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Page 52, under “Andrew Poon Chung-shing”, the second sentence should read: “Poon retired from the post of Principal Assistant Secretary of the Education Bureau in 2006.”
How HKU sees the future of education to help students thrive in the new work world
The modern workplace is changing at a breakneck pace because of globalisation and rapid technological change. It is increasingly common to work in an office with a multinational staff and to encounter the latest technological services. Changing jobs frequently is also a common phenomenon. The current economic downturn has only exacerbated conditions, and competition in the working world is keen.

“The working world is very tough,” Professor Amy Tsui 徐碧美 (BA 1971; DipEd 1972; MA 1979), Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Teaching and Learning) of The University of Hong Kong and Chair Professor of the Faculty of Education, said. “Confronted with ill-defined problems and novel situations, students need to learn how to face and deal with them.”

In fact, Professor Tsui is suggesting that the university needs to totally rethink how it is training students to meet the new challenges they face. HKU has been making changes to adapt to this new world through curriculum reform. And part of what the reform is aimed at is breaking down the walls that separate the university from the world of work.

“Experiential learning is one way to help students break down the barrier between the workplace and university learning,” Professor Tsui said. Even joining an internship programme, students are encouraged to go beyond their professional and academic context to participate in social responsibility programmes such as NGOs’ activities and to investigate social problems.

“HKU provides different kinds of opportunities in a structured way,” she continued. “Students are not learning broad knowledge, but there is an interconnectivity that they have to look at issues from multiple perspectives.”

In the past, there was a concept that students graduated from the university and then went to work. But it is no longer valid now. Many graduates who return to the university to earn a post-graduate degree are not looking for job training but for the knowledge they want to acquire, such as philosophy. They want to learn new things in order to equip themselves. “It is a kind of lifelong learning,” she added.

At HKU, Professor Tsui said, “We do have some room to shape the curriculum and educate our students about the sense of righteousness and justice, which are the core values of university education.”

To get a sense of how some HKU alumni have adapted to change in the workplace, Convocation Newsletter interviewed David Lee 李景輝, Lynn Yau 邱歡智, Samson So 蘇毅雄 and K Y Chan 陳繼勇. Their stories illustrate how they have charted innovative career paths with their professional knowledge, global perspectives and transferable skills that were learned from HKU.

But with the changes that curriculum reform will put in place the hope is that many more students will be ready to adapt their career paths the way these alumni did.
David Lee
Bachelor of Business Administration (Information Systems) 2003
Bachelor of Engineering in Software Engineering 2004

Work experience:
2003-present Co-founder of Team & Concepts Limited
2006 Business Week Asia’s Best Entrepreneurs under 25
2008 Business Week Asia’s Best Young Entrepreneurs

“Dream big and set to do it.”
When faced with a poor economic environment, some students fear unemployment after graduation, but David Lee tells how he created a job before graduation. Perhaps his story is an example of youth entrepreneurship that today’s HKU students might want to follow.

“Dream big and set to do it,” he says.

Lee and his partners launched Team & Concepts Limited in 2003 when they were third-year HKU students in a double degree programme in business administration and software engineering. Their product was EditGrid, a 100 per cent made-in-Hong Kong online spreadsheet application aimed at global IT people that competes with Microsoft Excel and the Google spreadsheet.

Youthful, energetic, skilful and with the idea that he had nothing to lose, Lee says it was not a hard decision to start a business. “The objective became clear when I assembled a team capable of writing software on its own. We had products and services to sell by the end of year three.”

“University is a good place to start up a business. It feels like – the things I learn today, I can use tomorrow,” he continued. “Our first client was the HKU Computer Centre. The first product was developed inside Meng Wah Complex Room 205 during a summer vacation on an old idle server that was sponsored by the department. The idle resources such as classrooms and old computers can support many new start-ups. They are what entrepreneurs always ask for.”

Lee seizes each opportunity he meets and masters his knowledge of commerce and technology well. He explained, “I followed a double degree programme in which many outstanding students enrolled, even though the dotcom bubble burst in 2000. It trained students to possess both IT and business skills, which widened our scope to understand issues in different ways.”

However, on graduation day, Lee faced his first challenging business adversity. “Originally we had eight partners who contributed HK$2,500 each for the seed capital and we had made a commitment on the roof of the Main Building,” he said. “But each partner had a different career plan when they graduated.” Partners and capital are important elements to expand the company; Lee did not give up asking for co-operation.

“I met an old businessman who told me to take risks when starting up a business,” he said. “Then I borrowed HK$100,000 from a bank and rented an office in Cyberport where rent was relatively low during the post-SARS period. Eventually three partners stayed at the company.”

Lee dares to take risks and turn challenges to opportunities, which leads to his success. In other words, having a dream and a detailed plan in a favourable business environment became a formula for his start-up. He believes there are three qualities that lead to success. First, risk-taking made him willing to take the first step; second, persistence gave him the ability to reach the destination without quitting; third, luck, which he says is reserved for a well-prepared person.

In the competitive IT world, Lee seems to be fighting against Goliath every day. “Quick response, being target-oriented and having wisdom are key components that can help you beat other competitors even though you don’t have much capital,” he said. “Through job exposure, engineers constantly enhance themselves to catch up to an innovative idea when any new products are launched. I keep myself active in popular blogs to know the market news.”

Lee said, “When starting a business, some people will give you advice drawn from their experience. But I think all advice is right to a certain extent and in a certain context. We need to verify it and experience a process to digest it to be part of our own knowledge”.

Lee is satisfied with his job and has recently relocated to the United States to further his IT career.
Lynn Yau
Bachelor of Arts 1981
Master of Education 2006

Work experience:
1983-1990  South China Morning Post, Reporter
1990-1992  Hong Kong Telecom, Assistant Public Relations Manager
1992-1994  Hong Kong Baptist University, Special Assistant to the President
1992-2000  International Association of Theatre Critics (HK) in various volunteer capacities
1994-1997  The Hong Kong Government, Simultaneous Interpreter
1997-present Eduarts Director; Shakespeare4All Company Ltd, Chief Administrator
2008-present The Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection (AFTEC), CEO

“Be true to yourself.”
People like certainty; however, what happens in the real world often is uncertainty. Lynn Yau is willing to take risks, and she did not hesitate a moment to create her education business.

"Be true to yourself," Yau says. "I am fond of the arts but not mathematics or economics. The careers of lawyers, doctors and engineers may be good, but I have liked the arts since I was small; I also joined Drama Society during my years at university."

With enthusiasm and creativity, Yau has developed her education business through innovative arts programmes to cultivate critical thinking and build language fluency for teachers and students.

Previously, she had been a reporter for the South China Morning Post. "I had no idea what I wanted to do after graduation from HKU with a BA in English and Comparative Literature. I was awarded a Croucher Scholarship, so I pursued postgraduate research on Shakespeare, Beckett and Stoppard at the University of London," she said. "When I returned to Hong Kong, I applied to be a reporter for the arts section."

As a reporter, her views were broadened and she became more detail-minded and logical, and developed excellent writing and translation skills. When the newspaper was restructured, she resigned and worked as an assistant public relations manager for Hong Kong Telecom. However, she was not suited to corporate life, so she reinvented her career several times and kept building her job knowledge. These experiences laid a solid foundation for her to develop her education business. Moreover, she has constantly persisted in her beloved arts and the cultural industry.

"Day jobs were jobs, whereas the arts are my passion, so I did rehearsals and other administrative work at night," she said. "Later on, I joined a three-week summer school programme at Harvard University and was inspired by David Perkins. His wonderful PowerPoint presentation showed me how to manage colour and design in a different way; I found what I wanted to do."

After being inspired by Perkins, a prominent education professor, she awoke to pursue her mission in life and gave up her high income to join the echelon of entrepreneurs. She concentrated on her education business from strategic planning to course development.

"Arts and education are worthwhile." Yau is satisfied with her work and says, "You love your job. Even though you are facing some difficulties today, you wake up tomorrow and immediately go to find solutions. It is a matter of survival." To enhance her knowledge, she earned a Master of Education in Curriculum Studies from HKU.

Passion is a force of motivation to get things done well. It is also the chief consideration when Yau recruits someone for her teaching team.

"When I recruit a staff member, the candidate should be working no less than a year or not over 16 years for the same company. I will depend on the strength of the candidate in assigning a job. The candidate should be confident, outcome-based, willing to work hard and able to adapt to change," she says.

The working pace is fast, and the market keeps changing. Yau always encourages her teaching team and participates in the classes herself to look into problems. She says, "Our teaching materials and course programmes are always being reviewed and changed, adding new elements and giving insights to teachers and students."

Yau dares to take the responsibility to develop better arts and cultural education for the next generation.
“Freelancing gives me the flexibility I need,” So said. “Had I worked in a traditional environment, I would not have been able to work so much.”
No matter how many challenges Samson So faces, he aggressively pursues his goal: to show the beauty that is around us and to promote conservation. He graduated from HKU’s Department of Ecology and Biodiversity in 1996 and has been working as a freelancer for four years.

“Freelancing gives me the flexibility I need,” So says. “Had I worked in a traditional environment, I would not have been able to work so much.”

So is fond of the natural world. He did not have any objective when he entered university life, but he met a valuable opportunity that changed his whole life.

“While I was sitting in the library extension building, a senior asked me to sign a form to be a nature interpreter for a Biology Society activity,” he said. “From then onwards, I went to Mai Po every week. This was the first time I participated in public green education. I learned how to communicate with people sincerely, deliver a message clearly, and speak English and Chinese properly.”

Connecting with different kinds of people during his duty, So became more active and was willing to share green knowledge with people. After graduation, he joined World Wide Fund for Nature Hong Kong (WWF) as a training officer whose job responsibility was to provide training to Mainland officials who had worked in the forestry industry for a long time but lacked management skills and an international perspective.

So wanted to expand his exposure to do more on developing an ideological framework; consequently, he quit his job and sought to have a long-term impact on the general public, especially the next generation, and foster knowledge about environmental conservation. He believes education, media and research are three keys towards fulfilling his mission in life. He dared to start up Eco-Institute and begin his freelance career. He also studied part-time to earn a Master of Journalism from HKU. “I want to promote environmental protection through the media, which impacts society so much nowadays.”

“So wears several different hats. He is a nature photographer, trainer, eco-tour guide and writer. He describes being a freelancer, however, as perhaps his toughest job.

“Freelancing is not as romantic as you might think. I work even harder than before.” Self-discipline and personal relationships are very important. Working over 16-18 hours a day, 7 days a week is common. “Unstable income is a problem. Sometimes I have plenty of jobs but sometimes none. I have no annual leave or medical coverage plan.” But So enjoys his job and says it is worthwhile.

To strive for a better environment and raise public concern on conservation issue, So sometimes faces challenges from the grey area between commerce and education. “Non-profit organisations can borrow my photos for free while commercial institutions should pay money,” he said. “I have a principle.”

So deals with many people every day and enhances his negotiation skills when bargaining over business matters with commercial institutions.

To develop a better portfolio, he tried more jobs and let himself be interviewed by newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations. So has published more than 20 books and written articles for local and international green magazines such as HK Discovery, HK Nature Explorer, National Wildlife and Asian Geographic. He also organises seminars and activities for various parties, from primary schools to tertiary institutes, from NGOs and community centres to government departments, as well as corporations, training centres and environmental consultancies.

So’s research interests are birds, wetlands, mangroves, dragonflies and butterflies. He looks up in books the ones he does not know. Lifelong learning is an important element to solving daily problems. He says he learned this skill from his university education.
“I am a cultural sleuth who strives for valuable collections and shares them with readers.”

K Y Chan
Bachelor of Arts 1984
Postgraduate Certificate in Education 1988

Work experience:
1984-2006 Sai Kung Sung Tsun Catholic School (Secondary Section), History Teacher
2006-present Collectables, Shop Manager
When encountering adversity, a constructive attitude can help a person cope with the problem and create a new path for career development. From being a secondary school teacher to owning Collectables, a marketplace for exchanging and recycling cultural collections, K Y Chan tells about adapting to change and experiencing a meaningful life.

“I am a cultural sleuth who strives for valuable collections and shares them with readers,” he said.

Chan is a pioneer in the business of secondhand English bookstores in Hong Kong; he is proud to be the supplier of a wide collection of used books in subjects such as literature, history and philosophy, and the largest vinyl collection of records, in genres such as jazz, blues and folk rock, in town. He influenced his ex-staff members and students, who have also started up used book markets.

“I encourage competition as it is good for the industry’s development,” he said, laughing. “I expect more secondhand bookstores to appear in this knowledge-based society. We need to read valuable books and cultivate a cultural atmosphere in Hong Kong as well as attract new talent to join.”

“Collectables, established in 1992, was my part-time hobby. I rented a corner of my friend’s real estate service office to start up this business. It didn’t make money and was subsidised by me,” Chan said. “But now I dare to take the challenge and have been working full-time to expand the business.”

“Is being a teacher a job for life?” Chan said. “Maybe yes, because I like teaching. But I have to adapt to change as I deal with my health problems.” He quit his 20-plus-year teaching career three years ago and became entirely involved in managing his bookstore. Adversity turned out to be his opportunity to let his dream come true.

In order to re-invent his career, Chan has mastered the skill sets of entrepreneurship. He communicates with his customers from time to time to enrich his knowledge and also understand their preferences, characteristics and habits.

“It is a win-win result,” Chan said. “I can earn a basic living without losing money and also entertain myself and customers. Do the work you like, put in an honest day’s work and then you can accomplish your goal.”

“Select valuable work and do it,” he continued with self-confidence. “Money is important, but a meaningful life is my most valuable asset. Hong Kong needs a shop like mine that serves human culture. For example, I’ve served Zhong Acheng 鍾阿城, a renowned Chinese writer, who came to my store for classic records. Although secondhand bookstores are not popular, they do exist in the market. When we are doing it with heart, we can have success.”

“I don’t sacrifice for any great mission, but I just want to grasp the opportunity to do what I’m able to do at present.” Chan emphasised. He gave credit to his university education for encouraging him to pursue his interests.

“I’m really glad I met good mentors at HKU,” he said. “They demonstrated excellence in teaching and respected academic matters, which inspired me to treat academia like a good friend of mine.”

"It is a win-win result...Do the work you like, put in an honest day's work and then you can accomplish your goal."

HKU is moving ahead with the new four-year undergraduate curriculum in 2012, stressing student learning transformation through a totality of experiences. The reform will give students a greater role in developing a full and rich academic programme with clear learning outcomes, together with diverse co-curricular experiences for individual development and interest.

Through the more flexible curriculum structure, students can attain academic and professional excellence, bilingual proficiency, communication skills and a global outlook. As a result, students will be well-equipped to face any challenges in the workplace and can take charge of their futures with a sense of mission and passion.

“Gradesates look for a new injection of ideas when they take further study,” Professor Amy Tsui said. “University education is a way to get ideas, and experiential learning is the core value.”
Stephen Hui Geological Museum is the first and only geological museum in Hong Kong. Dr Stephen Hui 許士芬博士 had been a life-long supporter of HKU. Apart from constructing the Hui Oi Chow Science Building, which was named in honour of his father, Dr Hui had also generously donated his extensive mineral collection, forming the core of the Museum’s permanent display.

After the passing away of Dr Hui in 1989, his wife Madam Anna Hui, and sons, Richard and William, have continued to support the advancement of Earth Sciences, and have set up the Dr Stephen S F Hui Trust Fund and established the Stephen Hui Geological Museum.
70th Anniversary Lecture Series

**Darwin, Science and religion - How History Can Help**
by Professor Frank James, Professor of History of Science, The Royal Institution of Great Britain, February 13, 2009.

**Seeing Black Holes**
by Professor Kin Wah Wu, Chair of Theoretical Astrophysics and Head of Theory, Mullard Space Science Laboratory, University College London, UK and Royal Society Kan Tong Po Visiting Professor, HKU, March 11, 2009.

Science-in-Action Talk Series – organised for Form 5-7 students

**Seeing Tomorrow: Decision Making under Risk**
By Dr Philip L H Yu, Associate Professor, Department of Statistics & Actuarial Science, February 18, 2009.

**Science - What a Wonderful World**
by Professor M S F Lie Ken Jie, Honorary Professor, School of Biological Sciences, March 5, 2009.

**Does Applied Mathematics Exist? - A Lesson from Godfrey Harold Hardy**
by Professor M K Siu, Honorary Professor, Department of Mathematics, April 28, 2009.

Homecoming Day
Alumni came back and enjoyed a warm reunion with the Faculty’s staff and students on May 9, 2009. Please visit www.hku.hk/science/70th for the highlights.

Anniversary Dinner
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Doctor of Letters honoris causa
Dr Evgeny Igorevich Kissin was a musical child prodigy, entering the Moscow Gnessin School of Music when he was six. He has played with leading orchestras and conductors, and his recordings have won many awards, including the Shostakovich Award and the Herbert von Karajan Music Prize.

Dr the Hon Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai 范徐麗泰
Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa
Dr Fan (BSc 1967; MSocSc 1973) was first appointed as a member of Legislative Council in 1983. Dr Fan was a member of the Preliminary Working Committee and the Preparatory Committee for the HKSAR. She was President of the Legislative Council and is currently a Member of the Standing Committee of the Eleventh National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China.

Dr Robert Ho Hung-ngai 何鴻毅
Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa
Dr Ho is known for his work at Kung Sheung Daily News 工商日報, the newspaper started by his late grandfather, Sir Robert Ho Tung. Since his retirement in 1987, Dr Ho has focused on philanthropic endeavours, founding the Robert H N Ho Family Foundation in 2005 to foster Chinese arts and culture, and to promote Buddhist philosophy internationally.

Dr Lam Shan-muk 林山木 (筆名林行止)
Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa
Dr Lam Shan-muk, also known by his pen names Lam Hang-chi and Shih Wei-de, founded the Hong Kong Economic Journal 信報 in 1973 and the Hong Kong Economic Journal Monthly 信報財經月刊 in 1977. For 25 years, he wrote a widely acclaimed daily column in which he gave his insightful analyses of Hong Kong and international affairs. Dr Lam was awarded an OBE in 1991.

Dr Mok Hing-yiu 莫慶堯
Doctor of Social Sciences honoris causa
Dr Mok (MBBS 1947) joined the Medical Faculty of HKU in 1939 as a King Edward Scholar and received a wartime MBBS degree in 1947. He was an Honorary Lecturer at HKU from 1951-52 and served both as Vice-President and President of the HKU Alumni Association. He established the Mok Hing-Yiu Professorship in Respiratory Medicine in 2007 and the Mok Hing-Yiu Distinguished Visiting Professorships in 2008.

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The legend of Eileen Chang, considered by scholars to be one of the best Chinese writers of her era, has once again been reignited with the launch of her book *Little Reunion*, the autobiographical novel which has received overwhelming response in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

Eileen Chang studied at HKU's Faculty of Arts between 1939 and 1941 where she excelled academically and received two scholarships. When Hong Kong was occupied by the Japanese, she was forced to suspend her studies and return to Shanghai. However, the two years she spent in Hong Kong were critical to her later emergence as a legend in the world of literature. She passed away in 1995.

Dr Roland Soong, the executor of Ms Chang’s estate, decided to set up a HK$1 million scholarship fund at HKU to support female undergraduate students from the Chinese Mainland or Taiwan to pursue studies in the arts and humanities. Soong felt that it would be Eileen Chang’s wish to create opportunities for students with backgrounds similar to hers, so that they could be freed from financial constraints and able to prosper and excel.

The Legend Continues...
Fabrica Cultura: Hong Kong in Venice

Hong Kong participated in the Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition in 2008 taking Fabrica Cultura (Culture Fabricate): Hong Kong in Venice as its theme.

The Hong Kong exhibition, located in the Campo della Tana in the Arsenale neighbourhood of Castello, was chosen by the Guardian newspaper (September 18, 2008) as one of ten things not to miss at the Biennale.

The curators stated, “Remaking Hong Kong: Architecture as Culture urges us to re-examine the meaning of the city in terms of both its hard- and soft-ware in the challenges of creating and re-creating itself as a great metropolis”.

Four teams from the Faculty of Architecture, HKU, were selected to present their works:

Urban-Pastoral: fabricating a vertical landscape
Eric Schudlenfrei and Marisa Yu 程嘉明

Control Tower
Jason Carlow, John Lin 林君翰 and Jonathan D Solomon (in collaboration with Stefan Krahofler)

Urban Courtyardism: Re-fabricating City
Wang Weijen 王維仁

City Recognition
Juan Du 杜潑 and Nicola Borg-Pisani

“The Venice Biennale has been referred to as the Olympics of the art and architecture world. With HKU’s participation, we will be reaching out to international audiences in a completely new manner.”

Professor Ralph Lerner, Dean, Faculty of Architecture

From left: Professor Ralph Lerner, Dean of Architecture; Dr Ronald Lu 呂元祥, Immediate Past President of Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA); David Warner; Eric Schudlenfrei and Marisa Yu, Assistant Professors of Architecture, HKU; Professor Desmond Hui 許福權 and Professor Leo Lee Ou-fan 李歐梵 (not in photo), Lead Curator of the Hong Kong Exhibition at the 11th International Architecture Exhibition of Venice Biennale. (photo: Sam Yu, HKIA)
First Hong Kong Scholar Awarded a Fellowship of the China Central Research Institute of Culture and History

“I am interested in many things, and I cannot stop chasing the truth. I find much joy in learning.”

Professor Jao Tsung-I in an interview with the South China Morning Post

Professor Jao Tsung-I is a worldwide renowned scholar and a versatile talent in Chinese learning. He has contributed to many various aspects of the humanities, including archaeology, literature, philology, musicology and history.

Founded by the Chinese government in 1951, the Central Research Institute of Culture and History is an institute for senior intellects and honorary purposes. “To respect elders and to promote culture”, the fellowship is directly appointed and conferred by the Premier of the State Council, with the awards only going to the most respectable and honourable names.

A ceremony was held to celebrate the honour bestowed on Professor Jao and was attended by distinguished guests, including Mr. Gang Li, (front row, 3rd right), Deputy Director of Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in HKSAR. Central University of the People’s Government on 25th.

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Read more about the fellowship, the institute, and the contributions of Professor Jao Tsung-I to Chinese learning and research.
Drama Lab II for the Young and Very Young

In the late 1960s, Professor Alan Green, a professor of English, started an innovative course in Contemporary English. The course was stimulating and both the teachers and students thought it would be even more effective if it was acted out in context as drama. So, three lecture rooms in the English Department were converted into a performance space thus, the Drama Lab was created.

Under the leadership of the late Mr Jack Lowcock (BA 1961; MA 1966), Professor Jane Lai Chui-chun 黎翠珍 (BA 1961; MA 1966) and Professor Vicki Ooi 黃清霞 (BA 1965), all of whom taught at the English Department, the Drama Lab inspired a whole generation of professional directors, actors, translators and creative/production teams. Many of them, at various stages, have contributed to the development of Hong Kong professional theatre productions in their careers.

In 2008, the Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection (AFTEC), a consortium of Shakespear4All Co. Ltd., Seals Players Foundation Ltd. and Eduarts Ltd which founded by Dr Ooi, Lynn Yau 邱敏怡 (BA 1981; MEd 2008) and many former members of Drama Lab, launched the project of Drama Lab II.

Its first production Double Bill, jointly organised by HKU's General Education Unit and the Faculty of Arts, sowed the seeds of a new bilingual Hong Kong Youth Theatre in which young people can come together in a creative and stimulating environment.

“This (Drama Lab II) is bigger project: for the young and the very young; in English and in Chinese. My heart goes out to them in a warm welcome to fun and adventure, and to one of the best learning experiences in the whole wide world.”

Professor Jane Lai

“Drama Lab II is an ideological re-creation of the space with young artists from many different walks of life waiting in the wings for a journey down the roads of some of the greatest plays ever written.”

Professor Vicki Ooi
A Year of Reflections – Embracing the Future

More than 90 benefactors, friends and colleagues gathered for HKU Foundation’s Annual General Meeting. Since its inception, the Foundation has supported a host of worthy projects in various disciplines, including academic research, scholarships and educational development. For instance, in the last financial year, HK$16 million was allocated through the Seed Grants Exercise to support projects included HKU Foundation Scholarships for Outstanding Students, Scholarship Scheme for Outstanding Mainland Students & International Students, University Postgraduate Fellowship Scheme and First-in-the-Family Education Fund, with over 700 students benefiting.

At the dinner, everyone enjoyed the chance to catch up with long-time Foundation members and meet new ones. Valuable views and comments were also sought from the guests regarding the forthcoming Centenary Celebrations.

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Dr Bard was born in Siberia, schooled in Harbin and, forsaking a career in music, studied medicine at HKU where he was awarded the Anderson Gold Medal, an award bestowed annually to a medical graduate with the highest aggregate marks for the entire course. At a recent book talk on his autobiography, held at HKU Libraries, Dr Bard entertained the audience with a vivid account of his life in HKU and Hong Kong in the 1930s.

Fun but Not Easy
Life at HKU in the 1930s was not easy but it was fun! Dr Bard recalls only 5 of his 45 classmates managing to graduate in 1939 at the end of their six years of studies. But there were lots of happy memories too, including parties, games of volleyball and “lapta” (a Russian game resembling baseball), going through the tough ragging in the first year, later ragging batches of greenhorns who came after him, and getting up to all kinds of mischief with his Lugard Hallmates, which led to many visits to the office of then Vice-Chancellor, Sir William Hornell.

Most Humiliating Time
During the Second World War he served as a medical officer in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with fellow officer Sir Albert Rodrigues 羅理基爵士 (MBBS 1935; Hon LLD 1962), former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, HKU. Both he and Sir Albert were interred together as prisoners-of-war at Sham Shui Po Camp in 1942 when the city fell to the Japanese. It was in the camp that music once again entered Dr Bard’s life when he formed a small band, which included Sir Albert playing guitar. The band performed three well-received “Bard Concerts”; the programmes of which are kept in the Hong Kong Museum of History.

Looking back on those days Dr Bard poignantly described them as “the most humiliating time in my life”.

 Archaeology and Music
After the war, he returned to HKU in 1956 and took up the position of University Health Officer, later retitled Director, University Health Service, a post he stayed in for over twenty years. He retired from HKU in 1976 and actively pursued his passions of archaeology and music.

From 1976 to 1983, Dr Bard was executive officer of the Antiquities and Monuments Office. An accomplished violinist, he was leader of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra for many years, occasionally taking up the conductor’s baton. When he visited Hong Kong in March, he conducted the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra at its “Passionne Shanghai” concert. 
Dr Bard (2nd row, 1st left) and his hallmates at Lugard Hall, 1936. A large number of his hallmates were from Russia, Sri Lanka, and India. Rivalry between Lugard, Morrison and Ricci Halls was intense.

The Medical Class of 1939 Graduation at the Great Hall in the Main Building, together with Dr Duncan Sloss, Vice-Chancellor (1937–49), Professor Lindsay Ride, Dean of Medicine, Professor Gordon King and Professor P B Wilkinson. Which one is Dr Bard? The first standing on the left.

This photograph was one of the very few taken inside Sham Shui Po Camp in 1943. Standing from left: Dr Solomon Bard and Sir Albert Rodrigues 羅理基爵士 (1911-2006) (MBBS 1935; Hon LLD 1962), former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council, HKU.
2,200-strong HKU Marathon Team

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- 3rd place: Sandy Wong Ngar-yan 黃雅茵 (BSc(CompSc) 1991) in Half Marathon - Run 1 (Women)
- 5th place: Fang Ying-yan 范盈欣 (MBBS year 1 student) in Half Marathon Challenge - Junior (Women)
- 5th place: Kinny Lau Po-king 柳寶琼 (Department of Biochemistry) in 10km Run 3 (Men)
- 5th place: Ching Siu-ming 程少明 (BSc(Eng) 1982; DipManStud 1985; MBA 1986; MSW 2004) in 10km Run 3 (Men)
The Team
● Registered runners: 2,200 (+ 4.6% over 2008)
● Alumni and families: 78%
● Students: 15%
● Staff members: 7%

1. Pro-Vice-Chancellor S P Chow 周肇平 represented HKU in the Leaders Cup.
2. Vice-Chancellor Lap-Chee Tsui 徐立之 and one of the most senior runners, Kwong Hung-piu 鄺熊標 (PCEd 1993; MEd 1997; MEd 2000).
3. A big thank you to the Support Team of over 120 students, alumni and staff!
4. Registered Chinese Medicine Practitioners from the HKU Bachelor of Chinese Medicine (full-time) Alumni Association provided the team with professional after-exercise therapy.

The Fastest (Net Time)

10Km
● 36 min 38 sec (men)
● 37 min 25 sec (women)

21Km (Half Marathon)
● 1 hr 25 min 48 sec (men)
● 1 hr 29 min 57 sec (women)

42Km (Full Marathon)
● 2 hr 53 min 54 sec (men)
● 3 hr 29 min 06 sec (women)
Connected across the miles ...

HKUAA of Ontario, Canada
March 13, 2009

A cosy dinner was hosted in Toronto by President Loretta Hoi 許慧芝 (BSocSc 1987) and executive directors of HKU Alumni Association of Ontario to welcome Pro-Vice-Chancellor S P Chow 周肇平 (MBBS 1968; MS 1988) and members of the University’s Alumni Affairs Office. Eric Fong Tsz-kit, a year 2 undergraduate from the Faculty of Business and Economics who is currently on exchange at York University, and Mr Y C Chan, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office in Toronto, also joined the gathering.

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HKU Alumni Chapter in New York
March 14, 2009

Some 80 alumni and friends in New York enjoyed an evening of fun and laughter at the Annual Dinner. Vice-Chancellor Lap-Chee Tsui 徐立之 and Pro-Vice-Chancellors John Malpas 麥培思 and S P Chow 周肇平 shared with them the latest University developments, including the Centennial Campus Plan.
The North American HKU Alumni Joint Function in Las Vegas
April 4 to 6, 2009

Jointly organised by the HKUAA Northern and Southern California Chapters, the function was held successfully in Las Vegas. It has been ten years since the first joint alumni reunion was organised for the alumni chapters in North America. Some 50 alumni and friends from the US and Canada met at the function, reconnecting with long-time friends and making new ones.

As well as the reunion Luncheon hosted by the Friends of HKU Ltd (a US 501 (C) 3 public organisation with charitable status) whereby participants were briefed of the University’s latest developments, they also enjoyed the trips to the Valley of Fire, Bryce & Zion Canyons and the opportunity to tour around this vibrant city.


HKU Alumni Association Washington State
April 7, 2009

One of the newest alumni networks, from Washington State, is building a strong presence since its formation last year. A dim sum lunch was organised by the convenor, Karen Chan Kit-yu 陈家瑜 (BSc 2008) (2nd right), to tie in with the visit by Pro-Vice-Chancellor S P Chow 周肇平. The alumni group is eager to build up more contacts residing in the nearby area.

If you know of any alumni in the area, please help to get them connected and contact Ms Karen Chan at hkuuawa@hku.hk or visit the website: www.hku.hk/alumnibodies/hkuuawa
... yet never far from home.

HKUAA Singapore
March 21, 2009
It was a fun filled reunion with alumni from the 1960s to the 2000s. Pro-Vice-Chancellor S P Chow 周肇平 and members of the University’s Alumni Affairs Office introduced latest University’s developments and welcomed alumni back.

(From left): Ms Yvonne Shih 史以文 (B SocSc 1971), Honorary Secretary, Mr Joseph Lee 李志銘 (BScEng 1972), President, and Mr Chester Wong 王盛周 (BA 1968) (1st right), President-Elect presented the pledge of the alumni of the Singapore Chapter in support of the Bricks Campaign of the Centennial Campus Development.

Sending our best regards to former Vice-Chancellor Professor Wang Gungwu 王慶武 and Mrs Margaret Wang, and Professor Saw Swee-hock 鈺道輝 (2nd right). Professor Saw was Founding Professor of Statistics of HKU in 1969-71 and set up the Saw Gold Medal in Statistics in 1971, the Saw Swee Hock Statistics Scholarship in 2005 and the Saw Swee Hock Visiting Professor of Statistics in 2008. He is currently Professorial Fellow of the London School of Economics and a member of the National University of Singapore Board of Trustees.

http://geocities.com/hkuaasing/

HKU Alumni Network of Japan
“Yum-Cha” gathering on December 20, 2008 in Tokyo.


(Back row) 1st left: Kate Li 李倩如 (BA 2000), 6th left: Kelvin Cheung Chun-yip 張建修 (BScActuarSc 2007), 1st right: Bauhinia Cheung 張紫莉 (BA 1997) and HKU exchange students.

www.hku.hk/daao/album/JPalumni

HKU Shanghai Alumni Network
For future events, please send your contact details to the co-ordinator Miss Doreen Cheung 張玉真 (B SocSc 1985) doreen.cheung@mindsac.com
HKUAA New South Wales
Silver Jubilee celebration on February 7, 2009

The address from the founding chairman, Dr Edward Chung 鍾紹楨 (MBBS 1969), marked the highlight of the evening. Members of the first committee, including Dr Bernard Yim 嚴維章 (MBBS 1974), Mrs Lam Wong Kit-fong 林王潔芳 (BSocSc 1970) and Dr Albert Lam 林海鴻 (MBBS 1971), together with alumni, friends and sponsors, including Ms Lorna Wong 黃麗詩 (BA 1978), Director, Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office, Sydney; Professor Chan Yu-nam 陳耀南 (MA 1969; PhD 1979); and calligrapher Li Kwang-shun 李熾信 (BSc(Eng) 1959) were there to celebrate their friendship on this happy occasion.

Mrs Louisa Chin 鍾張秋霞 (BSocSc 1980), current Chairperson, thanked all the past chairpersons for the work they had done. Mrs Claire Ma 馬偉儀 (BA 1963), Dr Wilson Ip 葉偉生 (MBBS 1973), Mr Jimmy Liu 劉家烈 (BSocSc 1974), Mr Anthony Ho 何志成 (BSc(Eng) 1977), Mr John Au 葉文強 (BSocSc 1981) and Dr Chung Chak-man 周澤民 (MBBS 1969) took to the stage for a group photo. Regrettably, Dr Anthony Au 葉德芬 (MBBS 1961), Dr Franklin Chen 陳錦儀 (MBBS 1955) and Dr Henry Chan 陳顯榮 (MBBS 1956) were unable to attend.

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St John’s College Alumni Association - Guangdong Chapter
Gathering at Shenzhen on March 14, 2009

Almost 100 St Johnians, together with Dr Eric Chong 張志明, the new Master, and Dr K C Wong 黃國俊 (BSc(BldgStud) 1982; Bldg 1983; PhD 1992), Associate Professor, Department of Real Estates and Construction, witnessed the official inauguration of the Chapter at the Shenzhen Golf Club. Tai Chung-pui 戴忠沛 (BEd(LangEd) 2000; BA 2002; MPhil 2005), the master of ceremony, has just finished his PhD in Beijing and is planning to write a book on St John’s 100th anniversary in 2012. St Johnians and alumni are welcome to contact Jay Wu, coordinator of the Guangdong Chapter at wuyjie208@hotmail.com.

Cocktails were served with sherry, St John’s traditional drink
香港大學畢業同學會喬遷之喜

文灼非 Man Cheuk-fei (BA 1987)
香港大學畢業同學會會長

農曆正月初七，人日，是日天朗氣清，也是好日。香港大學畢業同學會 (HKUGA) 舉行了一個別開生面的團拜暨新會址喬遷入伙儀式，新知舊雨，濟濟一堂，多位前會長、資深會員和大學校友事務部的校友朋友都有出席，好不熱鬧，特別是切燒雞的傳統儀式，人人開懷不已。

香港大學畢業同學會創會三十三年來，已經搬遷過好幾次，聰前輩回憶，有早期的三友書房，之後是位於天后的合興大廈，到銅鑼灣的英華大廈，然後是擁有優美海景的上環德輔道西一號。2006年秋我擔任會長後，幹事會希望可以搬到一個較為方便的位置，吸引更多會員使用。2007年中我們順利賣出物業，比買入價剛好翻了一番，感激前任幹事為我們留下這筆寶貴資產。

出售會址之前我們召開過一次會員大會並通過一個決議：賣出舊會址後要馬上買回一個新會址。所以訂金一到手，便立即物色位於灣仔區的物業。由於2007年的物業市場持續火熱，很多單位被搶購一空或被抬高價錢。幾位幹事當機立斷，比較過幾個單位後，看中位於蘇亞道與史钊域道交界，與世紀酒店為鄰的一樓較新的商業大廈。那裡離灣仔地鐵站約七、八分鐘，相當方便。

新會址由母校建築系畢業的陳軒明兄負責設計，他主力在大陸發展業務，而獲奬項。他提出很有創意的設計，把空間有限的地方充分發揮，散發出濃厚的同學會色彩。隨著新會址的啟用，2009年標誌著香港大學畢業同學會的一個新里程碑。

新會址除了作為幹事會開會和定期舉辦活動的場所外，更計劃向會員和香港大學的其他舊生會提供信箱和辦公室租用服務，費用相宜，有興趣的校友請登入 www.hkuga.org 了解詳情。
**Lady Ho Tung Hall Graduates’ Association**

Graduates from years 1972 to 2005 came back to 91a Pokfulam Road on January 22, 2009 to share career tips as well as sweet memories of their hall life.

Dr Choy Yuen-chung 蔡炫中 (MBBS 1972), who retired as Chief Executive of Kowloon Hospital, shared her joy at the new Lady Ho Tung Hall. Ms Dorothy Chiu 蔣慧寶 (BSc 1988) and Ms Tracy Pun 潘美妙 (BA 1988) also gave their advice to students on their recruitment experiences in the police force and social welfare sector.

Despite its reconstruction in 2001, Lady Ho Tung Hall is still a home from home in the hearts of many former Hotungnians. Their cherished memories and laughter filled the hall during the tour organised by current students.

The Association is reorganising its graduates’ database. Hotungnians who wish to get connected with the latest Hall developments and activities, please kindly send an email to lhthga@hkusua.hku.hk

www.lhthga.org

**Hong Kong University Graduates Association Education Foundation**

With support from the Education Bureau and the Faculty of Education, HKU, the first conference of the “Learning for the Future” Conference Series was held on January 10, 2009. Over 300 principals, teachers, parents, Education Foundation members and donors, and HKU alumni attended.

Details of the first conference “The World Has Changed, Again! - Ten Years of Education Reform: Review and Prospect”:

www.hkuga-ef.org.hk/eng/archive_20090110.html

The second conference of the Series was held on May 16, 2009 at HKUGA Primary School hall.

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Architectural Class of 1958
Old Memories and Golden Jubilee Reunion Trip
to post-Olympic Beijing in October 2008

In Photo (1): From left:
Back row - John K H Tang 鄧東翰, P C Wu 吳兆翔, C K
Tsang 蔡振宗, P M Chan 陳啟華, S P Ip 吳兆平,
Cedric S W Wang 汪銘良, Fannie Chan 陳曼芬,
S C Pan 潘士藩
Central row - Jason K Y Yuen 袁漢煒, M H Hui 黃文輝,
Fanny So 蘇麗琳, Theresa Hsu 徐麗粵, Simmy
Cheng 鄭繡珍
Front row - Guy Chan 陳永根, Donald Tsao 蔡樹安, K M
Mok, David D L Sun 沈達崴, S H Fung 潘啟寶

OLD MEMORIES...
Photo (1): When we were young - 1953 (1st Year)
Photo (2): When we advanced - 1958 (Final Year)
Photo (3): When we matured - 1958 (Graduation)

NEW REUNIONs...
After 50 Years: When we celebrated our 50th
Anniversary (trip to Beijing)

Photo (4): In front of the
"Water Cube", National Aquatics Centre.
Photo (5): In front of the
"Birds’ Nest", National Stadium.
Photo (6): Inside the historic ruins of
Yuan Ming Yuan.

Photo (5) above: From left:
Delegates of Classmates + Spouses of the China Trip:
曹樹安及曾尚賢、陳俊賢 (BArch 1955) 及蔡夢玲、
鄭廣翰 (前) 及鄭瑞斌 (前)、吳錦霞、曾振基 (前)、
袁李智明 (前)、曾黃月仙、吳鈞翔 (前)、吳鄭倩薇 (前)、
沈達崴 (前)、袁漢煒 (前)。

Reunion History:
With thanks to classmate David Sun who had the foresight
to initiate our reunion starting in 1993 quadrennially and
then biennially since 2004 with a total of already 6 reunions
till today. We have been enjoying our reunions under the
name of our alma mater and the event has been admired by
schoolmates of other years. (Jason Yuen reports)
Arts Class of 1958

Golden Jubilee

July 19, 2008

After years of toiling hard at their careers, they are now all happily retired, except Annie Ng, the female Minister, who still labours day and night for her church. Annie, a student of Professor Edmund Blunden, Department of English, is the Class poet and wrote a poem for this special occasion.

Reunion at Alice Tso’s house (from left): Celestine Liu Chan Oi-han 陳愛娟, Alice Tso Lo Koon-hing 劉冠惠, Kohler Wong Ho-kok 王可國 (all from Toronto), Helen Woo 胡秀梅 (BA 1959) (Hong Kong), Florence Kane Jones 簡玉成 (Vancouver), Annie Ng Wenh In 吳溫澄 (Toronto), Alice Ng Lun Ngai-ha 倪賽霞 (Hong Kong).

Thank you, God, and thank you, Baba, for believing in me sufficiently to nudge, egg, nay, urge me on from one challenge to the next all these years. Now I must seek to learn new lessons, after over half a century on the eve of another birthday. Glory be.

So many scenes, so many memories: hours and hours over endless cups of tea (not coffee for me, even then) in the student canteen, using “ghost ladders” to decide on how much each ended up paying...

Ah, the carefree, rapturous days of first adulthood: where are some of those schoolmates now?

Fifty years and more later, in a sun-filled dining room in North York, seven of us regaled one another with tales from days of yore, names tumbling one after another in rapid succession.

Those I recognized, I chimed in with a comment; those I could not recall, I simply smiled and listened – not even a pass here, as others took first class honours...

Nonetheless, I trust I have done my part to contribute to a few memorable moments to celebrate our fiftieth: corsages marking our special occasion, sparkling grape juice around the cake, secretly rejoicing that someone else, not me, has maintained best overall health, has not yet had her cataracts removed, has not lost any height to threatening osteoporosis. High time someone else took first place, be it physical fitness, world travel...

Fifty years ago: young women aspiring, receiving their first degree from the one and only recognised university in the then British colony, dreaming of futures bright with promise, plans, adventures unknown... fifty years, half a century, almost two generations. What flashes back for this particular graduate?

First class as a first year undergrad, stumbling into a third year course on poetry and poetics, intimidated by the sophisticated level, by Lucretius. Ah, but it was there I met my first real live English poet, even Edmund Blunden himself, of war poets fame, who knew more about King Lear than anyone else on earth, as a departmental lecturer averaged. Will he find me here, fifty years later, “still poetic, unchangeably”? - Annie Ng

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Engineering Class of 1957-8

Golden Jubilee

January 5, 2009

(Standing, from left): C O Lo 劉汝安, Professor F K Kong 江鳳橋, Ir Y C Yau 楊耀昇, Dr C H Lee 李作鷹, Ir R Chiang 陳堅誠, K L Fung 范季吉, K K Tang 鄧國基, Dr K Y Wai 韋基亮, W C Chan 陳永熙, K W She 佘光華, Ir S C Chen 陳紹寰, K L Wong 黃偉權, and T L Tong 唐德良.

(Seated, from left): Mrs Yau, Mrs Tong, Mrs Wai, Mrs Chiang, Mrs Fung, Mrs Kong, Mrs Chan, Mrs Che, Mrs Chen, and Mrs Wong.
History Class of 1970
40th Anniversary in 2010

Familiar Faces!
All right! If you happen to be a 1970 History Graduate, there is an event you simply cannot afford to miss. It’s the 40th Anniversary Reunion in 2010 for the Class of ’70 in Hong Kong. An action-packed programme will be announced in the next issue of Convocation Newsletter. All 1970 graduates of the Arts Faculty are also most welcome to join this happy reunion occasion.

Why wait any longer? Send an email to Peter Lee right away: peterstlee@gmail.com.

Dinner gathering in Hong Kong (seated, from left): Ng Bick-mui 伍碧梅, Josephine Yeung-Lam 林積婉, Helen Wang-Lee 李汪婉, Florence Ho Hau-ching 何巧清 (standing, from left): Joseph Lee 李健強, Peter Lee 李柏強, Patrick Chow Cheung-fat 周振發, William Siu Wai-lam 蕭威林, Mak Siu-ming 麥兆明, Lui Chung-kuen 呂仲華 (BA 1972), Wong Kwok-hee 袁國禎 (BA 1971), Henry Lam Hang-kwong 林恒光, Philip Leung Nai-yan 梁乃仁, Wong Ying-cheuk 王應釗, Lai Man-yiu 黎文華. Also present but who did not attend the dinner was Andrew Li Siu-fung 李少峰.
Astronomy Club, HKUSU
Golden Jubilee
January 8, 2009

Over 200 committee members from the Club’s first to fifty-first cabinets celebrated its Golden Jubilee, including the founding committee members and Mr Yip Chee-kuen 葉賀權 (BSc 1981; MPhil 1991), Chief Curator of Macao Science Centre.

The Dinner served as the closing event of a series of celebration activities; namely, Talks Series in October 2008, and a Sidewalk Astronomy and Exhibition at the Avenue of Stars in November 2008.

Mr Lam Chun-tung 林震東 (BEng 2002; BSc 2006), Chairman of the Club’s 50th Anniversary Organising Committee, stated that the Club will continue to promote astronomy in Hong Kong, especially in 2009, the International Year of Astronomy.

Mechanical Engineering Class of 1978
30th Anniversary
November 15, 2008

The Class celebrated its anniversary with a campus tour followed by a dinner with a few former and current teachers.
Surveying Alumni Association
30th Anniversary
March 5, 2009

More than 150 alumni came back to celebrate the 30th Anniversary Reunion Dinner. The big brothers, big sisters and mentors shared with students and mentees the spirit of the lives in the Department of Real Estate and Construction.

Honoured guests (from right): T T Cheung 張達榮 (BSc(QS) 1985) (President of HKUSAA), Francis Leung 梁立基 (President of HKIS), Professor A Walker (Emeritus Professor of REC), Vice-Chancellor Lap-Chee Tsui 徐立之, Albert So 蘇振輝 (Chairman of RICS(HK), Professor K W Chau 鄭廣榮 (BSc(Bldg Stud) 1983; BBldg 1984; PhD 1991) (Chair Professor of REC)

Master of Public Administration (MPA)
30th Anniversary
February 21, 2009

Some 130 alumni, students, faculty members and guests celebrated the MPA Programme. Many of the MPA alumni have achieved excellence in their careers and services in the government and non-profit sectors.

Visit the website for the latest information:
www.hku.hk/ppaweb/mpa.

Front row, from left: Professor lan Thynne, Professor lan Scott, Professor John Burns, Dr W F Lam 賴維廉, The Hon CY Leung 梁振英, Vice-Chancellor Lap-Chee Tsui 徐立之, Jacob Cheung 謝德進, Professor lan Holliday, Dr Darwin Chen 陳達文 and Dr Peter Cheung 張賢賢. Back row: MPA 2006 graduates

Department of Fine Arts
December 2008

Many alumni attended the second annual Shih Hsio-yen Distinguished Lecture to hear Professor T J Clark, Professor and George C And Helen N Pardee Chair, Modern Art, University of California, Berkeley, speak on Picasso.

Seeking Alumni
The Department is updating its alumni mailing list. If you studied at the Department of Fine Arts and are not receiving e-mail notices from the Department, please write to: faalumni@hkucc.hku.hk with your current contact information.

Professor T J Clark (left) after the lecture, with Department Chairman Dr G M Thomas.
Cliff Lui Hai-shan 呂海山 (BBA(Law) 2006; LLB 2007; PCLL 2008)
Do you recognise which HKU buildings these are?

To Cliff's eye, many scenes at HKU are "Out of the Ordinary"! His works, under the same title, were exhibited recently at HKU allowing students to experience a different perspective of the campus!

Cliff's continued connection to HKU goes beyond his photos; his mother, Dr Shen Shir-ming 沈雪明 (BA 1977; PhD 1984), is the Deputy Director of HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education.

Adrian Man Yik-hoi 文奕凱 (BEng(CE) 2001)

Adrian is a professional magician performing in Hong Kong. After graduating from the University, he studied at the Chavez College of Magic in the US. He is well known for his stage manipulation act, a unique performance combining magic, music and dance.

Recently, Adrian was invited to perform in Macau, Thailand and Malaysia. He also performed at the HKU Alumni Association's alumni night in 2008.

Vivian Lee Ying-shih 李穎詩 (BBA 1999)

Former Hong Kong athlete and a record holder in swimming who won a Silver medal in 4x100 Freestyle Relay at the Asian Games in Hiroshima in 1994, Vivian returned on campus to support the HKU TIG Team at the Mass Pledge Ceremony on April 6, 2009. She and her husband Alan Lam Chak-lun 林澤麟 (BSc 1998; MSocSc 2008) were among HKU Team at the 22nd TIG in Singapore in 1997.

Vivian was one of the torch bearers in the Hong Kong's Olympic Torch Relay in May last year. It was a most memorable experience to her and her family; she was running while pregnant with her baby girl who was expected in July and Alan was among the Customs and Excise Department Team providing security for the Relay.

Vivian is loyal to sports. She runs a company providing solutions for the sports industry.
John Lee Yu-chun 李宇俊 (BSc 2006)
John (1st left) spent a meaningful week in Northern Thailand where he visited the AIDS ACCESS Foundation and had a chance to chat with the children, and exchange views and thoughts on life and dreams.

“I salute the two ‘young warriors’ for going through the painful ‘battle’ with Anti-retrovirus (ARV) treatment daily; yet still cherish life positively and enlighten friends around them.”

John was one of 25 delegates of the “UNICEF x CX Change For Good Staff Field Trip” which travelled to Thailand in February 2009.

Cathy Chan Tse Wing-yan 謝穎欣 (BSW 2004)
Chan Tuen-ching 陳端正 (MBBS 2004)
Congratulations to Cathy and Tuen-ching! They were married last December and the wedding was held at Rayson Hunang Theatre, HKU!

Sanye Lam Hoi-yi 林凱儀 (BSc(Surv) 2006)
Marvin Chung Man-tik 鍾文廸 (BSc(Surv) 2006)
They did it! Sanye and Marvin are happy to announce They are now Mr and Mrs Chung. They exchanged vows on Saturday, the twenty-seventh of December Two Thousand and Eight.

Sharon Tsang 曾詩朗 (BA(AS) 2002)
Congratulations to Sharon on the birth of her little son Eiken Takao 高尾英憲 on December 22, 2008. She now resides in Japan with her family.

Chan Ka-chin 陳嘉展 (BEng 1992)
Ka-chin and his wife were blessed with a new born baby girl in March! Congratulations!

Carmen Chan Yin-man 陳彥雯 (BEcon&Fin 2004)
After graduation, Carmen pursued her career in the financial field, but her strong interest in writing never stopped. She is a busy writer and has published four titles since 2006; this has led to her becoming an active speaker at book fairs and book talks.
Growing up as a “Jook-Sing” amongst a predominantly Italian community in New York, I experienced the stereotypical ABC (American Born Chinese) identity crisis. Eager anticipation of the words “yum-cha in Chinatown” brought great excitement to my weekends. In the spring of 2007, I would finally experience traditional Chinese culture as a visiting student of The University of Hong Kong.

The onset of my semester in HKU was fantastic. In a short period, I met countless other international students from all corners of the world as well as local students to assist in my transition. I spent countless nights studying in the library and roaming the streets of Lan Kwai Fong with this group. I was quickly mesmerised by the scenic landscapes of the harbour during HKU-arranged tours across Hong Kong and the neighbouring islands.

The faculty at HKU is truly remarkable. Prior to my studies with HKU, I would have never believed that lessons in life were taught in the classroom. My studies offered great insight into factors underlying economic growth in Asia. Interactive coursework in my operations management course and tax lectures, led by senior partners of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, highlighted the efficiencies prevalent in Asia. Applications of supply-chain management and government tax planning opened my eyes to the strengths of China.

My fondest memories are of the camaraderie present in my hall. I was fortunate enough to enjoy the sea view from a room in Simon KY Lee hall. The comforts of home were all there: we cooked, participated in athletic competition and even sang together. The cultural exchange filled a void in my life, allowing me to feel attached to my heritage. In a single semester, I developed a love for the hot pot, mastery of negotiation with street vendors and deep appreciation for the Octopus card.

A semester spent in HKU can only be described as an awakening. Interaction with Hong Kong culture has opened my once provincial eyes to a world outside of New York.
Ambrose So Shu-fai 蘇樹輝 (BSc 1973)

“書法藝術不僅能陶冶性情，更可培養文學素質與創作才華，並有助開拓文化交流的平台，傳揚中華文化，富啟迪作用。”

1985年，蘇樹輝博士與香港大學專業進修學院「書道班」一班師生成立甲子書學會Jiazi Society of Calligraphy，以弘揚中國書法藝術為宗旨。學會由蘇博士擔任會長，並邀得饒宗頤教授為名譽會長，每年舉辦會員作品展，每月定期雅集，供會員互相切磋書藝；又不時邀請文化界的學者、專家作專題講座，示範，集思廣益。

Science Class of 1967 and Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai 范徐麗泰 (BSc 1967; MSocSc 1973; Hon DSocSc 2009)

Sharing Dr Fan’s joy and pride on her conferment of an Honorary Degree!
Chan Man-kam 陳文巖 (MBBS 1972; MD 1982)

Dr Chan is a renowned kidney specialist and a man of many talents. In addition to excelling in his medical specialty, he has long been interested in classical Chinese poetry and calligraphy.

He recently staged his exhibition “Scribbles, Dribbles, Ripples” at the University Museum and Art Gallery.

“Scribbles refer to the strokes typical of cursive script in Chinese calligraphy. Dribbles refer to the way ink soaks into the paper. Ripples refer to the poetic overtones in the content of the pieces to be exhibited, all the more relevant since I have entitled the latest book of my poems Further Ripples 《吹水續集》.”

-Preface of Scribbles, Dribbles, Ripples: Calligraphy by M K Chan

Swire Scholars

Professor K M Cheng 程介明, Master of Robert Black College and a group of Swire Scholars welcomed Lady Pamela Youde and her friends to the College. Lady Youde, wife of Sir Edward Youde, the late Hong Kong Governor and Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong, stayed at the College for the 22nd Award Presentation Ceremony of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund.

From left: C D Slaughter, Dr Robert Prashanth Anthonappa (MDS 2006; AdvDipPaediatrDent 2007), Michelle Rocha 羅慧欣 (BSocSc 2007), Lady Pamela Youde, Professor K M Cheng 程介明 (BSc 1966; BSc(Sp) 1967; CertEd 1981; AdvDipEd 1982; MEd 1983), Alvin Leung Chung-man 梁仲文 (BBA(IS) 2005; BEng(SE) 2006), Bobo Wong Yuk-yin 黃育賢 (Doctorial student in School of English), and Mrs C D Slaughter at Robert Black College on March 11, 2009.

Ann Hui On-wah 許鞍華 (BA1969; MA 1973)

For the third time in her career, Ann received the Best Director award at the 28th Hong Kong Film Awards for her outstanding work on The Way We Are 天水圍的日與夜.

She was also awarded the Honorary University Fellowship in 2001 and is currently a University Artist under the scheme hosted by the Faculty of Arts.
Eddy Lee Wai-cho 李偉才 (BSc 1978)

Eddy has retired from the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education where he was Director of Studies.

Since his graduation, he has been a science teacher, assistant curator at the Hong Kong Space Museum and senior scientific officer at the Royal Observatory. Over the years, he has published 18 books to promote the understanding and appreciation of science.

Dr Lee's recent publication

Dexter Man Hung-cho 文洪磋
(BSc(Eng) 1940; Hon DSoCSc 1998)

Happy Birthday to Dr Dexter Man!
A happy reunion of the Man family, the young Morrisonians and Vice-Chancellor on the occasion of Dr Man’s 93rd birthday.

Mrs Hu (middle) and Dr Kan Lai-bing 簡麗冰 (BSc 1957; PhD 1968), former Librarian and Dr Anthony Ferguson, Librarian.

Dorcas Hu Chau Miu-kwan 胡周妙坤
(BA 1955)

Mrs Hu made a wonderful gift to her alma mater last December. On her 80th birthday, she encouraged her friends and relatives to make donations to HKU and the response was magnanimous!

Poon Chung-kwong 潘宗光
(BSc 1963; BSc(Sp) 1964)

After retiring as President of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2009, Professor Poon is devoting more time to voluntary work through the Virya Foundation 精進基金, in particular with the Mainland University Student Finance Scheme.

Professor Poon, former Dean of Science and who taught at HKU from 1968 to 1990, has also found time to pen several books on the Buddhist art of “Heart Sutra”, his latest publication is 《感恩這一課》.

Professor Y C Cheng 鄭耀宗 (BSc 1963)(2nd right), Morrisonian and former Vice-Chancellor, and his wife, Loretta Cheng 鄭張玉君 (BA 1963)(1st right), visited Dr Man, accompanied by Winnie Man and Dr Evelyn Man 文綺芬 (BA 1971) (1st left).
Raymond Or Ching-fai 柯清輝 (BSocSc 1972)
Margaret Leung Ko May-yee 梁高美懿 (BSocSc 1975)

Raymond Or retired as Vice-Chairman and Chief Executive of the Hang Seng Bank on May 6, 2009 after 37 years of service with the HSBC Group.

He was succeeded by Margaret Leung who took up the position in the same month.

Our best wishes to Raymond and Margaret!

Franklin Wong Wah-kay 黃華麒 (BA 1967)
Gordon Leung Chung-tai 梁松泰 (BSocSc 1985)

Franklin Wong (left), who produced and directed RTHK’s first drama series “Below the Lion Rock” 獅子山下, was appointed Director of Broadcasting of RTHK last year.

Wong’s career in broadcasting industry dates back to 1966 when he joined RTHK as a Programme Officer. Since then he has assumed different roles and served in senior positions in a number of local and overseas organisations in this field.

Joining his team is Gordon Leung (right), Deputy Director of Broadcasting, who moved to RTHK in February 2009.

Ivan Chan Hing-to 陳興濤 (BA 1981)

Ivan once owned over 40 restaurants, The Farm House農場餐廳, in Hong Kong but the financial turmoil in 1998 beat him into bankruptcy. Although journeying through the darkness, Ivan never gave in.

Recently, he launched two fast food restaurants in New Territories and was invited as a speaker to share his experiences with youngsters at the Open Day Series of the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPACE).

港大師生及校友齊為重建四川小學出力

香港大學電機電子工程系、512年青工程師大聯盟及工程界社促會將攜手重建在四川地震中被破壞的德陽市袁家小學。一班來自不同學系共四十多位港大師生組織了一隊重建隊，將於今年七月至八月到四川為該小學設計及安裝多間多媒體教室、兩間電子教學室及太陽能供電氣系統，利用再生能源為四川再生。系統建造後可讓川港兩地的師生通過遙距視象教學，一起交流和分享，並在新學年為該小學提供支援和鼓勵。

參與這項活動的有香港大學畢業同學會、香港大學校友會、香港工程師學會電子分部、互聯網專業協會及香港大學學生會電機電子工程系會支持。多位資深校友為這班重建隊義工學生作行程前培訓，分享他們在國內管理項目的經驗。

其他校友如有意支持重建隊，請聯絡召集人霍偉棟博士
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Christopher Chiu Loi-fat 趙來發
(BSocSc 1981; MJ 2001)

趙來發於2009年1月8日離世，享年50歲。
大學畢業後，趙來發先後於香港各大傳媒機構當編、採及傳媒管理工作，包括《信報財經新聞》、《中報》、《香港經濟日報》、《資本》雜誌、《天天日報》、《明報》等，並曾任職香港大學發展及校友事務部、一國兩制研究中心。他多寫媒介評論及心靈類散文，屬多產作家及專欄作家。趙來發是印度靈性老師Papaji僅有幾位華人學生之一，後皈依佛教。

「......是時候向大家可能說人生再見的時刻，不要怕，多謝家人姐姐、太太、母父、妹弟及女兒，多謝一切人生經歷的事情，不一両(而)足。
再見了，有機會再見！」

- 節錄自2009年1月5日趙來發個人網誌

我是這樣開始大學生活的
趙來發

我在公共屋邨長大，父親是建築工人，家中有五兄弟姐妹。
1978年夏天那個暑假，特別忙碌。
六月，考完大學入學試，心中想只要成績好，若能考入貴族化的香港大學，對鄉親父老便有所交待，其餘的又算什麼，反正，考大學也不應如想像般困難。
結果，在百忙之中，抽空去考了試，順利考入大學，大家對我的其他行為，便沒有話說。
其實，我當時最想去理工學院讀美術設計，但一念之間想到，如果給大學取錄了卻又放棄，會令節衣縮食為我準備學費的父母，傷心一世。

- 節錄自1981年度畢業生銀禧紀念特刊
Dr Jon Maxwell

Dr Jon Maxwell, an Assistant Professor with the Institute of Human Performance, passed away on January 25, 2008 at the age of 39.

Jon first joined the University in October 2002 and was a major contributor to the academic activities, development and life of the Institute. His main areas of research interest were in cognition, cross-cultural psychology, personality and skill acquisition. In addition, Jon was interested in how coping styles and physical activity combined to aid with the strains of modern working life and, in particular, how work is balanced with family commitments.

A rugby enthusiast, he played for the University Rugby Club until 2007.

Professor Olgierd Cecil Zienkiewicz


Professor Zienkiewicz was the University’s Royal Society Kan Tong Po Visiting Professor in the early 1990s and was recognised as a major figure in engineering science in the 20th century; one of his most notable scientific contributions was the development of the finite element method.

For his academic achievements, Professor Zienkiewicz was elected Fellow of the Royal Society in 1979 and received a CBE in 1989. The following year he was awarded the Royal Medal of the Royal Society. In 1992, Professor Zienkiewicz was conferred a Degree of Doctor of Science, honoris causa from HKU.

Professor Robert Bau 鮑道鈞

Professor Robert Bau passed away on December 28, 2008, in California, aged 64.

When he entered HKU, Bau was a mere 16 years old and the youngest student to attend the University. After graduating from HKU, he received his PhD from the University of California Los Angeles in 1968.

Professor Bau was an esteemed faculty member of the Chemistry Department, University of Southern California, for nearly 40 years. He distinguished himself as a scholar and researcher, and was a highly respected teacher.
香港將軍何世禮
作者：Victor Zheng Wan-tai 鄭宏泰 (BBA 1993; MPhil 1997; PhD 2003), Wong Siu-lun 黃紹倫 (BScSc 1971)
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出生香港首富之家的何世禮一生充滿傳奇，從效力張學良東北軍的初露頭角，到「西安事變」後的投閑置散，再到太平洋戰爭爆發後的再獲重用，既掌控東北軍事要塞，又緊握國軍後勤補給命脈。國民黨撤往台灣後，何世禮更扮演著舉足輕重的角色。出任駐日代表期間安排麥克阿瑟訪台，並斡旋《中日和約》的簽訂；出任聯合國軍事代表期間則成功爭取美國的「八吋榴炮」左右金門戰局，並安排美國總統艾森豪威爾訪台以開拓台灣生存空間。

透過閱讀何世禮的人生，我們不但可以看到近代中國歷史的波譎雲詭，個人、家族與國家前途的起落難料，更能引發我們思考香港或香港人如何利用本身的優勢，在商業、文化、政治、軍事、外交等層面發揮所長及充當重要角色的問題。
ELECTION NOTICE

Election of Members to the Standing Committee

Nominations are invited for the election of eight members to the Standing Committee at the coming Ordinary General Meeting 2009 on June 18, 2009. Each elected member will serve on the Standing Committee for a term of three years until the Ordinary General Meeting in 2012.

According to Paragraphs 26 and 28 of the Convocation Constitution, a person is eligible to be nominated for the election if he/she has been a member of Convocation for two years, and a retiring member is eligible for re-election. Paragraph 25(b) of the Convocation Constitution prohibits the Standing Committee from having more than four members who are also officers, teachers or other staff members or service providers in receipt of any salary, stipend, fee or any other form of remunerations from the University or any of its subsidiaries or other legal entities in which the University has management control or majority equity stakes. At the coming Ordinary General Meeting, no more than four members within the definition of paragraph 25(b) may be elected.

Nomination Procedures

Paragraph 40 of the Convocation Rules requires that each candidate must be nominated in writing by at least ten members entitled to vote.

Nomination form can be downloaded from http://www.hku.hk/convocat/election/2009 or obtained from the Secretariat, c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office, The University of Hong Kong (Tel: 2859 2603). All nominations shall be accompanied by a statement by the candidate that he/she is willing to stand for election.

Each candidate is requested to attach with the nominations a brief biography of himself/herself, in English, of not more than 200 words and a copy of his/her photograph for publication to members.

Nominations should reach the Clerk of Convocation, c/o Development & Alumni Affairs Office, 738, Knowles Building, The University of Hong Kong before 5 pm, Monday, May 18, 2009. Fax is not a valid mode of delivery of nominations to the Clerk.

Validity of Nomination Forms

All nomination forms shall be clearly completed with the required information and bear the original signature of the nominators.

Ordinary General Meeting Notice and Election Information

The notice of the Ordinary General Meeting will be sent to members by e-mail and an advertisement on an English and a Chinese language newspaper authorised by the Government to carry official or legal advertisements in Hong Kong at least twenty-one days before the Ordinary General Meeting. Members are requested to register their e-mail addresses at the Convocation website (http://www.hku.hk/convocat). For the convenience of members, the notice will also be put on the Convocation website. Members wishing to have prints of the notice and election information are welcome to contact the Secretariat.

Kenneth SIT
Clerk of Convocation

April 30, 2009

Convocation, The University of Hong Kong (香港大學畢業生議會) is a statutory body of the University comprising all graduates and teachers.

http://www.hku.hk/convocat

The Election Notice above was published on Convocation Website (www.hku.hk/convocat/) and distributed to Convocation members by email on April 30, 2009.

Upon registration, members of Convocation may cast their votes electronically. If you have not registered, do so by May 24, 2009 in order to be able to cast your “e-vote” at the forthcoming Standing Committee election. Go visit: www.hku.hk/convocat/evoting
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