Take and Give

Knowledge Can Change One’s Life — A Giver’s Dream

“My family and I strongly believe in the saying ‘knowledge can change one’s life. We read about the FIFE Fund Scheme in the Convocation Newsletter and were deeply touched, especially by the message 「受恩施恩，薪火相傳」 (paying forward). I then decided I would make a small contribution to the Scheme. My family was also very supportive of my decision. We hope that the Fund can help the recipients pursue their dreams.”

Cao Zhenliang 曹振梁
(MSc(CompSc) 2010)
Since 2008 over 1,000 students have been benefitted

The First-in-the-Family Education Fund (FIFE Fund) scheme (第一代大學生助學金) aims at creating equal learning opportunities for students from grass-roots families. The benefitted students participate in various learning activities outside the classroom, and are also paying forward to the community by serving those in need.

Lau Sui-pang 劉瑞鵬 (BSc 2011)
Raleigh Expedition in Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Sui-pang engaged in a 10-week expedition to Costa Rica and Nicaragua. Not only did he learn some technical skills, he also learnt a new life attitude: "Today is the best day of your life and let's live it to the full!"

He would like to thank the FIFE Fund for giving him the opportunity to join the expedition, which greatly impacted his personal growth. He will spread the message of "paying forward" and hopes more students who are in need can benefit from the scheme.

Winky Hon 韓珈顥 (BEng(MedE), Year 3)
Summer Volunteer Teaching Programme in Ghana

Winky used the FIFE Fund to participate in a volunteer programme in Ghana, Africa. The FIFE Fund enabled Winky to realise her dream by subsidising half of the trip’s expenses. She learnt a lot from the impoverished lives of those she helped. Her mother also found Winky to be more independent. Winky hopes in future she can help to raise awareness of the problems in Ghana.

Lau Nga-ting 劉雅婷 (BSocSc, Year 2)
英國學術交流及義工計劃

在英國擔任義工期間，令劉雅婷印象最深刻的是她被邀請到一個家庭，替家中患有自閉症的學童教導鋼琴及編寫教材。此經驗驅使她立志成為一名臨床心理學家，替情緒有問題的病人服務。她指出這次的學術交流及義務工作使她獲益良多，處事待人更成熟。她希望在成為臨床心理學家後，能回饋社會，讓世界變得更美好！

Mo Chun-hei 毛俊熙 (BEcon&Fin, Year 3)
義務為小學生補習

「第一代大學生助學金讓我有機會參與在德國及荷蘭的義工活動，擴闊眼界。我感謝各捐助者的捐款，讓我達成願望。

古語有云，『施比受更有福』。小時候每次英文考試我都介乎合格與『肥佬』之間，但幸運地遇到一位有耐性的英文補習老師，使我的英語能力突飛猛進，並順利考入大學！當學生發展及資源中心簡述一位家境清貧的三年級小學生彬仔需要一位補習老師時，我便馬上向中心報名義務為彬仔補習。我希望藉此事讓學生有機會參加『你恩施恩，薪火相傳』的理念。」
An Impact on New Perspectives

“I am gratified to have this opportunity to return a small part of what I managed to reap with what my alma mater equipped me with during my undergraduate days.”

Dr Gallant Ho 何耀棣博士 (BA 1965)

Experiential learning is a fundamental and distinctive feature of HKU’s new undergraduate curriculum. It takes students into workplaces and other settings where they have direct encounters with the phenomena being studied. It is a powerful form of learning through which students develop an integrated and holistic understanding of the issues and the skills required to deal with them. Students learn how to engage in critical intellectual enquiry by putting textbook knowledge to the test, tackle novel situations and ill-defined problems, and become global citizens.

Over 1,000 students a year will be benefitted

Dr Gallant Ho has pledged a generous HK$33.3 million donation to establish the Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Centre to facilitate and promote experiential learning at HKU. The Centre will work with community partners, both in and outside Hong Kong, to identify projects for HKU students of different disciplines. Financial means and other forms of support will be provided to some 1,000 students a year for them to complete their experiential learning projects.

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Presenting World-class Scholars

**Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Humanities**

The Sin Wai-Kin Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Humanities was established in 2011 with the aim of attracting exceptional scholars of the humanities to visit HKU. The academic exchanges aim at shaping the long-term development of the discipline in Hong Kong and beyond.

At a public forum, renowned Chinese economist Professor Wu Jinglian, the first holder of the professorship, led a discussion on “Comprehensive Plan and Top-Level Design for China’s Reforms” with Professor Richard Wong, Philip Wong Kennedy Wong Professor in Political Economy, Professor Lawrence Lau, and Professor He Weifang.

Professor Wu Jinglian, Senior Research Fellow at the Development Research Center of the State Council, is one of the most influential economists in contemporary China. He was presented with the first China Economics Award in March 2005 in recognition of his contributions in theoretical economics and China’s economic reform.

**Hung Hing-Ying Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Science and Technology**

The Hung Hing-Ying Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Science and Technology brings a wealth of knowledge and talent to HKU. Top academics in the fields of science and technology are invited to spend a period of time at HKU over two years. This greater commitment of time has a significant impact on research studies, and gives more opportunities to teachers and students to interact with these world-class scholars.

Professor N R Aluru and Professor Luk Kam-biu are the first holders of the professorship. During their stay at HKU, they are working closely with academic colleagues on research projects, conducting public lectures and seminars, and sharing their insights with researchers, students and the community.

Professor N R Aluru is a professor at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, US, and a world-class expert on multi-physics and multi-scale modelling of micro and nanoscale systems. Professor Luk Kam-biu is currently a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, US, a Fellow of the American Physical Society, co-spokesperson of the Daya Bay Experiment, and a world leader in experimental particle physics.
Unlimited Ways to Give

Integrating Art with the Centennial Campus

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of its graduation, the Class of ’71 raised over HK$2.2 million to acquire 40 pieces of public art by young local artists. The project will integrate art with the architecture of the Centennial Campus.

The Class of ’71 also raised HK$1 million 15 years ago at its Silver Jubilee and, in the process, started a new tradition at HKU: the Silver Jubilee Reunion Celebration.

Celebrating a Silver Jubilee and Supporting Student Exchange

“This Special Fundraising Screening of ‘A Simple Life’ 《桃姐》 serves as the kick-off event for our Silver Jubilee celebrations as we reminisce about the wonderful years we spent at HKU and, at the same time, contribute to the learning experience of current HKU students so as to prepare them as leaders in the future.

The Class of 1987 would like to dedicate the funds raised at our Silver Jubilee to the HKU Scholarships for Student Exchange, which facilitates financially challenged students to widen their international learning experience and exposure through the HKU Worldwide Exchange Programme.”

Wendy Gan 顏金施 (BA 1987)
Convenor, Class of 1987 Silver Jubilee Celebration

Fresh Alumni Giving

Barely a few months since they donned their graduations gowns, young alumni are already imbued with the alumni-giving culture. The latest graduating Class of 2011 celebrated their graduation by raising over HK$100,000 for the Centennial Campus development.

Matching to Multiply the Impact

The Yau family initiated the Arthur Yau Memorial Fund in Orthopaedics and committed to matching donations to the fund up to a total of HK$500,000. The endowment fund was established on the 50th anniversary of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology not only to honour the late Professor Arthur Yau’s lifelong contributions to the field and the spirit in which he cared for his patients, but also to benefit generations to come.

Professor Arthur Yau
邱明才教授 (MBBS 1956)
Building a Treasury of Knowledge
The family of the late Mr Szeto Wah kindly donated his collection of books, manuscripts and artefacts, which are now permanently housed in the Libraries’ Special Collections.

Contributing in Kind
A donation of carpet tiles, worth approximately HK$500,000, was received from an alumna. The carpet tiles will be used as floor coverings across the campus.

Selling Books for Research
Renowned author Ms Eunice Lam Yin-nej 林燕妮 (MPhil 1982) initiated a charity book sale to support research on microbiology.

Creating an Innovative Library
To provide additional space required for the double cohort intake of students this autumn, and the curriculum, as well as students’ changing learning needs, the entire third floor of the Main Library has transformed into a learning commons-style facility. It is made possible by a HK$10 million donation from Dr Tam Wah-ching 譚華正博士.

More Giving Stories: www.hku.hk/giving