

In lieu of a conclusion

For obvious reasons, the chapters in this monograph do not lend themselves to a conclusion.

By nature, this monograph, *Growing with Hong Kong*, concentrates on Hong Kong and its development. There are many HKU graduates whose contributions are outside or beyond Hong Kong.

Many of them have made remarkable contributions, in their respective capacities, to the development of China throughout its various historical eras. These HKU graduates are ever growing in number and at a fast rate.

With the exception of the period from 1949 to 1978, many have come from the mainland to study in HKU. After a three-decade hiatus, a significant number of mainland students have undertaken postgraduate studies at HKU since the early 1980s. Many of them have assumed leading academic positions in various institutions, as their forerunners did in the pre-war days. Some have become known in the international arena. In 2002, the first batch of mainland undergraduate students, of a new vintage vis-à-vis the pre-war ones, have also finished their studies at HKU.

Starting from 1998, HKU offers programmes taught in China, including Master's programmes in business, social work and public administration, typified by the MBA (International) co-hosted with Fudan University. Many are moving into significant roles in their respective careers on completion of these programmes.

In the past decades, there are also many HKU graduates who grew up in Hong Kong but now work in China, largely in major cities such as Shanghai and Beijing, either as representatives of multinationals, or as new generation entrepreneurs.

Others excel in other communities not necessarily on the Chinese soil. Some of them have been leaders in their respective societies. Others assume leadership among overseas Chinese communities.

Many HKU graduates, as academics, excel in the global academic communities. Their scholarship is cherished in prestigious institutions all over the world including Hong Kong. Others are leaders in multinational corporations or international organisations. In all these, their contributions are hardly confined to Hong Kong and deserve another volume of documentation.

In the pre-war years, many left the University before graduation when the significance of a formal degree is less recognised by the society. In recent decades, there are also numerous programmes offered outside the formal qualification framework, for example through SPACE, which have nurtured generations of alumni with high impact.

Moreover, in Hong Kong and beyond, there are definitely graduates, particularly those who lived in the earlier years, whose names are buried and whose stories forgotten, yet whose impact is felt by all of us who live after them. There are still others who have chosen to lead a life that does not always conform with social expectations of the time, yet they all play a part in the development of Hong Kong. There are also many, many more unsung heroes. They are less conspicuous, yet equally significant. As such, this monograph is by no means a “who’s who”. A comprehensive “who’s who” for HKU graduates would by necessity be much more extensive.

Hong Kong moves on. The University will move on, so will its graduates. Hence, any conclusion we could make, here and now, would soon seem premature, and soon render itself irrelevant and obsolete.

In this sense, this monograph is far from complete. It could only be seen as the starting point of a series of endeavours to study the impact of HKU graduates and indeed graduates of any great institution. The “conclusion in which nothing is concluded”, quoting Samuel Johnson, would also leave room for contemplation of further editions.



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Featured in the photos are alumni groups in various parts of the world and including the following:

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HKU's Convocation and Alumni Organisations

Convocation (香港大學畢業生議會) was established as a statutory body of the University of Hong Kong in 1958 under the University Statute XXVIII. On April 2, 1959, the First Meeting of Convocation was held at Loke Yew Hall.

Convocation is composed of graduates, teachers and officers of the University including the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Treasurer and the Registrar. All graduates are automatically members of Convocation.

Chairmen of Convocation

1959-1962	Li Chung-ching 李頌清 (BSc 1924)
1962-1968	Tseung Fat-im 蔣法賢 (MBBS 1926, HonLLD 1969)
1968-1986	Peter Lee Chung-yin 李仲賢 (MBBS 1952, HonLLD 1977)
1986-1993	Vincent Ko Hon-chiu 高漢釗 (BA 1969)
1993-2001	Mary Rodrigues 羅紀瑪淪 (BA 1967)
2001-	Wendy Gan Kim-see 顏金施 (BA 1987)

Hong Kong University Alumni Association (HKUAA 香港大學校友會), the first alumni organisation, was inaugurated in 1937 by amalgamating the then Graduates Association and the University Club. It was formally registered as a company limited by guarantee in 1965.

Hong Kong University Graduates Association (HKUGA 香港大學畢業同學會), established in 1976, is another university-wide alumni body.

As of July 2002, there are altogether 50 alumni organisations and networks, including the following 12 non-local bodies:

- HKU Alumni Chapter in New York
- HKUAA, British Columbia
- HKUAA, Malaysia
- HKUAA, New South Wales Chapter Australia Inc
- HKUAA, Northern California
- HKUAA of Chinese Mainland
- HKUAA of Ontario
- HKUAA of Victoria, Australia, Incorporated
- HKUAA, Singapore
- HKUAA, Southern California
- HKUAA, UK Chapter
- HKU Melbourne Medical Alumni Association