



# Epilogue

They have shaped Hong Kong  
and Hong Kong has shaped them.

What began as a document of HKU graduates  
turns out to be a book about Hong Kong.

The footprints of graduates of Hong Kong's first tertiary institution  
are pervasive over almost all trails of Hong Kong's development.

Sometimes they are seen as "conservatives"  
who fulfil society's needs and strengthen the establishment.

Other times, they are "radicals"  
who advocate changes or threaten the status quo.

Yet, they all share Hong Kong's successes and downturns,  
joys and pains, glories and struggles.

HKU is indeed  
the university *of* Hong Kong.

The styles, careers and characteristics of HKU graduates  
are images of the land that nurtured them.

Now that Hong Kong moves forward and  
its future is no longer confined by the physical territory,  
the graduates have the whole world in front of them.

HKU graduates have shared Hong Kong's past.  
Would they share Hong Kong's future?

Many HKU graduates have already moved  
across geographic borders and cultural barriers.  
How would they globalise their impact beyond Hong Kong?





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