Ada Poon 潘淑欣 (BEng 1996; MPhil 1998)

At the International Solid-State Circuits Conference, Professor Poon, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at Stanford University, demonstrated a tiny, wirelessly powered, self-propelled medical device capable of controlled motion through bloodstream. She hopes it will be used for a wide range of biomedical applications, from delivering drugs to cleaning arteries. “Such devices could revolutionise medical technology. Applications include everything from diagnostics to minimally invasive surgeries.”

The idea of implantable medical devices is not new, but most of today’s implements are challenged by the size of their batteries. Professor Poon’s devices are different. They consist of a radio transmitter outside the body sending signals inside the body to an independent device that picks up the signal with an antenna of coiled wire. The power is transferred wirelessly.

“There is considerable room for improvement and much work remains before such devices are ready for medical applications. But for the first time in decades the possibility seems closer than ever.”

Source: Stanford University News, February 2012.

Nicole Fung 馮諾勤 (BA 2009)

Nicole has volunteered to be a gallery docent at Asia Society Hong Kong Center and participated in the exhibition “Transforming Minds: Buddhism in Art.” Through meeting the curators and the artists, studying the exhibits and writing the script, as well as sharing her thoughts with other docents and the audience, she has learnt a lot.

Master Class of Journalism 2009

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Ching Cheong 程翔 (BSocSc 1973)

At the Centenary Book Talk《千日無悔 — 我的心路歷程》：

「我在監獄裡經常思考一個問題：如何使我的牢不白坐？我在回港後經常思考的另一個問題：如何報答港人對我的幫助？這兩個問題原來都指向一個共同的答案：使我們的國家少一點冤獄冤案，使我們更自覺捍衛香港的核心價值。

我的理解是神想我放下所有仇恨。這理解直接影響我寫此書。當初在入面好困頓時，我寫一本我想講的書，但當神說「不要申冤，申冤在我」，令我可以好客觀記載這個過程，不抱任何仇恨來記載這個過程。我覺得如果越寫得客觀、越不帶個人情緒，這本書的參考價值就更加大。」

Raees Baig 碧樺依 (BSW 2004; PhD 2010)

Raees is a leading advocate of equal rights for ethnic minorities. At a recent book talk at HKU Library, she discussed with Dr Law Chi-kwong 羅致光 (BSocSc 1976; MSW 1981), Associate Professor of Social Work and Social Administration, and participants on Chris Patten’s “East and West”.

“In his [Chris Patten] conversation with Lee Kuan Yew, ‘Asian values are actually deep-rooted Confucianism’ which I find quite questionable. If you are talking about Confucianism, is Hong Kong really that Confucianist? I don’t really think so. Is China really upholding Confucianism?

If you are talking about Asian values, how many countries are we counting as Confucius-binding countries? Are we talking about just Chinese-dominant cities or countries? Asia, I guess, does not just involve China, Taiwan, Singapore… we still have a lot of countries, we still have some Islamic-based countries…”

Susanna Chung 鍾玉文 (BA 2005)

Susanna received the Asian Cultural Council’s Starr Foundation Fellowship to conduct a research on audience development and education programmes in contemporary art museums across the United States for three months.

“Audience development is not only about numbers,” she said during an interview with South China Morning Post. “But to develop, expand, complicate and even challenge the interest, knowledge, taste and expectations of the audience, through providing opportunities for access, engagement and experiences with inspirational and innovative works of art.”

During her stay in San Francisco, Susanna was grateful to meet Dr Larry Ng 吳銘來 (MBBS 1965) (2nd left) who introduced her to other alumni residing there.
Karen Chan 陳潔瑜 (BSc 2006)
Luo Guannan 羅冠南 (BSc 2007)
Larry Ng 吳銘來 (MBBS 1965)

Dr Ng is always delighted to tell people that he has the most mentees in North California, and he has also extended his hospitality to other students on exchange.

Karen (in blue dress) was an exchange student at the University of California, Davis, and she called him “Uncle Larry.” Karen now resides in Seattle and is the convenor of the HKU Alumni Association Washington State Chapter.

Guannan (in brown dress), Dr Ng’s mentee, is the convenor of HKU Central USA Alumni Network.

KY Ho 何國營 (BA 1984)
Karen Ishibashi 李潔儀 (BSocSc 1987)
Thomas Tang 鄧偉雄 (MA 1986; PhD 2011)

At an art exhibition on Buddhism in Kyoto, Karen (1st right), Kansai representative of HKU Alumni Network of Japan, and KY (2nd left), Founding President of the Network, met with Dr Tang (1st left), Fine Art Coordinator of Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole, HKU.

Lydia Yip 葉小明 (BSocSc 1982)

Lydia has been working with Hong Chi Association to build up its floral business. Recently, she helped to develop an “i-phone app” which provides simple FAQs about choosing and handling of flowers and instructions for DIY floral arrangement. It is the first charity flower arrangement app to support for the people with intellectual disabilities.
Congratulations to Dr Ng (2nd right) who received an MBE award for his 20-year dedicated service in the Islington Chinese Association, London where he supported the Chinese seniors, children and the needy. He said, in an interview, that the award is a recognition of the Chinese Community there.

Melody Li 黎韻孜 (MPhil, Year 3)

Melody has been named a McDonnell International Scholar at Washington University in St Louis where she is pursuing a doctorate in comparative literature in Arts and Sciences.

“She brings academic excellence to her studies as a PhD student and also shows every indication of becoming a global leader of the future, which is the aim of the Academy,” said McDonnell International Scholars Academy Director James V Wertsch.

She was one of the three Chinese students of HKU to join the summer fellowship programme at Cornell University’s School of Criticism and Theory at which she was awarded of an appreciation of rambunctious classroom debate.

Zhang Yun 張贇 (PhD, Year 2)

Zhang, a PhD student in Modern China Studies in the School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty of Arts, has been offered a Harvard-Yenching Institute (HYI) Visiting Fellowship for 2012-2013.

During her stay at HYI, Zhang will conduct research for her thesis entitled, “New Writing and Women’s Press: The Making of Gendered National Identity in Modern China (1898-1919)” at Harvard University for three semesters.

Class of 1977 Core group

Gary Chow 周啟華 (convenor 班長)  Paul Mak 麥淦岐
Betty Chan 陳瑞芳  Vivien Pau 鮑慧兒
Catherine Cheung 張儀玲  Frederick Tong 唐建生
Yvonne Chua 蔡映媚  Carmine Siu 蘇冠開
Hyman Lam 林漢賢  May Wong Li 李美英
C K Yeung 楊志剛  Tony Wong 黃志光

Friendship since the Silver Jubilee! It is the 10th year after our Silver Jubilee and since then, we have never stopped the bi-monthly gatherings!
Students today, Alumni tomorrow!

Joint Hall External Vice-Chairperson (JHEV) 2010–11

Ten young and happy faces, who are also the External Vice-Chairpersons of their Hall Associations with HKUSU, 2010-11, grabbed a chance to take a group photo at Sun Yat-sen Place before the examinations.

From left: Venus Lam, Angela Hui, Tim Lee, Thomas Law, Terry Ho, Joyce Cheng, Karen Ho, Polly Chau, Kie Wong and Aragorn Tse.

Students in Shanghai

Eight Mainland students, who have been admitted to HKU and are taking a preparatory year studying (委培學習) at Fudan University, will come to HKU to start their Year 1 this September.

From left: Terry Liao 廖漠雨, Johnson Sun 孫毅君, Hong Renjun 洪忍俊, Neva Leng 冷雪松, Lisa Huang 黃欣桐, Lyn Zhang 張琳, Karen Yao 姚煒璐, Crystal Meng 蒙楚瑤

Vivian Yam 任詠華 (BSc 1985; PhD 1988)

Professor Yam, Philip Wong Wilson Wong Professor in Chemistry and Energy, was elected a Foreign Associate of The National Academy of Sciences in recognition of her distinguished and continuing achievements in original research.

Professor Yam was also chosen as the 2011 L'Oréal-UNESCO Women in Science Awards Laureate for the Asia/Pacific region for her work on light-emitting materials and innovative ways of capturing solar energy.

Fok Tai-fai 霍泰輝 (MBBS 1975)

A paediatrician and a neonatologist by training, Professor Fok served at HKU and Queen Mary Hospital as a Lecturer in Paediatrics, and spent a number of years working in the Neonatal Units at the John Radcliffe Hospital, the main teaching hospital of Oxford University, UK, and the McMaster University Medical Centre, Ontario, Canada.

Professor Fok was appointed Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, effective from January 1, 2013.

Alan Wong 黃浩麟 (BBA(Acc&Fin) 2010)

Alan currently works at Appco Hong Kong Ltd, a company that works with Save the Children in Hong Kong in raising fund on the street. Even though he faces a lot of rejections everyday, Alan is enthusiastic about his job.

“I think this is the best time for me to join this industry as I am still young and have energy and passion to help improve children’s lives from 128 countries.”
Congratulations to alumni named the Leader of the Year 2011, organised by Sing Tao News Corporation.

Professor Leong, President of the Open University of Hong Kong and former Dean of Medicine, HKU, received the award in the Education/Research category. A specialist in orthopaedics and traumatology, Professor Leong was honoured as one of the winners and he thanked his teammates who have been working with him for many years.

Film director Ann Hui was honoured for her outstanding contributions in the Sports/Culture/Performing Arts category.

“It has been proven that local directors are capable of producing art films and raising citizens’ concerns on local cultural development.”

Chan-yau, President of the Hong Kong Blind Union and Honorary Consultant, Centre of Development and Resources for Students, HKU, was named leader in the Community/Public Affairs category.

Danny Tang 鄧華厚 (BSc 1977; MSc(Eng) 1995)

Dr Tang was appointed Director of Information Technology Services (ITS) at the Computer Centre, HKU, effective from May 1, 2012.

A strong IT professional possessing solid skills and extensive experience in both large corporations and the higher education sector, Tang was General Manager of ITS at the Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation, Head of ITS at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and Manager of the Computer Information Centre at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Lau Chi-pang 劉智鵬 (BA 1984; MPhil 1987)

Liu Shuyong 劉蜀永 founding member of HKUAA of Chinese Mainland

With the success of the first book “Hou Pao-Chang’s Family”《侯寶璋家族史》 in 2009, Professor Liu and Dr Lau published the 2nd edition this year as a gift to HKU for its Centenary.

This edition includes new chapters on Dr Hou Jingcun 侯競存, the third son of and Professor W C Chan 陳煥璋, son-in-law of Professor Hou Pao-Chang 侯寶璋, Chair of Pathology at HKU between 1948 and 1960.

Professor Hou’s fourth son Dr Laurence Hou 侯勵存 (MBBS 1956), an Honorary University Fellow, set up the “Hou Pao-Chang Medical Memorial Fund” at the Pathology Department, and on his 80th birthday he set up the “Professor Hou Pao-Chang Fund for Integrative Medicine”. Hou’s family is described as “multi-talented” by the Dean of Medicine, Professor Lee Sum-ping 李心平 (MBBS 1970; MD 1982), for it has excelled not only in Pathology but also in arts and history.
Kam Sheung-woo 甘尚武 (BA 1938)

After publishing the original version of his memoirs in Chinese in 2007, Dr Kam launched the English version of his book in which he has documented his life lessons episode by episode.

After he graduated from HKU in 1938, Dr Kam joined the war of resistance against Japanese aggression and became the confidential secretary of Minister Chen Jitang, who was known as the “King of South China.” After fleeing from the civil war, Dr Kam obtained his master’s degree from the University of California, Berkeley as a mature student. He was then invited to Singapore as the chief engineer of the palm oil company Lam Soon, which he helped to develop from scratch.

“The till today, I have an abiding nostalgia for my alma mater, the University of Hong Kong. The British education system had been instrumental to my character building; it had nurtured me in critical thinking, mutual respect, an independent mind and the ways of a gentleman.”

— Dr Kam Sheung-woo

Leung Nai-kong 梁乃光 (MBBS 1966)

Professor Leung, a paediatrician, is known for his devotion and contributions to child health and welfare, education, and the arts. He served on the Advisory Committee of the Cantonese Opera Development Fund from 2005 to 2009, and was appointed a Member of Council of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts in 2005, and its Chairman of Council from 2006 to 2009. He was awarded an Honorary Degree by the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

The book launch was attended by alumni and students from King’s College. Both Dr Kam and Lam Chiu-ying 林超英 (BSc 1971; BSc(Sp) 1972) are HKU and King’s College alumni.

Professor Leung and guests at the ceremony: Dr Chan Chok-wan 陳作耘 (MBBS 1971) (1st left); Professor Emily Chan 陳英凝 (MBBS 2003) (2nd left); Professor Fok Tai-fai 霍泰輝 (MBBS 1975) (back) and Dr Kathleen So Pik-han 蘇碧嫣 (MBBS 1971) (1st right).
Donald Liao 廖本懷 (BArch 1955)  
Christine Liao 廖袁經綿 (BA 1962)

Dr Liao, of the first batch of Architecture graduates, changed the face of public housing developments in Hong Kong. His works include designing a 2,000-unit housing complex in Ma Tau Wai District while preserving the trees; another one — Wah Fu Estate — is a successful high-density social housing project that enhanced the quality of life of the inhabitants by incorporating key amenities to cater their daily needs.

In recognition to his achievements, Dr Liao was conferred the degree of Doctor of Science *honoris causa* by The University of Durham.

Dr Liao was accompanied by his wife Christine Liao, an arts educator and an Honorary Fellow of Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts who was selected as one of the top 100 women in China last year.

David Wong 黃大偉 (MBBS 1974)  
Sophia Cheung 張幸文 (BSc 1974; DipEd 1975)

Dr Wong was awarded the 2011 Order of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Dr Wong did his internship in paediatrics at Queen Mary Hospital in 1974 and was a medical officer in paediatrics at Kwong Wah Hospital before going to Hawaii to start a full paediatric residency programme there. He then took a rather long journey in North America, from Hawaii to New Orleans, then to Buffalo and finally reaching Prince Edward Island in 1986, becoming the only paediatrician in the area.

Dr Wong was instrumental in helping to establish a neonatal unit at Prince County Hospital and the Asthma Education Centre. He became trained in neonatal resuscitation and passed those skills on to nurses and respiratory therapists. In 1995 he set up the Dr Wong Education Fund to provide funding for nurses so they could continue their education.

Through it all, Dr Wong thanks his wife, Sophia, who has stood by him, through good times and bad.
Chiu Son-mey 趙洵美 (BA 1965; DipEd 1966)

Dr Chiu was presented with an award by the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association for her 30 years of service for the state of Massachusetts. She was especially honoured for her founding and instruction of Chinese Language and Culture programmes at Phillips Academy, Andover (1982-1984) and Boston Latin School (1985-2011), which were the first such programmes in the United States.

Paulus Lee 李國寶 (BA 2003)

Paulus, author of several Cantonese phonetic/slang books, is one of the developers of an iPhone app — Fonetic Cantonese. The app aims to help non-Cantonese speaking people cope with basic communication and to serve as a starting point for learning Cantonese. He is thankful to Dr Stephen Matthews, Associate Professor, School of Humanities (Linguistics), for his support of the app’s development.

Kaley Leung 梁嘉莉 (BSc 2001; MSc 2005)

As a cooking tutor at Towngas Cooking Centre for six years, Kaley enjoys sharing her interest in cooking and is grateful to have a chance to engage in the social enterprise CookEasy, which provides fresh and healthy food packs for disabled people.

HKU Hockey Team

“Go left!”, “pass back!”,”shoot!”… Spirited teammates shout to each other during their hockey matches. For decades, the hockey teams have been playing in the Hong Kong Hockey Association Open League. Players came together week in week out to run, sweat, and laugh with each other; all to play good games, exercise, and meet friends — a longtime HKU sporting tradition.

Today, there are two men’s and three ladies’ teams. Alumni, staff, students and friends meet every week for matches and/or training. They welcome new members, whether they know how to play hockey or not, to join and share the fun. For enquiries, please email: karinalam2@gmail.com
Barrie Ho 何周禮  
(BA(ArchStud) 1993; MArch 1996)

Barrie (front row, centre) won over 10 design and personal awards last year, which included “The Order of the Medal of Honour” by the HKSAR government in recognition of his service to the community and his contributions to the local architectural profession.

He is also appointed as a member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority for a period of two years from April 2012.

Linda Tsui 崔綺雲 (BA 1975; CertEd 1977)

Share the joy of Linda who received an outstanding award from the China International Public Relations Association. Linda flew to Beijing to receive this award at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Of the ten awardees, she was the only one from Hong Kong.

Sun Jue 孫珏 (MJ 2006; PhD 2012)

Jue co-founded and serves as the executive director of Half The Sky Public Education 半邊天公益 (www.half-the-sky.org), an NGO committed to empowering underprivileged women in China. Its recent campaign against domestic violence includes the release of two public service advertisements through national TV, the internet and public transport mobile media, and an event to raise the awareness among the public through talks, a photo exhibition and a forum theatre at Ullens Center for Contemporary Art in Beijing.

Poon Chi-sang 潘志生 (BSc(Eng) 1975)

Dr Poon, a principal research scientist with the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology, is the senior author of a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science about a computer chip that mimics the human brain.

Charles Chau 周致聰 (LLB 1997; PCLL 1998)

Charles was admitted as an equity partner of the international law firm Morrison & Foerster. His work focuses on mergers and acquisitions, listings and public offerings, capital markets transactions, securities regulatory compliance, joint ventures, and other commercial transactions across Hong Kong, mainland China and the Asian region.

Charles is also active in public and community service. He is Chairman of the Young Solicitors’ Group of the Law Society of Hong Kong, President of Wah Yan College Past Students’ Association, and Vice-chairman of the Supervisory Board of Zhong Hua Construction Foundation 中華建設基金會.
Julia Lee Lemeey 李裘莉 (BA 1967)

Julie, who is a Hotungnian and a mentor since 2008, was awarded the Chevalier de la Legion d’Honneur, France’s highest decoration. Julia was formerly the director of a subsidiary of a banking group with 41 years’ experience and was a consultant in the production of a series of documentaries in France shown on Phoenix TV in 2005.

Woo Ming-ko 胡鳴高 (BA 1964; MA 1967)

Professor Woo, Emeritus Professor, School of Geography & Earth Sciences, McMaster University, is known first and foremost for his contributions to cold region hydrology.

His research has had a profound effect on the way that people and governments view the environment of the Arctic, and he has inspired generations of geoscientists in Canada. He was also the 2008 recipient of the J Tuzo Wilson Medal which is presented to scientists who have made an outstanding contribution to the field of geophysics in Canada.

Elizabeth Zhang 張嵐 (MEcon 2005)

After worked for TD Canada Trust for a few years, Elizabeth returned to China in 2009 to become an assistant CEO at Shanshan Holdings Co. Ltd based in Shanghai. Working at one of the top 500 enterprises in China, Elizabeth’s job requires frequent travel from city to city and strong competence to deal with business relations.

Mui Kwong-chiu 梅廣釗 (BA 1998; MPhil 2001; PhD 2005)

Dr Mui is an active composer on the Hong Kong music scene. He has been commissioned to compose and arrange music for various renowned performing groups and for music festivals and events, such as the Hong Kong Week in 2010 Shanghai Expo, 2009 East Asian Games, and the Olympic Torch Relay in Hong Kong.

He has arranged music for the concerts of various artists and written music scores for television drama series of RTHK, and teaching materials for the Education Bureau of Hong Kong.

Kwok Yiu-tung 郭授予 (BBA(Acc&Fin) 2002) (2nd left) shared his joy with his HKU mentor Dr John Leung 梁兆文 (MBBS 1958) (1st left)