

Deputy Vice-Chancellor

Professor Richard Wong Yue-chim 王于漸 has been appointed as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (首席副校長) of the University for five years. The Council's Search Committee for the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (DVC) has reported that after ten meetings, and careful deliberation over some 120 nominees and applicants from all parts of the world, it resolved to recommend to the Council that Professor Richard Wong, currently the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Economics, and Chair of Economics, be appointed as the DVC. After having received reports on the consultation meetings with staff, students and the Senate on June 11, the Council resolved unanimously to appoint Professor Wong as the DVC.

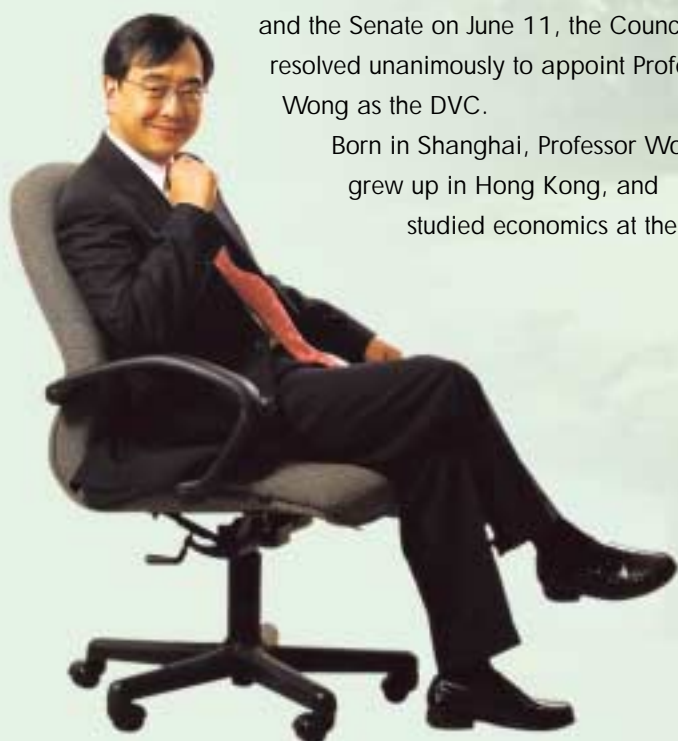
Born in Shanghai, Professor Wong grew up in Hong Kong, and studied economics at the

University of Chicago (A.B. 1974, A.M. 1974, PhD 1981). He first joined HKU in 1992. He has taught at the Chinese University of Hong Kong (1976-92), and was Visiting Scholar at the National Opinion Research Center, University of Chicago (1985) and at Hoover Institute, Stanford University (1989).

He is a leading figure in advancing economic research on policy issues in Hong Kong through his work as a founding Director of the Hong Kong Centre for Economic Research, Asia Pacific Economic Co-operation Study Centre, and the Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy. His main research interest is in the economic analysis of competition, regulation and economic development.

Professor Wong has served on numerous public bodies. He is currently a member of the Hong Kong SAR Government's University Grants Committee, Exchange Fund Advisory Committee, Land and Building Advisory Committee, and Economic and Employment Council. He was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 1999 for his contributions in education, housing, industry and technology development and was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 2000 by the Government of the Hong Kong SAR.

For details on Professor Wong:
www.hku.hk/general/dvc.pdf



A World-Class Business School for HK

The business schools of HKU and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) will explore the idea of joining forces to establish a Hong Kong Business School that would leverage on the competitive advantages of both institutions, build greater synergies, advance teaching and learning, enhance innovative research, and further promote the development of global business leaders.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui applauded this initiative. **“This will advance the region’s academic and research excellence and extend the reputation of Hong Kong as a top-notch business education provider. While broad consultation will be carried out to study the feasibility and detail of the proposed collaboration, I fully anticipate a ‘win-win-win’ situation for students, faculty and society.”**



Vice-Chancellor elected to the prestigious NAS



The Vice-Chancellor, **Professor Lap-Chee Tsui**, has been elected to the prestigious **National Academy of Sciences (NAS)** in its 141st Annual Meeting on April 20, 2004, in Washington, D.C.

Professor Tsui, who is the first person in Hong Kong elected as a Foreign Associate, will join other previously elected NAS members from the Mainland and Taiwan. Among them are noted Chinese mathematician Chern Shing-shen; Former President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences Zhou Guangzhou; Vice-President of the Chinese Academy of Sciences Chen Zhu, and Nobel Laureate and chemist Yuan-Tseh Lee from Taiwan's Academia Sinica. Other past elected members include noted economist Milton Friedman and Nobel Laureate and mathematician John F. Nash Jr.

Professor Tsui was elected as one of 18 foreign associates from 13 countries and 72 new members in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. Foreign associates are those with citizenship outside the United States.

Election to membership in the Academy is considered one of the highest honours that can be accorded a scientist. Those newly elected bring the total number of active members to over 2,300, of whom more than 180 have won Nobel Prizes.

In its citation for the election, the Academy said Professor Tsui, who became Vice-Chancellor of HKU in September 2002, "made major contributions to the mapping, cloning, and characterization of the gene mutated in cystic fibrosis as well as the molecular genetics of this common genetic disorder."

In 1985 Professor Tsui found the first DNA marker linked to the disease locus for cystic fibrosis, a common genetic disease in the Caucasian population.

In 1989, Professor Tsui and his colleagues painstakingly identified the gene and the major mutation causing this disorder. His pioneering research has opened up a new approach to tracing the source of genetic diseases.

"I am very honoured at being elected to the National Academy of Sciences," said Professor Tsui. "I hope my election will spur others in my field to vigorously continue their scientific research which will benefit all mankind," he added.

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is a private, non-profit society of distinguished scholars engaged in scientific and engineering research, dedicated to the furtherance of science and technology and to their use for general welfare.

www.nas.edu

Govt Reps from 32 Countries at WTO Course

The first-ever Asia-Pacific Regional Trade Policy Course (RTPC), a training course for senior government officials organised by the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and the Faculty of Law of the University of Hong Kong, is being attended by government officials from across the Asia-Pacific region. The course is modeled on the trade policy courses held in Geneva at the WTO Institute for Training and Technical Cooperation, and modified to meet the specific needs and concerns of this part of the world.

Trainers are leading regional and international academics, experts from WTO and at HKU. Visits to trade-related organisations in Hong Kong and occasional lectures given by representatives of multinational corporations and law firms, among others, have been arranged to enhance the course.

The opening ceremony, officiated by Dr Victor Fung, Chairman of the HKU's Council and Mr Frederick Ma 馬時亨 (BA 1973), Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury.



World Class Results Moot Point

HKU Jessup Team - Third Best in the World

HKU gave an outstanding performance in this year's Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C. - regarded by many as the world's most prestigious international moot competition. The HKU team walked away with the following awards and distinctions:

- * **Third Place in preliminary rounds** (out of 94 teams)
- * **Quarterfinalists Award in final rounds** (out of 24 teams)
- * **Second Place Award in the Alona E. Evans Best Memorial Competition**
- * **Third Place Award in the Hardy Dillard Memorial Prize**

Professor Roda Mushkat, Head of the Department of Law, notes that this is the best result ever achieved by a Hong Kong team, adding that **“this shows that our Hong Kong students are capable of achieving the highest international standards in moot competition and academic excellence in public international law.”**

Our heartiest congratulations to the HKU team of Christopher Chan, Mary Koo, Daniel Lau, Adrian Leung and Enoch Li, as well as their coaches Dr Lyal Sunga in Washington, and Associate Professor Simon Young at HKU.



Central Figures: HKU & Hongkong Land

How close is the relationship between HKU and Hongkong Land? A very visible example can be seen in that the HKU Museum & Art Gallery is currently showcasing an exhibition entitled *The Central Business District: Historical Perspectives*. But this example in fact points to a more deeply rooted relationship, both historically and philosophically.



Mr Nicholas Sallnow-Smith,
Chief Executive of Hongkong Land

At the opening reception of the exhibition, the Chief Executive of Hongkong Land Limited, Mr Nicholas Sallnow-Smith observed both organisations seemed to have a desire for leadership in common, and that HKU was not simply Hong Kong University but *The University of Hong Kong*, while Hongkong Land had long been known traditionally as *The Land Company*. He also offered an interesting historical anecdote, noting that “Hongkong Land’s co-founder, Sir Paul Chater, was the University’s first Honorary Treasurer, and in 1923 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Laws by the University. He was also involved in the installation of the clock in the tower of the University’s Main Building. It is not clear what budget constraints allowed HKU to complete the university building in 1912, without a clock. In any event, friends of Sir Paul Chater led the donations programme that, after his death, funded the addition of the clock in 1930. Since those early years Hongkong Land has maintained close ties with the University, and today we are especially pleased to continue that partnership with this exhibition.”

The exhibition of our city centre’s rich and innovative history continues until August 30, 2004.

Institutional Attraction:

Mainland Students keen on HKU

The number of Mainland students eager to join HKU has been on the rise, even with the University's comparatively high admission standards compared to the top Mainland universities.

So far this year, 2,010 students from the Mainland have applied for full-time undergraduate studies at HKU. Last year, 30 scholarship students and 80 fee-paying students were admitted.

While the response to HKU's recruitment on the Mainland has been encouraging, several top Mainland universities are also getting students from Hong Kong — it is always good to see dynamic exchanges.

The University will continue to make efforts to recruit more non-local students without affecting the opportunity of local students. As the Vice-Chancellor indicated, HKU hopes that with support from the community, alumni and the government, we will be able to expand our intake of non-local students to 20 percent in the not too distant future.

www.hku.hk/daao/mainland/mainland_student.pdf

Engineers and the Water Lady

In March 2004, Madam Qian Zhengying 錢正英 (Hon DSc 2004), ex-Minister of Water Resources of PRC and an eminent engineer in water resources and electric power, visited Hong Kong and delivered Faculty of Engineering Distinguished Lecture entitled "New Concept on China's Water Management – Man and Nature in Harmony" at HKU. It attracted a considerable number of local experts and HKU engineer alumni. The talk was followed by an overview of the water supply in Hong Kong presented by Ir Damien Ku 古志眾 (BSc (Eng) 1966). After the talks, Madam Qian and colleagues of the Water Supplies Department of the HKSAR Government had a frank discussion, exchanging views and experience on water management and waterworks operation issues.



(Front, from left): Ir Damien Ku 古志眾 (BSc (Eng) 1966), Ir Professor William Ko Chan-gock 高贊覺, Director of Water Supplies (BSc (Eng) 1968), Madam Qian Zhengying 錢正英 (DSc 1904), Professor C F Lee 李焯芬, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (BSc (Eng) 1968)

(Back, from left): 3rd - Ir Bobby Ng 吳孟冬 (BSc (Eng) 1977), The 4th - Ir Chan Chi-chiu 陳志超 (BSc (Eng) 1976), The 5th - Ir David Chau 鄒志偉 (BSc (Eng) 1976), The 7th - Ir Chin Chu-sum 錢柱森 (BSc (Eng) 1979)

The "Dragons" 10 Years On

The year 2004 marks the 10th anniversary of Wei Lun Hall. Central to the year-round celebration of hall activities, fundraising and charitable events, the flagship event is the 10th Anniversary High Table which was held in March. More than 500 members of Wei Lun Hall, past and present gathered and shared the evening together.

The event also triggered the formal establishment of Wei Lun Alumni Liaison (WLAL).



Wei Lun Hall: "We are the Dragons"

www.hku.hk/weilun