. One of the riders, Kenneth Cheng Man-kit, has been admitted to HKU but is deferring his studies in order to prepare for this year’s Olympics.

Cheng, who began riding at the age of eight, received intensive training over the successive six years. Now only twenty, he has shown a special talent, demonstrated by outstanding performances at both local and international shows. He has been commended by the Secretary of Home Affairs in recognition of his excellent results at the Asian Classic (1.30-1.40M) in the World Cup Final 2006. In 2006, Kenneth took part in the Doha Asian Games and was the only Hong Kong team rider who advanced to the Individual competition. In 2007, Kenneth was a two-time winner in the last two World Cup Qualifiers, riding his now-retired horse “Kin Fortune”. He also took the Grimshaw Plate while “Kin Fortune” was named the Most Improved Horse of the year.

It takes little imagination to envision the arduousness of Cheng’s intensive training regimen. Add the tightly scheduled competitions in various European countries and one soon realises the reserves of dedication and discipline he draws upon to maintain this gruelling pace. European equestrian competitions usually start on a Thursday and finish on a Sunday. After competing, Cheng usually leaves for another competition the same night, horse in tow, arriving at the show ground before the following Wednesday for a “trot up” which examines the horse’s fitness in the presence of a veterinarian. It is Kenneth’s responsibility to ensure horses are competition ready.

The athlete’s keen and conscientious attitude will ensure his continued advancement in show jumping and achieving even better results.
Lau Kwok-kin 劉國堅 BSc(SSLM) 2003
Men's Individual Foil
Having been in the 2004 Athens’ Games, Lau is somewhat of an Olympics veteran! He will represent Hong Kong at the Beijing Games in the Men's Fencing Foil. He is also the only male fencer from the Hong Kong National Team who has qualified for this year’s Games.

Lau showed his sporting prowess early on and was admitted to HKU as a Sports Scholar in 2000. The proof – he took the Bronze at the 15th Asian Games, Doha, 2006, in the Men's Team Fencing Foil category.

Because of his work, Lau can only devote a limited time to training before the Games. Despite this, he will train intensively and ‘psych himself up’, both physically and mentally, to be on his best form for the competitions. His goal is to increase his overall capability by 100 per cent.

Vicky Chan Wai-kei 陳慧琪 BEng(CIV) 2005
Windsurfing
Another HKU athlete who will be going to the Games is Vicky Chan Wai-kei, a Silver medallist in Windsurfing at the 15th Asian Games, Doha 2006, and a Gold medallist at the World University Games 2004.

This being Chan’s first Olympic bid, she has been to Europe and Qingdao for further training to hone her technique and form. Interestingly, Windsurfing for her evolved from a summer vacation activity; she is somewhat at a loss for words that she is now an Olympic contender, but very excited and happy all the same. Chan also said that she will always value highly this opportunity to compete with other athletes from around the world and give her personal best. Besides being an excellent athlete, Chan also demonstrates her passion for Sports by serving as a Mentor to new HKU Sports Scholars this year.
A Milestone in Hong Kong Sporting History

Lam Woon-kwong 林煥光
BSocSc 1974; MBuddhStud 2007
CEO, Equestrian Events (HK) of the Games of the XXIX Olympiad Company Ltd.

Time is Lam Woon-kwong’s biggest adversary! When he was named CEO of the Equestrian Company in March 2006, he knew he had only twenty-nine months to work hand in hand with Beijing, Qingdao and other Mainland cities in their preparations to host the 2008 Olympic/Paralympic Games.

“We have to rush to complete the venue construction work. A tremendous amount of resources (no less than HK$1.2 Billion) and professional efforts have been put into ensuring the timely completion of the two competition venues: the main one in Sha Tin, and the cross country one in Fanling.

“All of our preparatory work is on schedule, and we are now confident that we should be ready for the great Games come August 8,” Lam said.

For Lam, organising the Games is a highly complicated task. At any one time it involves working with more than one hundred agencies, meticulous preparations to ensure that all the agreed rules are applied, a contingency plan for adverse weather conditions, and working within an almost impossible time-frame.

“But our colleagues all know that we are working on a very worthwhile project that only comes perhaps once in a life time! We are all proud to be playing a part,” he said.

“Besides, by working hand in hand with Beijing, we will be able to showcase to the whole world the new face of our country.”

As an alumnus, Lam encourages his fellow HKU athletes to take to heart the Olympic Charter: “Olympism seeks to create a way of life based on the joy found in effort, the educational value of good example and respect for universal fundamental ethical principles.”
Pang Chung, past record holder of the high jump, long jump and triple jump, was one of Hong Kong’s elite track and field athletes during Sixties. He represented the city in the 1962 and 1966 Asia Games.

The multiple record-holder transitioned from athlete to sports administration. Pang described it as “a lengthy process of education and exposure to the world of sports”.

“In 1978, I was sent by the Amateur Sports Federation & Olympic Committee (ASF&OC) to the International Olympic Academy in Olympia, Greece, to learn the ancient Greek conception of the Olympics. I learned about their training settings and imbibed the Olympic ethos that changed my outlook on sports and brought it to a higher plane – to serve the Olympic movement in Hong Kong.”

Pang was appointed Chef de Mission of the Hong Kong delegation to the 1994 Victoria Commonwealth Games and the Hiroshima Asian Games in the same year. In 1996, at the Atlanta Olympics, Pang was on hand when Lee Lai-shan brought home Hong Kong’s first Gold Medal in Windsurfing.

“Athletes are now held in high esteem in the community,” Pang said. “With funding support from the Government, athletes are given professional training, and their chances of participating in world-class competitions have also increased.

“Today’s athletes are well taken care of by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee (SF&OC), International Olympic Committee and the Government. They are offered everything from youth development training to retirement schemes.

“I strongly encourage young sport talents to join the newly established ‘Hong Kong Athletes Career and Education Programme’ that lets undergraduates fulfill their sports commitments, then return to the university to continue their degree later,” Pang advised.
Vivien Fung Lau Cheung-chue  
馮劉掌珠 BA 1964

Vice President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China

Some people don’t just fall in love with sports; they marry it and make it their lifelong partner!

This is the case with Vivien Fung, 1978 Trios Tenpin Bowling Bronze Medallist at the 8th Asian Games in Bangkok, HKU Sportswoman of the Year in 1964 and now an active member of management in several Hong Kong sports organisations.

In making the transition from athlete to a key player in facilitating Hong Kong’s sports industry, Fung has found a sharp change in mindset.

“As a sportsman, you excel for sports and focus on technical improvement. As a sports administrator; however, you must always bear in mind the promotion and development of the sports industry, soliciting resources and cementing partnerships. You have to think holistically rather than on a self-perspective.”

Witnessing Hong Kong’s sports development over the last few decades, Vivien finds the sportsmen today are more resourceful than in her day. “There was no coaching, no free venue for regular physical training. I had to use dumbbells to strengthen my wrist muscles!”

Fung believes that an athlete should be self-disciplined and able to show dedication to sports, not only to challenge personal goals but also for the glory of one’s country. Her parting words of wisdom: “Treasure what made you become a sportsman.”
Distinction includes not only the pursuit of knowledge but also the pursuit of all-round capability. Sports are a very significant part of what it means to be a well-rounded individual. HKU students and alumni have once again proved their sporting mettle with encouraging results achieved in local, regional and international competition. The following athletes represent just some of the numerous HKU athletes who have shone in competition:

Simon Chau Wai-man 周偉文 BSc Year 2
From amateur road cycle racer, Simon Chau Wai-man began to race competitively three years ago. One of Chau’s strengths is hill climbing; he holds the record for the fastest ascent of Tai Mo Shan, an uphill time trial event whose previous record-holder was Wong Kam-po. Simon is now focussing on overseas competition and has been involved in races held by the International Cycling Union (UCI). He took first in the 2006 Guangzhou Shimano Biker's Festival, 19th in the general classification (GC), the 23rd in GC in the Cepa Tour Hong Kong Shanghai (UCI 2.2).

Joyce Wong Hiu-nam 黃曉嵐
BA & BEd (LangEd) Year 1
Joyce Wong Hiu-nam began swimming at the age of eight. Early on, it became evident that her determination and perseverance would lead to greatness in the pool. Wong is a past Hong Kong Record Holder of the women’s 50m breaststroke, 100m breaststroke, 200m breaststroke and long course 200m breaststroke. She has represented Hong Kong in many overseas competitions, including twice at the National Games of China, and the 14th Asian Games.

Michelle Cheung 張皓筠 MBBS Year 1
Think of an athletic prodigy and the name Michelle Cheung is likely to come to mind. At the age of nine, Cheung took up a badminton racket and has been playing ever since, and with impressive results! She has racked up more than 100 Gold medals in domestic tournaments, national championships and international championships. She was also awarded the OCS London & South East region Young Sports Person of the Year award in 2005 and became the first United Kingdom player to have won all four titles of the U17 and U19 Six Nations European Championships and U17 and U19 Nationals in 2006.
Alex Fong Lik-sun 方力申
BBA (Acc&Fin) 2004
Alex Fong Lik-sun is a well-known artist with the background of an athlete. He was one of the qualifiers who represented Hong Kong at the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 and was also the University Sports Federation of Hong Kong’s “Sportsman of the Year” in 2002. HKU’s future athletic stars will be happy to know that, in a show of support for his alma mater, Alex is serving as a Mentor and will impart his invaluable sports experience to the new crop of Sports Scholars.

Lynette Cheung Yi-nei 張依妮
BSc (SSLM) 2006
Bronze medallist Lynette Cheung Yi-nei took home the award as a member of the Women’s Team Epee at the 15th Asian Games Doha 2006. On the same occasion Wong Kam-kau 黃金球 (BSc(SSLM) 2006) and Lau Kwok-kin 劉國堅 (BSc(SSLM) 2003) of the Men’s Team Foil also took the Bronze. Cheung now continues her dedication and passion for sports through her work at the Hong Kong Sports Institute.

Derek Wong Ping-hong 黃秉康 MBBS 2005
Things began auspiciously for Derek Wong Ping-hong when in 1998 he broke the Hong Kong record for the junior 15km cycling time trial. He hasn’t looked back since! He took top honours in the Hong Kong National Duathlon Championship in 1998 and racked up an impressive string of successes, including the Hong Kong International Triathlon Championship (Male 20-24), and Hong Kong National Aquathlon Championship (Male 20-29) in 2001. Wong entered HKU as a Sports Scholar in 1999 and graduated with an Outstanding Student Athlete Award in 2005. He is now an Executive Committee member of the Hong Kong Triathlon Association and Athlete’s Captain of the Hong Kong West Cluster Sports Association (HKWCSA) of the Hospital Authority.

Ada Ng Tsui-lin 吳翠蓮 MBBS 2005
It is something to take note of when athletic prowess is combined with exceptional academic ability. This combination is embodied in Ada Ng Tsui-lin, a member of the Hong Kong National Squad Swimming Training Team (1995-98), an Individual Champion of the Annual Intervarsity Games (AIG) Annual Aquatics Meet (2000, 2004) and a Gold medallist at the Inter-University Championships. Ng also represented Hong Kong at the Chinese National Universities Swimming Championships in Tianjin in 2002. Besides her sports skills Ada excels academically as well. She is now a member of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, having obtained full marks in the MRCS Oral Examination and is conducting research in laparoscopic surgery.
The Eternal Spirit of Sportsmanship

Over the years, HKU has been consistent in admitting and supporting sportsmen and sportswomen of exceptional athletic ability. Since 1964, the University has commended those whose achievements in sports merit acknowledgement with the “Sportsman / Sportswoman of the Year” Awards, they include:

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<td>Stella Fei Sing-ki 董思奇 (BScSc 1974)</td>
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<td>Martha Cheung Pui-yiu 張佩瑜 (BA 1975; MPhil 1978)</td>
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<td>Wilson Fung Yee-leung 冯宜亮 (MBBS 1977)</td>
<td>Virginia Lee Wai-yin 李慧妍 (BScSc 1975)</td>
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<td>Wong Kam-hung 黃錦雄 (BSc(Eng) 1978)</td>
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<td>Chung Kin-lai 鍾健禧 (MBBS 1989)</td>
<td>Mary Yeung Ying-ha 楊映霞 (BScSc 1987; MScSc 1994)</td>
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<td>Ho Wai-kin 何健健 (BScSc 1990)</td>
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<td>Hui Chi-chiu 許哲超 (BSc 1998)</td>
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<td>Thomas Leong King-hang 楊景恒 (BSc 2001)</td>
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<td>Jason Man Chi-yen 萬志仁 (BA(AS) 2002; MArch 2007)</td>
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<td>Rennia Wong Ten-yen 黃天欣 (BBA(2S) 2003; BEng(SE) 2004)</td>
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<td>Wong Kam-kau 黃金球 (BSc(SSLM) 2005)</td>
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<td>Tobius Touburg</td>
<td>Cheung Yi-nei 張依妮 (BSc(SSLM) 2006) &amp; Tang Chi-ling 譚芝婷 (BBA 2006)</td>
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<td>Zento Lee 李振濤 (BSc(SSLM) Year 3)</td>
<td>May Kwan Cheuk-ying 梁曉英 (BSc(ActuarSc) Year 3)</td>
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<td>Wong Chun-yam 王俊仁 (BEng&amp;Fin Year 2)</td>
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Sports Scholarship Scheme

As an international university in Asia, HKU values excellence in areas beyond the academic domain.

HKU was the first local university to introduce a sports scholarship scheme in 1995. Its purpose is to retain elite athletes in Hong Kong by taking into consideration their other areas of excellence beyond the academic domain. Each successful applicant is required to fulfill HKU entrance requirements and show his or her talent in a specific area of sports. To date, a total of 137 sports scholars have been admitted to HKU through this scheme.

To support Sports Scholars, the University offers the following measures:

1. Flexible study programmes allowing student athletes to continue training while simultaneously pursuing academic advancement. Windsurfer Vicky Chan was allowed to finish her engineering degree in five years instead of four.
2. Deferred admission permits students to reschedule their academic timetables. Kenneth Cheng was offered a deferred admission to prepare for his Olympic bid.
3. A Health Clinic, staffed by elite athlete professionals, offers advice and assists Sports Scholars by providing necessary training equipment and special programmes.
4. The Mentorship programme is a new initiative for Sports Scholars this year which aims at offering advice and support to athletes, and especially on time management issues. Two alumni, Alex Fong and Vicky Chan, have agreed to act as mentors.

The University of Hong Kong places great emphasis on providing a whole-person education, including sports, to its students. As a testament to this commitment, the University will be represented by two students and two alumni at the August Beijing Olympic Games.

And, through inculcation of this sporting tradition, HKU acknowledges its alumni, former athletes now involved in sports administration to further sport in Hong Kong.

The University supports its budding athletes through scholarships such as the Sports Fund for Students, and a Sports Scholarship Scheme, so that they may go on to win distinction, not only in academics but in athletics, for themselves, HKU and Hong Kong.

Sports Fund for Students: www.marathon.hku.hk/Fundraising.htm
They are all esteemed members from the medical, academic and scientific fields!

Professor Richard Yu Yue-hong, Dr Tsao Yen-chow, Professor Lee Kin-hung, Dr Ma Chung Ho-kei, Professor Kan Yuet-wai, Dr Chiu Shin-chak.

At their golden jubilee reunion, Dr David Mok Lai-foo prepared a CD with hundreds of photos and music that were sure to bring back fond recollections. And Dr Tsui Hung-chuen wrote a poem for this special evening, inspiring Dr John Leung Siu-man to write another, without even using the word “senior”!

半紀風雷轉瞬間
當年濟世青雲志
今雖垂老未闡珊

六載寒窗書卷間
今宵重聚盡歡顏
五十春秋同濟世
金禧回首未闡珊

– Dr Tsui’s
– Dr Leung’s
Class of 1983

Reunion & First-in-the-Family Walkathon

Date: September 21, 2008 (Sun)
Venue: From The Peak to HKU (with campus tour)

Reunion Dinner

Date: October 26, 2008 (Sun)
Venue: Loke Yew Hall

Please mark your diaries!

Are you the first generation in your family to be admitted into the University? Many of us were. Even if you are not, you may still wish to join us in supporting the HKU First-in-the-Family Education Fund (FIFE Fund).

The Fund will support HKU students who are the first generation to receive a university education in a family which has a monthly household income of $12,000 or less. The Fund will enable them to benefit from learning experiences outside of the classrooms, which are beyond their families’ means, for example, fieldwork, internships, study trips, service learning, and exchange programmes.

We are calling for a collective effort of ’83 graduates and friends to support the “FIFE-HKU 83” so that more students can benefit from the FIFE Fund.

Class of ’83 Silver Jubilee Organising Committee
Details: www.hku.hk/class83

Committee members

Architecture
Vincent Ng 吳永順

Arts
Kwan Chuk-fai 劉則輝
Alice Lau 劉雅卿
Kent Law 羅永健

Engineering
Chang Che-son 張子惇
Albert Chau 周偉立
Morris Cheung 張少華
Encon Hui 許潤誼
Willis Yu 余燁立

Law
Winnie Lai 黎碧兒

Medicine
Anthony Yuen 袁寶榮

Science
Cheng Shuk-han 鄭淑嫻

Social Sciences
Angela Ying 應美琪
Class of 1982
May 11, 2008

Green Thumbs for the “Green Fund”

To continue raising funds for the “HKU Alumni Green Fund”, initiated by the Class of 1982, alumni organised a meaningful activity on a special day: a tree planting on Mother’s Day!

Fifty alumni and their families climbed the hilly slopes of the Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden, Tai Mo Shan. Despite the humid and windy weather, participants enjoyed this special morning and planted more than 120 trees!

www.hku.hk/class82
Igniting the Olympic Passion on Mother’s Day

As the Beijing Olympics draw ever nearer, some 60 medical alumni were the privileged participants of a one-hour, specially organised tour of the new Olympic Games venue before its official opening in August. The tour was topped off by an enjoyable buffet at the Sha Tin Clubhouse to celebrate Mother’s Day where each received a plant and greeting card!

A Flurry of Reunions!

Having studied and played together since 1993, members of this class gathered to relive the ‘good old days’ and welcome new members — newborn babies and their spouses. To make sure that you will be involved in the coming Anniversary gatherings, please contact Fanny Chan (fannybon926@yahoo.com.hk).
Independent Clubs Association

Three Hs Journey

Dr Hung Hing-kai 孔漢佳 (BSc 1981), now a New Jersey resident, flew back to Hong Kong last year to revisit his alma mater. Though his was a short trip, he managed a quick look at the latest Students’ Union, had a drink with a professor, and joined the lunch reunion.

An excerpt from Dr Hung’s “On My Journey to Chiu Chow Garden” to memorialise his trip:

“The taxi stops next to Loke Yew Hall. The tranquillity is rare in one of the world’s busiest cities.

I look back at the main buildings, which stretch across the Mid-Levels under The Peak. I examine every part of the landscape below the clear sky, carefully looking for the changes and un-changes, for the differences that add or subtract values.

Who exactly are in the Independent Clubs? I sum them up with three Hs. They are the students who possess Heart, Head, and Hands.

There are HKU Independent Clubs’ ex-officials from five session years. Most I know well; a few are strangers. To me, when I am looking around the table, they are all my missing heads, hands, and hearts. My mind soon fills up with all the missing fun and smiles that are coming from the club activities in the past…”

For the full story, go to: www.hku.hk/convocat/newsletter/08summer/index.html

The Independent Clubs worked together with Guangzhou teachers and students at the 1980 Youth Summer Class in Science and Technology.
Celebration, Congratulations and Farewell

Forty HKU swimmers attended the reunion gathering. Among them were Dr Law Chi-kwong (BSocSc 1976; MSW 1981) (front row, 3rd right), former president of the Club, and Mr Kwok Wai-chung (BSc(Eng) 1979) (front row, 5th left), president since 1984!

This special occasion was also held to celebrate the Swimming Team’s award - “Team of the Year”, to congratulate Elaine Chan who will represent Hong Kong in the forthcoming Beijing Olympics, and to say goodbye to Sylvia who is headed for Norway.
New Alumni Groups!

To date, there are 74 local, 19 offshore alumni groups in all!

HKU Chinese Medicine Alumni Association 香港大學中醫藥校友會

Registered as a non-profit making organisation in May 2008, this alumni association is building a website in the near future to engage more alumni.

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Email: machsaa@yahoo.com.hk
Contact: Ma Koon-yiu or Kwong Ming-wai

HKU Master of Arts in Chinese Historical Studies (MACHS) Alumni Association 香港大學中國歷史研究文學碩士課程同學會

The newly formed group held their inauguration ceremony in May. To celebrate this special occasion, the class published a book 出版了合著的專著, detailing their summarised theses for their collective memory.

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Website: http://hku-msbh.blogspot.com/
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 吳子健 (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 余經綸
(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!

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**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.

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**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.

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**Lau Ka-ming 刘家铭 (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.

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.

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**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.

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**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).

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 馬時亨 (BA 1973)
The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development resigned for medical reasons.
We wish Ma and his family well.

Rita Fan 范徐麗泰
(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

Professor Gabriel Matthew Leung 梁卓偉
(MD 2003)
Under Secretary for Food and Health

Raymond Tam Chi-yuen 譚志源
(BSc(Eng) 1987)
Under Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs

Yau Shing-mu 邱誠武
(HKU Mentor from 2000 – 2006)
Under Secretary for Transport and Housing

Frankie Yip Kan-chuen 葉根銓
(BSc(Eng) 1993)
Political Assistant to the Financial Secretary

Paul Chan Chi-yuen 陳智遠
(LLB 2001; PCLL 2002)
Political Assistant to the Secretary for Food and Health
Ching Cheong 程翔 (BSocSc 1973)

After graduating from HKU, Ching Cheong, joined the local newspaper "Wen Wei Po" 《文汇报》. 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.

"我從切身的經歷中，看到香港獨足珍貴的核心價值 — 法治、自由、人權，而這些價值是需要我們去捍衛、弘揚的。

畢業後，我們通過成立同學會，把校園的建樹對國家的關懷繼續延續下去並作為我們事業的一部份。多年來同學會為中國、為香港也貢獻了一點綿力，每人都在自己不同的崗位上演繹了「為中國而立」的校銘領。"

After his talk, Ching and his wife, Mary Lau Mun-yee 劉敏儀 (BA 1976), and Man Cheuk-fei 文灼非 (BA 1987), HKUGA President announced the establishment of an HKUGA journalism fund at HKU to foster the next generation of distinguished and devoted journalists.

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.

Wilson Raphael Cheung 張威臣
(BArch 1969)

Wilson has been awarded the Pro-Am Award at Pro-Am Fiesta 2008! The Fiesta is an annual dance competition in Canada attracting many professional dancers.
Joseph Wong Wing-ping 王永平 (BA 1969)

Joseph recently published a book 《平心直説》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.

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 (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.

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Venerable Yuen Quing 願禪 (BA 1965)

澄心靜慮暢遊無聲谷青翠竹細聽箝中禪

Ng Siu-quing, 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-shhek, 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!

Wong Chien Chi-lien 王錦淇廉 (BA 1959; DipEd 1960)

*Flower Mountain*, a play adapted from Wong’s novel of the same name, was presented as part of ‘Fringe Firsts’, a play-reading festival in celebration of new English-language drama in Hong Kong.

Wong has had an illustrious career as a teacher, civil servant, politician and an author. In the Nineties, she was at the heart of Hong Kong’s healthcare reform that culminated in the establishment of the Hospital Authority. She began writing after her retirement.

Zhong Xiang-chong 鍾香崇 (BA 1941)

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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.

Chow Che-king 周子京 (BSc(Eng) 1955)

Ir Professor Chow, a Morrisonian, was awarded the Gold Medal by Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) in March to recognise his achievements in the engineering field over the past 40 years.
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
(MBB 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

“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 半文浩 (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 (BScSc 1972)
Joseph Lee Chung-tak 李宗德 (former Court Member)
Leung Sik-wah 梁適華 (Senior Member, HKU Foundation)
Kathryn Louey Wai-hung 露羅慧洪
(Senior Member, HKU Foundation)
Joseph Malik Peiris
(Director, HKU Pasteur Research Centre)
Grace Tang Wai-king 鄧惠珮 (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 莊婷令儀 (MBBS 1971)
Mak Sin-ping 梁倩屏 (MBBS 1975)
John Richard Reading 李定國 (LLM 1992)
Kathleen So Pik-han 蘇碧緹 (MBBS 1971)
Tang In-kwan 景浩群 (BA 1975)
Angelina Yuen Tsang Woon-ki 阮慧姬琪
(BScSc 1975; PhD 1995)
HKU SPACE and Its Alumni: The First Fifty Years

Author: Dr Peter Cunich, Associate Professor of School of Humanities
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

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 楊敏謹 (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 郭張凱倫 (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),
Shum Lai Lau-yuk 岑黎柳玉 (BA 1964),
Helen Sung May-lin 宋美蓮 (BSc 1964; BScSp 1965; MSc 1968; CertEd 1982),
and Vincent Chu 朱榮楷
Publisher: S.U.C.C.E.S.S. 中僑互助會

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.
Located on the fringes of the University campus and close to the Lung Fu Shan Country Park, the Lung Fu Shan Environmental Education Centre (LFSEEC) is a place to learn about nature and appreciate its beauty.

The Centre comprises one Grade I and two Grade III listed houses built between 1914-1919, an Eco-pond, as well as a courtyard which attracts a diversity of bird and butterfly species. The Centre offers a not-to-be-missed opportunity for visitors to learn about Hong Kong’s natural environment in a verdant setting.

Taking the advantage of its proximity to the Country Park, the Centre organises guided tours, workshops and training programmes to help to develop the public’s sense of responsibility to protect natural habitats and combat environmental problems like climate change.

Jointly operated by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) and the University, this is the first partnership of its kind established between the EPD and a tertiary institution to manage an environmental education centre.
The Centre’s young and energetic members: (from left) Ryan Leung 梁兆謙 (BSc 2007), Maggie Li 李銘慧 (BSc 2007), Winnie Law 蘭惠倫 (PhD 2004), Joyce Chow 周錦芝 (BA 2003; MSc (Urban Planning) 2005), Regina Lo 劉婉葳 (BA 1997), Chole Ng 吳昭楠 (BSc 2007) and Philip Yip 葉善行 (BSc 2007).

Display models and graphics illustrate the carbon cycle, greenhouse effect and global climate change.

At five-minute briefing before the guided tour, each participant was provided with a pair of binoculars and a checklist.

Philip pointed out some rare species of plants to everyone’s amazement!

The Eco-pond provides a natural habitat for flora and fauna, including dragonflies, frogs, toads, swordtails, mosquito, fishes and lotus, etc.

Experienced hikers Mrs Leung and her brother: “We are excited to learn the names of plants that we previously didn’t know, and even able to identify some birds by just listening to their chirping.”
Professor Cheng Kwok-kew  禹國翱
(MBBS 1939; DSc 1973)
Professor Cheng Kwok-kew, Emeritus Professor in Physiology passed away peacefully on May 13, 2008 at the age of 92.

Professor Cheng was born in Guangdong in 1916. Following graduation, he went back to China to work in the field hospitals as a medical officer and Leader of Unit 721 of the Chinese Red Cross Corps.

After World War II, he was selected to work at the University College Hospital, Medical School of London as a Chinese Government Research Scholar in Pathology from 1945 to 1948, and as a Graham Research Scholar in Pathology from 1948 to 1950.

He returned to join the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, HKU in 1958 as a Colonial Medical Research Fund Research Fellow.

He was the Professor and Head of the Department of Physiology from 1960 onwards, until he retired in 1976. He went on to become a physician in the Department of Heath of the Hong Kong Government till 1981 when he moved to private practice to provide medical care for patients with low incomes until 1987.

Professor Cheng was a kind and successful teacher, a physiologist and physician of the highest integrity. He will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his students, colleagues, the Department of Physiology and the University.

Ng Chun-man 伍振民
(BArch 1955)
Ng Chun-man, one of the first Architecture graduates, and Founding Voting Member of the HKU Foundation, passed away peacefully on June 1, 2008, at the age of 83.

Ng practiced for more than 50 years as an architect in Hong Kong. He was responsible for a number of landmark projects in the 1960s and 1970s, including the first Convention Centre.

He founded Wong Ng Ouyang & Associates in 1963, and Ng Chun Man & Associates in 1972. He became Honorary Chairman of Dennis Lau & Ng Chun Man Architects & Engineers (H.K.) Ltd and remained active until the end of May this year.

His successful career in the field of architecture was well known to architects of many generations.

Professor Philip St John Smart

Professor Smart, Harold Hsiao-Wo Lee Professor in Corporate Law, passed away peacefully on June 17, 2008.

Professor Smart graduated with first class honours from the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies in 1982, followed by an LLM in 1983. He was a Harwicke Scholar at Lincoln’s Inn and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 1984. He joined the University in 1985 and was admitted to the Hong Kong Bar in 1986.

As one of the world’s leading authorities on cross-border insolvency, his book Cross-Border Insolvency was ground breaking, cited in the highest courts of the common law world. At the time of his death, he was working on its third edition.

“He was a loyal friend and colleague who would not hesitate to give of himself if needed. In every facet of academic life he had huge ability, was loved by students, and admired and respected by colleagues.

As a lawyer, he had that rare ability to be all of: one who could distill principles from the most complex problems, handle them with great technical expertise, and come up with practical (and often straightforward) solutions (which only appeared so after he had pointed them out). And Philip was legitimately funny, not raucously so, but in a quiet understated manner. We will miss him hugely.”

Professor Andrew J Halkyard and Professor Charles D Booth
Faculty of Law, HKU