



# We Serve,

## China Earthquake: HKU Action

In response to the Sichuan Earthquake in 2008, the HKU community has been involved in various voluntary projects in which the University possesses expertise.

With donations from alumni and the community, the University has set aside some internal seed funding for its academic colleagues to engage in research and service-oriented initiatives in the earthquake-affected areas. The 15 funded projects cover a wide range of strategic areas including catastrophe health care, emergency engineering, capacity building and psycho-social care, and social services management:

### Faculty of Architecture

- HanWang Master Planning Project
- New Tendency of Suburbanisation on the Chengdu-Duijiangyan Plain

### Faculty of Engineering

- Mitigation of Secondary Earthquake Damage due to Quake Lakes from Exploration of Soil Erosion and Streamflow Predictions in Ungauged Basins
- Inherent Strength-Based Approach for Seismic Resistant Design of Low-Rise Masonry Buildings
- Low-Cost Earthquake Protection Method using Tire-Soil Mixtures: Experimental Studies
- Setting-up a Standard and Building a Model of Multimedia E-learning Classrooms for rebuilt schools in Sichuan
- Mobilising, Managing and Building Capacity among Volunteers for Emergency Relief and Community Reconstruction

### Faculty of Science

- Geoenvironmental Assessment of Abandoned Landfills and Industrial Sites in Earthquake Stricken Areas

### Faculty of Social Sciences

- Study on the Experience of Loss & Grief Trajectories of Bereaved Victims
- Study on the Mental Health Consequences of Catastrophes
- Psycho-social Capacity Building Programme for Grass-roots Cadres on Post-disaster Stress Management
- Development and Validation of a Grief Therapy Manual for Bereaved Adults
- Study on the Development of a Cultural-Specific Meaning-Oriented Mass Trauma Intervention
- Comparative Study on the Effects of Relocation Following Disaster for Affected and Non-Affected Secondary School Students
- Research on Crisis Communication in relation to the Sichuan Earthquake

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Centre on Behavioral Health supports mothers who lost their children in the 512 earthquake and whose newborn babies bring hope to Sichuan.

# We Learn

## Training, Service, Reflection

It is not only academic colleagues who are leading various projects in Sichuan, students are also involved through HKU service learning programmes. Service learning is a pedagogical method in which students learn through active participation in structured community service programmes, which consist of training, service and reflection.

## New Opportunity to Serve

**Gallant Ho Service Learning Scheme – Family Values** 何耀棟服務學習計劃 - 家庭價值 was established in September 2009 with a HK\$5 million donation from Dr Gallant Ho 何耀棟 (BA 1965). This five-year scheme aims to provide service learning opportunities for 500 HKU students to serve the community and their experiences will be part of the new four-year undergraduate curriculum. Students will experience and reflect on the family values embedded in the Chinese culture while, at the same time, contributing to the well-being of the community.



HKU students built a Solar-Powered Multimedia Satellite E-learning System for a reconstructed school in Deyang 德陽.



Dr Gallant Ho (front row, middle) sets up a new service learning scheme at HKU. A dialogue on Service Learning for the Promotion of Family Values was conducted after the Launch Ceremony with distinguished speakers (back row, from left): Pro-Vice-Chancellor Amy Tsui 徐碧美 (BA 1971, CertEd 1972; MA 1979); Dr Sandra Tsang 曾潔雯 (BSocSc 1978, MSocSc 1983, PhD 1996), Head of HKU Department of Social Work and Social Administration; Dr the Hon Edward Leong Che-hung 梁智鴻 (MBBS 1962; Hon DSc 2006), Chairman of HKU Council, Chairman of Elderly Commission and Member of the Family Council; Ms Christine Fang 方敏生 (BSocSc 1980), Chief Executive of The Hong Kong Council of Social Service; and Ms Lilian Law 羅淑君 (BSocSc 1980, MSocSc 1985), Executive Director of The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association of Hong Kong.



Incorporation of experiential learning into the curriculum is increasingly being formalised in programmes at HKU.



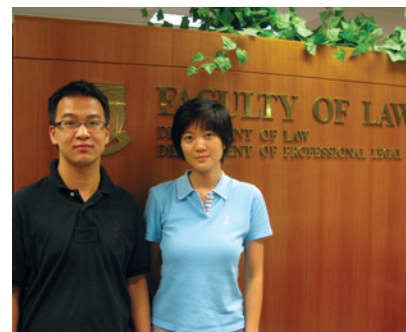
## Stretching out a Hand to Mainland Talents



Gifted law students from the Chinese Mainland received a boost to their dreams of studying at HKU when Mr George Ho 何佐芝, founder of Commercial Radio Hong Kong 商業電台, extended HK\$5 million donation to the **M W Lo Memorial Scholarships 羅文惠紀念獎學金** to aid talented students from

the poorer regions of China. The donation was announced by Mr Ho at the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Commercial Radio Hong Kong.

The M W Lo Memorial Scholarships were established in 2004 at the Faculty of Law by Mr Ho, through the Jessie & George Ho Charitable Foundation. Named in memory of the late Mr M W Lo, the first Chairman of Commercial Radio Hong Kong, the Scholarships were originally awarded to local law students of high academic standing at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. To date, over 20 students have benefited from the Scholarships.



**"I am grateful for Mr George Ho's generosity, especially for my year on exchange in the UK."**  
Fang Xin

**"The Scholarship was particularly meaningful to me, a student from the Mainland, as it is a recognition of my achievements."** Michael Wang

## Combating Global Diseases at HKU

The University of Hong Kong is known internationally for its research into infectious diseases, in a field of public health that has never been more vital. But, as the world faces new emerging diseases, funding for HKU's critical life-saving research needs to increase in order for it to continue to play a central role.

To help the University to extend and enhance ongoing research efforts, Professor Richard Yu 余宇康 (MBBS 1958; MD 1972) and Mrs Carol Yu furthered their unwavering support of medical research by supporting the **Carol Yu Centre for Infection 余雷覺雲感染及傳染病研究中心** with a donation of HK\$50 million.

The Centre builds on the Faculty's core strength of research into infectious diseases with the hope that, as expressed by Mrs Yu, the Centre will "relieve suffering, save lives and uncover cures".

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研究未知的傳染病，  
為香港社會  
謀福、濟世活人。**



Professor Richard Yu and Mrs Carol Yu visited the Centre to learn about HKU's latest advances in infectious diseases research.





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Dr Mary Rodrigues 羅紀瑪瀨 (BA 1967; Hon DSocSc 2004)(middle), Convocation Chairman 1993-2001, launched the HKU Credit Card in November 1993. Next to her are Dr Ambrose So 蘇樹輝 (BSc 1973), Board of Directors, HKU Foundation, and his wife Dr Christina Cheng 鄭妙冰 (BA 1989; MA 1991; PhD 1996) who are staunch supporters of HKU Credit Card.

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