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# Friends of HKU Bulletin



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## Knowledge

True to the Latin motto "*Sapientia et Virtus*", Wisdom and Virtue, the University as an intellectual hub and leading institution of higher learning will share with the community the joy of creating knowledge and knowledge exchange.

- Centenary Distinguished Lectures
- International conferences
- President Summit & Student Summit

## Heritage

As we reflect upon our legacy, we project our vision for the second century.

- History Publications
- Impact Study
- Heritage Trail
- University Archives Exhibit
- Songs CD Project
- Commemorative Stamps

## Service

Service 100 reaffirms HKU's commitment to building a better world. Students, staff, alumni and friends will engage in hundreds of community service projects worldwide, mobilizing the HKU Family locally as well as across the globe. The Service 100 platform will provide new initiatives and service opportunities, support experience sharing, and investigate the new trends of service learning and social enterprise.

*The University of Hong Kong, the first university established in Hong Kong, is celebrating its Centenary from January 2011 till the end of 2012.*



## Centenary Gala Dinner (12•18•2011)

This once-in-a-lifetime mission-sharing occasion will be a memorable event for the HKU Family at which some 4,000 local and overseas alumni, friends, staff, students, community leaders and international guests will gather at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

## Centenary Highlights

- Centenary Marathon in Hong Kong
- Centenary Private Label Wines
- Open Days
- Evgeny Kissin in Concert
- and many more to be announced

## Centenary Souvenirs

A selection of souvenirs will be available for sale on the HKU100 e-platform @ <http://100.hku.hk>.



**Scheduling an excursion to Asia?**  
Send us your ideas to [usfriend@hku.hk](mailto:usfriend@hku.hk)

## Be Green & Stay Connected

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# Giving to HKU

## Our Brick!

Thank you for your support of the HKU Bricks Campaign. We are proud to let you know that more than 30 bricks have been pledged via Friends of HKU in the U.S. As a token of the University's appreciation, a free brick has been given to Friends of HKU which will be part of the bricks wall at the new campus.

This brick signifies the strong ties between alumni and friends in the U.S. and the University. You are invited to contribute your ideas for the inscription. Write to us at [usfriend@hku.hk](mailto:usfriend@hku.hk)!

[www.hku.hk/bricks](http://www.hku.hk/bricks)



*Bricks Wall at the Centennial Campus*

### English Inscriptions

**Maximum 20 characters per line, and up to 3 lines, including spaces and punctuation, can be engraved.**

*A Brick dedicated to Friends of HKU*

## You Met the Challenge

With boundless enthusiasm, you met the "Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge" by successfully reaching each of the other four yearly targets and this final year's HK\$100 million, for a total of HK\$500 million! Over 100 departments and programs, from student development to pioneering research, cultural and humanities programs to the new Centennial Campus have benefitted.

The successful completion of the Challenge represents not an end, but a beginning of alumni giving. Thank you for setting forth a new wave of an alumni-giving culture!

Interesting facts:

- >14,000 alumni donors over 5 years
- >67% first-time donors
- >52% below 30 years old
- Donors aged from 19 to over 90
- 470% increase in alumni giving from before the launch of the scheme

[www.hku.hk/alumnichallenge](http://www.hku.hk/alumnichallenge)

**Your continuing support is important for us to maintain our position as Asia's Number One.**

# Giving to HKU

*By giving to HKU, you are contributing more than financial means.*

## Friends of HKU Scholarships

Over the past four years, Friends of HKU Scholarships have supported 54 HKU and 16 U.S. students to enjoy the academic and cultural exchanges which made a positive impact in their lives.

Receiving the Friends of HKU Scholarship has changed my life well beyond what I expected to experience in Hong Kong. I am forever grateful for this generous gift and my hope is to take the experience I gained abroad and leave my mark in Los Angeles by giving back to my community.

James Calvo-Kritch  
Social Sciences, UCLA



My life in Berkeley was full of exciting and unforgettable moments. The experience over the past six months is far beyond my expectations and has changed my view of the world. I sincerely thank Friends of HKU for granting me this precious opportunity.

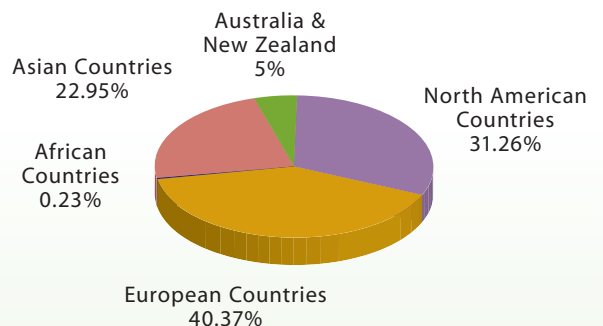
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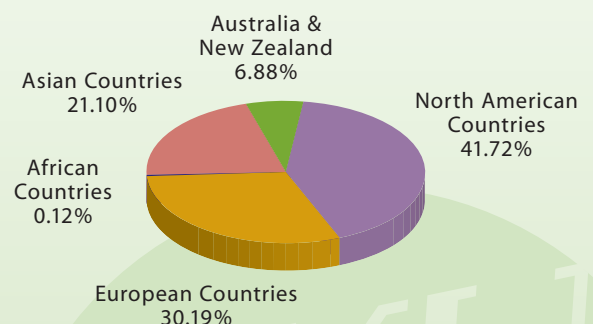
## Student Exchanges

HKU nurtures its students as global citizens and provides them with many international education opportunities. To date, the University has developed student exchange programs with over 180 partner institutions in 25 countries.

### HKU Students on Exchange (by countries):



### Incoming Exchange Students (by countries):



**Our students are our greatest assets and your belief in them is what makes HKU a great university. So please continue to support, no gift is too small to make a difference.**

## Asia's No. 1 again

HKU has again been named the top university in Asia by the World University Rankings 2010 of both Times Higher Education (THE) and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS).

"It is really the hard work and dedication of the entire HKU community, including all staff, students, alumni and friends, that have helped bring HKU to what it is today," said Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui. "I thank you sincerely for your commitment and contributions to the University."

[www.hku.hk/cpao/Urankings](http://www.hku.hk/cpao/Urankings)

## The Most International University in China



HKU has the largest headcount of non-local students among all eight local institutions funded by the University Grants Committee (UGC). A total number of 2,350 non-local students enrolled in all levels of study at HKU, representing 17% of the total student enrollment.

### Admissions to all levels of study (2010-2011)

- Applications: 2,240 (↑ 68%)
- Enrollment: 1,400 from 59 countries and areas

### Newly admitted undergraduate students (2010-2011)

- Chinese Mainland: 284 (↑ 5%)
- Overseas countries: 196 (↑ 73%) from 31 countries and areas

## Seeking India's Best

HKU celebrated the grand opening of its India Liaison Office in New Delhi in November 2010. This is the University's first overseas liaison office.

"The goal of this India office is to bring the best of Hong Kong together with the best of India," said Professor John A. Spinks, Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor and President, HKU. "We hope that this will extend through research collaborations, service learning, student exchange and recruitment."



*Inauguration Ceremony at the HKU India Liaison Office*

The number of applications from India for undergraduate degree programs at HKU increased three-fold from 2009 to 2010. Currently, there are over 120 Indian students on campus.

# HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the U.S.

## New network in Central U.S.

The HKU Central USA Alumni Network had its first gathering in Chicago in May 2010. If you or your alumni friends in the central region would like to be part of the network, please contact Dr. Steve Wong at [wongmf@graduate.hku.hk](mailto:wongmf@graduate.hku.hk).



Professor Lap-Chee Tsui (center front) visiting the newly launched network in October

## Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Northern California

President: Dr. Gloria Yu  
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Attending a reception organized by Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (San Francisco)

## Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Southern California

President: Ms. Sheila Chau  
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Welcome luncheon for 2010 HKU Exchange Students

## HKU Alumni Network of New England

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

Facilitators: Professor Siu Yum-Tong & Professor Selina Wong Sau-Fong  
[siu@math.harvard.edu](mailto:siu@math.harvard.edu) / [ssiu@wheelock.edu](mailto:ssiu@wheelock.edu)



Annual Fall Dinner 2010

## HKU Alumni Chapter in New York

(covers New York, New Jersey and nearby areas)

President: Dr. Raymond Li  
[rayli@verizon.net](mailto:rayli@verizon.net)



Over 60 alumni and students attending a BBQ party

## HKU Alumni Association Washington State Chapter

Convenor: Ms. Karen Chan  
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A warm movie-viewing and hotpot dinner in November

Join us at the upcoming Chinese New Year gathering!

## Friends of HKU office

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