

# New Medical Complex Grand Opening

The building project is a major estate development for both the University and the Faculty of Medicine, with a budget of HK\$1,568 million. The foundation works began in 1998 and the superstructure construction started in July 1999. The University Grants Committee allocated HK\$1,128 million to fund the pre-clinical complex while The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust donated HK\$270 million for the construction of the 7,200 square metre Clinical Research Centre.



*Lighting ceremony by (from left) Professor Cheng Kai-ming, Dr Alice Lam, Chairman of the University Grants Committee, Chief Executive the Hon Tung Chee-hwa, Mr Alan F S Li, the then Chairman of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Dr Victor Fung, Chairman of HKU's Council, Professor Lam Shiu-kum, Dean of Medicine*

## Opening of the Fan Pui Garden

Fan Pui Garden 芬培花園, located at the heart of the Faculty of Medicine Building, encompasses 10,000 square feet and was donated by the Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation.

"Fan Pui Garden" is derived from the names of the two brothers, Dr Li Shu Fan 李樹芬 and Dr Li Shu Pui 李樹培. "Fan" means fragrance and virtue and "Pui" means nurture. Fan Pui Garden is the place to nurture well-rounded professionals.



*One of our most senior and distinguished alumni Dr Li Shu Pui (MBBS 1928), Chairman of the Board of Governors, Li Shu Fan Medical Foundation, thanked all the guests for coming to the ceremony.*

# Congratulations!

**Professor Siu Yum-tong 蕭陰堂** (BA 1963) elected to membership in the US National Academy of Sciences

Election to membership in the National Academy of Sciences is considered one of the highest honours that can be accorded to a US scientist or engineer. One of its recent announced new members is a distinguished HKU graduate, Professor Siu Yum-tong. Professor Siu is presently William Elwood Byerly Professor of Mathematics at Harvard University, who has been C V Starr Visiting Professor of HKU's Institute of Mathematical Research from 1999 - 2000.



**Professor David Yeung 楊榮基** (BSocSc 1977) was awarded Honorary Doctorate of St Petersburg State University in June 2002 for his contributions in differential game theory.

*Professor I Verbitskaya, Rector of St Petersburg State University, presenting the doctorate to Professor Yeung who is teaching at the Department of Finance and Decision Sciences, Hong Kong Baptist University.*



In August 2002, Professor Yeung (1st right), Nobel Laureates Professor John Nash (4th left) and Professor Reinhard Selten (2nd right) received Honorary Professor Award from the Qingdao University. Other awardees include: Robert Aumann, Lloyd Shapley, Michael Maschler, Leon Petrosyan, and Dov Samet.

## AIDS Institute at HKU

Dr David Ho Tai-yi 何大一, Director of the Aaron Diamond Aids Research Center (ADARC), an affiliate of the Rockefeller University of New York, has signed an agreement with HKU to establish an AIDS Institute at the New Medical Complex.

Under Dr Ho's guidance, the Institute, equipped with state-of-the-art research facilities, will conduct basic research on HIV, create and design new therapies for the infection, and develop AIDS vaccines.

Dr Ho said, "It is part of a larger effort to do something that will help to gain control of this problem, particularly in China, where the epidemic is getting worse."

In many Asian countries, particularly China, there is a rapidly increasing number of HIV infections. According to Chinese government officials, there are around 850,000 people infected

with HIV. During the first half of 2001, the number of infections reported rose by 67% when compared with the same period in 2000. If measures are not taken to stop the spread of HIV, the current epidemic in China could reach 10 million by the end of the decade according to a United Nations report released in July 2002.



*(From left) Council Chairman Dr Victor Fung, the then Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Davies, Dr David Ho, Dean of Medicine Professor S K Lam and Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui announced the establishment of the AIDS Institute.*



# Visit by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce



The first formal visit by the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) 中華總商會 hosted by Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui was held on September 6, 2002 at the New Medical Complex. Representatives from the CGCC included Dr Robin Chan 陳有慶博士, Chairman; Mr Ian Fok Chun-wan 霍震寰先生, Mr Ho Sai-chu 何世柱先生, Mr Lam Kwong-siu 林廣兆先生, Mr Wong Kong-hon 黃光漢先生, Vice-chairmen and Dr Philip Wong 黃宜弘博士, Treasurer of CGCC.



## Reception in Honour of Dr C J Symons

A group of HKU-Diocesan Girls' School alumni, together with Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor John Malpas (back row 2nd right), Pro-Vice-Chancellor Professor John Spinks (back row 4th right) and Sir Q W Lee and Lady Lee (seated 1st & 3rd left), gathered at the University Lodge for a reunion with Dr Catherine Joyce Symons (seated 2nd left) (BA 1939, Hon LLD 1978).

"Students are our society's most valuable assets," said Dr Symons, who had been Headmistress of Diocesan Girls' School for 32 years (1953-85), and the first female Legislative Councillor (1972-76).



## First Batch of Mainland Graduates

The first batch of mainland undergraduate students was admitted to HKU in 1999 under the Recruitment Scheme for the Outstanding Undergraduate Students from the mainland.

From 1999 to 2002, a total of 90 outstanding students from major mainland Chinese universities were admitted to the HKU. The first batch of mainland students will graduate this summer 2002.



A farewell gathering at HKU Rayson Huang Theatre

# Penang Alumni

A dinner held in Penang on April 19 provided a perfect opportunity for Professor Mary Turnbull, former head of the History Department, to interview several alumni about their experiences as students. Professor Turnbull is currently writing about the Malayan-Chinese students who attended HKU for a new book on the pre-War history of the University. The book, which is a project of the History Department, will be published early next year. Peter and Eleanor Tan and William Ng, who were among the many students who escaped from Japanese occupied Hong Kong into Free China during the War, related stories of their experiences and shared memories of former teachers such as Sir Lindsay Ride and Professor Gordon King. At one time Penang was home to one of the largest groups of students on campus, but these days only a small number of alumni remain in the city. Dr Tan has recently been awarded one of Malaysia's highest civil honours for his fifty years of medical service to the Penang community.



Standing (from left): Dr Peter Cunich, Dato' Seri Dr Peter Tan Ewe-aik (MBBS 1950), Dato' William Ng Jit-thye (BSc Eng 1950), Dr Goh Keng-tian (MBBS 1961), Dr Geoff Wade; Seated (from left): Datin' Seri Dr Eleanor Tan (MB BS 1950), Datin Elaine Ng, Professor Mary Turnbull, Mrs Sarah Cunich, Dr Sally Ong Lean-in (MBBS 1967)

## Upcoming Reunions

### History Department (Oct 12)

The Department of History, one of the University's original teaching departments founded in October 1912, will this year be celebrating its 90th anniversary. The principal celebration was a Garden Party outside the Main Building on Saturday, October 12. Any History graduate wishing to attend the festivities should contact the Department secretary on 2859-2861, or by email at [history@hkucc.hku.hk](mailto:history@hkucc.hku.hk). We are especially keen to hear from any alumni wishing to organise a dinner for their graduating class.

### St. John's College (Nov 4)

The 90th Anniversary High Table Reunion Dinner of St. John's College will be held on November 4 at the College. Special guests include the Hon Antony Leung, Dr Rayson Huang and Dr the Hon Sir T L Yang.

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### Old Halls (Nov 9)

The Old Halls Alumni Association's Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner will be held on November 9 at the HKU Senior Common Room. If you are interested, please contact Ms Evelyn Man at 9673 5910 or Mr Alex Lai at [Alex-C.H.Lai@graduate.hku.hk](mailto:Alex-C.H.Lai@graduate.hku.hk).

### Medicine Class of 1952 - 50th Anniversary (Nov 21)

The Medicine Class of 1952 is celebrating its 50th Anniversary. A series of activities are planned for a whole week of November including visit to the new Faculty of Medicine Building, trip to Macau, Singapore and cruise to Malaysia.

### 青年文學獎三十周年晚會 (十二月一日)

當年「青年文學獎」藉著慶祝港大學生會成立六十周年的「文化節」而誕生。此後的三十年間，「文獎」通過比賽鼓勵青年創作的宗旨，也一直沒有改變。

希望藉「三十周年晚會」讓歷屆「文獎」俊彥包括籌委、工作人員、評判及得獎者，能濟濟一堂，一邊緬懷大家過去多年的心血成果，一邊憧憬「文獎」未來的抱負。晚會將於十二月一日在陸佑堂舉行。

歡迎各「文獎人」將姓名、聯絡電話、電郵地址及所屬「文獎」屆數傳至 [ytaa30@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:ytaa30@yahoo.com.hk)。亦歡迎瀏覽青年文學獎網頁 [www.ytaa.org/](http://www.ytaa.org/)。

如有任何建議，歡迎聯絡馬輝洪 (12屆，電話：9373 9568)。

### University Hall (Dec 13)

On December 13, 2002, the University Hall alumni will hold its traditional Reunion Dinner at U Hall. This will be the perfect opportunity for members to meet members and current students over a nice buffet dinner and beer, wine and 三嫂 coconut sago pudding. For details, please send email to [info@uhallcom.hk](mailto:info@uhallcom.hk).