Honorary Degrees to HIV/AIDS advocates

The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton 克林頓
Doctor of Laws honoris causa

“The biggest impediment now to maximising the efforts against this disease, based on the tools we have, is the absence of effective health systems in poor areas, especially in poor rural areas in the world. We need people who are trained to provide basic healthcare including the testing, prevention and especially prevention of mother and child infection.”

Dr David D Ho 何大一
Doctor of Science honoris causa

“Major advances in science have often been brought forth by individuals who are willing to challenge authority and conventional wisdom.

As our world is becoming smaller in the era of globalisation, I strongly believe that we must adopt the best core values from each culture, East or West, North or South. The real decision in front of us is not to which nationality we belong, but how we can become better citizens of the world.”

Yao Ming 姚明
Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa

Mr Yao has made outstanding contributions in HIV/AIDS advocacy, appearing with Mr ‘Magic’ Johnson in commercials to support the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, and taking part in various activities on the Mainland, such as visiting children living with the disease. He was awarded for his Outstanding Contributions to the AIDS Response by UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

The University conferred honorary degrees upon Dr Clinton and Dr Ho at the 179th Congregation on December 4, 2008.

Mr Yao will receive his honorary degree at a Congregation to be held in 2009.

For speeches and citations, please visit http://www3.hku.hk/hongrads
The 179th Congregation http://uradio.cybercampus.hku.hk
Honorary University Fellowships 2008

The University presented the Honorary University Fellowships to the above nine distinguished individuals on December 16, 2008 in recognition of their contributions to the University and the community.

1. **Mr Robert Charles Alcock** 卷義國先生
   Former Solicitor General of the Department of Justice of the HKSAR Government and the first Head of the Department of Law, HKU, Mr Allock was the Chairman of the Steering Committee on Legal Education and Training, and established common legal education policies and criteria for law schools in Hong Kong.

2. **Mr Chung Po-yang** 鍾書洋先生
   Mr Chung is co-founder and currently chairman emeritus of DHL. He has been tireless in his community service activities, especially in the areas of arts and culture; promoting Hong Kong; and creativity and innovation.

3. **Ir Dr the Hon Raymond Ho Chung-tai** 何鍾泰博士工程師 (BScEng 1963)
   Dr Ho is an elected Member of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR. He has comprehensive experience in engineering work and has also been directly involved in major infrastructure projects throughout Hong Kong.

4. **Ms Leonie Ki** 紀文鳳女士 (Bachelor of Arts)
   Ms Ki is Managing Director of New World China Enterprises Projects Ltd. She was the founding Chief Executive of the Better Hong Kong Foundation, and has lent her support to many community and charity services as well as her alma mater.

5. **Mr Colin Lam Ko-yin** 林高演先生 (BSc 1973)
   Mr Lam, Vice Chairman of Henderson Land Development Co Ltd, Chairman of Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co Ltd, a Director of Hong Kong & China Gas Co Ltd and Miramar Hotel and Investment Co Ltd, is a fervent supporter of education in Mainland China.

6. **Dr Sarah Liao** 廖秀冬博士 (BSc 1973; MPhil 1977; PhD 1985)
   Dr Liao is HKU’s Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor on Sustainable Development. As former Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works of the HKSAR Government, she adopted sustainable development strategies in her policies and encouraged public engagement.

7. **Dr Lawrence M Ng** 吳銘來醫生 (MBBS 1965)
   Dr Ng is a paediatrician and the Managing Partner of Paediatric Medical Associates of East Bay, USA. He is a founding member of HKU Alumni Association, Northern California, and is currently the President of the Board of Directors of Friends of HKU Ltd.

8. **Ms Esther Suen Chi-lan** 孫芝蘭女士
   Ms Suen is the Managing Director of Simatelex Manufactory Company Limited. Through the Suen Chi Sun Charitable Foundation and the Simatelex Charitable Foundation, she supports many charitable causes in the areas of higher education, medical research, emergency relief, the arts and the University's Suen Chi Sun Hall.

9. **Dr Allan Wong Chi-yun** 黃子欣博士 (BScEng 1972)
   Dr Wong co-founded VTech Holdings Limited. He is also Chairman of the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute, a Member of the Commission on Strategic Development under the Central Policy Unit and the Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council.

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We can look back proudly on what we justifiably call ‘a Decade of Success’ — success in co-operation and achievement. More than 2,200 students have already completed the programme, many of them today hold key leadership positions in the business and public sectors in China.

— Professor Gary Biddle, Dean of Faculty of Business and Economics, at HKU-Fudan IMBA Programme 10th Anniversary, November 2008.

Class of 2008 IMBA: 400 graduates

Seminar: “A Tale of Two Cities: Hong Kong & Shanghai”

Speakers included Professor Xu Chenggang 许成钢, Professor Xue Qiuzhi 薛求知, Mr Paul Chow 周文耀, Dr Eric Li 李家祥, Mr Dai Liu 戴柳, Mr Frederick Ma 馬時亨, Mr Patrick Poon 潘燊昌, Mr Wilfred Wong 王英偉, and Mr Andrew Yao 姚祖輝.

Gala Dinner: over 500 alumni and friends including
Dr and Mrs Vincent Cheng 鄭海泉, Mr Antony Leung 梁錦松, Dr Vincent Lo 蘇康瑞, and Dr Joseph Yam 任志剛.

Professor Lu Xiongwen 陸雄文, Dean, School of Management, Fudan University and Professor Gary Biddle.
HKU has been the cradle of some of the greatest creative and artistic minds in the region. The inauguration of the Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities scheme is yet another example of the importance of the role of liberal arts studies to an all-round education.

The scheme has been made possible through the generous support of the Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation which was established in 1994 to support educational and cultural advancement in Greater China. This scheme will host visiting humanities scholars of international standing; the objective being to enhance and enrich the study of the humanities at HKU. This process in turn enriches the arts and humanities culture of the city.

In 1986, the Hung Hing Ying Building (declared a historical monument in 1995) on HKU’s Main Campus was so named in recognition of the Hung family’s staunch support of physical sciences research and postgraduate scholarships. In 2008, the Hung family further donated a sum of HK$15 million which was matched dollar for dollar by the University to form a perpetual endowment to support the appointments of visiting distinguished scholars in humanities.

The first incumbent of this scheme is Professor Lung Ying-tai, a renowned essayist and cultural critic. The Robert Black College will host the Lung Yingta Workshop where she can write and research during her residence at HKU.
Kunqu is the essence of traditional Chinese performing arts. Its achievements in the realms of literature, drama, music and fine art have nurtured every Chinese opera form, earning Kunqu the accolade as “the mother of a hundred opera forms”. In 2001, Kunqu was recognised by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) as one of the inaugural “Masterpieces of the Oral and Intangible Heritage of Humanity”, the highest honour bestowed upon Kunqu.

The Robert H N Ho Family Foundation and HKU collaborated for the first time to invite the Suzhou Kunqu Opera Theatre of Jiangsu and the Shanghai Kunqu Opera Troupe to perform in Hong Kong. A series of six demonstration talks on different themes were conducted in local universities, while six performances were staged to showcase a variety of Kunqu repertoires.

www.hku.hk/kunqu
The “University Artists” Scheme brings world-renowned artists to HKU to enrich the lives of students.

During their tenure at the University, the Artists will pursue projects and activities through workshops, screenings, exhibitions and performance events. The Artists will have an opportunity to enter into direct contact and work closely with colleagues, practitioners and students in the University and the community at large.

**University Artists**

**Film**

**Mr Peter Chan Ho-sun** 陳可辛
A world-acclaimed film director who continues to play a paramount role in the global cinema scene. His film, *The Warlords*, swept the 27th Hong Kong Film Awards, winning eight prizes.

**Ms Ann Hui** 許鞍華
(BA 1969; MA 1973; Hon Fellow 2001)
An internationally renowned film director and principal player in the history of Hong Kong cinema. Hui’s films express a strong sense of humanistic concern.

**Music**

**Dr Lung Heung-wing** 龍向榮
Former Principal Percussionist of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, he formed the “Father and Son Percussion Duo” and was one of Hong Kong’s “Ten Most Outstanding Young Persons” in 1999.

**Ms Yao Jue** 姚 ??
The only violinist to be included in the 1995 book “China’s Famous Females” published by the International Women’s Congress, Beijing which described Yao’s playing as having “reached a world-class level in music making.”

**Drama**

**Dr Vicki Ooi** 黃清霞 (BA 1965)
A renowned drama educator and pioneering director who introduced western plays to students in Hong Kong. She was the Senior Lecturer of the English Department and the founder of the Drama Lab at HKU where many generations of directors and actors have been nurtured.

The Scheme is hosted by the Faculty of Arts and supported by the Wah Ching Fund.
Economic Winter: Now What?

Jack Ma: “Those who are well prepared and do not give up will be able to survive this crisis or ‘growing pains of globalisation’, and quite possibly become the next generation of the newly rich.”

In his lecture “Economic Winter: Now What?”, Jack Ma, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Alibaba Group, stated that entrepreneurs should see the prevailing financial crisis as an opportunity to grow.

A former English teacher in Hangzhou, Jack Ma founded Alibaba.com with 17 others in 1999. At the age of twelve, Ma noticed the importance of the English language and started his own mission – to cycle from home every morning to the largest hotel in Hangzhou and serve as a volunteer tour guide. His determination to learn English was fully demonstrated by his persistence in keeping this practice up until the age of 21!

The “Edward K Y Chen Distinguished Lecture Series” was initiated by a group of former HKU students of Professor Chen from the early 1970s as an accolade to a fine scholar and loving teacher. A fund was set up in 2007 to establish the Lecture Series at HKU in his honour.

HKU – The 50th Creative Commons

Creative Commons Hong Kong (CCHK) is hosted by HKU Journalism and Media Studies Centre which brought the licences to Hong Kong by porting them into compliance with the city’s Copyright Ordinance.

The Creative Commons (CC) allows individuals to create and share educational and artistic works. This is accomplished by a set of flexible copyright licences that permit greater flexibility between the various levels of copyright.

CC licenses will allow educational works to be freely and legally shared by students and educators. The upshot is that Hong Kong’s participation will help make available educational materials accessible to people from all strata of society, regardless of income or geographical location.

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