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Friends of HKU Bulletin

Asia's No. 1



President Lap-Chee Tsui speaking at the Alumni Leaders Luncheon, announcing HKU's No. 1 ranking in Asia and the exciting Centenary Celebrations

The University of Hong Kong (HKU) has been ranked the best university in the whole of Asia by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), the compiler of the *Times Higher Education Supplement – QS World University Rankings*.

HKU Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, said, "The ranking indicates that our strategic direction - with a focus on research and teaching excellence, and the internationalization of our staff and student body - is being recognized, particularly by other academics as well as employers. HKU will continue to strive to be internationally competitive and regionally relevant."

The QS Asian University Rankings are based on a range of qualitative and quantitative criteria, including peer and recruiter review, the international research capabilities of the institution, teaching quality, internationalization of the staff and students, and overseas exchange opportunities for students.

HKU received its best scores in the categories:

- Academic peer review
- Citations per paper ratio
- International faculty review
- International students review

For details, please visit

www.topuniversities.com/university_rankings/asianuniversityrankings

HKU marks its Centenary in 2011



1910	Laying The Foundation Stone Ceremony	2008	Centennial Campus Kick-Off Ceremony
1911	HKU incorporated by Ordinance	2011	HKU Centenary
1912	University officially opened; First batch of students (Medicine, Engineering and Arts) admitted	2012	New Centennial Campus in use; First batch of students under the new Hong Kong 3-3-4 curriculum

While the University is actively planning for its Centenary Celebrations, alumni and friends are also contributing ideas. So far, more than 130 ideas have been received, from HKU heritage and history, intellectual and academic programs, community outreach, to festivities.

We would love to hear your ideas for the Centenary Celebrations.

Please send them to: 100@hku.hk

Connected across the Miles

HKU Delegation Visited the East Coast



President Lap-Chee Tsui signing an academic partnership agreement with Professor Peter Goddard, Director of Institute of Advanced Study

An HKU academic delegation, led by Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, visited the East Coast of the U.S. in March 2009. This visit included meetings with Presidents and leading academics at Ivy League universities and institutes: Princeton University, University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University. The delegation also visited HKU alumni and friends in Toronto and New York.

Apart from university-wide and faculty-level agreements with the above universities, during the trip HKU signed an MOU with the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), located in Princeton, for scholarly exchanges. The agreement will encourage interaction between IAS and HKU. Both institutions also agreed to secure resources to support fellowship at IAS for scholars and scientists from Chinese universities.

Viva Las Vegas!

Jointly organized by the HKUAA Northern and Southern California Chapters, the North American HKU Alumni Joint Function 2009 brought together some 50 alumni and friends from the U.S. and Canada in Las Vegas in April 2009 to reconnect with long-time friends and make new ones. This year's Function included a reunion luncheon hosted by Friends of HKU and trips to the Valley of Fire, Bryce & Zion Canyons. Alumni were briefed on the University's latest developments, in particular on the exciting Centenary Celebrations.



Giving to HKU

Every Brick Tells a Story



The Lee Family

Mr. Robert Lee would like to congratulate his son, Roger, and remember his mother, with a personalized brick. Roger was a visiting student from Binghamton University in New York to HKU in 2007. Robert was amazed by the transformational change and personal growth – described by Roger as an awakening – shown in his son when he returned home.

Scholarships for Future Medics



Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice President Professor S. P. Chow and Dr. May Helen Chiu

Dr. May Helen Chiu is an HKU medical alumna living in San Francisco. Although her studies were interrupted by the war, she treasured her 15-month university life at HKU very much.

In memory of her late husband, Dr. Chiu and her family established the Cheng C. Chiu Scholarship for Outstanding Medical Students as an entrance scholarship for outstanding students pursuing the degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) at HKU.

A Chair Forever

Since 2005, a total of 37 Endowed Professorships have been established at HKU, signifying the community's perpetual support of its areas of academic excellence. The generous donations become perpetual endowments in support of academic and research activities in the designated disciplines.

From arts and humanities to science and technology, the endowments have increased the University's capacity to march forth and brave new frontiers.

Endowed Professors and donors, the University's senior academics and friends, celebrated the achievements and accomplishments of the Endowed Professors over the past years at an Endowed Professorships Gala Dinner held in April 2009. The Dinner marked the first occasion that the Endowed Professorships Commemorative Chairs were presented to all current donors of the scheme.

The goal is to establish a total of 100 endowed professorships to coincide with the celebration of the University's 100th anniversary. Your support is particularly significant; contact us and set up your Endowed Professorships!



The Endowed Professorships Commemorative Chair is personalized with a customized plaque engraved with the name of the Endowed Professorship



Ms. Christine Leung (right) and Mrs. Monica Yeung, Executive Director of Friends of HKU



Ms. Christina Leung (BA 1972, MEd 1986) expressed her dedication to the campus development in a literate way with a brick she donated, during the North American HKU Alumni Joint Function in April 2009.



The engraved bricks will be installed in a landscaped area at the Centennial Campus.

**Own a piece of history,
Join the Bricks Campaign!**

www.hku.hk/bricks

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Faculty of Law 40th Anniversary

The Faculty was the first law school in Hong Kong and is one of the most prestigious law schools internationally. Established in 1969 and matured into the Faculty of Law in 1984, it plays an important role in scholarship, research and education into common law and comparative law, as well as the development of the Rule of Law in China.

The Faculty will be housed at the new Centennial Campus in Cheng Yu-Tung Building, in recognition of Dr. Cheng's generous donation to the Faculty and the University.

The Faculty's upcoming plan includes:

- expanding the common law training program for Mainland students, lawyers and judges;
- establishing an Institute of Comparative Chinese Law Studies;
- setting up a center on arbitration and dispute resolution; and
- introducing experiential and service learning (e.g. Clinical Legal Education) for students.

www.hku.hk/law



**We Serve
We Nurture
We Lead**

Faculty of Science 70th Anniversary



The Faculty's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were launched in January 2009 with events throughout the year, including Homecoming Day (May 9), an Anniversary Dinner (November 15) and a Lecture Series. A 70th Anniversary Alumni Fund has been set up to support student development and various experiential learning activities, which enable undergraduate students to enrich their learning experience.

www.hku.hk/science/70th



Class of 1984 Silver Jubilee Reunion

Are you from the Class of 1984?
Any old faces you remember and curious to see how they are doing now?
Any old friends you got lost touch with and would like to get reconnected to?

Join us at the Class of 1984 Silver Jubilee Reunion Dinner!

Date : November 22, 2009 (Sunday)

Venue : Loke Yew Hall, HKU

Mark your calendars!

Organizing your own reunions?

Friends for life

Reflections of the past

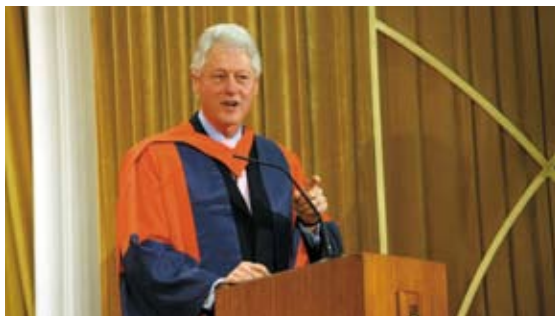
Continuing a fine tradition

Make reunions happen!

We can provide you hot ideas, guide for reunions, as well as resources guide. Find out more tips and a special feature "Friends for Life" on how to organize reunions at www.hku.hk/alumni/reunions

Honoring Excellence

HKU conferred honorary degrees upon seven outstanding individuals, including Dr. the Honorable William Jefferson Clinton, Dr. David D. Ho and Dr. Evgeny Igorevich Kissin, at the 179th and 180th Congregations in December 2008 and March 2009, in recognition of their distinguished service and commitment to the University, society and to academia.



Dr. the Honorable William Jefferson Clinton was conferred Doctor of Laws *honoris causa* in recognition of his contributions to his nation and the global community.

Dr. Clinton established the William J. Clinton Foundation with the mission to strengthen the capacity of people throughout the world to meet the challenges of global interdependence. The Clinton Foundation HIV/AIDS initiative achieved outstanding success in making HIV drugs more widely available at affordable prices and has helped bring care and treatment to more than 1.4 million people living with HIV/AIDS around the globe.

Dr. David D. Ho was conferred Doctor of Science *honoris causa* in recognition of his contributions to medicine and the global community.



Growing up in Los Angeles, Dr. Ho gained his MD from Harvard Medical School and did his clinical training in internal medicine and infectious diseases at the UCLA School of Medicine and Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Ho has been at the forefront of AIDS research for three decades and is credited worldwide with fundamentally changing the way scientists look at the AIDS virus, initiating a crucial shift in the treatment paradigm to hitting the virus early and hard with a combination of antiretroviral drugs. He was named *Time* magazine's "Man of the Year" in 1996.

Dr. Evgeny Igorevich Kissin was conferred Doctor of Letters *honoris causa* in recognition of his contributions to the art of music.



Dr. Kissin was a musical child prodigy, entering the Moscow Gnessin School of Music at the age of six. He has played with leading orchestras and conductors, and performed in the world's greatest halls, including Carnegie Hall in New York. His recordings have won many awards, including a Grammy Award for Best Instrumental Soloist Performance (without orchestra), and he was named Musical America's Youngest Instrumentalist of the Year in 1994. He was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Music by the Manhattan School of Music in 2001.



HKU will confer upon Mr. Yao Ming the degree of Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa* at the next Congregation to be held in September 2009 in recognition of his contributions to sport and HIV/AIDS advocacy.

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HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the U.S.

Stay in touch with your respective convenor!

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North American HKU Alumni Joint Function

Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Southern California

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Dinner with
Dr. Larry Ng and
HKU exchange students



HKU Alumni Network of New England

(Covers Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine)

Facilitators: Professor Siu Yum-Tong and
Professor Selina Wong Sau-Fong
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Spring Luncheon

HKU Alumni Chapter in New York

(Covers New York, New Jersey and nearby areas)

President: Mr. Raymond Li
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Annual Dinner with HKU academic delegation



Welcome to the newly launched HKU Alumni Association Washington State!

New Network in Washington State!

A new network in the U.S.! The HKU Alumni Association in Washington State was set up last year to network alumni residing in the nearby area. Get connected to meet old schoolmates and make new friends!

HKU Alumni Association Washington State

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