

Libraries Celebrates 2nd Millionth Volume With Ten Special Titles

It took eighty years for the HKU Libraries to acquire its first million volumes but only twelve years to acquire its next million. The Second Millionth Volume Celebration signified the maturity, capability and the readiness of the HKU Libraries to better serve the Hong Kong community. To celebrate this milestone, ten separate titles (three of which were web-based databases) were selected by each of the ten faculties to represent their area.

Faculty of Architecture

"La Basilica di San Pietro in Vaticano" is one of the works from the series *Mirabilia Italiae*, created to illustrate the art and beauty of Italy's monuments. This prestigious work documents every part of Saint Peter's Basilica which stands in the Vatican above the supposed resting place of the remains of St. Peter.



Faculty of Arts

"Early English Books Online" (EEBO) is a major resource for the study of early modern literature, culture, and history. EEBO is an online version of the University Microfilms International (UMI) microfilm products "Early English Books 1475-1640" and "Early English Books 1641-1700".



Faculty of Business and Economics

《孫子兵法百家書》 (The Art of War) is noted for its realistic assessment of the political constraints of warfare. It is part drill book, part tactical survey, and part political treatise. Its advice has been followed for centuries and it continues to be consulted by modern Chinese leaders. In recent years it has been promoted as a tool in business schools in Japan and the United States.



Faculty of Dentistry

"Three Memoirs on the Development and Structure of the Teeth and Epithelium" is an important book because it is the earliest to provide a precise report on the structure of the tooth based on microscopic observation. Nasmyth was taken with the work of Retzius and Purkinje and discusses their results at length in this book. He was the first to accurately record the flow of blood in the tooth and to describe and note the cuticula.



Faculty of Education

"The International Education Series" is the most important American series, published in five sets of ten volumes each, incorporating early twentieth-century ideas on the theory and practice of education. The works covering practical, theoretical and historical education, are rare and useful to historians of education and social history.



Faculty of Engineering

"ISI Web of Knowledge" is a portal from which researchers can access, analyse, and manage information. It was developed recognising the need of researchers to facilitate discovery by offering seamless navigation to the highest quality content, evaluation tools and bibliographic management tools.



Faculty of Law

"Law and Practice of the World Trade Organization" is the complete reference on the law and practice of the WTO and the rules of international trade for the 21st century. Designed for use by the practitioners as well as the academic researchers, this series provides an extensive examination of these new rules of international trade, as negotiated by representatives of more than 120 nations.



Faculty of Medicine

A rare first edition, first issue of **"The Principles and Practice of Medicine"**, was the best English work on medicine of its time, and probably the most influential general textbook of medicine ever published. It became a standard text for students and practitioners in every country and language in the world.



Faculty of Science

"Selected Works of Charles Darwin", this fifteen-volume set brings together the most important works of Charles Darwin. Originally published circa 1890 by Appleton and Company in New York, it is numbered 421 of a limited authorized edition of 1000 numbered copies.



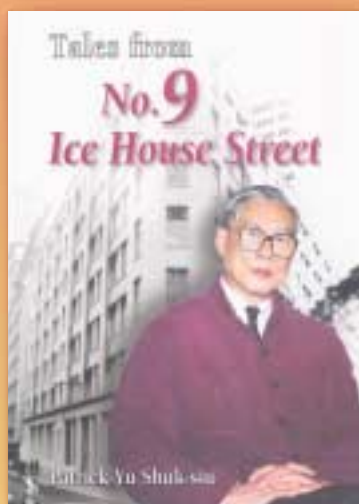
Faculty of Social Sciences

"The Digital National Security Archive" contains previously classified documents now declassified under the United States Freedom of Information Act. This web database features more than 35,000 declassified documents from 15 collections under the heading "The Making of U.S. Policy."



For more details: <http://lib.hku.hk/2million/>

HKU Libraries Reading Club



Speaker:

Patrick Yu 余叔韶

Audrey Eu as moderator

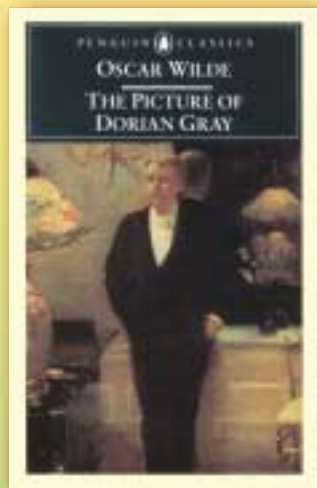
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Speaker:

Frank Ching 秦家驄

7:15 pm, 7 November 2002 (Thur)



Speaker:

Joyshan Lam 林在山

7:15 pm, 12 December 2002 (Thur)



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All book talks will be held at Main Library New Wing 1/F and conducted in English.
Registration: http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/ Enquiries: 2859-2200

敬悼馮秉芬爵士

二十世紀以來，出現了不少華資企業家和大財團，他們對中國內地和香港的教育、科學、文化、慈善事業的支持和捐助，均不勝枚舉。居港群雄中，馮氏家族便是代表之一。

馮氏發跡自馮平山先生開始，四子秉芬克紹箕裘，承繼父業，在香港商場上馳騁，他更熱心公益，屢任公職，對社會發展影響深遠。

馮秉芬爵士高齡辭世，大學同寅深表哀悼，特撰文誌念。

馮平山 一八六零至一九三一

名朝安，號平山，廣東新會人。為香港二十世紀初之著名華人企業家。創兆豐行，經營海味生意，開辦維吉銀號及亦安銀號。



一九一九年與簡東浦、李冠春及李子方兄弟於皇后大道中合辦銀行，成為東亞銀行第一批入股股東和董事。三年後，更和李冠春創辦華人置業，翌年，又與押業大王李右泉合資安樂置業，涉足地產生意。

馮氏平生慈善為懷，熱愛教育。他致力推動中文教育，建樹良多。六十四歲時嘗捐款五萬元另圖書費二千五百元予香港大學。後又建議政府於香港大學倡辦漢科（即中文系前身，系址為現今鄧志昂樓），他負責勸捐足二十萬，另自捐一萬元。七十歲時又捐款興建中文圖書館（現址為馮平山樓）。一生用於教育之資凡百餘萬。



馮平山圖書館

一九二九年，港大並沒有中文圖書館，馮氏引以為憾。遂與港大商討並捐建築費十萬，及圖書、傢俬等五萬，總計共捐出十五萬元。可惜圖書館建成前一年他便辭世，未及親睹這座全港第一所全以圖書館使用為概念建成的圖書館。

馮秉芬 一九一一至二零零二

馮平山的第四子，他於一九三一年父親病逝後，即出任東亞銀行經理及接掌兆豐行。他謀事進取，貨未到已先給錢供應商，以至二次大戰後，日本、安南有九成供應商均指定供貨予兆豐行，故後來發展成全港最大的海味雜貨供應商。另外，他把原來一桶桶賣的冬菇；自行包裝成五公斤裝（玉花牌）零售，令銷量倍增而贏得「冬菇王」之美譽。大陸解放後，他將兆豐行生意交予兄長，專心創立啟祥集團。

馮氏於一九三八年成立「馮秉芬有限公司」，後來相繼開辦多家公司：如會德豐紗廠、中華百貨、南華保險、同安漁業、啟祥洋行等，其中經營家庭電器、紙品、成衣、食品、個人護理產品的代理分銷的啟祥集團（一九三六年創立），曾代理Tempo紙手巾及愛華日本影音產品最為港人熟悉。一九九三年成為上市機構，業務涵蓋更大。一九七五年成功取得「麥當勞」的香港經營權，把廉價美式快餐文化引入香港，大大改變了港人的飲食習慣。

馮爵士於五十年代開始步入政壇，廿年間曾出任過立法局、市政局及行政局非官守議員，參予多項公職，歷侍六任港督。三度受勳，一九七一年榮獲英國授爵士勳銜。把馮氏家族的聲望推至高峰。

馮氏與香港大學

馮爵士和其父親一樣，早年已和香港大學結緣。其兄秉華畢業於香港大學文科，馮爵士亦曾肄業於港大中文系，因父親年事已高需要接班，故主動放棄學業。他原是中文學會首屆創辦人 and 會長，至離世仍任名譽會長。一九三二年主持馮平山圖書館開館，一九六四年圖書館改建成博物館事宜等，馮氏家人均積極協助。圖書館金禧紀念時，馮爵士更藉印書紀念兄長。一九六九年本校即頒授名譽社會科學博士學位給他。其後，馮爵士出任香港大學永遠校董，經常慷慨贊助校內事項和出席活動，去年三月，尚坐輪椅出席港大九十周年園遊會，與記者談論近事。

文教社會貢獻

馮爵士平生熱心慈善公益及教育事業，在故鄉新會捐建新會市平山小學校。除任職香港大學永遠校董外，亦出掌中文大學創校校董，於中大聯合書院成立「馮秉芬獎學金」，獎勵優秀學生。先後協創十二間小學及三所中學，和去年的香港伊利莎伯幼稚園。

此外，創辦海洋公園和藝術中心，給予港人全新的文化及消閒玩樂設施和建立旅遊景點，帶動旅遊業的發展；他把國際扶輪組織引入香港，使傷健人士活得更有意義；亦創立世界自然基金會，保存本港濕地，積極開展本地環保工作。他創辦馮氏宗親會，聯繫鄉旅華宗。



馮氏家族於港大圖書館