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HKU Ranking



HKU shines in the 2024 Times Higher Education World University Rankings by Subject with eight subjects ranked among the world's top 50. Of the 11 subject areas ranked in the latest 2024 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject, HKU's "Education" has been ranked sixth among world universities, while "Clinical & Health" ranked 19th globally.

Eight subjects at HKU have been ranked among the world's top 50 universities. They are Education (6th); Clinical & Health (19th); Law (29th); Social Sciences (35th); Business & Economics (39th); Life Sciences (43rd); Engineering (43rd); and Physical Sciences (47th).



Rank	University	Overall Score
1	Peking University Beijing, China (Mainland)	100
2	The University of Hong Kong Hong Kong, Hong Kong SAR	97.9
3	NUS National University of Singapore (NUS) Singapore, Singapore	97.2

The ranking reports of world universities in 2024 published by QS as well as Times have come out. The University of Hong Kong ranking has climbed up. Eight subjects at HKU have been ranked among the world top universities. The best subject is Education. Dentistry used to be the top subject but its no longer among the eight. For the first time, the HKU is ranked ahead of University of Singapore. Vice Chancellor was proud to announce that because it was his challenge when a question was raised by Larry Ng to find out why HKU was behind University of Singapore in ranking at the HKUAA NC banquet in 2018.

HKU Foundation Reunion



The University of Hong Kong Foundation Reunion was held on November 7, 2023 at the Loke Yew Hall. Alumna Christina Leung was the only one from our organization to attend. She had the opportunity to meet Vice Chancellor Xiang Zhang and Monica Wong, Director of Alumni Affairs of DAAO. Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, former HKU Vice Chancellor, is the new Chairman of University of Hong Kong Foundation. Many of us know him well. He travels between Toronto, Hong Kong and Hangzhou often.



Newsom at HKU



The Institute for Climate and Carbon Neutrality (ICCN) at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) hosted a fire-side chat between two distinguished speakers, California Governor Gavin Newsom, and Professor Peng Gong, Vice-president and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development) of HKU and Director of ICCN during a seminar, titled "California's Climate Journey: Insights and Inspiration for Hong Kong". During the fireside chat, Governor Gavin Newsom and Professor Peng Gong engaged in a dialogue on California's climate journey and discuss how the state's success stories can be adapted to Hong Kong's context. It was a successful event.

Prof. and alumnus Todd Ing



We mourn the recent loss of alumnus Todd Ing, MB,BS.1957, Professor at Loyal University, past president of HKUAA Central USA.

Welcome 2 new board members



Stephen Ng

Julian Chu

Stephen got his B.Soc.Sc. at HKU in 1981. He is the past chair of the Economics Society & President of AIESEC. He received MBA from CUHK and was the Global Alumni Ambassador of CUHK Business School in Bay Area. He worked at OOCL for >30 years and was a Board Director with profit/loss accountability as well as ESG and PR responsibilities. He was the official company spokesperson. He retired in 2019.

Julian received B.Sc. at HKU in 1992 and a MS in aerospace science and MBA in Business Administration at University of Michigan. He is currently president of Kaleida Group, providing strategic advisory, coaching and management support to high impact startups. Before that, he was product operations director and chief of staff for Google Cloud Business Platform. He has served on the board of a number of non-profits e.g. Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

HK Secretary of Finance's visit

In mid-November, Mr. Paul Chan, the Financial Secretary of Hong Kong paid a visit to the Bay Area to attend the APEC conference. A few of our board members were invited by HKETO (SF) to attend a special dinner to honor him at Harbortown Restaurant in San Francisco. He spoke about the Hong Kong positive outlook in finance, computer technology and combating climate change.



Larry's Diary About his HK Visit

He was in Hong Kong for two weeks in late November. He managed to meet with several important officers of the University of Hong Kong like

the Vice Chancellor Xiang Zhang, Past V.C. Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui, DAAO officers, Shirley Lo, Monica Wong, plus Bernadette Tsui, Doris Cheung and Kitty Wong. He also found time to connect with eight of his past mentees. The main reason for his trip was to attend the 111th Anniversary Reunion of St. John's College called "One and Only One". He found time spend two days in Macau which looked so different from the last time he was there.

SJC 111th Anniversary Reunion

St. John's College celebrated its 111th Anniversary at the Hong Kong Convention Center. It was very well attended by one thousand St. Johnians and guests which included Vice Chancellor Zhang. Larry was seated at the head table and was able to meet alumni whom he had not seen for 60 years. However, it was a little disappointing that not many attendants came from either the U.S.A. or Canada. After the banquet dinner, three paintings by alumna Elaine Chiu were auctioned out. It brought in >HK\$ 200,000 to the association.



With Rev. Paul Tong, former College Master



With Elaine Chiu, artist

HKU Mentor Inauguration

A mentor inauguration event was held at Loke Yew Hall. Larry and his mentee Jenny Wu were lucky enough to be included in the event at the last minute. Performance was done by a talented mentee committee group. Vice Chancellor Xiang Zhang was a honor guest. It was at that event that he brought up the incidence in 2018 when Larry Ng questioned the ability of HKU overtaking Singapore University in ranking. It has finally happened and he is proud of it.



V C Zhang with Larry and mentee

HKU Senior Common Rooms

Larry were invited by HKU officers to have lunch at the Senior Common Rooms, one of which serves Chinese food and another serves European dishes. The food was excellent. After the lunch, Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui who is an excellent photographer showed Larry the photo spots on campus.



At South China Sports Ctr with Monica Wong