

Message from the President

Friends of the University of Hong Kong, Ltd ("Friends of HKU") was incorporated in December 1999 as a not-for-profit charitable organization based in the United States under the US Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c)(3). The mission of Friends of HKU is to support the advancement of the University of Hong Kong and act as a bridge between the University and the US alumni and friends.

We are pleased to announce that in September 2005, Friends of HKU was formally granted a public charity status by IRS after our five-year advance ruling period. With this determination from IRS, donation towards Friends of HKU will continue to be entitled to US tax deduction. Your donation towards Friends of HKU may also be eligible for HKU Foundation membership.

Since its inception, Friends of HKU has received wide support from alumni, friends and foundations. The total donation received so far has reached over US\$10M from over 200 donors including alumni, friends, corporations and charitable foundations. These donations have benefited the University in enhancing its scholarships and fellowships programs as well as campus facilities. Once more, we take this opportunity to say thanks to all your support in so many ways.

Currently, Friends of HKU is being managed by a board of volunteer alumni and our legal counsel.

President	Dr Kan Yuet-wai (MBBS 1958)
Treasurer	Dr Lawrence Ng (MBBS 1965)
Secretary/Legal Advisor	Mr Andrew Lewis
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Please visit our newly revamped website for more details:

<http://usfriends.hku.hk>

Best wishes for a prosperous 2006 !



Dr Kan Yuet-Wai
President



Blueprint for the Second Century

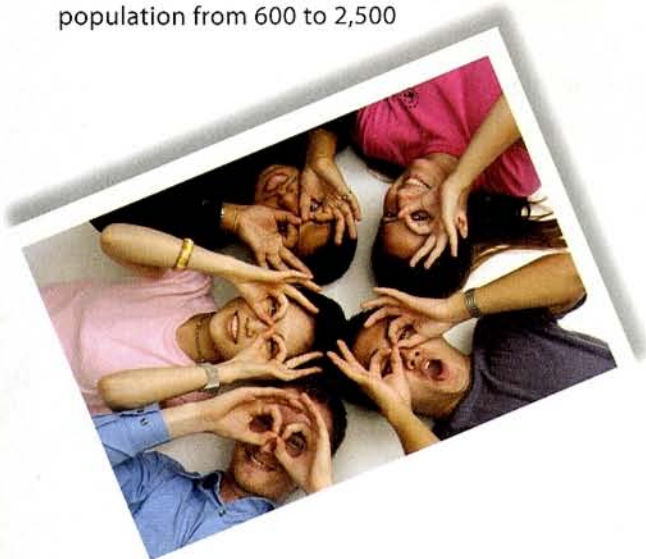
Blueprint for the Second Century

The year 2011 will mark the Centenary of the University of Hong Kong. People look to universities to help shape a positive future. The next generation of leaders must be encouraged, equipped and empowered by today's educators.

The Vice-Chancellor Lap-Chee Tsui highlighted the major components of the Blueprint (more details in the coming issue of *Convocation Newsletter*), which would be the focus of the University's efforts over the next ten years.

Advancing Internationalization

- The University will strengthen our commitment to cultural diversity and seek further global opportunities in education, research and career development
- Increase the international undergraduate student population from 600 to 2,500



Strengthening Research Excellence

- Located at the tip of Southern China, Hong Kong is ideally positioned to use its research potential in playing a leadership role in the economic development of the Pearl River Delta. HKU will focus support and development in the following eight interdisciplinary research areas identified as having unique significance to Hong Kong and the region:



■ HKU is at the forefront in the battle against avian flu and other emerging infectious diseases

- Biotechnology and drug development
 - Built and natural environments
 - China studies
 - Communications
 - Computer science and technology
 - Human health and development
 - Nanoscience and nanotechnology
 - Public law and public policy
- Recruit 200 additional international professoriate faculty members
 - Increase the proportion of full professors to attain a minimum of 30% of academic staff, with funding for at least 50 endowed professorships
 - Increase postdoctoral fellows (from 100 to 300) and research postgraduates (from 1,500 to 3,600) for the purposes of inculcating research culture

Preparing for New Curriculum Reform

The Hong Kong Government's integrated system of secondary and postsecondary education ("3-3-4") will be in place by 2008. With the four-year curriculum the University can offer students more innovative and flexible study options, such as international internships.

In 2012 the first cohort of students under the four-year curriculum will enter HKU, boosting the student population by at least one third, i.e. an additional 3,000 students. To meet this challenge, HKU will recruit more teaching staff and embark on a program of campus development.

Under the Centennial Campus Development Plan, HKU will revitalise the main campus as well as build new state-of-the-art facilities in the western campus.

Partnering society

The University, as the university **of** Hong Kong, is committed to serve the local community. But, more important still, based on Hong Kong's unique position as a world-class city, HKU is the intellectual hub that will bring the University Family together in an effort to contribute to the region and the world.

In this aspect, the 80,000-strong HKU alumni play a critical role. Many of them assume leadership in various sectors of the community, but they are also in the best position to advise the University in its advancements vis-à-vis developments in society.

The Blueprint is a work-in-progress, the Vice-Chancellor calls on the alumni, faculty, staff, students and the community to give views and suggestions to shape the future of HKU!



■ The University will develop its physical campus westward with a 30% increase in size

Alumni Challenge

// I want to join my fellow alumni in developing a spirit of giving. I hope that, come the Centenary in the year 2011, we will come up with a birthday gift of at least HK\$1 Billion for our Alma Mater. //

— said Dr Stanley Ho.

Making TWICE the difference... every dollar counts

The University just announced the launching of a remarkable challenge scheme set by an HKU alumnus.

Dr Stanley Ho (1939–1941, Science alumnus and Riccian) has established the “Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge” of HK\$500 million (around US\$65 million) for his beloved alma mater.

This matching scheme started on November 1, 2005. Gifts will be matched, dollar-for-dollar, up to HK\$100 million (US\$12.8 million) each year for the next five years. Donations may be designated according to donors’ wishes.

This exceptional gift is the toughest challenge ever to be put to our alumni. To meet the cumulative goal of HK\$500 million and receive the maximum match, 50,000 alumni would need to each donate HK\$10,000 (around US\$1,300) spread over five years—that is HK\$2,000 (US\$256) a year. But every dollar counts.

The Government’s budget for HKU is slightly over HK\$2 billion per year. The University cannot rely solely on government funding if it aspires to become a world-class university. We need support from our alumni, staff, students, the community and other stakeholders. We have received widespread support from the University Family and we must continuously work together for our shared goals.

■ Dr Stanley Ho pictured with Dr Rayson Huang and Dr Hui Wai-Haan of The Science Society, 1941



■ Stanley Ho as student, 1940



■ “One Heart, One Family” – alumni representatives of various classes come forth to pledge their support to HKU during the launch

Friends of HKU Scholarships

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In view of the priority needs of the University and with the support of various alumni and donors, Friends of HKU has recently set up a scholarship fund of US\$200,000 at HKU to support the international student exchange programs.

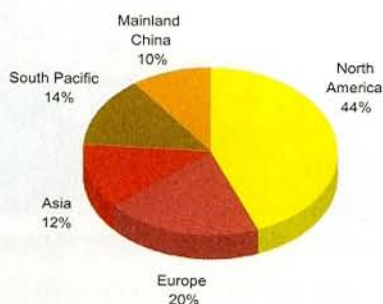
The funding will span for four years, covering a total of:

- 40 outgoing exchange scholarships (for HKU undergraduate students to study in the US); and
- 8 incoming scholarships (for US citizens entering HKU to study for a full-year undergraduate program).

Your further support will help the University in advancing internationalism and benefiting more students.

Background on Student Exchange

As Asia's leading English-language university, HKU is committed to developing a global perspective and cross-cultural understanding among its students. The University has developed a network of reciprocal student exchanges with universities around the world with over 100 partner institutions in 18 different countries.



■ HKU Students on outgoing exchange by Region in 2004-05

Currently, over 30% of our undergraduate student population undertakes exchange and/or internships at institutions overseas or in Mainland China. The priority goal of the University is to provide 100% opportunity for its undergraduate students to study abroad from a semester to a full academic year.

With an average scholarship of US\$4,000, it covers a full academic year's stipend for living expenses for an outgoing exchange student (note: tuition at the visiting university is waived as the local student needs only pay the HKU tuition).

On the other hand, the University is committed to cultivating internationalism on campus and to supporting staff and student mobility projects and international programs at all levels. The priority goal of the University is to attract the best local and international students and create a globalized learning environment. The setting up of international scholarships can help facilitate the recruitment of more brilliant international students to study in Hong Kong.

With a scholarship of US\$5,000, it can subsidize an international student to engage for one-year exchange study at HKU.

■ HKU targets to have 20% international students in its undergraduate population within a decade



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**Please keep in touch with the respective conveners !
If you know of any alumni who are not aware of the above networks,
please help connect them back !**

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