

Friends of HKU Bulletin

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Friends of HKU Bulletin.

Since April this year I have had the honor, privilege and responsibility of being the President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong (HKU). I have been enormously impressed by the strong sense of community at HKU, by the enthusiasm and ability of students, staff, alumni and other stakeholders, and by the collective pride in HKU's history and commitment to its future.

HKU has made exceptional contributions to Hong Kong, China, and the world at large for the past century. We look to our second century with renewed vigor and my vision is to strengthen HKU's place on the world academic stage so that we nurture our students to become global citizens and future leaders. We will partner with the best worldwide, aim to attract and retain the best staff and the best students, play a leading role in the development of links with Mainland China and the rest of Asia but never neglect our links with the wider world. The United States will remain at the forefront of our ambitions. We are approaching the final stages of a massive worldwide recruitment exercise for my new team of five Vice-Presidents. One will have the portfolio of "Global" and will oversee, together with me and the rest of the senior management team, our efforts towards greater globalization. We will reform and modernize those aspects of the University that are not fit for purpose for an agile 21st century university that is well-placed to compete, lead and innovate in research, education, knowledge exchange, and social responsibility.

As HKU travels through this time of change, we will guard against complacency or any loss of momentum. We will seek to actively involve alumni and other donors in formulating and implementing our new Strategic Plan. Another of the new Vice-Presidents will be one with the portfolio of Institutional Advancement and the unenviable task of succeeding Professor S. P. Chow, helping me to reinforce the University's links with the international University family, our donors, and the community at large.

I would like to thank the President and the Board of Directors of the Friends of HKU for devoting their time and energy; the executive committee of the alumni chapters for connecting alumni; and the alumni, donors and friends in the U.S. for all their support. I hope to have the opportunity to thank many of you in person very soon.

In the meantime, my sincere thanks and my very best regards to you all.



Peter Mathieson

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President and Vice-Chancellor
The University of Hong Kong

Friends of HKU Scholarships

The "Friends of HKU Scholarships" were established in 2006 to promote and encourage academic and cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and the U.S. The funding covers two-way exchange scholarships for HKU undergraduate students and U.S. citizens to study in the two places.

Ms. Linda Shetabi has just finished her studies at the University of California, Los Angeles for a Fine Arts degree. She was awarded a Friends of HKU Scholarship in 2013-14 to come to HKU on exchange for two semesters.

“ I would like to thank the Friends of HKU for awarding this generous scholarship to me. It has been a great privilege to have had the opportunity to attend university and pursue a degree after having started a family. The Scholarship gave me renewed encouragement; it not only validated my efforts in trying to achieve my personal best but sets an incredible example for my two young sons. ”



Linda (front 2nd right) joined a field trip to London during her studies at HKU

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG 香港大學
faculty of architecture 建築學院



“ I am very grateful for the kindness of the members of the HKU Family, especially the staff members of the Faculty of Architecture, who gave me support and helped me transiting to a new environment. Their welcoming atmosphere also sparked my interest in pursuing a Master of Architecture Conservation at HKU commencing this fall. ”

DO YOU KNOW?

Giving from Canada

The University of Hong Kong has been prescribed by the Canada Revenue Agency as a qualified donee outside Canada. Canadian citizens and corporations can contribute to the University and official donation receipts will be issued for tax deduction purposes under the Income Tax Act of Canada.

Donations can be made directly to HKU:

www.giving.hku.hk

Giving from the United States

Friends of the University of Hong Kong, Ltd ("Friends of HKU") is a charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. The mission of Friends of HKU is to support the advancement of the University.

Donations to Friends of HKU are eligible for U.S. tax deductions.

<http://usfriends.hku.hk>

Summer Exchange Programs at HKU for your children

Would you like your children to participate in the rich variety of HKU programs during the summer holidays?

The HKU Summer Program offers a wide range of courses for non-local students to experience the study environment and unique culture of the University.

For high school students:

- ★ Aims to provide opportunities for students to explore their areas of interest, and develop their strengths and potential.
- ★ Wide scope of programs are available including Arts, Architecture, Dentistry, Engineering, Journalism & Media Studies, Medicine, Science, and Social Sciences.
- ★ Students can seize a golden opportunity to experience university study, and meet our teaching professionals and undergraduates.

For undergraduates:

- ★ Courses cover wide scope of interests, such as Architecture, Arts and Humanities, Business and Economics, Engineering, and Social Sciences.
- ★ Most are credit-bearing ranging from 3-12 credits and usually last 2 to 4 weeks.
- ★ Some of our courses are partially carried out in Seoul, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Beijing, Macau, and some also take students to study at the University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford.
- ★ During their stay at HKU, students will explore different views of this metropolitan city and the unique "East meets West" local culture of Hong Kong through a series of cultural and social activities.

Enrolment details
are announced in December
every year for the
following summer.

Stay tuned!

www.hku.hk/summer



The Friends of HKU offers a scholarship of up to US\$1,000 for children of HKU alumni residing in the U.S. to participate in the HKU Summer Programs.

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Giving to HKU



Dr. Harry Shum (front 2nd right) donated to establish a scholarship to pay tribute to Professor Tso Shiu Kit (front 2nd left)

Innovator Continues the Inspiration Cycle

Electrical and Electronic Engineering alumnus, Dr. Harry Shum (MPhil 1991), was awarded the 2014 Microsoft Technical Recognition Awards (Outstanding Technical Leadership Award) for his transformative impact on Search Development at Bing, the search engine.

Under Dr. Shum's leadership, Bing has transformed into a high-quality search engine comparable to Google and with differentiating features.

To honor his former supervisor and mentor Professor Tso, who has retired, Dr. Shum generously designated the award money to HKU for the establishment of the **Tso Shiu Kit Scholarship**.

Incredible Journey Continues



In Memory of a Veteran Cameraman

The HKU Journalism and Media Studies Centre, in partnership with Asia Pacific Vision, have established a fund for the education of broadcast journalists and video professionals.

The **Mick Deane Scholarship** was created in memory of Deane, the veteran British cameraman who was killed while covering protests in Egypt in 2013. For the last 15 years of his life, Deane was with Britain's Sky News, based in the United States and London and, more recently, the Middle East.

The Scholarship will be awarded to students who best exemplify Mick's spirit and want to excel at broadcast journalism but are also generous by nature, ones who share information with others and have the potential to be a teacher and mentor.

To donate: usfriends@hku.hk



Mick Dean (centre) preparing for a scud attack during the first Gulf War

Fr. Alvaro Ribeiro, former warden of Ricci Hall, passed away in the U.S. last year, having touched many lives while he was with us. Mr. Daniel Souza and Dr. John Tan, Riccians who knew Fr. Alvaro for many decades, decided to honor their beloved friend by initiating a scholarship in his name for English major students.

The fundraising campaign successfully raised US\$200,000, with over 50 contemporaries, friends and students of Fr. Alvaro from Hong Kong, the U.S., Canada and the U.K. contributing.

HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the U.S.

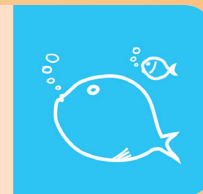
Overseas Mentorship Program

Since 2000, more than 240 alumni and friends have participated in the HKU Overseas Mentorship Program, guiding and supporting more than 1,500 students during their time on overseas exchange. HKU alumni offshore chapters have greatly contributed to supporting overseas mentors and mentees, living up the spirit of one big HKU Family.

www.mentorship.hku.hk



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Mentorship



(left) Mentor in Northern California, USA: Dr. Catherine Lau (BSc 1979, MPhil 1982)
(right) Outgoing Exchange Mentee (2013-2014): Julia Chun Siu Ting, BSocSc Year 1

Dr. Catherine Lau:

“ I have been a mentor to HKU exchange students in the Bay Area, Northern California since the summer of 2010. I find it a pleasure and a rewarding experience to be a friend and mentor to young students who come to study at UC Berkeley and Davis. They help me to understand more about the young generations in Hong Kong and China, as well as the current HKU. I help them to get familiar with the Bay Area, American life and the HKU of a generation ago. ”

Exchange on Hong Kong's Financial Market

Professor K.C. Chan, Secretary for Financial Services & the Treasury of the HKSAR, passed through San Francisco in May. Organized by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (San Francisco), Professor Chan spoke on Hong Kong's financial market and the city's role as an offshore renminbi centre. Some members of the Northern California Chapter were invited to join the occasion.



Alumni Championship in New York

The HKU Alumni Dragon Boat team of New York won First Place of the Division at the 24th Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival at Flushing Meadows Lake. This was the first competition for the newly formed Dragon Boat team, which included HKU alumni, friends and past HKU exchange students.



HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the U.S.

Keep in touch with your respective convenors for updates on Chapters' activities!

If you know of any alumni who may not be aware of the Chapters/Networks below, please connect them back. They can update their contact information at www.hku.hk/daao/oad.

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Annual Spring Banquet of the Northern California Chapter



Members of the New York Chapter with HKSAR Financial Secretary John Tsang at a reception hosted by the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office New York

HKU Alumni Network of Washington, DC

Convener: Ms. Andrea Saturno-Sanjana

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Luncheon of the Washington, DC Network

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