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EMBA – Global Asia

Hong Kong, London and New York are three of the world's great cities; places that know how to meet a challenge. Each is a major financial and metropolitan center, and a key regional hub. Together they create a powerful financial network which drives global business.

"Linked by a shared economic culture, New York City, London and Hong Kong are exemplars and explanations of globalization," reported *TIME* magazine in its 28 January 2008 issue on Ny-lon-kong.

Top business schools from this tripartite have joined together to create a first-of-its-kind, groundbreaking program for globally focused executives and managers: The EMBA-Global Asia, the only program to offer learning and networking opportunities across the three cities.

EMBA-Global Asia combines the proven excellence of the top-ranked EMBA-Global program of London Business School and Columbia Business School with the prominence and regional knowledge of Hong Kong's first and foremost university, The University of Hong Kong. It is designed for those who seek to deepen their understanding of both Western and Eastern business perspectives and learn about the opportunities offered by Asia's rapid economic development.



The program will be a 20-month intensive one with its inaugural class commencing in May 2009. On completion, students will receive a joint EMBA degree awarded by London Business School, The University of Hong Kong and Columbia University, and will be alumni of all three universities.

EMBA-Global Asia offers great flexibility for today's busy globe-trotting executives; core courses are taken in Hong Kong, London or New York, with elective modules taken anywhere in the world for further networking and learning opportunities.

Classes in Hong Kong will be held at the HKU Cyberport Campus at Cyberport, Hong Kong's IT Flagship site in Pokfulam; an interactive, fully networked community with convenient access to the HKU Main Campus and the rest of the city. Overseas students can be accommodated at the Le Méridien Cyberport Hotel.

www.emba-global.com/asia/



HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the U.S.

HKU Delegation Visits to North America

With the aims of enhancing academic exchanges and strengthening the ties between HKU and other universities, a HKU delegation, led by Vice-Chancellor & President Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, visited several major universities in California and Vancouver in late April.

The delegation also met the alumni chapters during the visits and updated them on the future developments and directions of the University.



Above: Northern California Chapter at the luncheon talk organized by the HK Economic & Trade Office

Left: Southern California Chapter

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Giving to HKU

First-in-the-Family Education Fund

No student should be deprived of good university education at HKU because of financial difficulties. The newly launched First-in-the-Family Education Fund aims to offer equal learning opportunities for students despite their families' affordability.

According to statistics, about one-third of first-year students are from families with lower household incomes (including some on public assistance).

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui hopes the community shares his vision of providing bursaries to needy students in their quest for exposure to higher education. If you would like to join us in supporting this meaningful scheme, please visit:

www.hku.hk/fife

Ricci Hall Renovation

Founded in 1929, Ricci Hall has always been renowned for its close bonds among old boys. Enhancements of the Hall's facilities continue to be made with the financial assistance from its old boys. One old boy, Mr.



Wilson Cheung, has pledged to match your donation dollar for dollar when you purchase a framed painting from him. If you are interested in buying one, please contact Wilson at aristple@biznetvigator.com directly. You may also send restricted donation checks payable to Ricci Hall Trust to Friends of HKU.

Media Training in China



Foundation Open Society Institute, a Swiss charitable organization, awarded a grant to Friends of the University of Hong Kong in support of HKU Journalism and Media Studies Center. The grant will be used to design and develop a convergent media training program to be executed in China. This program will empower working journalists with the skills, knowledge and practical tools for producing media online, and promote the use of video and audio media for online news reporting.

Catch the Match

Don't miss the opportunity to double the value of your donation with the Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge dollar-for-dollar matching scheme. The third year of matching ends in October. Act now to catch the match!

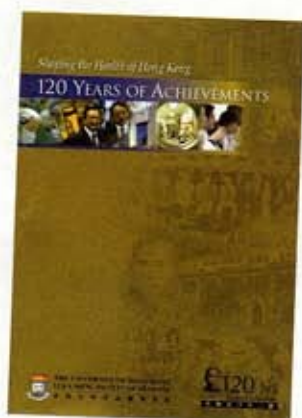
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Anniversaries Mark New Milestones

The year 2007 witnessed some important milestones at several HKU faculties.

Medical Faculty (120th Anniversary)

The Faculty's history can be traced back to 1887 when The Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese was established. In 1912, the College became the Faculty of Medicine incorporated within The University of Hong Kong. Queen Mary Hospital also celebrated its 70th anniversary last year.



www.hku.hk/facmed/120years

Social Sciences Faculty (40th Anniversary)

Over the decades, the Faculty has put much effort into nurturing talents for the community and has been ranked fourth best for social sciences in Asia (ref: *Times Higher Education Supplement* 2007). The Faculty has identified two core themes to guide its future development: "social innovation" and "global citizenship."

www.hku.hk/socsc/40th



Dental Faculty (25th Anniversary)

The Faculty has served Hong Kong through advancing oral health and well-being. As the only dental school in Hong Kong and one of only a few in the world, the Faculty fully implements problem-based learning in the undergraduate curriculum.

<http://dent25.hku.hk> **25 Years of Excellence**
HKU Faculty of Dentistry • Since 1982 

China Earthquake: HKU Action

When the devastating earthquake hit China's Sichuan province on May 12, HKU immediately set in motion a call to action.

In addition to fundraising efforts initiated by students and staff on campus, HKU teaching staff and alumni traveled to the region to offer their professional expertise.

A series of public lectures, forums and seminars have been organized by various faculties and departments of HKU on topics such as the geodynamics of the quake, the psychological and social needs of survivors, and post-disaster development.

A Sichuan Roundtable has been set up by staff volunteers to assist with long-term reconstruction work.

www.hku.hk/chinaearthquake/

HKU Souvenirs

A wide variety of HKU souvenirs, including prints and books, gifts and accessories, is now available for sale. Catch the summer promotional sale till end of September! Simply download the order form from www.hku.hk/daao/souvenirs and place your order by fax.



Giving to HKU

Milestone Gifts

The University recently received two very generous gifts from donors.

Dr. Lee Shau Kee, Chairman of the Lee Shau Kee Foundation, donated \$64 million (HK\$500 million), half of which will go towards student scholarships, and the remainder to campus development.



Dr. Lee Shau Kee,
Vice-Chancellor &
President Tsui

Dr. Lee said, "Nurturing great talents is a long-term investment. The task often seems imposing and monumental. The result, however, is immensely rewarding as society benefits from the knowledge and expertise that these leaders acquire during their school years. Through this donation I wish to support the future development of the University, thereby enabling it to continue its excellent tradition of producing exemplary leaders for Hong Kong, Mainland China and the global community."

In recognition of this gift, the University will name two facilities at the Centennial Campus, due for completion in 2012, as "Shau Kee Lecture Centre" and "Colin Lam Learning Commons."

Dr. Cheng Yu-Tung, Chairman of New World Development Company Ltd, generously donated \$51 million (HK\$400 million) to HKU in support of campus development, and the academic development and research at the Faculty of Law. Dr. Cheng said, "The Faculty of Law has fostered many outstanding lawyers. I hope my donation can not only be beneficial for the future development of the Faculty in nurturing local talents, but also contribute to the Rule of Law in our country and to its prosperity."



Professor Johannes Chan, Dean of Law (left), presents an antique deed for a piece of land in Guangzhou, dated 1839, as a gift of thanks to Dr. Cheng Yu-Tung. From right are: Vice-Chancellor & President Tsui; Dr. Cheng Yu-Tung and Dr. Henry Cheng Kar-Shun, Managing Director of New World Development Company Ltd.

In recognition of Dr. Cheng's gift, the University will name the building where the Faculty of Law will be located after the completion of the Centennial Campus as "Cheng Yu-Tung Building."

Bricks Campaign

The Bricks Campaign was officially launched at the Centennial Campus Kick-off Ceremony held in February 2008 and attended by over 400 guests, alumni, students, staff members and community leaders.



Show your appreciation and love for those you care about with a brick engraved with a personal message. Your brick will be installed in a new landscaped area of the Centennial Campus and you will receive a mini replica of your brick as a memento. Proceeds from the Brick Campaign will go towards the development of the new campus.

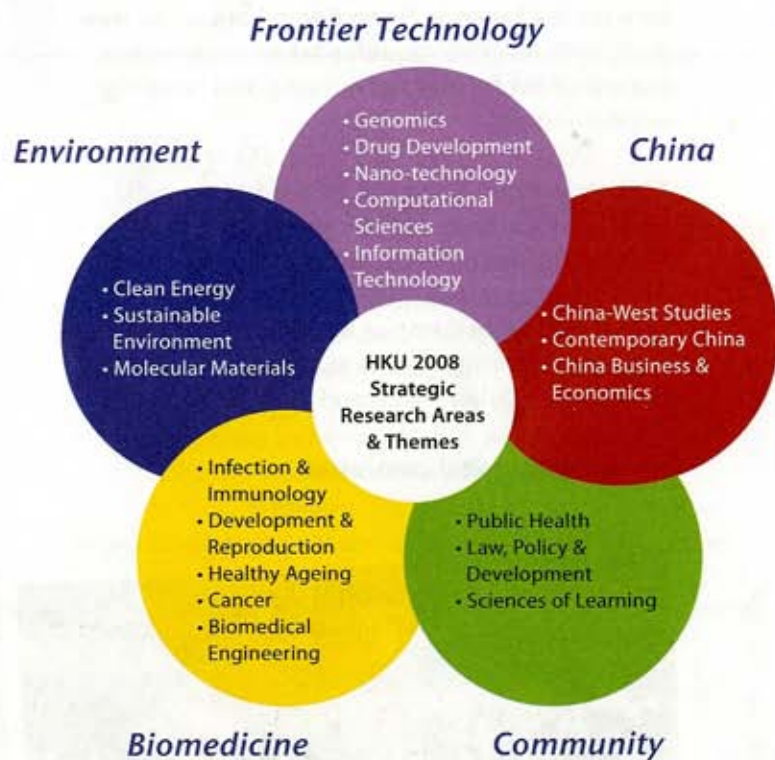
Don't miss this opportunity to honor your respected teacher, loved one or parent, or to commemorate a special event or achievement. For further details, please visit the Bricks Campaign website: www.hku.hk/bricks

Research Matters

The University of Hong Kong has ambitious research aims: to become the region's leading center in research postgraduate education and advance scholarship through high impact and leading-edge research within and across disciplines.

Strategic Research Areas

To bring fresh perspectives and innovation to research and teaching, HKU has identified 5 Strategic Research Areas and 19 Themes which lend themselves to interdisciplinary research, a key component of our Research Strategy.



Receiving Recognition

State Key Laboratory of Emerging Infectious Diseases and the State Key Laboratory of Brain and Cognitive Sciences are the first and only in their respective fields that are located outside the Chinese Mainland. Their presence at HKU is recognition of the University's reputation as a major research-led institution.

Further recognition of exceptional research excellence was recently given to Professor Mok Ngai-ming, Chair of Mathematics at the Institute of Mathematics Research, which has been funded by The Starr Foundation. Professor Mok received the State Natural Science Award at a ceremony at the People's Great Hall in Beijing.

Ensuring Excellence

Another critical part of the University's research strategy is Endowed Professorships, a privileged honor bestowed upon eminent academics within the University and created to provide continuous support to a designated discipline.

A professorship is established with a minimum donation of \$1.25 million (HK\$10 million) which is matched by the University to become a permanent endowment for each professorship. The annual investment return generated is used to support the professor's respective area of academic excellence and research.

The Third Inauguration of Endowed Professorships was held in April this year. A total of 33 such Endowed Professorships have been established at the University since 2005.

www.hku.hk/ephku