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The correct names/titles are: Sir Robert Kotewall (p.25), Stella Chim 詹欣怡 (p.42), Cheng Jing
程靜, Director of the Beijing Water Authority (p.53)
Page 31, the upper right photo caption should read “Loke Yew Hall doubled as an examination
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degree examinations.

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The Faculty of Science is celebrating its 70th Anniversary in 2009. On this auspicious occasion, the Faculty would like to reconnect with alumni and friends, promote science literacy, enhance our linkage to the community and highlight the notable contributions of its teachers and alumni. The success of these celebrations relies tremendously on your continuous support and participation. Come and celebrate!

Homecoming Day
The Homecoming Day is for Science alumni to have a reunion on campus, meet old friends and fellow alumni, and to learn about the Faculty’s latest developments and activities. There will be a campus tour, an exhibition on the Faculty’s history and developments, and the sharing and savoring of the good old time.

DATE May 9, 2009 (Saturday)
TIME 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
VENUE Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU

Anniversary Dinner
The Anniversary Dinner is the highlight of a year-long celebration of activities where alumni and friends can get together to reminisce and refresh their fond memories. It is also an occasion to honour distinguished alumni for their outstanding achievements.

DATE November 15, 2009 (Sunday)
TIME 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. (Reception from 6:00 p.m.)
VENUE Convention Hall, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

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New HKU Fund Allows “Grass-roots” Students to Pursue Educational Activities Beyond the Classroom
Rinoa Chan 陈家慧 says an email she received last September from The University of Hong Kong was like a gift from God.

The email informed first-year undergraduate students like her of the new “First-in-the-Family Education Fund” (FIFE Fund) 第一代大学生助学金, which provides financial support to students whose families’ mean monthly household income is HK$12,000 or less. As the name implies, the FIFE Fund is aimed specifically at students who are the first in their families to attend university.

HKU students like Rinoa and Geoffrey Cheuk 卓尚昆 are among thousands of Hong Kong students from so-called “grass-roots” families, those that make little more than enough for daily necessities. For families like these, finding the money to cover the basic costs of a university education is often a stretch.

The purpose of the FIFE Fund, which was established at HKU only last autumn, is to allow grass-roots students to also take advantage of learning opportunities outside the classroom, which they might not otherwise be able to afford: field trips, study tours, internships and international exchange programmes.
Chasing a Dream of Helping Others
Rinoa, who began her studies at HKU during the autumn 2008 semester, was successful in her application to the fund, along with more than 200 other students. She and the other recipients will receive HK$10,000 during their course of study.

With the help of this money, Rinoa says she now hopes to take part in HKU’s Worldwide Student Exchange Programme, which sends students to HKU partner universities abroad for one or two semesters during their undergraduate studies. She could use the money from the FIFE Fund to pay for the cost of living overseas.

After completing a two-year associate degree programme, Rinoa, now 22, had three choices for study, all leading to different careers. “My first choice was HKU music, second was psychology at City University and third, Asian studies at the Institute of Education,” she said.

Her dream was to be a music therapist, who helps patients with emotional problems through music or the playing of musical instruments. She remembers sitting at her computer, waiting for results to be published by the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS), to see if she had been accepted at HKU. Unable to get the results online, she called the university’s admissions office, and when she learned she had been accepted, she screamed with joy. That night, the family celebrated at a restaurant. “I was very happy. I paid for the dinner,” said her mother.

The family’s financial support comes primarily from Rinoa’s mother and Rinoa’s elder brother. Her mother, 53, is an office assistant, while the brother is a furniture merchandiser.

Her father, 59 and formerly a truck driver, is recovering from intestinal surgery, and also suffers from cataracts and chronic physical disability resulting from an accident he suffered while working at a construction site.

The family, which lives in Aberdeen, says it is willing to reduce expenses in the years to come to help Rinoa realise her dream. But money is still tight. Hoping to experience residence hall life at HKU, she successfully applied for a place at Lady Ho Tung Hall for the first semester, but she had to give up her place because her family could not afford the cost.

She says Australia is renowned for training music therapists, and she would like to take professional training courses there after graduation from HKU. “Also, like other music lovers, I wish to go to Vienna to experience the musical culture there,” she said. But at the moment, the family cannot afford to send her to Australia or Austria.

When Rinoa learned she had been accepted by HKU, she screamed with joy.

The father said the family is pleased to see Rinoa studying at HKU, and although he is close to retirement age, he hopes find a job when he recovers to help her pay for further training abroad.

“This will be good for her future,” he said. “As our family cannot afford her studying overseas at the moment, the admission by HKU does make our dreams come true, and makes our lives much easier, too.”

Rinoa, however, does not want her father to return to the workforce because of his health. She says she plans to find a job in Hong Kong after graduation to support the family and save for further studies.

The family is willing to reduce expenses in the years to come to help Rinoa realise her dream. But, money is still tight.

For now, she is involved in extra-curricular activities. She is currently the external vice president of the HKU Music Society, and an affiliated member of the Lady Ho Tung Hall. She is also a member of the HKU Ruby team.

She acknowledges the importance of language skills in today’s globalised world – a realisation she says first struck her when she worked as a part-time waitress at a Causeway Bay restaurant and came into contact with a lot of tourists.

“Good language skill is an important tool in the job market. And globalisation makes it even more competitive than ever,” she said. She is now learning Spanish, and says she plans to study other languages if resources allow.
Looking Abroad in Order to Help at Home

The FIFE Fund allows me to dream of joining the Worldwide Student Exchange Programme which I hadn’t thought of before.

Geoffrey Cheuk, a year-one student in economics and finance, has taken a part-time job as a tutor to finance his daily expenses. He also relies for cash on his 60-year-old father, a security guard who works a night shift seven days a week.

His two sisters did not have the chance to attend university – one works as a member of an airline cabin crew and the other is a merchandiser – so he was the family’s sole remaining hope for sending a member to university. He did not disappoint them.

Recalling his struggle to make his way to HKU, Geoffrey said he did not even have a desk in his small flat in Lai Chi Kok. “I went to the nearby City University, which required a 15-minute bus trip, and looked for a quiet corner for studying during Forms 6 and 7.”

Now that he has succeeded in making his way to the university of his choice, he is eager to participate in extra-curricular activities.

Geoffrey is active in the local branch of AIESEC, the international student organisation. He is also a member of Rotary International, the international social services group. He said he is interested in social services because he wants to help the many needy people in Hong Kong. He said he also wants to experience other parts of the world, to explore different cultures and take on challenges in foreign environments.

Like Rinoa, he said the money from the FIFE Fund has allowed him to dream of studying abroad under the university’s Worldwide Student Exchange Programme. “The fund gives me the opportunity to think of something which I hadn’t thought of before, going overseas,” he said.

“People in Hong Kong have similar backgrounds,” he continued. “Overseas exchange would enable me to mingle with people from different backgrounds. This will enhance my ability to adapt to different environments, which will be most useful for me to begin my career.”

Geoffrey doesn’t know yet what career he hopes to follow. He says he hopes to get a job as soon as he graduates in order to help support his family. But he says he plans to continue participating in social work, and helping the needy in society.
Paying Forward

The “grant-and-loan” plan has allowed many poor families to send a member to higher education for the first time. This has enhanced social mobility in Hong Kong over the last 40 years.

The stories of Rinoa and Geoffrey illustrate how financial support from different facets of the community provides educational opportunities for the children of grass-roots families that can benefit society as a whole. The Hong Kong Government has been providing university funding to needy students since 1969, through the Tertiary Student Finance Scheme, a grant-and-loan plan for full-time students at government-funded tertiary institutes. The grant covers tuition fees and academic expenses, while the loan is for basic living expenses. Money for the FIFE Fund, by contrast, relies on donations from the community.

Although the government scheme, unlike the FIFE Fund, is not aimed specifically at the first-in-family university students, in practice it has allowed many poorer families to send a member to higher education for the first time. This has enhanced social mobility in Hong Kong over the last 40 years, and the university graduates who have benefitted from the scheme have in turn contributed to the vibrant development of Hong Kong, by passing on the benefits to their own families.

Today, through a combination of government and private-sector investment in education, 18 percent of young Hong Kong people between the age of 17 and 20 are receiving tertiary education, compared with less than 2 percent in the early 1970s.

The FIFE Fund recipients are expected to repay the benefits they receive by advancing Hong Kong society, and providing opportunities for the generations that follow them.

During the 20th century, Hong Kong gradually evolved from a manufacturing-led to a service-led economy. Now, in the 21st century, it is headed towards becoming a “knowledge” economy. The challenges of globalisation, including increased mobility and keen competition from around the world, means young generations will have to develop the ability – aided by such programmes as the FIFE Fund – to pursue knowledge outside the classroom, and understand diverse cultural differences.

As envisioned by The University of Hong Kong, FIFE Fund recipients are expected to use this expanded knowledge for the good of Hong Kong. During a ceremony on campus last November 20, the recipients were told they are expected to repay the benefits they receive from the fund, by advancing Hong Kong society, and providing opportunities for the generations that follow them.
The acceptance by HKU placed Kwan Chuk-fai among a group of grass-roots students who were the first in their families to attend university. When he reached home, the neighbours stood in the corridor and clapped.

For Kwan Chuk-fai 關則煇 (BA1983), giving something back to society and his alma mater - The University of Hong Kong - has long been his wish. Chuk-fai, now the group director for corporate affairs at New World Development, was one of the early beneficiaries of the Hong Kong Government’s Tertiary Student Finance Scheme, which provides financial assistance for university study in Hong Kong. He is now an active supporter of HKU’s new First-in-the-Family Education (FIFE) Fund, which is aimed at giving students experience outside the classroom, and abroad.

Chuk-fai smiles when he recalls the cheers from his neighbours in the Tsz Wan Shan public housing estate 28 years ago, when he brought home the news that he had been admitted to HKU. The acceptance placed him among a group of grass-roots students who were the first in their families to attend university. “When I reached home, (the neighbours) all stood in the corridor and clapped,” he says.

The neighbours’ joy showed the value that is placed in Hong Kong on a university education, which is the dream of many, but also financially out of reach for families like that of Kwan Chuk-fai. Chuk-fai’s acceptance letter, which he opened with his parents, gave him the opportunity to change his life – and, if he made the most of the opportunities offered to him after graduation, to escape from poverty.

At the time, his father was a bank security guard earning between HK$1,000 and HK$2,000 a month, while his mother worked at a manufacturing company. With the government subsidy, Chuk-fai was able to pay the university fees.

“I didn’t apply for (the residence) halls because I couldn’t afford it,” he said. “In the Student Union canteen, I preferred to eat cheaper – dinner cost me no more than HK$3.50, while others had a meal for HK$4.30. Without the grant-and-loan scheme, I think I would have had to take many part-time jobs to finance my studies.”

Chuk-fai made sure he would not disappoint his parents and neighbours. He studied hard, and also joined the university’s Social Service Group, providing free tutoring to children living in Yau Ma Tei. There, he said, he realised many Hongkongers lived in conditions even worse than his own. “Some families lived in a 60- to 80-square-foot flat,” he said.

These experiences helped shape his attitude towards life. Chuk-fai says he is grateful to those who have supported him, and wants to give back to society. He encourages students nowadays to be “hungry” in acquiring knowledge and helping the needy.

As a grateful HKU graduate, he volunteered to organise his class’ 25th anniversary celebration, as well as the fund-raising activities in support of the new FIFE Fund.

One way the FIFE Fund benefits students is by giving them the financial means to participate in overseas exchange programmes. “The global trend has changed the focus of tertiary education,” Chuk-fai said. The trend has made clear the need for “whole-person education – with international exposure being part of it.”
Chuk-fai said, “When we were young our livelihood was supported by my father who worked as a bank guard in HSBC. It was a very respectable job. We lived in a public housing flat of 200 sq ft. Since there were seven of us, we had to build a “mezz” floor above the bed of my parents.”

1983 at HKU:
“飲水思源” (When you drink water, think of its source) is my firm belief. It is my parents, my father in particular urged me to study hard and be good.
**Composition Fee of Bachelor's Degree (First Year Study) and the Median Monthly Domestic Household Income**

*The figures include Bachelor’s, Master’s and Doctoral Degrees*

Source: HKU Congregation graduation lists

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*Composition fee includes registration, tuition, laboratory, workshop, and health service fees. The figures shown are the lowest fee of that particular year.*

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Presentation and sharing ceremony on November 20, 2008
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

Mr Robert Charles Allcock
Former Solicitor General of the Department of Justice of the HKSAR Government and the first Head of the Department of Law, HKU, Mr Allcock 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.

Mr Chung Po-yang
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.

Ir Dr the Hon Raymond Ho Chung-tai
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.

Ms Leonie Ki
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.

Mr Colin Lam Ko-yin
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.

Dr Sarah Liao
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.

Dr Lawrence M Ng
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.

Ms Esther Suen Chi-lan
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.

Dr Allan Wong Chi-yun
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.

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.

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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 許成鋼, 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 潘桑昌, 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 翁海泉, 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.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (8th left), Professor Qin Shaode 秦紹德 (9th left), Secretary of the Party Committee of Fudan University and Chairman of Presidential Committee, and guests.
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 Ying-tai 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.

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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.

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.

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 عدد
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.”

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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CC Founder Professor Lawrence Lessig, C Wendell and Edith M Carlsmith Professor of Law, Stanford University, also the world’s foremost authority on copyright and intellectual property, described how CC licenses can be used by educators to share, translate and adapt courseware in a legal and easy manner.
HKU-BNU Catastrophe Management Initiative (CMI)

Since the catastrophic earthquake, HKU community has been engaged not only in raising funds for emergency relief, but also involved in various volunteering tasks in which the University possesses expertise.

Synergising the strengths of HKU and Beijing Normal University (BNU), the CMI is a holistic and integrated project incorporating activities in Hong Kong and on the Mainland that are designed to help address all aspects of catastrophe management.

Global Dialogue November 10-13, 2008

Over 100 government officials, academic, members of non-governmental organisations and researchers from Mainland China participated in the ‘Global Dialogue on Wenchuan Earthquake Response: Challenges and Governance’, meeting peers and experts from Hong Kong, the international arena and the United Nations to share the lessons learned in the past few months and to discuss further post-catastrophe challenges, based on previous experiences from the Mainland and overseas.

The ‘Global Dialogue’, together with training workshops for about 80 frontline leaders from quake-affected areas, was made possible through the generous support of Hang Seng Bank.

Internal Seed Funding

With donations from alumni and friends, the University has set up an Internal Seed Funding exercise to support academic colleagues who are keen to conduct projects related to research and education in catastrophes. The seed funding is in line with the belief that universities, as knowledge hubs, should contribute our expertise to the long-term knowledge-based catastrophe management worldwide. Some strategic areas have been identified:

- Catastrophe Health Care
- Emergency Engineering
- Capacity Building and Psychosocial Care
- Social Service Management and Research

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The clock tower at Hanwang stopped at 2:28pm. An international public rescue training base at the earthquake memorial site is proposed.
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Madame Christabel Chu Tsuk Lim
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To my parents
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What can take you back to your University days?

For the Class of 1983, a retro school bag, which was called 米袋 in their days, brought them a lot of fond memories. It was their fashion to wear sweaters and carry bags with the HKU logo.

The Class supports the HKU First-in-the-Family Education Fund (FIFE Fund) in celebration of their Silver Jubilee and do their part in helping to prepare the next generation of leaders.

"We do not forget how our strengths and minds were sharpened in the years at the University that had equipped us to attain what we have achieved."

Morris Cheung 張少華 (Engineering) Chairman, Class of '83 Silver Jubilee Organising Committee

"Studio 生活顛簸倒，Knowles 三樓二十四小時 燈火通明，成為「薄扶林燈塔」。"

Vincent Ng 吳永順 建築學院

"我和大多數港大同窗一樣，都是家中第一代的大學生，靠Grant & Loan 幫補過日子。考進港大，為家人創造了歷史，也從此改變了自己的命運。"

Kwan Chuk-fai 關則輝 文學院

"My tertiary education and personal growth really took place in the MedSo Room and the mini-hall in Lyttelton Road..."

William Ho 何兆煒 (Medicine)

'Silver Jubilee' and Souvenir Book & DVD
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www.hku.hk/class83
Senior and junior Morrisonians gathered to make the family alive! It was made even more unforgettable with many familiar faces like Professor Y C Cheng, former Vice-Chancellor who initiated the rebuilding campaign of Morrison Hall, Dr Muk Cheng and Rev Professor Victor Yu who flew back from the United Kingdom and Australia, respectively.

Morrison Hall
95th Anniversary
October – November 2008

Alumni came back to the Faculty

Medical Class of 1968
40th Anniversary
October 2008

*Meeting with Vice-Chancellor
Economics Class of 1968

40th Anniversary

December 2008

Classmates flew back from Singapore, China, New York, Los Angeles, Toronto and Vancouver.

Lunch with Vice-Chancellor

“It was nostalgic to see Josephine Ho’s albums of old photos and to remember the good times we had at HKU” - Irene Man

Civil Engineering Class of 1968

40th Anniversary

October 31, 2008

Reunion Dinner on December 4

“"It was nostalgic to see Josephine Ho’s albums of old photos and to remember the good times we had at HKU" - Irene Man
Geography
Class of 1978
30th Anniversary
October 17, 2008

Social Sciences
Class of 1988
20th Anniversary
October 17, 2008

Reunion with Professor Edward Chen Kwan-yiu (Economics), Dr Harry Hui Chi-chiu (Psychology) and Mr Edward K C Chiu (Accounting).

Civil Engineering
Class of 2003
5th Anniversary
September 20, 2008

The first reunion for all classmates, whether in structural or environment engineering, five years since their graduation!
Science Class of 1971
Celebrating 40 years of Friendships
November 2008

Through the alumni network of the Alumni Office, Gloria, who resettled in Canada, successfully reconnected her classmates and held a reunion! What a lost and found story!

Back row from left: Derek Hui, James Tang, Joseph Lau, David Poon, Steven Sum. Front row from left: Cecilia Tang, Katherine Tsang, Daisy Wong, Jane Lee, Gloria Yuen, Rhonda Chow and Frances Tse.
Thank you for the laughter, tears and heart-to-heart moments of the past 11 years!
Since 1997

Total Number of Mentors: 1,362
Total Number of Mentees: 6,335

Special thanks to all mentors who have served for 10+ years!

“...through sharing, relating and bonding with my mentor, I have broadened my horizons and expanded my social network well beyond university life...I will treasure the lifelong friendship with my mentor.”

Natalie Wong (MBBS Year 3, 2007-08 Mentee)

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High Table
HKU Tradition

High Table, with its origin in Oxford and Cambridge colleges, is a proud tradition of The University of Hong Kong.

It is a formal meal dating from medieval times where students at universities would dine while dressed in formal wear and gowns.

The term High Table refers to the physical layout of university dining halls. Undergraduates would sit at long refectory tables while, at the far end of the hall on a raised dais or platform, would be another table set perpendicular to the other tables. Here, the master and fellows would sit.

TIPS
› Wear academic gown and formal dress
› Adhere to proper table etiquette
› Ensure dinner lasts no more than two hours
› Create a warm and inviting atmosphere for all
› Engage in conversation with those seated around you
› Invite engaging speakers who will stimulate intellectual exchange amongst diners
High Table week, held from October 27-29, 2008, was attended by some 1,000 HKU members. It was organised by a core group of 100 students who acted as planners, communicators and facilitators.

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Felix Kwok Tung-kit 郭東杰 (BA 2008)

Felix was offered an opportunity to work in Beijing serving in a 4As agency during the Beijing Olympics.

As an active student leader, Felix was elected President of Sports Association 2005, and revived the Triennial Intervarsity Games (TIG) in 2007.

Triennial Intervarsity Games, a 60-year Asia-famous sports occasion.
It’s a legend, initiated in 1949, by Sir Lindsay Ride, our former Vice-Chancellor; ruined in 1997, by Asian financial crisis, a global nightmare; revived in 2007, by a group of university students, with courage, passion and hands they only have.

It’s a history of sports,
It’s a history of splendid tradition,
It’s a history of HKU, Hong Kong and Asia,
But after all, it’s a pursuit of dream.

TIGers

To pass on the traditions and to share stories, the organising committee of the 23rd TIG has launched a book The Dream of TIGER.

Sammy Li Cheuk-hon 李卓瀚 (BEcon&Fin 2005)


Sammy is now preparing to further his PhD education in tourism.

Sharon Tsang 曾詩朗 (BA(AS) 2002)

Congratulations to Sharon who married Mr Takao Yoshihiro in August last year in Tokyo. Ho Kwok-Ying 何馥緯 (BA 1984) (1st right), President of HKU Alumni Network of Japan, attended their ceremony and wished them a happy marriage.
The Classes initiated the idea to assist those Mainland students who have financial difficulties to further their education, and to provide a better future for them. The idea was later turned into the Sprout Foundation in 2007.

Last year, the Foundation benefited nine students from Sichuan and Chongming to continue their studies in Shanghai.
Arnold Cheng 鄭家駒 (BEng 1992)
Frances Kung 鄭觀怡 (BA 2001)
Mabel Kwan 謝月嫦 (BA 1986)
Kevin Lau Chun-to 劉進國
(LLB 1986; PCLL 1987)
Jennifer Tsang 普榮輝 (BA 2004)

On the occasion of Jao Tsung-I exhibition 陶鑑古今——饒宗頤學術藝術展 at The Palace Museum 故宮博物院, the HKU delegation met alumni who are now working in Beijing and updated them on the recent developments of the University.

The Jao Tsung-I exhibition, organised by The Palace Museum and HKU, showcased Professor Jao’s calligraphies and paintings. Professor Jao has been widely acknowledged as an historian, sinologist, archaeologist, translator, painter and calligrapher.
The Poon family, with two generations of HKU alumni, celebrated Poon Kwong-hung’s 80th birthday in October last year. The three brothers even posed according to an old picture taken in the 1950s, with the youngest standing in front, as if it was only yesterday!

U Hallites

At the Annual General Meeting on June 5, 2008, elected into office was a new Board of Directors led by Trevor Lee 李大華 (BA(AS) 1977; BArch 1979) as Chairman. The Board had a good start at its first meeting on August 27, which had a big turnout of 20 directors and past chairmen.

September 18 saw a forum on Hall Spirit, with discussions led by a presentation by Kenneth Tsang 曾宇傑 (BSocSc 1971). All of the alumni present, including John Chan 陳祖澤 (BA 1964; DipManStud 1971; Hon Fellow 2000), Norman Leung 梁乃廉 (BA 1968) and Chan Wing-Iuk 陳永隆 (BSc 1973), contributed opinions on the meaning and future of Hall Spirit.

The University Hall Alumni Trust Fund gave six awards totalling $24,000 to current U-Hallites – a much needed aid in the financial tsunami.

On October 10, over 40 alumni from different decades went back to the Hall for a Late Supper with current U-Hallites. Passion and fun filled the air as U-Hallites traded their unique Hall experience and views, with illustrations by songs. Such happy occasion, we must do it again.

The Inauguration Ceremony of HKU’s Mentorship Programme, held on November 22, was another success for the Alumni. The U Hall sub-group probably was not the biggest, but certainly the most impressive, with its War Cry that marked the highlight of the 11th Anniversary of the Mentorship Programme.

As a gesture of goodwill, the Alumni recently donated and planted two bauhinia trees on the premises of the Missions Etrangeres de Paris (MEP), the organisation that built the Nazareth House (now U Hall). The bauhinia is particularly dear to MEP, for it was Father Delavay of MEP father who discovered the plant by the side of an abandoned house at Mount Davis more than a century ago.

The next event will be the Sports Day on February 15 at Sandy Bay.

Visit our website: http://www.uhall.com.hk
The Beauty of Serving

Nicolas Yeung 楊澍人 (BScEng 1971; DipManStud 1974; MBA 1981), and
Civil Engineering Students and Alumni

In 2004, Dr Nicolas Yeung took on the task of financing the redevelopment of the primary school Ming De Lou 明德樓 in Da Lang Village, Rongshui County, Guanxi, and invited Civil Engineering students to design the school and supervise its construction.

Four years later, Dr Yeung and the Civil Engineering students have another touching story from Rongshui. After two years’ hard work, a vocational school’s dormitory, Ge Wu Lou 格物樓, for the ethnic minority group was built to accommodate some 600 students there.

At the hand-over ceremony, Professor C F Lee 李燦芬 (BSc(Eng) 1968; MSc(Eng) 1970), Academician, Chinese Academy of Engineering, HKU Chair Professor in Geotechnical Engineering, affirmed the two principal missions of education that are well epitomised in the motto of HKU. He helped to spark off a new wave of rethinking and re-evaluation of the purpose of education in Rongshui through the good work of our engineering students.

The project would not have been made possible without the unceasing support of the Rongshui government and HKU family members, especially Lorene Yeung, Dr Yeung’s wife. On numerous occasions she has ridden the overnight train and long-haul coaches together with students and, for many nights, slept in local farm houses.

從籌建到落成的兩年之中，儘管施工曾經受到阻延，但由於各方人士齊心協力，終於如願以償。格物致知的傳統智慧也在大苗山鄉發揚光大！
Art and Social Sciences Class of 1971

A group of 1971 Arts and Social Sciences graduates had a great time touring the Silk Road in September 2008. The breathtaking natural scenery and fall colours along the Silk Road served as a perfect backdrop.

The wandering travellers included: (front row from left) William Chan Fu-keung 陳富強, Liu Kwong-yuen 廖廣源, and Evelyn Man 文錦芬. (Back row from left) Margy So 蘇碧儀, Lolly Chiu 趙婉珠 (BA 1967), Stella Man 文淑儀, Patricia Yeung 楊淑英, Sophie Wong 黃淑兒 (BA 1970) and Rosemary Liu 劉趙英.

Annette Lam Ying-yee 林映儀 (BSocSc 1977)
Paul Mak Kam-kie 曹淦岐 (BSc(Eng) 1977)
Yeung Chee-kong 楊志剛 (BSocSc 1977)

Paul (1st left) and his son were accompanied by Yeung and his wife, Annette, on a visit to Tibet last September. Some of them made it to the Mt Everest base camp, elevation 5,200m. They spent the night in a tent in the wilderness and met a herd of wild deer. Fortunately they didn’t meet a herd of hyenas.

Class of MPA 1991

Mimi Yeung and Alice Yuk, accompanied by Jane Tsui, a social work graduate, provided in-service training for English teachers in Xian.

Andy Cheng Pak-fai 鄧柏輝 (BEng(infoE) 2003)

After leaving the South China Morning Post in October 2007, Andy joined Manulife Wealth Management and is now Manager, Investment Communications. He is also a student of Master of Public Administration.

Siu Yum-tong 蕭詠堂 (BA 1963; Hon DSc 1990)
Selina Siu Wong Sau-fong 蕭黃秀芳 (BA 1964; DipSocSt 1965)

Professor Siu and Sau-fong met St Johnians and Hotungnians while they were in Toronto for a semester. They had a casual gathering on October 4, 2008 at the Legend Chinese Restaurant, Thornhill, Ontario.
Henry Lo Hon-yiu 邨漢耀 (BA 1979; PCLL 1988)

A self-taught calligrapher, Lo has over the years integrated his knowledge of Western philosophy with Chinese calligraphy to create his own unique style of cursive script. He uses his distinctive brushwork to reveal the strong flow of energy that is the spirit of cursive script.

A practising barrister, Lo is also an enduring supporter to the University. He was a Member of Court 1984-1993, Deputy Chairman of Convocation 1993-2002, and is now Vice President of the HKU Arts Alumni Association.

Recently, Lo held his first solo exhibition at HKU University Museum and Art Gallery.

Ip Sung Man-ying 葉宋曼瑛 (BA 1967)

Professor Ip, Associate Professor, School of Asian Studies, University of Auckland, Vice President of the HKU Alumni Association in New Zealand, was invited by the Centre of Asian Studies, HKU to host a seminar highlighting the characteristics of Hong Kong migrants and analysing their socio-economic profile.

Raymond Li Kwok-chak 李國澤 (BA 1969)

Last October, Dr Raymond Li, Senior Managing Director, Head of Quantitative Risk, of TIAA-CREF, the largest pension fund in USA, shared his views on the global financial turmoil caused by the US credit crunch.

Throughout the talk, he explored how the crisis could be contained and financial market order be restored, and shared how investors could steer themselves through this crisis.

Professor Ip and Professor Wong Su-lun 黃紹倫 (BSocSc 1971), Director of Centre of Asian Studies.
**Olympics Volunteers**

**Stephen Wong Siu-hung** 黃兆雄 (BSocSc 1978)

**Valentina Wong Wan-chi** 黃韻姿 (BSocSc(Govt&Laws) 2005)

A pair of father and daughter alumni, Stephen and Valentina, were volunteers at the Beijing Olympics. They were assigned to take care of the international media at the National Stadium. Since Valentina has been pursuing her master degree in London, it was also a good opportunity for them to get together.

**He said...**

I had the pleasure to work with a huge group of young university students-turned-volunteers; all pleasant, all motivated, all determined to play good hosts. All had to make that extra effort to strive for the best – the result was heart warming.

Valentina and I were working in different areas, and we both celebrated our birthdays during the Olympics, that alone is ample reason for more celebrations!

**She said...**

During the Olympics months, I witnessed the tennis press operations at the large Venue Media Centre populated by over 300 journalists.

Beyond the tennis arena, I saw through my camera lens an old Beijing Hutong-converted café crowded with Beijing underground musicians. There I tasted, with sweat and tears, the passion burning from the Sichuan ma-la hotpot. I was moved with pride to see my middle-aged father’s energy radiating through his volunteer’s blue t-shirt.

It has felt almost unreal since I got back. You don’t know what to expect before the Games, but you come back and realise the experience has been overwhelming (in a positive way).

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**Victor Fung Ying-wai** 馮英偉 (BSocSc Year 3)

This was Victor’s first time to take part in such large-scale international event. He was a summer intern at Spectator Service and Ticketing unit in the Equestrian Company. He admitted that he felt a little bit scared to face such a huge crowd - 15,000 guests per round of competition.

"But with the whole-hearted devotion of the volunteers and zealous efforts from my colleagues, I could overcome those anxiety and nervousness and turn them into the driving force for excellence."

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**Jenny Lau Kwok-wah** 劉卓華 (BSc 1976)

Dr Jenny Lau was the script consultant/supervisor of the Beijing Olympic Pre-Game documentary and the Olympic Official Documentary Film.

As a Professor (visiting) of film at Northwestern University, Ohio University, and California State University, San Francisco, for 18 years, Dr Lau has produced and directed numerous experimental narrative films, TV religious programme, and documentary films which have brought her awards and professional recognition.
**Professional Recognition**

**Lee Sum-ping 李心平 (MBBS 1970; MD 1982)**

Professor Lee was awarded the Outstanding Chinese Medical Professional by Chinese Hospital in San Francisco.

Professor Lee, Dean of the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the American College of Physicians, and the American College of Gastroenterology, and a Member of the American Association of Physicians and the American Society of Clinical Investigation.

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**Chan Ying-shing 陳應城 (BSc 1974; PhD 1979)**

Professor Chan received the first Medallion from the Australian Neuroscience Society (ANS) in recognition of his distinguished and sustained contributions to the development of neuroscience in the Asia-Pacific region.

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**Richard Yuen Man-fung 葉孟峰 (MBBS 1992; MD 2001; PhD 2005)**

Professor Yuen was awarded the Young Scientist Award (Medicine) by the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning and Elsevier, the world’s leading research publisher of scientific information.

Over the past ten years, Professor Yuen has completed 185 papers and conducted significant research into different areas of hepatitis B.

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**Anthony Yeh Gar-on 葉嘉安 (BA 1974)**

Professor Yeh, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Head and Chair Professor of HKU’s Department of Urban Planning and Design and the Director of Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning, as well as Director of the GIS Research Centre, was selected the winner of the 2008 UN-HABITAT Lecture Award - the highest international acclaim in the town planning field. He is also Dean of HKU Graduate School.

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**Eva Cheng Li Kam-fun 鄭李錦芬 (BA 1975; MBA 1989)**

Eva was honoured as one of The World’s Most Powerful Women by Forbes magazine. She is now the Chief Executive, Greater China and Southeast Asia, Amway. She also chairs Amway China and is an executive Vice President of the global parent firm.

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**Wilton Fok Wai-tung 霍偉棟 (BEng 1993; MSc(Eng) 1996; MSc (EnvMan) 1999)**

Ir Dr Fok had been elected as the Chairman of the Electronics Division of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers for session 2008-2009.
Sophia Chan Siu-chee 陳肇始 (PhD 1999)

Professor Chan, Head of Department of Nursing Studies, became the first Hong Kong professional to be named an international fellow of the American Academy of Nursing.

She is devoted to helping smokers quit smoking. Since 2000, she has helped the Hospital Authority to train 200 nurses in such skills and played a key role in the Smoking Counselling and Cessation Centres.

Barrie Ho Chow-lai 何周禮 (BA(AS) 1993; MArch 1996)

Barrie’s “City Art Square” project was awarded the Outstanding Greater China Design Awards 2008 at Hong Kong Art & Design Festival, Dubai Cityspace Architectural Awards 2008, and China’s Most Successful Design Award 2008 by Fortune China.

Elvin Wong Chi-chung 黃志淙 (MPhil 1997)

Elvin was honoured as one of the 40 local heroes by Time Out Magazine in its 40th anniversary celebratory issue. He shared his views on being an exemplary hero: “a hero should be down to earth and real!”

Margaret Fong Shun-man 方舜文 (BA 1985)

Former Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs, USA, to Commissioner for Tourism since November 2008.

Au King-chi 區埈智 (BSocSc 1982)

Former Commissioner for Tourism to Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services) in January 2009.

Kevin Ho Chi-ming 何鎮明 (BA 1971)

Kevin retires from the post of Permanent Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Financial Services) in January 2009 after 36 years of service.

Victor Yu Yu-hei 余宇熙 (MBBS 1968; MD 1981)
Gordon Low On-ding 羅安鼎 (MBBS 1956)

Rev Professor Yu (right) was appointed by the Governor-General to be a Member of the Order of Australia in the 2008 Australia Day Honours. This is one of the highest honours conferred upon a citizen for outstanding contributions to the country.

Dr Low (left) was also an recipient of such Honour in 2003. He was awarded a Friendship Award by the Municipal Government of the City of Guangzhou (2007) and conferred Honorary Professorship of the Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou in 2008.
International Honours for HKU poets

Agnes Lam Shun-ling 林舜玲
Associate Professor, Centre for Applied English Studies

Agnes won a 24th Nosside International Poetry Prize (Special Mention). The Prize is based in Italy and endorsed by UNESCO (www.nosside.com).

Lam is the first Chinese poet to win this international prize with her poem, "Vanilla in the stars", which explores the relationship between life on earth and cosmic dust.

Lam was also recently awarded the title of Honorary Fellow in Writing by the University of Iowa, one of the most renowned centres for creative writing in the world.

When I was a child,
I used to gaze at the stars above
our garden of roses, jasmine and lingzhi by the sea,
wondering how far away they really were,
whether they were shining still at the source
by the time their light reached me ...

I was told that everyone was born with a star
which glowed or dimmed with the fortunes of each.
I also heard people destined to be close
were at first fragments of the same star
and from birth went searching for each other.
Such parting, seeking, reuniting might take
three lifetimes with centuries in between.
I had thought all these were but myths ...

Now decades later, I read about the life of stars,
how their cores burn for ten billion years,
how towards the end, just before oblivion,
they atomize into nebulae of fragile brilliance –
ultra violet, infra red, luminous white,
neon green or blue,
astronomical butterflies of gaseous light
afloat in a last waltz choreographed by relativity,
scattering their heated ashes into the void of
the universe ...

Some of this cosmic dust falls onto our little earth
 carrying hydrocarbon compounds, organic matter
able to mutate into plant and animal life,
a spectrum of elemental fragrances ...

Perhaps on the dust emanating from one ancient star
were borne the first molecules of a pandan leaf,
a sprig of mint or basil, a vanilla pod, a vine tomato,
a morning frangipani, an evening rose,
a lily of the night ...

Perhaps our parents or grandparents or ancestors
further back
strolling through a garden or a field had breathed
in the scents
effusing from some of these plants born of the
same star
and passed them on as DNA in the genes of which
we were made ...

Could that be why, on our early encounters,
we already sensed
in each other a whiff of something familiar,
why when we are near,
there is in the air some spark which seems to have
always been there,
prompting us to connect our pasts, share our stories
even as they evolve ...

... till the day when we too burn away into dust
and the aromas of our essence dissipate
into the same kaleidoscope of ether light
to be drawn into solar space by astral winds ...

... perhaps to make vanilla in a star to be
before the next lifetime of three?
Arthur Leung Sai-chung 梁世聰
(BA 1991; MA 1997; MA 2002; PDipCWEng 2007)

Arthur bagged Third Prize in the inaugural Edwin Morgan International Poetry Competition 2008 with his submission for the prestigious Scottish literary prize.

Hong Kong-born and raised, Arthur is currently the Manager of Leisure and Culture Services Department, HKSAR. He was inspired to write a poem from the perspective of a pig as a result of the steep price hikes in the price of pork at the end of last March.

He even invented his own “pig lexicon”, using words like pupoh for pig community and bastang to represent the people who took her piglets away. In reality, he says the word sounds quite like “bastard”, which is the meaning he intended to convey! Gokgou is pig-speak for the pig-god while pok is, well, pork.

His love of music dates back to his childhood and he studied music for his undergraduate programme at HKU. He says, “Music and poetry are very similar in that they have their own rhythms and melodies.”

Arthur cites Dr Page Richards, Associate Professor at School of English, as a respected mentor who has much inspired his poetic vision. Dr Richards has been a force in the University’s poetry and creative writing programmes.

The pupoh stopped to cheer. Leklek was took away. He was mine biggest boy. A good heart. Saved the best for Yenyen and Hokhok. His-self eating leftovers. I cried I cried. Not knew the bastang took him where. Gokgou told me was hell.

We ate much as we liked. The white fence put us safe safe. Always we talked, cheered. The pupoh liked to play with Hokhok. Mine little boy talked to them sweet. He knew how make make community. But Hokhok too was took away by same same bastang they took Leklek before. Mine only girl Yenyen too sad to see her little brother went. She kept quiet everyday think think. I begged the bastang not took mine boy. They not understood. Heard only something like “pok is good”.

The pupoh talked little little. Yenyen stopped to eat. She said, “No Hokhok play wis me!” I sorry sorry for her. The bastang came to take Yenyen. I saw her away. I not cried. Maybe it better for Yenyen. She will stop to think. No more think.

No more think think. Maybe I say too much. Who is listening to my story?

“Pigs, like other animals, have their own cultures and feelings. But man, in his egocentricity, tends to think only of himself and how to satisfy his own needs.”
輕身再上路 田園書屋
作者：Yeung Sum 楊森
(BSoc 1974; PhD 1990)
出版：田園書屋

亞氏保加症 做個朋友，OK？
作者：Eria Li Ping-ying 李萍英 (PhD 1999)
出版：小童群益會

與你共舞 自學篇
作者：Anita Leung Chong Ngai-ngor
梁芷麗 (BA 1973; MSocSc 1975; PhD 1999)
出版：天地圖書

視藝文集
作者：Anne Lam Suet-hung 林雪虹
(BA 1988; PhD 2005)
出版：小書局

管理智庫 大師級最 Top 管理 36 計
作者：Fung Yam-cheung 權毅長
(BSc 1994)
Ellis Ku Wai-kin 古維堅 (BBA 1993)
Yip Chung-ling 葉松齡 (BSocSc 2000)
出版：經濟日報出版社

創意零距離 解開創意密碼的 25 個營商絕橋
作者：Fung Yam-cheung 權毅長
(BSc(Sp&HearSc) 1994)
Ellis Ku Wai-kin 古維堅 (BBA 1993)
Yip Chung-ling 葉松齡 (BSocSc 2000)
出版：經濟日報出版社

心病不再 冠心病的預防及復康
作者：Andy Chan Wai-kwong 陳偉光
(MBBS 1985)
Winsome Mak Yee-man 姚議文
(BNurs 2001)
出版：知出版有限公司

深知你心 心臟檢查面面觀
作者：Andy Chan Wai-kwong 陳偉光 (MBBS 1985)
出版：知出版有限公司

Birdwatching in Woodlands 野外動奧有限公司
作者：Henry Lui Tak-hang 吕德 (BSc 1996; MPhil 1999; PCEd 2003)
出版：HK Discovery Ltd

空中小姐
作者：Anne Lam Chung-wah 林婉華 (BA 2004)
出版：陳湘記圖書有限公司

Counsellors' Reflections on Gambling: Hong Kong's Experiences
作者：Joe Tang Yiu-cho 鄧耀祖 (MSocSc 2002)
Publisher: Crystal Window Books and Caritas
Addicted Gamblers Counselling Centre

A Handbook of Practical Medical Terms (English Chinese), Fourth Edition
作者：William I Wei 韋霖 (MBBS 1974; MS 1991)
Stephen Cheng Wing-keung 崔永強 (MBBS 1984; MS 1993)
Anthony Ng 吳崇文
Publisher: Hong Kong University Press

Neurology in Practice, Fourth Edition
作者：Yu Yuk-ling 余淑靈 (MBBS 1973; MD 1985)
Fong Ka-yueung 方家揚 (MBBS 1986)
Ho Shu-leong 何樹良 (Clinical Professor, Department of Medicine, HKU)
Raymond Cheung Tak-fai 張德輝 (MBBS 1987)
Publisher: Hong Kong University Press

The Dragon and the Crown: Hong Kong Memoirs
作者：Stanley Kwan 關士光
Nicole Kwan Wai-chung 開慧中 (MJ 2003)
Publisher: Hong Kong University Press
Professor Tony Sweeting

(PhD 1989)

Professor Tony Sweeting, Honorary Professor in the Department of History and Honorary Research Fellow in the Centre of Asian Studies, passed away in Oxford, England on July 30, 2008.

Professor Sweeting was born in Newport, Wales in 1938 and attended Jesus College, Oxford. He went to the Institute of Education in London for teacher training. He worked as a school master in Wales and Kenya before securing a lectureship with the Department of Education at HKU in 1969.

He was a founding member of the Faculty of Education in 1984 and, until his retirement in 1998, he had been Professor (Reader) in the Faculty of Education. His greatest contribution was to the teaching and examining of history in the Hong Kong school system; his books and articles on the subject have defined the field for current and future generations of scholars.

He continued to work and publish in his retirement and, over the past ten years, published a major monograph and a stream of articles and book chapters. At the time of his death, Professor Sweeting was completing two book projects and was co-author of the University’s centenary history.

Professor Mary Turnbull


Mary was an Honorary Professor in the Department of History, having previously held a personal chair in the Department until her retirement in 1988. She came to HKU from the University of Singapore in 1971, but prior to that she had pursued a groundbreaking career in the Malayan Civil Service and was the first woman to be appointed as an Administrative Officer in the British Empire’s Overseas Colonial Service.

After joining HKU, Mary rose quickly through the ranks from Lecturer in 1971 to Professor in 1982, and was Head of Department during a period of rapid growth. Her most important book was a history of Singapore (1975), for many years considered to be the definitive account of that other British city-colony, of which she was revising a new edition at the time of her death. She was also assisting with the University’s Centenary History Project, having contributed a much-quoted chapter on HKU’s Straits Chinese graduates for a volume published at the time of the University’s ninetieth anniversary in 2002.

Dr Yau Ka-fai 邱加輝

(BA 1996; MPhil 2000)

Dr Yau Ka-fai, a Post-Doctoral Fellow and Honorary Assistant Professor in the Department of Comparative Literature passed away on September 5, 2008, at the age of 34.

He published widely in the areas of Chinese literature and film, and his work can be found in Comparative Literature, Cultural Studies, Positions, Tamkang Review, Textual Practice, Wide Angle, and Modern Chinese Literature and Culture.

“Dr Yau Ka-fai was one of the brightest and sharpest of Comparative Literature students in the mid 1990s. I will always remember his enthusiasm and probing questions and willingness to learn in a course I taught on the body of western culture. Had he lived, he would surely have had an interesting career, and contributed much to the study of literature — Chinese, American, and European.”

Professor Jeremy Tambling
School of Humanities, HKU
Dr Chan Wai-kwan 陳偉群
(BSc 1980; MSc 1983)

Dr Chan Wai-kwan passed away on October 8, 2008, at the age of 50.

Dr Chan was Senior Director for Business Policy at the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce which he joined in 1990. He headed the Chamber’s service policy think tank, the Hong Kong Coalition of Service Industries, and was a strong lobbyist for free trade through his work on various WTO issues.

He was also an active and passionate environmentalist and was well known for his efforts to green Hong Kong, and pushing through the Chamber’s Clean Air Charter.

Andrew Poon Chung-shing 潘忠誠

Andrew Poon passed away on September 4, 2008, at the age of 62.

After 34 years’ service in education, Poon retired from the post of Principal Assistant Secretary of Education Bureau in 2006. Over a decade and a half he had built up an enormous network of contacts with overseas experts and a huge reservoir of goodwill towards Hong Kong.

He was a staunch supporter of his alma mater. He was a former Member of the Court, and also a Mentor to our students with whom he shared his wisdom and life-experience.
Johnsman Au Chung-man 歐中民
(BSocSc 1972; MPA 1993)

Johnsman Au Chung-man passed away on November 5, 2008, at the age of 58.

Johnsman, former Deputy Director of the Government Audit Commission, was a great supporter to his alma mater. He participated in the Mentorship programme from 1997-2002 and 2004-2007. His kindness and vision inspired many of his mentees and gave them a broader horizon: from Lao Zi to flying techniques, from international relations to domestic politics.

He was a dedicated St Johnian who was deeply involved in the 80th Anniversary of St John’s College. Johnsman had a special way to show his gratitude to HKU by giving $1,972.XX every year on his birthday since 2000. “1972” was the year of his graduation and the cents “XX” was his age.

Joe Chen 陳任
(BA 1995; MPhil 2001)

Joe Chen, a renowned disc jockey, passed away on November 1, 2008, at the age of 63.

Chen started in the broadcasting industry in the late 1960s. He worked for Commercial Radio, RTHK, and Metro Broadcast. His radio programmes 《青春交響曲》之「三個骨頂任」were so popular that he was considered a pioneer among Chinese radio disc jockeys. His fondness for music also led him to become the vocalist for Menace, one of the local bands in the sixties.

At the age of 47, he graduated from HKU and completed his thesis 《香港中文播音史1928-1997》in 2001.

“...He was very intelligent, always very proper, well mannered, and obedient to his parents...He was both a good pilot and a caring old friend of 50 years at the same time. Johnsman always stressed that flying is like auditing. ‘Meticulous hard work and preparation are the key.’”

Dr Ho Lig-Kang 何歷耕 (MBBS 1967)
Childhood friend and aviation companion at the Hong Kong Aviation Club

“Johnsman 在1995年開始投入香港弱能兒童護助會及香港復康會的工作。十三年來，一直堅持，低調地為一個高尚的目標工作，從未間斷。”

Mabel Chau Man-ki 周敏姬 (MSW 1986)
Chief Executive Officer, The Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation

“A Supervisor of Johnsman in the early 1980s remarked, ‘he has great leadership qualities and was an inspiration to those who worked for him. He was, perhaps, too good an auditor for the imperfect world in which we live’.”

Benjamin Tang 鄧國斌 (BSocSc 1974)
Director of Audit, Audit Commission, HKSAR

美好生活 La Dolce Vita

「每個人都對此要求都有不同，以自己而言，美好生活包括的，應該是：美酒、佳餚與舒適的生活環境。

他結婚了，不同國家地點的葡萄酒文化，可以為茶餘飯後帶來不少話題。

佳餚美食，可以到1香格里拉吃精選外國牛排，也可以來一碗蘭州牛肉面，一樣可以人間天上、天上人間。

回到舒適的家居，翻看幾頁《紅樓夢》或者張愛玲，耳畔響起貝多芬或者馬勒，再品一杯Clouidy Bay，那真是另一種生活享受。

蝦Isn’t不算太大，然而廚房卻佔了平方二百呎，廚具式之俱備；不時呼朋引類，來家國炮製不同菜色，那又是另一種生活享受。」

陳任