



Friends of HKU Bulletin

HKU: From 95 to 100

In 2011, The University of Hong Kong will mark the Centenary of its incorporation. This year marks the 95th Anniversary which was celebrated with a birthday party held in Loke Yew Hall.



The 95 lb birthday cake was specially designed for the occasion.

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As it approaches its second century, the University has its eyes set firmly on the future so it may reach greater heights of academic excellence and be worthy of the reputation as one the world's leading universities.

This goal – and the implementation of the four-year undergraduate curriculum in 2012 – means the University must develop its physical estate into a 21st century learning environment which is worthy of a world-class, research-led international university.

The first steps in the planning stage took place in early 2006 when four architectural consortia were asked to submit concept designs for consideration by the University.

For ten weeks the four concept design models were on display around Hong Kong and members of the University, alumni, friends and the general public were

invited to give their views and feedback. Following this ideas generation exercise, the consultancy contract was awarded to Wong & Ouyang (HK) Ltd/Sasaki Associates, Inc to further develop the master plan.

“Members of the public clearly indicated that consciousness of environmental, ecological, sustainability and heritage issues, efficient use of space, effective integration and cost-effectiveness were most important in the planning and designing of the Centennial Campus,” remarked Professor John Malpas, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Chairman of the Project Group for the Centennial Campus and Main Campus Redevelopment.

Site of the Centennial Campus



The concept design model by Wong & Ouyang (HK) Ltd/ Sasaki Associates, Inc.

www.hku.hk/centcampus



HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the US

Please keep in touch with your respective convener!

If you know of any alumni who are not aware of these US networks, please help them to get in touch.

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Discover Shanghai • Discover China

In further celebration of HKU's 95th Anniversary, there will be Global Alumni Convention held from November 2 to 5, 2006 in Shanghai, China.

Mark your calendars now and be sure to join your fellow alumni from around the world for this special event. Below you will find an outline of the preliminary program.

You may register at the following website or check with your respective chapter representatives for group booking details.

www.hku.hk/alumni/global2006



The program, which will be confirmed later, is as follows:

DAY ONE : Nov 2, 2006 (Thu)
ARRIVAL AND WELCOME DINNER

DAY TWO : Nov 3, 2006 (Fri)

HONG KONG - SHANGHAI FORUM

Shanghai International Convention Center/
International Press Center

- Keynote Speech
- Buffet Lunch
- Breakout Discussion Sessions
- Alumni Mixer (Cocktails)

DAY THREE : Nov 4, 2006 (Sat)

EXPERIENCE SHANGHAI DAY-TOUR

- (1) Know the City:
 - Shanghai Museum of City Design
 - Shanghai Expo plan
 - Pudong Financial Center
- (2) Know the Business:
 - Zhangjiang Hi-tech park
 - Baosteel
 - ICBC
- (3) Know the Culture:
 - Shanghai Museum
 - Yu Garden
 - Jade Buda Temple
 - The Bund

DAY FOUR : Nov 5, 2006 (Sun)

EXCURSION TOURS TO SUZHOU/HANGZHOU

DAY FIVE : Nov 6, 2006 (Mon)

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TOURS

- (1) The Huangshan Golf Tour
- (2) Shangri-La Tour
- (3) Guilin, Xi'an, Beijing Tour
- (4) The Silk Road Tour



Jockey Club Student Village II



With its grand opening earlier this year, the Jockey Club Student Village II consists of three new student hostels, namely Morrison Hall (re-built with the valiant efforts from old Morrisonians), Lee Shau Kee Hall and the Suen Chi Sun Hall. The student village provides accommodation for 900 local and international students from 23 countries.

With the opening of the three halls, HKU now has 4,365 hostel places – equal to 39% of the full-time student body. As hall education has long been a fine tradition of HKU, a new hostel development plan is underway to cater for the increased demand.

The first HKU Jockey Club Student Village Walkathon was held in May and hall residents raised some HK\$40,000 for St. James' Settlement Community

Development Service. The Walkathon will become an annual event to signify the residents' commitment to serving the community.

Ricci Hall Trust

The older we become, the more maintenance we need. And old buildings are no different. At 77 years of age, Ricci Hall still has many years left in it but, because of its age, it does need renovation from time to time. Ricci Hall now provides 120 places for male students.

The Ricci Hall Trust was established to maintain and improve the building and its facilities. Riccians are busy campaigning for donations for the renovation.

Ricci Hall is not just part of our memories of HKU, it will provide wonderful memories for future generations of students. If you want to make a donation from the US to support the renovation of Ricci Hall, please contact *Friends of HKU*.



Citibank Course

The University has been in the forefront in working with various industries with the goal of developing great minds for industry.

Funded by the Citigroup Foundation, The University of Hong Kong – Citibank University Banking Course 2005-2006 is a structured banking course which offers students not only valuable knowledge of today's banking industry, but demonstrates how this knowledge can be applied in real life.



In May the Graduation Ceremony for students of this banking course was held

Fourteen professional bankers from Citibank conducted a total of 17 courses, spanning a three-month period, for the 50 selected students from the HKU Faculty of Business and Economics. The performances of the students were assessed by a review of their attendance, participation in class discussion, as well as the results of the mid-term test and the final group project.

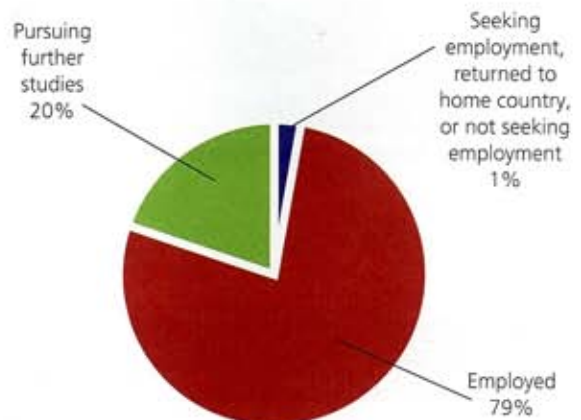
The winners of the "Outstanding Achievement Awards" will receive study trips to New York, where they will visit the Citigroup headquarters and other financial institutions, as well as a local university. During the trip, the students will meet banking experts and learn more about the global finance industry.

Citibank also offers interview opportunities for internship to those students who performed satisfactorily in the course. Successful candidates will be offered a two-month internship at Citibank during this summer.

In Demand

HKU Graduates Well Sought After by Employers

According to an employment survey by HKU Careers Education and Placement Centre released in May, HKU graduates are in high demand from employers. Ninety-nine per cent of 2005 graduates were either employed or had pursued further studies by December 2005.



"Alumni Challenge" Be a part of it!

"Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge" began last November where every donation from alumni will be matched dollar for dollar by alumnus Dr. Stanley Ho who pledged a maximum of HK\$100m (US\$13m) a year for each of the next five years.

As of June 30, 2006, some 2,395 alumni and students have donated a total of HK\$79m for matching. This is most encouraging as it represents a 109 per cent increase of the number of alumni donors compared with the same period last year, and a 112 per cent increase of alumni-donation dollars. There is some way to go to reach this year's HK\$100m by October 31, so don't miss this opportunity to double your gift.

The other good news is the HKSAR Government's third round of its Matching Grant Scheme was launched on June 1, 2006 and runs until February 28, 2007. The scheme works on the basis of \$1 matching grant for every \$2 donation received and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

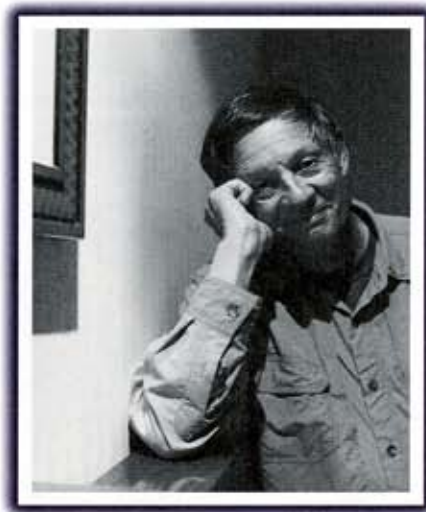
It's not a complex mathematics formula. What this means is that for each dollar donated, the University will receive \$3.

Your **\$1** dollar = **\$2** when doubled by the Alumni Challenge = **\$3** when matched by the Government scheme.

There really is no better time to give to your *alma mater* than now. For every dollar you give today, the University will get three dollars to strengthen its research excellence, advance its internationalization plans and assist ambitious educational and student developments.

www.hku.hk/alumnichallenge

William F. Woo Memorial Journalism Education Fund



Courtesy of Stanford University

Mr. William F. Woo, a famous journalist in the US who taught at Stanford and was a visiting professor to the Journalism and Media Studies Centre of The University of Hong Kong, passed away on April 12, 2006.

In 1997, Mr. Woo and his wife, Martha Shirk, also a journalist, served as Knight International Press Fellows in Hong Kong and monitored the effect on the press of the handover to China. They also laid the groundwork for programs to advance the professional development of journalists in China.

Mr. Woo's family set up The William F. Woo Memorial Journalism Education Fund via *Friends of HKU* to support the education and training of journalists from China at institutions outside Mainland China, including The University of Hong Kong and Stanford University.