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Each year, about 8,000 alumni join the workforce. While the majority find themselves a job, some create jobs for themselves.

These HKU alumni start their own businesses and even charities with an enterprising spirit. Some work part time, others work 24/7 on their ventures. Their work style and hours may vary but they are all innovators and risk takers, solving problems and making an impact. Their ultimate goal is to transform Hong Kong and the world for the better.
I was born in Guatemala but I lived in the city,” said Marisabel Ruiz, a 26-year-old who founded Sheva.com.

Her online store sells female hygiene products and donates sanitary towels to those who cannot afford them.

“I didn't know that rural areas in my home country also have girls who use newspapers, dried leaves and cloth as sanitary pads. They leak easily and are very unhygienic.”

Ruiz was first made aware of the subject two years ago whilst, as an exchange student at HKU, she took part in a summer service trip (Impact For Peace) organised by CEDARS.

“We went to Kolkata, India to teach children English and I found out that some girls were skipping classes because of their menstruation,” said Ruiz. “After some Internet research, I realised that Guatemala is as bad.”

According to Ruiz, only 12% of India’s women use sanitary products and more than 50% of girls in Guatemala drop out of school after their first period. The discovery marked the beginning of her mission for girl-empowerment.

Ruiz initially attempted to talk companies into donating female hygiene products to people in need. But after receiving several rejections, she decided to make her idea a self-sustainable project.

“I was lucky because my family and friends supported me financially.”

In 2013, the business and economics alumna founded Sheva with a vision for social impact. For every box of sanitary towels or tampons purchased online, the company would donate a month’s supply of napkins to girls in Guatemala.

“The magic of Sheva is that you have to use female hygiene products every month. There is always a need. Women can regularly help other women by buying women stuff!” commented Ruiz.

Sheva, which was launched in October, receives at least 1,000 hits per day.

“We also took quite a lot of orders in the first two weeks. I can’t tell you exactly how many as this is our secret,” said Ruiz. “But most orders were from the United States.”

The company is based in New York and Guatemala. Ruiz aims to expand her business so as to serve...
one million underprivileged girls worldwide by 2020.

“Our future plan is to add products for women who are going through menopause and women experiencing incontinence,” said Ruiz.

The startup is also looking into making biodegradable napkins out of banana and coconut fibres.

“I want to bring Sheva everywhere and Hong Kong is definitely on my list,” said Ruiz, who is currently seeking local partnership and collaboration.

Marisabel Ruiz (Exchange Student, Faculty of Social Sciences 2010-2011)

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**Mining Big Data**

“We want to save people from mundane work.

*We cover about 80% of all mining projects around the world.*

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One American, one Briton, one Australian, and three beers.

“That was pretty much how it started,” said Jim Guzy, CEO of the data analysis startup The Cloudminer.

“We are three founders.”

Guzy is a Silicon Valley entrepreneur who had the experience of listing companies on the NASDAQ. He and British geologist Daniel Bloor crossed paths in Hong Kong in 2011 whilst studying the same Master’s programme in Applied Geosciences at HKU.

The synergy brought the pair and Australian mining engineer Will Coverdale together to found The Cloudminer, which provides real-time information on mineral asset valuation, analysis and financing.

“I rely a lot on Dan’s mining knowledge,” said Guzy. “But coming
projects globally, downloading them, extracting all the publicly available data,” said Bloor. “We cover about 80% of all mining projects around the world.”

Investors, analysts and executors of mining projects are The Cloudminer’s major customers.

“When considering the start of a new mining project, it’s very important to benchmark and compare the costs and methodologies among all the projects with similar geology and geography, or similar mining and processing methods,” said Bloor. “In this case, users can get a handle of what different operation and capital costs might be.”

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“Hong Kong is Asia’s financial hub,” said Guzy. “Our potential clients gather here. It’s the perfect location.”

But there are also customers who are skeptical about storing data on cloud-based services.

“Some clients are more wary and worry about data security, but we counter that by describing how our data and security systems are like online banking,” said Bloor. “It can feel like we sometimes have to re-educate customers with our market approach to adopt new ideas.”

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Jim Guzy (MSc 2011)  
Daniel Bloor (MSc 2011)

from Silicon Valley, I saw that there is very little IT in mining and resource’s sector.”

Before The Cloudminer’s launch in September 2014, geologists, commodity traders, bankers and mining companies had no choice but to valuate digging projects using old enterprise systems. This could mean building models in Excel and spending long hours inputting numbers into multiple spreadsheets.

“The old way of doing things was that you had to download and store software on servers that were customised, which was expensive and cumbersome,” said Guzy.

“But now, this is all available on the Web. We want to save people from mundane work.”

The Cloudminer can process, analyse and present massive amounts of data in clean tables and charts on iCloud. It builds a database on the Internet and user-generated content.

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Imagine that you go to lunch and everyone splits the bill.

You think you may have enough small change but after rounds of fumbling in your wallet, all you find is a few HK$100 bills. So, what do you do?

Instead of borrowing money from friends (and forgetting to repay them), Food & Nutritional Science graduate Daniel Chan came up with a solution – an e-wallet.

After winning the competition “Startup Weekend” in April, Chan quit his previous job and began building his app “CashYou” full time, with two part-time partners.

“We want to build an e-wallet for everyone so that they can transfer small payments instantaneously to friends in Hong Kong,” said Chan.

“Right now PayPal is available, or perhaps, people use other e-banking systems to transfer money between individuals. However, there is a high transaction fee.”

Chan’s goal is to eliminate all charges in the virtual world, including settlements across banks.

His team is currently negotiating with various banks in Hong Kong to set up a direct connection with people’s saving accounts. He expects to test this app on Apple smartphones and Androids at various universities and high schools later this year.

According to the 25 year-old, there is looming competition as Hong Kong’s Octopus card is also plotting a similar plan.

“It’s risky to quit a stable, well-paid job for the uncertain,” said Chan. “There is always pressure, especially peer pressure. Some of my friends thought I was crazy to have left my job.”

However, the entrepreneur said something braved him into all the risk taking. He credits this to family support and the satisfaction of creating and launching his own “baby”.

“I love building something out of nothing,” said Chan. “The satisfaction you receive is very different when you are building your own dreams.”

Daniel Chan 陳冠熊 (BSc 2012)
At the tender age of 21, Timothy Yu was earning more than HK$50,000 a month.

“In 2011, I was a student studying risk management and finance at HKU. After some time, a few friends and I decided to start a tutorial centre in Fortress Hill,” said Yu.

Like many university students in Hong Kong, Yu gave private tutorials to secondary school students in his spare time. But what stood out was that he kept pushing boundaries.

“Originally, it was more about business,” commented Yu. “But then I switched my mindset.”

Yu’s company Appedu initially charged students HK$500 per class, which equated to HK$2,000 per subject per month. “We realised this was a large sum to pay for parents whose salaries are less than HK$20,000 per month. In fact, one of my students told me he only had HK$500 left for the month and this was just before his public examinations.”

Promoting paid app services in Hong Kong is not at all easy, as app education is a relatively new concept for local Chinese students.

Named after the French word “Apprendre” which means “to learn”

www.appedu.co
HKU graduate Philip Hong, who completed his Master’s degree in Statistics. 

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“I didn’t want my student to miss out so I ended up not charging him. But I know I cannot help everyone in need this way,” said the founder.

As a solution-seeker, Yu turned to technology for a more cost-effective business model and an affordable education.

His idea was to create Snapask, an app that allows students to ask questions and receive replies from trained tutors within 15 minutes. The pitch quickly won its way into Cyberport’s incubation programme, which offered him a HK$320,000 grant and two years of free office space.

According to Yu, there are 130 million students who are not receiving an education worldwide.

“Hong Kong is our first stop,” said Yu. “We are eager to make knowledge an abundant resource for all people around the world through technology.”

Yu pulled together a team for Snapask in 2013. On board was also HKU graduate Philip Hong, who completed his Master’s degree in Statistics.

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“We have an open recruitment for tutors,” said Yu. “But in order to make sure tutors can really handle queries, we will run training programmes. In fact, there will be one held in February 2015.”

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Sketching Elbow Room

That is what is fun about design. You work within the constraints and boundaries.

Did you ever sketch on textbooks when you were young? If so, what did you draw?

While most people have blurred images of their childhood pastimes, Paperclip Design founder James Lee remembers.

“Even back in primary school I always drew airplanes and cabin seats,” said Lee with a laugh. “I was considered the artist in the class.”

But who could have guessed this somewhat insignificant hobby actually laid the foundation for the future air cabin seat designer? Now, the 30-year-old is armed with a list of international design awards.

Between 2009 and 2012 his signature invention “Paperclip armrest” scooped four accolades including the A’ Design Award, Good Design Award, Red Dot Award and the Crystal Cabin Award. The two-level design saves passengers the trouble of fighting for elbow space. Though originally designed for planes, the dual-user feature also suits theatres.

“I came up with this idea while sitting at a crowded lecture room at MIT,” said Lee, who furthered his studies in the United States after graduating from HKU with a Bachelor in Mechanical Engineering in 2005.

“Design and aviation are the two things that I have always been passionate about,” said Lee. “I like solving problems using creativity.”

The entrepreneur also impressed the world with a “Butterfly” convertible seating design. This allows airlines to reuse and transform seats in Economy class into seats for Business class. Just flip the seat’s back and you will get a bed without taking up extra cabin space.

Lee currently has a major client - a seat manufacturer - who hired him to design its products, but it will probably take a while before people can fly with his armrest and convertible seats. Getting the aviation industry to turn new designs into real products takes time. One major deterrent is the extra cost incurred from safety and requirement tests.

“My main income source is now from offering design services as a hired consultant,” said Lee. “It’s not from patented design concepts I come up with and sell to people.”

The young talent is optimistic, determined and confident that the future will embrace the design values he has created.

“That is what is fun about design. You work within the constraints and boundaries.”

James Lee 李誠軒 (BEng 2005)
Since 2010, over 600 students, staff and alumni have joined the Entrepreneurship Academy (EA), a partnership between the Technology Transfer Office and the School of Business.

This year Dr Saimond Ip, CEO of OnePort Limited, talked on the “5 Dynamics of Entrepreneurs”; K O Chia, President of HK Venture Capital & Private Equity Association spoke on “Transforming Technologies into Entrepreneurs”; and Dr Dominic Chan, Co-founder & Partner of Dark House Investment, talked about “Entrepreneurs in Action – How to Put Everything Together and Get it Started, with Limited Resources”.

Since October 2014, EA participants have been able to join STEP@CoCoon+HKU, a two-month ‘learning by doing’ programme with a CoCoon startup company.

Fund It:
Up to $1,200,000 x 3 years

TSSSU@HKU is a new award scheme that leverages the Technology Startup Support Scheme for Universities (TSSSU) launched by the Innovation and Technology Commission (ITC). It provides funding support to technology startup companies formed by HKU students, staff and alumni. Successful companies will be funded up to a maximum amount of $1.2 million per year for no more than three years.

www.tto.hku.hk/public/tsssu/

“Nowadays, everybody needs to have an enterprising spirit. In our work, we need to do something new and evaluate whether it can be a viable and successful idea. Then we have to get resources and support, market it and make it a success. This is not only for financial gain but something beyond economic benefits, something social.”

Young people can afford to start up their businesses. They are daring, innovative, willing to take risks, and their ability to adapt to new things is higher.”
Believe in your Selfie

It’s more than a business. I hope my customers leave my studio with big smiles on their faces.

It all began with a “Chinese tourist” taking a selfie with French President François Hollande in Southern France.

While Vien Wong was enjoying her one-year French course and life in Bordeaux, after graduating from HKU with a Major in Translation in 2012, she bumped into President Hollande who was attending a ceremony in Nice. With an Asian’s unique “instinct”, Wong and her friend immediately grabbed the chance to take a selfie with the President. This selfie was then surprisingly seen on the international news and more importantly, an inspiration for Wong to set up Snaparty in Mongkok – a 900 sq. ft space for selfie-taking and party-goers.

“We are the first in Hong Kong to start such a business,” said Wong with pride. “But it doesn’t mean it’s an easy ride.”

Effective marketing, business diversification and cost-cutting measures are all that she has to learn and implement from scratch to make her business a success.

“A business startup is challenging when one is not abreast of the market pulse. Our shop is located upstairs and it’s hard to pull people in.”

Vien Wong 王慧盈 (BA 2012)

Selfie + Party = SNAPARTY!
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Nevertheless, as a devoted St. Johnian back at HKU, Wong found herself ready to cope with “enterprising” challenges.

“The tradition of St. John’s College of ‘Strive for the Best’ has prepared me with the right attitude to keep fighting in this ever-changing market.”

From the start, 90% of Snaparty customers were coming in for selfie snaps while the rest were attending the party venue. Now, the respective proportions have reversed to 30% and 70%.

Wong is fully aware that she has to be the trend-setter to stay afloat.

“We also diversify and offer space for e-shops selling skincare products. This helps to occupy the shop space whilst we continue to encourage customers to our business.”

Overseas investors are also exploring the possibility of becoming franchisees.

The once the Chief Happiness Storyteller of Laughfull, a local youth group aiming to bring joy to people through various activities, Wong shared her ultimate mission of setting up Snaparty:

“It’s more than a business. I hope my customers leave my studio with big smiles on their faces.”

She once shared her experiences at a local TEDx conference in 2012 and said, “If you have the passion and you want to make an impact, or like us spread happiness, then just do it!”

### Startup Resources

- **Hong Kong Science and Technology Park – 3-year Incu-Tech Programme**

- **Cyberport – Entrepreneurship Centre**
  [www.cyberport.hk/en/about_cyberport/our_5_centres/entrepreneurship_centre](http://www.cyberport.hk/en/about_cyberport/our_5_centres/entrepreneurship_centre)

- **Hong Kong Trade Development Council – SME Start-up Programme**
  [www.hktdc.com/info/mi/sbr](http://www.hktdc.com/info/mi/sbr)

- **8080SPACE – Co-working space platform**
  [www.8080space.com](http://www.8080space.com)

- **Jumpstart - the first start-up magazine in Hong Kong**
  [jumpstartmag.com](http://jumpstartmag.com)

- **The Hongkong Federation of Youth Groups – Youth Business Hong Kong**
  [ybhk.hkfyg.org.hk](http://ybhk.hkfyg.org.hk)

- **British Council – Global Social Enterprise Programme**
  [www.britishcouncil.org/society/social-enterprise](http://www.britishcouncil.org/society/social-enterprise)

- **StartUps HK – Hong Kong’s tech startup community**
  [www.startupshk.com](http://www.startupshk.com)

- **TiE Hong Kong – Entrepreneurship fostering platform**
  [hk.tie.org](http://hk.tie.org)

- **CoCoon – an entrepreneurship community**
  [www.hkcocoon.org](http://www.hkcocoon.org)

- **Good Lab – A hub for social entrepreneurs**
  [goodlab.hk](http://goodlab.hk)

- **The Hong Kong Mortgage Corporation Limited – Microfinance Scheme**

- **Technology Startup Support Scheme for Universities TSSSU@HKU**
Gary Wong is a manager at a chemicals holding company. When not flying to and from the Mainland to monitor the company’s factories, he takes on a fight for equal opportunities.

His targets? Grass-roots kids who cannot afford proper sports training, especially activities such as fencing which require costly gear.

“I believe every individual should have the right to access to different learning opportunities,” said Wong. “Be it academic, cultural or sporting.”

That’s why Wong started “InspiringHK Sports Foundation”, a charity that provides children from low-income groups with free, long-term sports training.

As a sportsman himself, Wong believes in the power of sports in developing resilience and a fighting spirit in underprivileged children.

“I was born into a very humble family - for sure not a privileged class. But I learned a lot while playing basketball when I was young.”

We are a young and small charity without any full-time staff. Financial sustainability and capacity building are always at the top of our agenda.

www.inspiringhk.org
The first thing he learned on the sports ground was to accept one constraint - his height.

“I was one of the shortest players on the basketball team. I hated myself when I was young.”

Disadvantaged by his physical built, Wong trained himself extra hard.

“I kept asking myself if I want to do well in basketball and if I want to compete, what should be my advantage? I realised my advantage could be my pace, my speed, maybe my shooting skills, maybe my sense of providing assistance to others. So I became the point guard.”

Wong worked his way into established local basketball teams in boyhood. This fighting spirit also got him admitted to world-class institutions like HKU and Oxford University in adulthood.

But his fight doesn’t just end there. Conceptualised just two years ago, “InspiringHK Sports Foundation” is now serving 120 students aged between 9 to 14. Participating teenagers must be beneficiaries in the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance Scheme or are referred by a registered social worker or NGO. “The students’ parents may be housewives or cleaners. They may not have certain exposure and networks,” said Wong. “Some don’t even have an idea of what a holistic education is.”

“We are here to tackle that, to share our professional connections and to level the playing field.”

Fighting shoulder to shoulder with Wong on the battlefield are 12 other professionals. Working full time in various industries, they take up different roles in the Foundation including fundraising, online marketing strategies, media and event management.

“We are a young and small charity without any full-time staff. Financial sustainability and capacity building are always at the top of our agenda. Besides financial support, commitment of our team and volunteers, our skills and network, and new ideas are equally important to our continuous growth and expansion.”

Gary and his team. “I believe in the power of collaboration. On our team, there are civil servants, high school teachers, businessmen, lawyers, bankers and many others.”

Front row: Ruby Chan 陳穎芝 (BEcon&Fin 2006; MIPA 2011) (1st right); Lisa So 蘇詩韻 (LLB 1998; PCLL 2000) (2nd right); Gary Wong 黃梓謙 (BA 2006) (3rd right); Judy Kong 江嘉惠 (MSW 2011) (2nd left)

Back row: Jack Chen 陳嵩泳 (BEng 2009; MSc(CompSc) 2013) (1st right); Desmond Cheung 張志銓 (BSocSc(Govt&Laws) 2008; LLB 2011; PCLL 2012) (2nd right)

And those who are not in the picture: Eddie Chow 周倬行 (BEng 2007), Harvey Lo 羅子峯 (MEd 2014), Vivian Chik 戚瑜慧 (PCLL 2014), Erica Wang 王海茵 (BA Year 3) and Alex Luk 隆嘉健 (BSc(ActuarSc) Year 3)
Serious(ly) Fun

We help our users find the best content through curation, algorithm and the participation of the 9gag community.

Hungry for some quality jokes, funny pictures and videos? Here is your remedy!

9gag.com, one of the world’s most popular websites for audiences seeking laughter and entertaining tidbits, is the brainchild of Ray Chan.

“We are trying to solve a problem here,” said Chan, who left HKU with a Law degree in 2006. “In this Internet age, content is everywhere but not everything is good. We help our users find the best content through curation, algorithm and the participation of the 9gag community.”

The idea popped up as a side project in 2008. Chan was then working for an online book-sharing platform. He took off from his career in 2011 to focus on 9gag.

“We worked on a lot of internet start up ideas in the beginning but not all ideas worked out,” said Chan. “So we decided to focus on the more popular project, 9gag.”

Six years after its inception, the site is receiving 90 million views each month for an average 10 minutes’ surfing time. Yet, these numbers do not include app traffic.

With 21 million followers on Facebook, 6.8 million on Instagram and 3.3 million on Twitter, 9gag has emerged as a leading social media player. Though young, the company is in the lead in comparison to some big retail brands such as Forever 21 and Tommy Hilfiger, especially when it comes to the number of “likes” on its Facebook page.

So just how did Chan do it? “We have one guy managing all our social media accounts,” said Chan. “1.5 people to be exact because another person comes in when the social media guy goes on holiday.”

With a team of only 30 hires, Chan said creativity and diligence are the key. “We definitely don’t have as many people as big companies,” said Chan. “So we constantly have to think of new and more flexible ways to get things done.”

But that’s not all. “If you think of a smart option, it’s possible that others can do it too,” said Chan. “That’s why you have to work extra hard in order to stay on top of the game.”

Though often seen as a light-hearted and sometimes goofy company, the founder said his staff are not necessarily people who crack jokes. They are serious when it comes to work.

“Hustle is the word,” said Chan. “It’s not about doing what you love, but loving what you do.”

Motto: “Alone no more”

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Wendy Gan 顏金施 (BA 1987) (1st right) is an alumni leader at HKU and was Chairman of Convocation (2001-2004), the youngest on record. She is also a long-serving member of the University Council and Court, and has participated in a number of significant committees and reviews, including the Ad Hoc Task Group on the Review of University Governance and Management. Currently, she is an Honorary Director of the HKU Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of HKU SPACE.

Beatrice Mok 莫綺文 (2nd right) got her principal sources of inspiration from her late father Dr Mok Hing-yiu 莫慶堯 (MBBS 1947; Hon DSocSc 2009), a renowned physician of internal medicine, and her late husband, Danny Ho 何定邦 (BSc(Eng) 1969), both past Presidents of the HKU Alumni Association. In 2012, she established the Danny D B Ho Professorship in Family Medicine and founded the Community Partner Foundation as a continuation of their benefaction spirit. She is now a member of the University's Court and an Honorary President of the HKU Foundation.

Daniel Yu 劉崇光 (2nd left) is a celebrated industrialist in Hong Kong, and Chairman and Director of Maxwell Electronics Limited, an electronics empire that played significant part in Hong Kong’s growth. He established an Endowed Professorship in Virology in 2012, and extended his support with a further Endowed Professorship in Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology in 2013. He is currently an Honorary Patron of the HKU Foundation.

David Yu 余啟超 (1st left) is Chairman of Dor Fook Co. Ltd. and Managing Director of Cheong Shing Investment Loan and Exchange Co. Ltd. His family’s support of HKU began in 1965, with the Yu Chun Keung Memorial Scholarships. He continues this philanthropic tradition and, along with HSBC Trustee, he and his family manage the Yu Chun Keung Charitable Trust Fund, which established the Yu Chun Keung Memorial Scholarships for Master of Research in Medicine and Medical Elective Travel, and the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library.

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On October 18, 2014, Professor Shinya Yamanaka (2nd right), the 2012 Nobel Laureate in Physiology or Medicine, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Science honoris causa for his contributions to the field of stem cell research. Trained as a surgeon, Professor Yamanaka changed his career to be a researcher and is now one of the leading stem cell experts in the world. Started at the Nara Institute of Science and Technology, his innovative reprogramming of pluripotent stem cells (iPSC) has brought him many prestigious awards including the Nobel Prize, the Shaw Prize, the Albert Lasker Basic Medical Research Award and many others. Currently he is Director of the Centre for iPS Cell Research and Application (CiRA), which was founded in 2008 in response to his discovery, at Kyoto University, and was named Senior Investigator at the Gladstone Institutes from 2007.

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“The magical moment of truth came in 2006 when the correct gene combination was confirmed. It meant that it was no longer necessary to use living human embryos to provide stem cells - rather an existing adult cell could be reprogrammed by adding a small number of key genes into its primitive or pluripotent stem-cell form. The technique was first derived from using adult mouse fibroblasts, but subsequently proven to be equally applicable to human adult fibroblasts. The resulting cell was named induced pluripotent stem cell, or iPS cell.”

Professor Michael Wilkinson
Public Orator
Charity Gala Premiere

In support of the First-in-the-Family Education Fund

The documentary was directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Ruby Yang, the HKU Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities (香港大學孔梁巧玲傑出人文學者). It was edited at the production suites of our Journalism and Media Studies Centre from 500 hours of raw footage by Ruby and her crew, which included many HKU student interns.

Over 1,400 guests and 110 patrons supported the Gala in October 2014, raising HK$900,000 to benefit the “First-in-the-Family Education Fund”, which supports equal learning opportunities for grass-roots students.

Film director Ruby Yang (front 2nd left), HKU Foundation Chairman Professor Rosie Young (MBBS 1953; MD 1959; Hon DSc 1995) (front centre), and HKU President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Peter Mathieson (back 3rd left) together with the Gala’s Diamond, Gold and Silver Patrons.
Ruby Yang 楊紫燁
Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities

Originally from Hong Kong, Ruby is a noted Chinese-American filmmaker whose work in documentary and dramatic film has earned her an Academy Award, two Academy nominations, and other numerous international awards. Her trilogy of short documentary films are all about modern China, including “The Blood of Yingzhou District” 《潁州的孩子》which won an Oscar in 2007; “The Warriors of Qiugang” 《仇崗衛士》, which received an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary Short in 2011; and “Tongzhi in Love” 《彼岸浮生》, which was short-listed in the same category in 2008. In 2003, she co-founded the Chang Ai Media Project (倡愛文化傳播) to promote AIDS awareness in China, with the aid of documentaries and public service announcements having been seen over 900 million times.

Since 2013, she has joined HKU as the Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities hosted by the Journalism and Media Studies Centre, producing and teaching the making of documentary. Currently she is the Scholar-in-residence at Shun Hing College.

孔梁巧玲傑出人文學者計劃
Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities Scheme

The Scheme was launched in 2008 through the support of The Hung Hing Ying and Leung Hau Ling Charitable Foundation. It hosts visiting scholars, renowned in their fields, with the objective of enhancing and enriching humanities studies at the University, which in turn contributes to the art and humanities culture of Hong Kong.

Appointed Fellows

Professor Lung Ying-tai
龍應台

Ruby Yang 楊紫燁

Professor David Wang
王德威
The Endowed Professorships Public Lecture Series commenced in April 2014 to share knowledge with the community. www.hku.hk/ephku/publiclectures

Understanding Inequality and Intergenerational Mobility in Hong Kong
Philip Wong Kennedy Wong Professor in Political Economy
黃乾亨黃英豪基金教授 (政治經濟學)
Richard Y C Wong 王于漸

“Individual income inequality has been rising because of underinvestment in education and lack of inflow of quality human capital.”

From World History to World Literature: China, the South, and the Global 60s
Hon-Yin and Suet-Fong Chan Professor in Chinese
陳漢賢伉儷基金教授 (中文)
Shih Shu-mei 史書美

“Taking the world historical event of the global 60s as an example, the lecture reconsidered the place of China in that event from the perspectives of literary communities that may be considered the South to the Chinese North, such as Hong Kong, Malaysia, Taiwan, and Vietnam, and through this process, propose a new conception of world literature.”

Wonders Beyond Boundaries: The Tale of Humanity, Heritage and the World
Lady Edith Kotewall Professor in the Built Environment
羅旭龢夫人基金教授 (建築環境)
David P Y Lung 龍炳頤

“Places of world wonders may be geographically defined, but their beauty and significance go beyond any form of boundaries defined by mankind. They represent a databank of human knowledge, beliefs, values and developments that inspires us and helps us to understand one another, regardless of gender, race or culture.”
An Incredible Journey Continues

Fr Alvaro Ribeiro 羅百龍 (BA 1969), former warden of Ricci Hall, touched many lives while he was with us. Everyone who knew Fr Alvaro has nothing but fond memories of his compassion, humour, passion and talent in the arts.

Daniel Souza (BA 1969) and Dr John Tan 陳岡 (BDS 1988; PCEd 1991; MEd 1993; PhD 2000), Riccians who knew Fr Alvaro for many decades, decided to honour their beloved friend by initiating a scholarship in his name for English major students. English had always been Fr Alvaro's great love; he had taught and conducted research into it at different prestigious institutions including HKU, Oxford, Yale and Georgetown Universities. Over 50 contemporaries, friends and students of Fr Alvaro from Hong Kong, Canada, the US and the UK contributed a total of HK$1.6 million. The Scholarship will not only recognise academically outstanding students at HKU but also inspire them to follow Fr Alvaro's example of treasuring some of the finer things in life, such as friendship, the arts, nature and cross-cultural exchanges.

Legacy of Cancer Hero Freddie Ng

The University is exceedingly proud of pharmacy graduate Freddie Ng 伍庭發 (BPharm 2013), who passed away in December 2013. His determination to stand up to seemingly insurmountable challenges makes him a role model for youngsters in Hong Kong.

Freddie battled against his terminal illness throughout his university life. Armed with a strong will and great persistence, he graduated with First Class Honours and won three out of the four awards of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy.

The TF Ng Improvement Award in Pharmacy was established by his family to perpetuate Freddie's spirit and three students have benefitted in 2013-14.
Tribute to Edward Chen
Democracy and Economic Development: the Asian Experiences

Four Asian experts spoke on “Democracy and Economic Development: the Asian Experiences” at the 8th Edward K Y Chen Distinguished Lecture Series. Professor Frederick Ma 马时亨 (BA 1973) (above, 3rd left), Honorary Professor at the School of Economics and Finance, moderated the panel discussion.

Presented by the School of Economics and Finance, the Lecture Series was initiated in 2007 by a group of former HKU students of Professor Chen from the early 70s. This annual Lecture is a tribute to an honoured teacher and a distinguished scholar, and aspires to demonstrate the fine tradition of great respect and appreciation for Teachers and Mentors (尊师重道).

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Innovator Harry Shum Continues the Inspiration Cycle

(Front row from left) Professor Norman Tien 田之楠, Dean of Engineering; Professor Tso Shiu-kit 曹紹傑 (BSc(Eng) 1961); Professor Peter Mathieson 马斐森, President and Vice-Chancellor; Dr Harry Shum 沈向洋 (MPhil 1991); Mrs Tso 陈家恩 (BA 1988; MPhil 1991)

(Back row from left) Professor Victor Li 李安國, Head of Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering; Professor Paul Cheung 张英相, Associate Vice-President (Research); Mrs Shum Chan Ka-yan 陈家恩 (BA 1967; MSocSc 1971; Hon DSc 2008)

“Democracy without good governance, without quality government, doesn’t work.”

(Back row) Professor Edward Chen 陈坤耀 (BA 1967; MSocSc 1971; Hon DSc 2008)
Every year, Microsoft Technical Recognition Awards honour those who have redefined how work is done both at Microsoft and in their industry. Electrical and Electronic Engineering alumnus, Dr Harry Shum 沈向洋 (MPhil 1991) was awarded the 2014 Outstanding Technical Leadership Award for his transformative impact on Search Development at Bing, the search engine.

The Bing search quality team was struggling when Dr Shum first joined it in 2007. In a relatively short time, he had spearheaded a series of science and engineering enhancements that would turn Bing into a viable consumer alternative with a rapidly increasing search query share in the US. Under Dr Shum’s leadership, Bing has transformed into a very high-quality search engine comparable to Google and with differentiating features.

Dr Shum has never forgotten what he learnt at his alma mater and, especially, what he learnt from his former supervisor and mentor, Professor Tso Shiu-kit 曹紹傑 (BSc(Eng) 1961). To pay tribute to Professor Tso, who has retired, Dr Shum generously designated the award money to HKU for the establishment of the Tso Shiu Kit Scholarship at the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering.
HKU Rhodes Scholar Advocating for Human Rights

What is important is to show your vision and passion in leading and bringing changes to society. As a Rhodes Scholar, I want to pursue a career that focuses on advancing human rights and making the voices of marginalised groups heard in society.

Geoffrey Yeung (BBA(Law) 2012; LLB 2014; PCLL Year 1) has been named the 2015 Rhodes Scholar for Hong Kong. Each year, one Rhodes Scholar from Hong Kong is selected to join over 80 other Rhodes Scholars from around the world to study at the University of Oxford.

Geoffrey actively participates in civil rights activities such as the HKRAC-HKU Refugee Legal Assistance Clinic programme, which gives law students the opportunity to provide services to asylum seekers and refugees in Hong Kong. He plans to pursue a Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford starting in 2015.

Collaboration with the University of Cambridge on Medical Law, Ethics and Policy

The Centre for Medical Ethics and Law (CMEL), supported by the generosity of the WYNG Foundation, is a joint effort of the Faculties of Law and Medicine. CMEL aims to provide teaching and training for university students and professionals in these two subjects, and to also raise public awareness on relevant local and international issues.

CMEL will now be able to focus not only on achieving co-ordination between disciplines, but also across continents with the help of Cambridge University relationship. Funded by the Hatton Trust and the WYNG Foundation, a Lectureship in Medical Law, Ethics and Policy at Cambridge University and a Junior Research Fellowship in Medical Law, Ethics and Policy at Cambridge’s Trinity Hall will be created. The sponsored scholars will visit CMEL at HKU and spend up to four weeks at the University annually to facilitate research interactions between Cambridge University, Trinity Hall and HKU. A variety of guest lectures and seminars at CMEL will be provided for the academic community and the general public. The international collaboration with Cambridge University will enable the Centre to draw on the expertise of visiting scholars and deepen its research connections among staffs.

(From left) Dr Ron Zimmern, Chairman, PHG Foundation; Professor Peter Mathieson , President and Vice-Chancellor, HKU; Dr Anthony Ng , WYNG Foundation; Professor John Spencer, Hatton-WYNG Medical Law, Ethics and Policy Programme Distinguished Adviser; Terry Kaan, Co-Director, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law, HKU; Professor Martin Daunton, Master of Trinity Hall and Head of the School of the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Cambridge
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The exhibition, held at the HKU Foundation Chamber in Hung Hing Ying Building, is made possible with the generous support of Colin Lam 林高演 (BSc 1973), Deputy Chairman, HKU Foundation (left).

“When I step into the Kwan Wing Building, I am immediately attracted by its classical beauty. As the years pass, the building’s functions have changed, but its ancient beauty remains. The marks of history can still be discerned. I often think about the path of imitating and copying from the old, while attaining enlightenment and innovation. This personal experience resonates with the process of metamorphosis of Hung Hing Ying Building.”

Dr Ambrose So 蘇樹輝

(From left) Professor C F Lee 李焯芬 (BSc(Eng) 1968; MSc(Eng) 1970) Deputy Chairman, HKU Foundation; Professor Rosie Young 杨紫芝 (MBBS 1953; MD 1959; Hon DSc 1995) Chairman, HKU Foundation; Dr Ambrose So 蘇樹輝 (BSc 1973), Director, HKU Foundation; Professor Peter Mathieson 马斐森, President and Vice-Chancellor, HKU; Dr Patrick Poon 潘燊昌 (BSc 1970), Deputy Chairman, HKU Foundation; Professor S P Chow 周肇平 (MBBS 1968; MS 1988) Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (University Relations), HKU

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Thank you!
Leogryphs –
The guardians of University Hall
Père David’s deer (麋鹿) is an animal that not only looks like a hybrid of four animals (cow, camel, horse and deer), but is very much endangered. Almost the entire population of this animal, some 2,000 or so, lives at a conservation farm in Beijing. You can look it up in Baidu or Wikipedia.

For decades, these statues at the foot of the entrance stairs to University Hall have been known as Père David’s deer or in Chinese, 四不像 (Unlike Any of the Four), not because they are Père David’s deer but because people think that they are an amalgam of the auspicious elephant, a qilin (麒麟), a lion and a horse. The nickname supports the superstitious tradition that students who unwisely touch the statues will suffer the fate of failing their exams.

During a recent examination of the statues, dedicated alumni and students of University Hall found out that they are leogryphs, a mystical animal with a lion’s body and an elephant’s head. Clearly, the body, limbs and tail are those of a typical lion statue, while the head is that of an elephant. The heads and trunks turn backwards, possibly in reference to fung shui to symbolise conserving, as opposed to wasting, good fortune and wealth.

In Hindu temples in India, where they are called yali, leogryph statues can be found guarding entrances. In China, leogryph statues are rare with just a few reported and only in a temple in Xiamen. In Hong Kong, there are only these two.

The leogryph statues at University Hall date back to the beginning of the heritage building. As the photo on the top shows, they guarded Douglas Castle built by Douglas Lapraik, the successful merchant from Scotland, way back in the 1860s. When the French Mission redeveloped Lapraik’s Castle into Nazareth House, the statues were placed at the foot of the entrance stairs and there they have remained ever since.

Next time you visit University Hall, spend a moment admiring these unique antique leogryph statues, and think of the times they have witnessed and will witness.

Kenneth Sit 薛海華
(LLB 1980; PCLL 1981)

Peter Chow 鄒健輝
(BEng Year 3)
Chairman of University Hall Students’ Association (2014-2015)
2013. Many students are forced to start working to ease their families’ financial burden," said Cathy Chan 陳淑玲 (MBBS Year 2), External Vice-Chairperson of China Education Association (CEA 中國教育小組) of Session 2014-2015 at HKU. She told us how CEA has brightened the lives of underprivileged students in China for the past 20 years.

Established in 1995 as the first students’ registered charity to support education on the Mainland, CEA started its venture for social good by serving primary school pupils in Hunan. “Our work targeted pupils’ educational expenditure and the maintenance costs of dilapidated schools.”

In 2007, a policy change in the education system on the Mainland caused CEA to switch its focus from primary school pupils to senior secondary school students 高中生 as its service audience. The law on nine-year compulsory education and the “Two Exemptions and One Subsidy” (TEOS) policy implemented in China provide free education to children, no matter in which city or rural area they reside. But, many do not continue their studies in senior secondary schools because of their families’ financial constraints.

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The economy of Mainland China is booming at an unprecedented pace. This economic development, however, might only be beneficial to cities and coastal regions where favourable policies and foreign capital are introduced. In some remote and rural areas of Mainland China, poverty is yet to be overcome and many children still struggle to receive adequate care and education.

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2006, we have supported the three-year senior secondary school fees of students in Huaiji County, Guangdong for over four years. Although the total annual educational expense is RMB 6,000-7,000 per student, the maximum subsidy we can offer for each student each year is only RMB 2,600 due to insufficient donations.” said Jenny Mak 麥麗雯 (BSocSc Year 2), CEA Internal Vice-Chairperson. In 2010, CEA started serving senior secondary school students in Guiding County, Guizhou, where the economic situation is far less prosperous.

For nearly 20 years, CEA has been evolving along with the continual changes of the rural education system. “Over the years, we have been conducting expeditions and voluntary teaching service in rural areas. Apart from a change in focus on primary school pupils to senior secondary school students, education software, including teachers training to assist them with adequate skills to teach at a senior level, is now our first priority.”

Nevertheless, to make its goal practical, CEA is now having to overcome many obstacles and difficulties especially in soliciting donations that have never been seen before. When we are out on the streets for fundraising activities, some people questioned as to why we are helping an already rich nation. And some, probably because of our Chinese name, even mistake our efforts to be directed at “national education.” Despite constraints, CEA will continue to live its belief of fulfilling the dreams of underprivileged students in China.

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Since 1995, over 1440 students have benefitted:

- 113 senior secondary school students in Huaiji County, Guangdong
- 1200 primary school pupils in Baojing County & Yongshun County, Hunan
- 113 senior secondary school students in Guiding County, Guizhou
- 127 senior secondary school students in Guiding County, Guizhou
Founded in 2013, the non-profit organisation SpeechExpress originally targeted Hong Kong teenagers who fear speaking English in public. In August 2014, the organisation extended its efforts beyond Hong Kong and organised its first summer camp in Yongchun, Fujian, titled “Dialogue with the World” which provides the opportunity for students to encounter Western cultures and receive training on English-speaking practices.

“Education in Mainland China is facing the same problem as in Hong Kong. It is exam-oriented,” said Alison Song 宋明潔 (BBA(Law) Year 3), the founding member of SpeechExpress. “So we picked Fujian – an economically middle-ranged area on the Mainland with a reasonable standard of English education where most of the service organisations seldom pay attention to.”

With 68 secondary school students participating in the programme, Alison and six other volunteers from Indonesia, India, Bangladesh and China took the responsibility to teach the students new knowledge based on English speaking techniques and global issues such as ‘globalisation’, while also drawing some attention to interest developments in the areas of drama and dance.

Adopting a pedagogy of “Learning by Doing” to intensively train public speaking skills of students in
two weeks, students were asked to deliver one to two public speeches daily.

“This was the first experience for many students to speak publicly in English. I still remember there was one student who, at the beginning, found it extremely difficult to engage in public speaking.

She wrote every single word down on note cards and used them to cover her face when she stood on the stage, feeling too shy to speak. But on the last day, she didn’t need any notes at all to deliver a speech. She is now more confident.” Not only did the work of SpeechExpress improve the confidence and self-esteem of students but also, local English teachers were impressed by SpeechExpress’ pedagogy and slowly incorporated interactive activities into their normal English lessons. “The Vice-Principal informed us that drama was new to his school. He was so impressed by our interactive drama class that he aims to implement an inter-class drama activity in the next school year. When I heard about this, I felt so moved – our work paid off!”

With the success of the summer camp, Alison said SpeechExpress would definitely run the programme again next year. “It’s a win-win situation where students in Mainland China and we, the organisers, have benefited from the programme. We hope to continue our work next year and beyond, expanding it to other cities in China.”

speechexpress.org
Registered architect Amy Chan 陳雅妍 (BA(ArchStud) 2006; MArch 2009) has been designing private housing estates in Hong Kong for five years.

“When we make residential buildings, we focus on them as products to sell to people,” said Chan. “Design is not our top priority unfortunately.”

The priority, she said, lies in successfully selling a property at a given market price.

“Sometimes we just design a room that is not able to fit in a double bed. But if you design a bigger flat, people might not be interested because the price might be too high for them to purchase.”

Aspired to put comfort first, Chan and three graduates from Faculty of Architecture set up an NGO “Beyond The Wall” in 2013.

“Our motto is ‘Design for Good’. I really believe design can change lives,” said Chan. “We are trained in the field of architecture where we need to create a space for people to live in.

Having helped kids renovate their school in Nepal last year, the group is turning to serve Hong Kong this year.

Carol Kan 簡嘉露 (BA(ArchStud) 2007; MSc(UrbanPlanning) 2009), another co-founder, said they will

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be building furniture for free for five ethnic minority families in Kwai Chung. Kan said most of those families are too poor to afford furniture. One single mother in particular has four sons but has no desks for them to do homework at home.

“We can’t create a very spacious home for them because we can’t buy or rent a flat for them,” said Kan, who is also a town planner. “But we can try to improve their living environment.”

The group emphasises that the families involved will have a say on how the furniture will look. Participating students and designers are expected to sketch and create furniture with their families.

“Of course we can find some second hand furniture,” said Kan. “But I think if we respect them, we should design for them according to their needs. We can also take their culture into consideration.”

The furniture project has recruited 24 students studying at the Faculty of Architecture at HKU. Kan and Chan are still heading the association, but the pair hopes to gradually hand over their leadership roles.

“Our ultimate dream is that student bodies will run the project by themselves year after year,” said Chan. “We want to keep this alive at universities so that the passion of designing for good can be passed on to the younger ones.”

The group plans to run both local and overseas services concurrently. It is working to explore school building or renovation projects in Nepal or Cambodia next year.

www.beyondthewall.asia
Before I started Read-Cycling, I had barely any experience of running a charity. Writing cheques in support of the survivors of natural disasters would be the closest I came to offering a helping hand to good causes. Then one day, I suddenly found I could no longer tolerate the chaos in my study, which had thousands of books all over the place. That was when I thought about setting up an organisation to help book lovers find new homes for their good old books.

My idea was promptly supported by my two best friends, Lily Ho 何莉英 (LLB 1986; PCLL 1987; PDipL(PRC) 1997) and Ivy Au Yeung 欧陽麗玲 (BSocSc 1986), who were my floor-mates in the Old Halls back in the 1980s.

We were, by training, serious people. When we wanted to do the right thing, we wanted to do it right. In the end, an impulsive idea turned out to become a government-registered charitable organisation, which marked our commitment to serving the community in a continuous manner.

Aiming at promoting resource sharing and the joy of reading, Read-Cycling is a philanthropy project for the community and a learning project for us. We had spent many evenings after work sorting out operational challenges and arguing hard for the best solutions.

It was 16 months after its inception that Read-Cycling hosted its first event, a three-day readers’ carnival, entitled “Bring A Book & Share”, in a high-traffic shopping mall.

Unlike most of the used book selling bazaars, “Bring A Book & Share” serves more than to raise funds. Visitors can freely curl up on sofas or beanbags and read as long as they liked. We believe one should be able to enjoy reading anytime, anywhere, even on the way to shopping. The event itself was a means as well as an end.

"If you build it, he will come."
— Read-Cycling
“Bring A Book & Share” now receives over 12,000 visitors annually. I always look forward to meeting them, watching them surrender to the magic spell of their silent companions and heading back home with a cartful of treasures.

Read-Cycling will be celebrating its fifth anniversary in December. Still a very simple set up with no full-time staff, the organisation has been entrusted with more than 35,000 quality used books and helped over 20,000 of them find new homes. We also, as at November 2014, made happen four reader’s carnivals, 12 authors’ sharing sessions, 24 school programmes, alongside many other community projects. What we have accomplished far exceeded what we originally expected we could do. For this, we were indebted to the synergy with like-minded organisations and sponsors, which gave a young establishment a lot of trust in helping realise some of its goals. We were also deeply grateful to our colleagues, friends and families. They never hesitate to perform the sweatiest of tasks.

In the movie Field of Dreams, farmer Ray, played by Kevin Costner, hears a voice that whisper “If you build it, he will come.” He interprets it as a command to build a baseball diamond in his fields; he does, and people flock in to enjoy the games.

When reality blends with fantasy, dreams can come true.

For me, that is Read-Cycling.

Cynthia Lau 劉庭善 (BSocSc 1986)
Founder of Read-Cycling 書送快樂
www.read-cycling.org

Read-Cycling holds a used-book collection campaign regularly at HKU.
Dung Kai-cheung 董啟章 (BA 1989; MPhil 1994)

Well known for his fiction, book reviews and cultural critiques, Kai-cheung is the 2014 Hong Kong Book Fair’s “Author of the Year”. He has published over 30 books and has been awarded various accolades including the Science Fiction and Fantasy Translation Award 2013 long form winner.

“能夠在劉以鬯、西西、也斯和陳冠中四位文學界前輩之後成為香港書展年度作家，於我是個極大的榮幸。不過，與過去四年相比，擔任二零一四年的年度作家，也許是最不容易的一年。在盛夏書展的慶節性氣氛當中，這個城市同時在面對非常嚴峻的考驗。當然我們可以假裝「什麼都沒有發生」，繼續談論寫作的挑戰和閱讀的樂趣，或者以購物行为填補心靈的空虛。但是，據我的理解，年度作家除了是一個獎項，也同時是一份責任。年度作家的責任不但在於宣傳書展，更加在於讓更多人注視文學，開始或者更深入地閱讀文學。我不用「宣傳」這個詞，因為文學是不能宣傳的，而能宣傳的就不是文學。年度作家必然以自以為例子，去示範文學寫作的某些共通的特質和特異的可能性。在這些之外（或者之上），年度作家還必須展示，他是如何以他的寫作回應世界。”

節錄自香港書展2014年度作家董啟章感言《必要的沉默》

Daphne Chan 陳重馨 (BA 1969)

Daphne (a.k.a. 綠騎士) is an active poet and painter from Hong Kong, who has lived in France since 1977. Influenced by Buddhist and Christian cultures, she developed a special artistic form illustrating the fruits of a philosophy at the confluence of Western and Eastern civilisations. Apart from holding numerous exhibitions internationally, Daphne has received various awards in France, including the 1st prize of the Seine-Maritime Department, Normandy Independent Artists Salon, Rouen, France. In 2014, she was particularly prolific with four new publications, and a painting and poetry exhibition held in October in Paris as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of Sino-French relations.

My cup of tea

I pick but a single flower
From blooming fields inebrious as wine
I tread but a single path
Amongst mazes of roads in the sunshine
I savour but a single tea
Between thousands of species so fine

On the ocean of endless souls
Singly I hold your hand in mine

Tenderness is prevailing
Between the birth and the ending
Of Destiny
Siddhartha Mahavir Acharya (BA 1971)  
After retiring from the Indian Administrative Service five years ago, Siddhartha is now the Chief Executive of the Gokula Education Foundation (GEF) in Bangalore, India. He has been the Secretary of Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Urban Affairs.

Gordon Low 羅安鼎 (MBBS 1956)  
HKU mentors since 2005, Dr Low and his wife Rosie were presented with the College International Medal in May 2014, one of the most prestigious awards of The College of Surgeons of Australia and New Zealand. It is in recognition of their tireless efforts over 25 years to advance surgical and medical exchanges between Australia, New Zealand and China through their self-funded programme called Project China. The Project has now sent over 110 Australian and New Zealand medical specialists to China across 64 visits and supported over 90 medical specialists from China since 1994 to undertake hospital placements in New Zealand and Australia.

Ann Hui 許鞍華 (BA 1969; MA 1973; Hon DSocSc 2014)  
Dr Hui was awarded the third Golden Horse for Best Director in her career at The 51st Golden Horse Awards for “The Golden Era”《黃金時代》, which recounts the short life of Chinese writer Xiao Hong 蕭紅.

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K L Mak 麥啟寧  
*Professor at Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering (IMSE)*

IMSE alumni celebrated Ir Professor Mak’s retirement after his 38 years of service at HKU.
Edward Sin 冼永生 (BSc 1971)

Edward was one of the winners of the Hong Kong Humanity Award 2014 co-organised by the Hong Kong Red Cross and Radio Television Hong Kong. After his retirement from government in 2007, he co-founded Grace Tutors 學濟社 and Knowledge Tutor 學修社 to provide free mathematics tutorials to underprivileged students and those with learning difficulties. Suffering from low vision himself, Edward relates more to the problems faced by visually impaired students and therefore, he learned Braille and sign language, and employs different teaching methods.

Terence Chan 陳鎮榮 (BSocSc 1972)

Terence was conferred an Honorary Fellowship by The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) in 2014 after serving as its Bursar (Chief Financial Officer) for 17 years. He expressed his gratitude to HKU for the invaluable education and training he received, which enabled him to pursue further professional training as a Chartered Accountant in England.

Jason Kwok 郭詠觀 (MBBS 1976)

Dr Kwok migrated to Canada in 1995 and succeeded in earning his licence to practise Family Medicine. He was selected as the cover figure in the 2014 April issue of the official journal of Canadian College of Family Physicians. His contributions to different community services has won him various awards including the Scarborough-Agincourt Silver Jubilee Medal, which was presented by Parliament of Canada in 2013.

Hayley Chan 陳晞文 (BA Year 1)

Hayley, winner of gold medal for Hong Kong in women’s RS:X windsurfing at the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea.

Ten Outstanding Young Persons (TOYP) awardees 2014

Janice Tsang 曾詠恆 (MBBS 1999)
Specialist in Medical Oncology, Clinical Assistant Professor, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine, HKU

Alex Fong 方力申
(BBA(Acc&Fin) 2004)
Artist

It isn’t what you used to be. It is what you are today.

“原來我們不是顧念所見的，乃是顧念所不見的;”
取自《聖經》
為推廣閱讀風氣，梁慧思與大學同學黃培烽合力編輯和出版《ReadIt 悅閱》雙月刊，以生活化的主題和風格，介紹世界各地好書，並專訪作家和文化人，讓閱讀貼近生活。刊物在全港大專院校、中學、文化場地和商場免費派發，更不時舉辦活動，例如由港大社會學系副教授吳俊雄博士主講「在獅子山下，我們談黃霑」座談會，讓讀者與作者互相交流。

愛書之人從來不會嫌好書太多，只怨自己時間太少，尤其是城市人生活忙碌，閱讀漸漸變成奢侈的嗜好。對於沒有閱讀習慣的朋友來說，閱讀則可能是很「離地」的事情，在云云書海之中，他們不知從何入手…如果你能夠在《ReadIt 悅閱》的介紹之中，找到一兩本對口味的好書，就是我們的喜悅。"

過去十年，在全球高等院校各類評比中，香港多家大學都有不俗的成績，個別課程的排名更攀上全球第一，反映出這個中國特區的雄厚實力，成績得來不易。然而，這一、兩年各院校排名有下滑的趨勢，究竟香港高等教育能否維持國際優勢？這些排名又能否客觀反映香港高等教育的實際情況？未來又有什麼機遇與挑戰？都是我很希望探討的課題。

灼見名家傳媒提供了ㄧ個平台，讓高等教育界的人士及各個領域的專家可以在這裏暢所欲言，提出建議，為香港的未來發展作出貢獻，這是我最大的心願。"

論壇與開幕典禮的日期定於十月二十二日，灼見名家網站九月十二日開始試業，半個月之後佔中運動便啟動，香港的政治形勢立刻風起雲湧。原以為這場運動不會拖延太久，沒想到臨近我們開幕的日子反而是高潮。尤其是各大大學校長先後到佔領區慰問學生，成了媒體的焦點。十月二十一日晚，政府官員與學聯代表的對話，更由八大校長會召集人、嶺南大學校長鄭國漢教授主持，大學校長的角色成了香港熱門的議題。

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More than 3,000 geographers in the past 60 years have walked through many happy and unforgettable journeys in the Department. To celebrate the Department’s Diamond Jubilee, over 330 participated a Reunion Dinner at Loke Yew Hall on October 12, 2014. The Dean of Social Sciences Professor John Burns 卜約翰, Head of Department of Geography Professor David Zhang 章典, and Former Director of Planning and Distinguished Alumnus Dr Peter Pun 潘國城 (BA 1961; MA 1967; PhD 1980) were invited to officiate the toasting ceremony for this milestone.

“I count myself blessed to be in one of the earliest graduating classes witnessing the growth and development of the department and a teacher of the Geography discipline.”

Eunice Wong 黃林婉貞 (BA 1962; DipEd 1963) (2nd row, 5th right)
**Chan Ching-chuen 陳清泉 (PhD 1982)**
*Honda Chair Professor in Engineering (1992 - 2002)*
*Head, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering (1994 - 2000)*
*Honorary Professor in the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering*

Known as one of the ‘Three Wise Men’ of the electric vehicle industry, Professor Chan was awarded with the Prince Philip Medal by the Royal Academy of Engineering in July in London. He has contributed to the development of the field through his academic research with over 300 research papers and 11 books, as well as co-founding of the World Electric Vehicles Association and being a consultant to several major car manufacturers.

“Electric vehicles have been my bread and butter in the latter half of my life and indeed they are what have made me what I am today. To cope with the challenges of this new era, it is essential to promote a climate of renaissance and open mindedness, truly in the spirit of engineering is. The philosophy of engineering is system integration and optimisation, the engineering spirit is a CAN DO spirit. It is in that spirit that I accept this prestige award.”

**Jim Chi-yung 詹志勇 (BA 1975)**
*Chair Professor of Geography*

Professor Jim, a tree advocate, received the 2014 L.C. Chadwick Award for Arboricultural Research presented by the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) in August in the United States. As the first Asian social scientist to receive this Award, he published nearly 300 scientific papers and books and his most influential contribution to the profession is the ecological research on the nature-in-city domain, which focuses on urban trees as its most prominent ambassador and benefactor.

“Life is too short for many devotions, and I have chosen to dedicate my professional life to the welfare of trees. I believe they are the critical elements that maintain the Earth’s ecosystems. We cannot afford to mistreat them.”
A New Page in Life

Annie Yip 葉安儀
(BEng 2010)

Jen Lau 劉俊玲
(BNurs 2009; MPH 2012)

Andy Wu 胡俊
(BSc 2007; MPH 2012)

Tom Fan 范錦虹
(BSc 2007)

Mana Yung 戎曼娜
(BSc 2007; MSc(EnvMan) 2010)

Michael Song 宋天河
(PhD Year 4)
Connie Hui 許俊虹 (BA 2005)
Chan Kwai-wo 陳桂和 (BA 2005)

John Lam 林志明 (BEng 2004)

Ong Kwok-leung 王國良 (MPhil 2006; PhD 2010)

Newly-weds:
Angie Kong 江瑩芝 (BDS 2010);
Paul Lee 李匡 (BSocSc 2006; PhD 2010)

Parents:
Shirley Man 文少莪 (BA 1977)
Lee Po-kuen 李寶權 (BA 1977; CertEd 1981; MEd 1996)

Ronnie Tam 譚穎佩 (BEd(LangEd) 2011)
Patrick Wong 黃子傑 (BA 2006; PGDE 2010; MA(AppliedLinguistics) 2014)

Miriam Lau 劉亮之 (BA 2005; MPhil 2010)
Tony Lo 龍思銳 (BEng 2007; MSc (Eng) 2009)
Visit to Good Lab

“The Good Lab, set up in 2012, is a local incubator and hub for social enterprises and talents... many small projects will accumulate into bigger initiatives and create energetic social capital for our society.”

Mentor: Ada Wong 黃英琦 (MEd 2003)
(1st right)

United Kingdom

100-mile of company

“Leo and I finished the 100-mile country trail of the Cotswold Way in the UK, walking from Chipping Camden to Bath in seven days raising HK$229,000 for the Love & Care for the Sick Foundation Limited.”

Mentor: Dr Nicolas Yeung 楊澍人
(BSc(Eng) 1971; DipManStud 1974; MBA 1981)

Mentee: Leo Ng 吳志聰
(BSc(ActuarSc) 2010)

Taipei

Visit to Kia's Canopy Cafe & Lifestyle

Mentor: Patrick Yeung 楊偉添 (BSocSc 1980; MSc(ECom&IComp) 2002)

Mentee: Clarence Chung 鍾家豪 (BA Year 3) on exchange to Taiwan

(Centre) Kia Pang 彭嘉琪 (BA 2004) moved to Taipei and started up a business.
Ordinary General Meeting

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

In accordance with Convocation Constitution and Rules, eight members* were elected to the Standing Committee of Convocation at the Ordinary General Meeting held on June 19, 2014 for a term of three years with immediate effect until the Ordinary General Meeting in 2017.

Standing Committee

Chairman: Choi Sau-yuk 蔡秀煇 (BSocSc 1972)
Deputy Chairman: * Andrew Fung 馮可強 (BA 1969; DipEd 1972)
Clerk: * Mona Tam 譚張翠芬 (MBA 2004)

Members:

Chan Ka-chin 陳嘉展 (BEng 1992)
* Chik Sing-wing 戚盛榮 (BSc(Eng) 1977; MBA 1997)
Ian Chu 朱位能 (BSc 1976)
Ir Dr Wilton Fok 霍偉棟 (BEng 1993; MSc(Eng) 1996; MSc(EnvMan) 1999)
* Alex Hung 洪文正 (BSc(CompSc) 1994)
* Andrew Kuet 閆順昌 (BSocSc 1987)
* Gavin Kwai 季詩傑 (LLM(CFL) 2003)
Peter Kwan 關伯明 (FDipM 1994; MBA 1997)
Alex Lai 賴振鴻 (BSc(Eng) 1985)
* Dr Lee George Lam 林家禮 (PhD 2004; MPA 2013)
Dr Lee Ka-yan 李家仁 (MBBS 1976)
Dr Lee Kin-hung 李健鴻 (MBBS 1958; MD 1971)
Mabel Lee 黎麗麗 (LLB 1974)
Dr Evelyn Man 文綺芬 (BA 1971)
Dr Victor Ng 吳瀚 (BEng 1999)
Dr Patrick Poon 潘燊昌 (BSc 1970)
Tai Keen-man 戴健文 (BSc 1977; MPhil 1983)
Jeffrey Tse 謝海成 (BBA(Acc&Fin) 2003; MCon 2004)
Thomas Tso 曹萬泰 (BSocSc 1975; MSocSc 1984)
* George Yuen 袁金浩 (BA 1966)

(as at November 20, 2014)

Convocation Speech

Let’s Talk and Achieve Universal Suffrage
有商有量實現普選行政長官

Dr the Hon Carrie Lam 林鄭月娥 (BSocSc 1980), Chief Secretary for Administration

Full Speech: www.convocation.hku.hk/2014/talk_carrie/
The Standing Committee hosted a dinner for the President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Mathieson and his wife Dr Christina Mathieson in July 2014.

Convocation Talk

Decoding the Diao Yu Island Issue
解讀釣魚島

May 22, 2014

“日本指一九六八年發現石油時中國才與之爭奪釣魚島，之前卻從未呼籲釣魚島是屬於中國的。但我發現在向達先生於一九六一年出版的《兩種海道針經》初版本中已指出，「黃尾嶼為我國臺灣省所屬島嶼」，釣魚島出去就是南小島、北小島，再去就是黃尾嶼、赤尾嶼，再去才是枯美山(即今久米島)，既然黃尾嶼已屬於中國的，那在西邊的釣魚島就一定是中國的。向達先生寫這篇文章是於一九五九年，出版於一九六一年，即並非如日本所言，中國於一九六八年前未曾說過釣魚島是屬於中國的。

我一直鼓勵大家一定要認識日本。你鍾意日本也好，不鍾意日本也好，日本一定不會搬走，既然如此，是敵是友你都要了解它。“

Wong Tin 黃天 (5th left)

Video: www.convocation.hku.hk/2014/talk_wong_tin/
At Lee Chi Hung Hall, there are three treasures: The Pillar of the Hall (Hall 柱), the Pool Table, and the loveable Ling Jie 玲姐 (黃惠玲).

Ling Jie 玲姐 has served Lee Chi Hung Hall as a janitor since it opened in 1995 until her retirement in mid 2014. Over the years, Ling Jie has shared the happiness and tears of hallmates, and has witnessed their life achievements. Her smile and words were always comforting, as if they were soothing medication for those in distress. Ling Jie will be one of the fond memories of the Lee Chi Hung Hall family, now and forever.

Richard Ng 伍志康 (BEng 2014)
President of Lee Chi Hung Hall Alumni Association
President of University Hall Alumni Limited, Harris Chan 陈向荣 (LLB 1995; PCLL 1996) and alumni invited 三嫂 (Auntie Three, one of the Three Treasures of the University Hall) to prepare the “Hall Blood” for the students who passed the Orientation at the Freshmen Night on October 23, 2014. More at www.uhall.com.hk

New Networks

HKU Alumni Network in Chengdu
Dannis Chow 周家翹 (BBA 1999)
dannischow@163.com

HKU International Alumni Group
www.facebook.com/groups/464312347005360

HKU Alumni Network of Washington, DC
Andrea Saturno - Sanjana (MPA 1995)
asaturno-sanjana@eversco.com

Chinese Students and Scholars Alumni Association at the University of Hong Kong (CSSAA-HKU)
中國內地學生學者(香港大學)校友會
www.cssaahku.org

The University of Hong Kong Music Alumni Association (HKUMusAA)
香港大學音樂系校友會
hkumusaa.wordpress.com

More network stories at www.alumni.hku.hk/networks
Professor Ian Davies 戴義安 1942 – 2014 (Hon DSc 2006)

• 13th Vice- Chancellor (2000 – 2002)
• Pro-Vice-Chancellor (1991 – 2000)
• Registrar (1999 – 2000)
• Dean of Dentistry and Director of Prince Philip Dental Hospital, Hong Kong (1983 – 1989)

I first met Ian when we worked together on the University Council. He was extremely capable, and was always the first choice to handle any tough assignments. To his great credit, he accepted all tasks with humility, and carried out his work with great dedication and resourcefulness.

His formidable intellect, used wisely, made him a perfect example of the HKU motto, Wisdom and Virtue.

Dr the Hon Sir David Li 李國寶 (Hon LLD 1996)
Pro-Chancellor

I did not have the opportunity of meeting him (Ian). I wish I did though.

They (my colleagues) have shown me a portrait of someone we would all like to know: extremely intelligent, a trusted colleague, a great leader, and a man who was warm, gracious, engaging and kind.

Professor Peter Mathieson 馬斐森
President and Vice-Chancellor

Our first encounter was not a very pleasant one. Dental Studies was then part of the Medical Faculty and as the Associate Dean of Medicine I sat on the Board of Selection for professors. I was initially opposed to his appointment. He was only 38 years old and it was very unusual for such a young person to be appointed to full professorship in the Medical Faculty in those days. I later changed my mind and supported his appointment. That was probably my only contribution to the establishment of the Faculty of Dentistry.

Professor Rosie Young 楊紫芝 (MBBS 1953; MD 1959; Hon DSc 1995)

I had known Ian since I was a dental student. He was my mentor, a professor of mine. I remember once I curiously asked Ian how should one plan for his career. Ian stopped for a while and gave me a little smile, ‘Gordon, you don’t need to plan or worry too much. You simply need to do the best that you can. Opportunity will come. When it comes, take it with no fear’.

Ian, I am doing exactly what you told me to do: Just do the best that I can.

Dr Gordon Chiu 趙啓聰 (BDS 1987; MDS 1989)

I was amazed how he finished the surgery in such a graceful manner. He had a big body. His fingers were ‘gigantic’ compared to the patient’s month. But, he acted like he were playing piano and we were listening to the Moonlight sonata.

Dr Vincent Ngai 倪貴城 (BDS 1994; MDS 1997; AdvDipPeriodont 2006)
With his (Ian’s) inspiring leadership and administrative skills, we were able to secure the first accreditation exercise of the British Dental Council and putting our BDS degree on par with those in the UK and other Commonwealth countries.

Nearly half of the dentists now practising in Hong Kong have been either taught or examined by Professor Davies. His leadership in Periodontology and Public Health made this one of the most prominent specialties in Hong Kong.

Professor Stephen Wei 韋漢賢
Dean of Dentistry (1989 – 1997)

A real softy at heart, never an unkind word about anyone.

Dr Mary Rodrigues 羅紀瑪湘 (BA 1967; Hon DSoSc 2004),
Chairman of Convocation (1993 – 2001)

Professor Davies, I remember how you raised your bushy eyebrows as you read a missive from a minion academic (mis)addressing you by your first name as Ion.

Violet Tang 鄧惠珠 (BA 1966)
Former Senior Assistant Registrar

Professor Davies proved his experience and expertise were of great value to the manpower development of the sector and to the oral health policy for Hong Kong.

Dr Sigmund Leung 梁世民 (BDS 1990)
President, Hong Kong Dental Association

In recognition of his contributions to the Academy, the field of dentistry, the healthcare profession, and the community of Hong Kong as a whole, the Academy conferred an Honorary Fellowship upon Professor Davies in 2004.

Professor Donald Li 李國楝 (MBBS 1980)
President, Hong Kong Academy of Medicine

It seemed like yesterday when we presented the ‘Davies Cuff-links’ to our dear Vice-Chancellor and good friend Professor Ian Davies as he retired. To us he epitomised what the British Gentleman, Scholar and Poet should be like. He could have come straight from a classic movie or play.

Bernadette Tsui 徐詠璇 (BA 1980; MPhil 1984)
Director, Development & Alumni Affairs Office
Dr Solomon Bard 白爾德 1916 – 2014
(MBBS 1939; Hon DLitt 1976)

Dr Bard, founder of the University Health Service, passed away in Sydney in November 2014 at the age of 98.

Born in Siberia and schooled in Harbin, Dr Bard was one of five students who managed to graduate in 1939 out of 45 classmates and was awarded the Anderson Gold Medal, an award bestowed annually to the medical graduate with the highest aggregate marks for the entire course.

He reconnected with HKU in 1956 when he joined as a University Health Officer (later University Health Director) to build a healthcare service for the University population, the first of its kind in Hong Kong. He served in this capacity for twenty years. His passion for archaeology also made him one of the founders of the University Archaeological Team, which was established in 1956.

An accomplished violinist, he was for many years the leader of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra and later of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra before moving permanently to Australia in 1993. Over the years, he was awarded the military MBE for his services in the Hong Kong Defence Force in 1968; the civil OBE in 1975, and the degree of Doctor of Letters honoris causa by HKU in 1976 in recognition of his many and varied contributions, from music to medicine to archaeology.

Sources:
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“Light and Shade - Sketches from an Uncommon Life”
Professor Ho Peng-yoke 何丙郁 1926 – 2014
Head of the Department of Chinese (1981-1987)

As a leading expert of world repute in the East Asian history of science (astronomy, astrology, mathematics and physics), religious Daoism and the history of Chinese alchemy and medicine, Professor Ho received his DLitt honoris causa from the University of Edinburgh for his stellar academic achievements. His global influence and prestige were evident in his appointments as Director Emeritus of Needham Research Institute at Cambridge University, Honorary Professor of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, and Academician of Academia Sinica in Taiwan.

Professor Tsang Shu-ki 曾澍基 1950 – 2014
(BA 1973)

An advocate of government intervention in the free market economy in the 1980s, economist Professor Tsang passed away at age 64 in August 2014. As the Students’ Union’s Vice-President in 1970s, he led protests against injustices and socio-economic problems in society.

If there were a next life, I suspect I would want to become an astronomer.
**Professor Hou Jiancun 侯健存 1923-2014**  
(Honorary University Fellow 2005)

Anhui-born Professor Hou passed away in Beijing in January 2014. Son of the eminent pathologist and teacher at HKU Professor Hou Pao-chang 侯寶璋, he became a researcher at the then Central Institute of Health, the predecessor of today's Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences after graduation and took up a lectureship at the prestigious Peking Union Medical College in 1962. He remained in China during the Cultural Revolution and was a true patriot who dedicated his life's work to the greater good of the country. While fostering the development of medical science in China through his personal sabbaticals around the world, he always returned to his roots to build bridges between western science and Chinese traditions.

“**The University has been a grateful beneficiary of Hou’s tireless bridge-building. We are indebted to him for his instrumental role in the founding and continuing effectiveness of the HKU Alumni Association of Chinese Mainland 香港大學內地校友聯誼社. Filius sericus, viator indefessus, orbis terrarum discipulus (Son of China, tireless traveller, student of the world).**”

extracted from the citation at the Honorary University Fellowships presentation ceremony on December 15, 2005

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**Dr Wong Chi-shing 黃志成 1934-2013**  
(BSc(General) 1957; BSc 1958; MSc 1961)

Dr Wong, an internationally renowned scholar of ocean sciences and awardee of the Distinguished Alumni of HKU Faculty of Science in 2009, passed away in June 2013 in Canada at the age of 78. He was the Emeritus Scientist at the Institute of Ocean Sciences, Department of Fisheries and Oceans (Victoria, BC). In addition to authoring and co-authoring nearly 200 papers, he received numerous awards including election as Fellow to the Chemical Institute of Canada, the Royal Society of Chemistry, UK, and Royal Society of Canada. Calling Dr Wong “an icon in Canadian ocean science,” the obituary in the Canadian Science Newsletter (June 2013) speaks of his “astute geochemical eye and remarkable tenacity.”

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**Chan Sai-bun 陳世彬 1932-2014**  
(BA 1957; MA 1961)

Chan Sai-bun (筆名：羔羊), dedicated his life to education and Chinese writing, passed away in February 2014 at the age of 81. In 1952, Sai-bun came to HKU as a Queen’s College graduate to study under Edmund Blunden for the first two years and then Qian Mu 錢穆, Lo Hsiang-lin 羅香林, Tang Junyi 唐君毅 and Jao Tsung-I 饒宗頤 for the final two years.

During his university life, Sai-bun was very active in student affairs. He travelled widely and became a constant contributor to the Travel Page of Hong Kong Sing Tao Newspaper in the 1970s. In 1982, he took an early retirement from the government position of Principal Officer and started a new life in Canada to work as a sub-editor at Sing Tao Newspaper Toronto-edition and later at Ming Pao until he fell ill in 1997.

His passion for writing also led him to be a popular columnist under the pen name of Go Yeung 羔羊. His columns of daily yet humorous observation were collected and published as a series of three books including 《羔羊妙論》.
1. 澳門公務員制度
作者：Dr Wong Cham-li 黃湛利 (PhD 1996)
出版：中華書局 (香港) 有限公司
本书深入介紹了澳門現行公務員制度，既重視描述性的敘述，也進行概念
及學術闡釋，力求做到理論與實踐、描述與分析兼備。

2. 百年回眸—品味人生
作者：Professor Vincent Kwan 關品方 (BScSc 1973)
出版：黃地圖書
本書收錄了作者十二篇撰寫近代人物的文章，以個人的感覺代入這些歷史
人物中，並分析他們的內心世界，提供一個嶄新的角度來窺看他們。

3. 鴉線以外—資訊洪流中創造離線空間
作者：Dr Anthony Leung 梁永泰 (BSc 1972)
出版：突破出版社
作者浸淫資訊文化界多年，以此書帶出人類在享盡當今資訊時代的極速與
便捷之時應作出反思，否則會被資訊時代淹蓋，失去自我。

4. 媽媽教我的生活處方：圓滿人生的永恆道理
作者：Betty Jamie Chung 鍾郁君 (BA 1965; MA 1968)
出版：方言文化出版事業有限公司
本書以作者和其母親共同經歷的實際例子去呈現不同道理和該有的行事
分寸，而這些細節使作者在生命不同階段，能夠从容地面對各種挑戰。

5. 足足五萬年
作者：James Hong 項明生 (BA 1992)
出版：皇冠出版社 (香港)
作者用了六年時間走進二十個國家，包括澳洲、伊朗、希臘、以色列等地，
去追尋人類文化起點，並以時序為引索，將人類五萬年發展史呈現讀者
眼前。

6. 香港工程考 II—三十一條以工程師命名的街道
作者：Ma Koon-yiu 馬冠堯 (MSc(Eng) 1993; MA 2007)
出版：三聯書店 (香港) 有限公司
作者翻查舊檔案，並由英國國家檔案館、《世界新聞報》等機構和歷史
學家執案多幅珍貴的舊照片，讓讀者了解街名是地方座標和符號之外，其
名稱背後還有歷史意義。

7. 破格思考—從古今大師如何突破說起
作者：Dr Stephen Chan 陳載澧 (BSc 1963; BScSp 1964)
出版：鳳凰出版事業有限公司
作者介紹了眾多古今大師如阿基米德、愛因斯坦、楊振寧等人的思維方式，
論述他們如何突破思考的框架和融合了其個人在不同領域實踐的經驗，
從而深入探討創意思考的理論與技法。

8. 蝦子香
作者：Wu Yin-ching 胡燕青 (BA 1978; MPhil 1983)
出版：敏智出版有限公司
作者以敏銳的筆觸、樸素的真情，抒發她對家庭、工作、生活、人事以至宗
教的感受和看法，其中點題之作《蝦子香》，是作者對自己、對父母、對家
庭的深情反思。

9. 根本集 (四) 及 (五)
作者：香港大學中國歷史研究碩士同學會
出版：雅集出版社有限公司
集刊一共五冊，以「國民教育之根本源於國史教育」的信念出版，《四》及
《五》編入中國歷史研習獎勵計劃獲獎文章，《星島日報》會員文章，
向新一代推動國史教育。

10. 偶爾集
作者：Philip Li 李鎮錦 (BSocSc 1979)
出版：寰宇文刊室
本書作者形容自己為「偶爾才提筆寫點什麼東西的人」，以跨歷十多年的
「小品文」及「紀遊及經濟文化」兩大題材的文章，期望讀者偶爾翻閱本
書時，可在心靈上作點溝通。

11. 在最黑暗的地方尋找最美麗的疤
作者：Jeffrey Ngai 魏鵬展 (MA 2009)
出版：科華圖書出版公司
本書收錄了八十九首新詩，讀者可以從詩集中瞭解中港台和外國不同的
文學刊物的選稿風格，又能瞭解一位香港詩人和教師的思想感情，從側面
認識香港文學和文化。

12. 兒童發展障礙針灸療法
作者：John Sham 岑思瀚 (BChinMed 2006)
出版：萬里機構
本書由專業兒童針灸醫師撰寫，結合了學界研究和自身的臨床經驗，提供
各種兒童發展障礙的基本概念及判斷方法，並詳細介紹國內廣泛應用且
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Publisher: McGraw-Hill

14. Widening Income Distribution in Post-Handover Hong Kong  
Publisher: Routledge

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出版：亮光文化  
作者：Dr Lui Hon-kwong 呂漢光 (MScSc 1991; PhD 1996)  
短短的十數年間，為甚麼在香港看不見遍地黃金？為甚麼遊行示威有如假日大型節目？究竟是誰改變了香港？是誰搬走了香港的黃金？

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17. 古今中外: 從中華文明看世界：第一冊：中華文明  
作者：Warren Chan 陳志海 (LLB 1977; PCLL 1978)  
出版：青森文化

18. Tracing Macau through Chinese writers and Buddhist/Daoist Temples  
Author: Dr Christina Cheng 鄭妙冰 (BA 1989, MA 1991, PhD 1996)  
Publisher: Fundação Macau, Centro Científico e Cultural de Macau, I.P.

This book opens up novel horizons looking at the vicissitudes of Macau and its unsurpassed charm that now attracts the limelight as Asia’s foremost City of Gambling and as a World Heritage City on the world stage.

19. Law, Economics and Finance of the Real Estate Market: A Perspective of Hong Kong and Singapore  
Author: Dr Rita Li 李綺雯 (BSc(Surv) 2006; PhD 2010)  
Publisher: Springer

The symbiosis between the law, economics and finance is evidenced in our daily lives. This book elucidates the relationship between these factors in Singapore and Hong Kong in direct and indirect real estate market.

20. Exploring Lung Fu Shan: A Nature Guide  
Author: Lung Fu Shan Environmental Education Centre 2013 Operations Team  
Publisher: Hong Kong University Press

Drawing on four years of nature surveys by staff and volunteers from the University of Hong Kong, the guide introduces the wildlife and historical spots in Lung Fu Shan, suggests several walking routes, and offers advice and tips on observing flora and fauna at observation checkpoints.

21. Handbook of Dialysis  
Author: Dr Todd Ing 吳兆濤 (MBBS 1957)  
John T. Daugirdas; Peter G. Blake  
Publisher: Lippincott Williams and Wilkins

This updated 5th edition is full of evidence-based, practical information on all aspects of dialysis training and therapy. Each chapter addresses a different area of the clinical realities of patient management covering topics like screening, diagnosis and management of dialysis patients.

22. Hong Kong in a Changing World: 40 Topics from Past Speeches  
Author: Professor Yeung Yue-man 楊汝萬 (BA 1962)  
Publisher: Infolink Publishing Limited

This collection contains 40 speeches by the internationally renowned scholar Professor Yeung Yue-man, which covers topics on education, housing and land resources in Hong Kong, China development, Asia-Pacific economy and globalization.

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Editor: Professor Lam Lui 林磊 (BSc 1965); Dr. Maria Burguete  
Publisher: World Scientific

The book aims at humanists, social and “natural” scientists, and laypeople who are interested in science. The 16 contributing humanists and scientists include the Nobel laureate Robin Warren, sociologist Harry Collins, and physicist-turned-historian Dietrich Stauffer.

24. Water Mirror: Ancient Chinese Poetry  
Translator: Dr Chan Kwan-hung 陳鈞洪 (BSc 1965)  
Publisher: Infinity

This new English translation of 580 classical Chinese poems from 600 B.C.E to the nineteenth century attempts to preserve the identity and essence of the originals.
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