

Lam Tai-chung 林泰忠 (MBBS 2003; MRes(Med)2003)

一九九八年夏天，那時還是醫科學生的林泰忠，首次踏足廣西大連鄉窮鄉僻壤，參加義務醫療和助學工作。此行本來是課程的一部份，但目睹村民艱苦生活後，他下定決心每年抽空到當地做義工。

現在是屯門醫院腫瘤科醫生的他，於二零零五年更擔任領隊，帶領一群港大醫科學生踏足廣西，走他當年走過的路。



林泰忠當年初到廣西當義工，主要工作是教授當地的「赤腳醫生」簡單的醫療知識，以及教導村民基本衛生常識。但對於連自來水都沒有的廣西大連鄉，要培養簡單的衛生習慣例如洗手，也變得遙不可及。

貧窮更令當地人失去求醫的機會，不少家庭因為失去經濟支柱而支離破碎，「記得第二年去廣西，看到



林泰忠（前排左二）帶同一班醫學院的師弟妹到廣西做義工，將義務工作的精神薪火相傳。

遠處一個墳墓，那是一個年約30歲男人的墳」。他說，男人的太太早已離家出走，只剩下孤兒和爺爺。

去年，他帶領師弟師妹到廣西做義工，「作為一個醫生，應該要面對各種貧困、苦難、病痛。成為學生們的導師，希望他們都可以去思考這個問題」。

Catherine Fan 樊韻宇 (BEcon&Fin 2004)



My life in South Africa

"It's mid June 2005 and, while everyone's enjoying the sunshine and beaches in Hong Kong, I'm in my dark long coat, scarf and long boots trying to warm myself against the chilly, windy but sunny weather. Two months after graduation, Standard Bank of South Africa offered me a graduate trainee position. This appointment is in the corporate and investment bank division and involves two job rotations: six months in Johannesburg, South Africa and a further 18 months in London.

From a personal—and career—perspective, this is one of the best opportunities and most terrific challenges I could have received.

This is my first trip to South Africa and I really enjoy being close to the rich natural resources, learning about the wildlife's habitat, meeting people from different races, and experiencing African culture. I am glad to have received this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and to have such an exciting time in South Africa.





Chew Chin-hin 周振興 (MBBS 1956)

At the centenary celebration (June 30 to July 3, 2005) commemorating 100 years of Medical Education, a number of HKU medical graduates were honoured by the Academy of Medicine and College of Physicians of Singapore.

Dr Chew Chin-hin was conferred the Honorary Fellowship, College of Physicians, Singapore on July 2, 2005 [see photo: Dr Chew (right) received the Diploma from President SH Lim]. In 2002 he received the Honorary Fellowship, HK College of Physicians.

Professor Grace Tang 鄧惠瓊 (MBBS 1971), Dr Lilian Leong 梁馮令儀 (MBBS 1971) and Professor K N Lai 黎嘉能 (MBBS 1975; MD 1983; DSc 1994) were conferred Fellowship, Academy of Medicine of Singapore on June 30, 2005. They were respectively Presidents of Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, Hong Kong College of Radiologists and Hong Kong College of Physicians.



Liu Long-jian 劉隆健 (PhD 1998)

Liu recently moved to Philadelphia, USA, to take up the position of Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, at Drexel University School of Public Health. Prior to this position Liu worked as Research Fellow in Departments of Geriatrics, Toxicology and Neurobiology Sciences, and Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, College of Public Health, in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS), Little Rock, USA, where he also served as a member of UAMS Chancellor's Diversity Committee, and Delegate to the UAMS House of Delegates.

He did his PhD in Epidemiology/Community Medicine in the Faculty of Medicine of HKU (1994–98), where he enjoyed his studies with his supervisors Professors T H Lam, E D Janus and A J Hedley and colleagues. They conducted the first large-scale epidemiological study in cardiovascular risk factors in Hong Kong – the Hong Kong Cardiovascular Risk Factor Prevalence Study. “The comprehensive training in HKU has proved to be invaluable for my career”, as Dr Liu writes. Liu currently is also one of the lead co-investigators for the World Health Organisation Cardiovascular Disease and Alimentary Comparison Study. His publishing credits include International Journal of Epidemiology, Stroke, Journal the American Geriatrics Society, Hypertension Research, and a number of peer-reviewed journals and book chapters.

James Wong 黃阿樂 (BSc [ActuarSc] 2004)

“The years between entering HKU in 2000 and graduated in 2004 were, I’m certain, the most pivotal of my life. I remember well the unmatched academic rigour in the Actuarial Science programme and the phenomenal pool of talent found across the University. My peers are already shining in various sectors of society and just last year one of my classmates got married.

There are so many great experiences at HKU to which I will always be thankful, but three in particular stand out for me.

- (1) Hall life in Simon K Y Lee Hall. It was loads of fun, a little crazy at times but definitely invaluable for my personal growth. Hall education is a great exemplar of the “work hard, play hard” culture of HKU.
- (2) HKU Mentorship Programme. My mentor, Ms Freda Sze, shared with all mentees her rich life experiences and encouraged us to go out to explore the world. Now two mentees are in the US, one is in the UK and another one is heading to the US soon for a summer internship. We still keep in touch and I’m sure this friendship will last for life.
- (3) HKU Worldwide Exchange Programme. My year in UCLA, Washington DC was a real eye-opener that brought valued friendships and reshaped my life attitude to life.”

James (middle) and his family at Columbia University for the commencement of his postgraduate studies.





Siu Wong Sau-fong 蕭黃秀芳 (BA 1964; DipSocSt 1965)

Dr Siu, Professor of Social Work and Director of the Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) Programme at Wheelock College (Boston), is the recipient of the prestigious Greatest Contribution to Social Work Education Award, given by the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW) in 2005.

She is recognised for her accomplishments in research, her competent leadership of the BSW Programme at Wheelock College and her numerous significant contributions to NASW and other national social work organizations. Dr Siu is also a dedicated teacher known for her commitment and devotion to students at both BSW and MSW levels, her inspirational and creative teaching, and her thoughtful and caring mentorship of instructors in her charge.

Her husband Siu Yum-tong 蕭蔭堂 (BA 1963) is Professor of Mathematics at Harvard University and a member of the National Academy of Sciences. She hails from a family of eight HKU alumni. Her late father, Wong Shiu-ming 黃少明 (BA 1934) and sister Cynthia Wong Sau-ling (admitted to HKU in 1970) were both King Edward Scholars.

Gary Ko 高文翰 (LLB 2004)

How long have you been to San Francisco?

"Almost 5 months."

How do you like it?

"I love it!"

"I am a law graduate of the Class of 2004 and joined Cathay Pacific's Management Trainee Programme straight out of university. Within a year, I was sent to the company's North American headquarters in San Francisco to take up the position of Assistant to Senior Vice President, Americas. It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. The last five months of my assignment have been eventful ones. The southern US states suffered the devastation of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Delta Air Lines and Northwest Airlines—the third and fourth largest US carriers—filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and, of course, the record surge in oil prices. It's been a challenging period for the country and the airline industry. But from crisis comes opportunity and there are better times ahead.

My Work

A regional headquarters is similar to Hong Kong's Cathay Pacific City but on a smaller scale. I have had the opportunity to work within the different arms of the business, such as revenue management, sales, marketing, airport services and cargo.

With five Cathay Pacific gateways in North America I get to travel extensively. An embarrassing moment happened during my first flight on Southwest Airlines, the largest low-cost domestic carrier in the US. As usual I requested an aisle seat at the check-in counter, only to be told "It's free seating on board, sir".

I knew my work would be people-related, but it has happened in a way I had not imagined. I spoke with Mr

Gavin Newsom, Mayor of San Francisco, at the 40th anniversary of Sing Tao Daily Western Edition celebration dinner. I met alumna Mrs Anson Chan at the preview of her mother's exhibition "Fang Zhao-ling: A Life in Painting" at the Asian Art Museum and alumna Ms Doris Cheung, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in San Francisco, at the autumn alumni gathering hosted by HKUAA of Northern California.

HKUAA of Northern California

My participation with HKUAA of Northern California began with a "hello" email to Dr Larry Ng and Dr Bill Mok, the two very dedicated alumni in the Bay Area. At a casual meeting Dr Ng invited me to the autumn alumni gathering in September which I attended as an "unofficial" ambassador. I took along an episode of the RTHK series "Blueprint 2005" titled "City of Learning" featuring the future development of HKU. The alumni were fascinated to learn of the many changes at the HKU campus since they last visited it, particularly the erection of Dr Sun Yat-sen statue at the Lily Pond.

We may be decades apart in age, yet we feel the same about HKU. It is the university we are all proud of."



(From left) Bill Mok 莫展民 (BScEng 1985), Lawrence Ng 吳銘來 (MBBS 1965), Doris Cheung 張美珠 (BA 1983), Gary Ko (LLB 2004) and Kan Yuet-wai 簡悅威 (MBBS 1958; DSc 1980; Hon DSc 1987)

Wilfred Wong 王英偉 (BSocSc 1975)

Speaking to HKU-Fudan IMBA Students

On August 18, 2005, Wilfred, spoke at length about his career, Xintiandi 新天地, and advised the IMBA students in Shanghai on how to successfully develop their own careers. Wilfred is Vice Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Shui On Land Ltd, which currently has more than eight million square metres of property developments in the PRC.

Besides talking about Shui On Land Ltd's various PRC developments in Shanghai, Hangzhou, Chongqing and Wuhan, he went on to describe his own career, including what motivated him to leave his position as a senior government official in Hong Kong and take up a role in PRC real estate. He shared with students the secrets to his success in PRC business: ask "why not?" and persevere to overcome whatever problems arise.

Listen to the full speech http://61.129.50.100/hi-mba/forum/hku_fudanu_forum_a_20050820.mp3

This speech was given as part of the Hugang Management Forum, a guest speaker forum organised by current IMBA students. The Forum seeks to provide HKU-Fudan IMBA students with international perspectives, and draw upon the growing base of HKU alumni executives either visiting or working in Shanghai.



Wu Fu-long 吳縛龍

(PhD 1995)

Ten years after his PhD conferred in 1995, Fu-long has excelled and now teaches abroad at top universities programmes. He is a Reader in the School of Geography at the University of Southampton. His research work involves geography of transitional cities and dynamic urban modelling and has published many papers on urban spatial structure, urban housing and land development in Chinese cities. Currently he is working on an interpretation of China's new urbanism, urban and regional governance, urban poverty, social spatial differentiation, urban redevelopment, and the calibration of dynamic urban models.



Margaret Fong 方舜文 (BA 1985)

The Vice-Chancellor visited Washington DC on May 2, 2005 and met for tea with alumna Margaret, Director of the HK Economic and Trade Office, Washington DC.

Bill Mok 莫展文 (BSc[Eng] 1985)

Bill, President of the HKUAA, Northern California, visited the Faculty of Engineering when he returned to Hong Kong in September 2005 for the 20th anniversary reunion of his engineering class.



(From left): Mr P K K Lee, Head of Department of Civil Engineering; Professor C F Lee, Pro-Vice-Chancellor; Dr Bill Mok; Monica Wong and Kitty Wong from the Development & Alumni Affairs Office; and Professor A K H Kwan, Associate Dean of Engineering

Simon Cheung 張建中 (BSocSc 1991) & Joyce Ip 葉寶珊 (BSocSc 1992)

Congratulations to Joyce and Simon on the birth of their daughter Eleanor Cheung!



Zhong Xiang-chong 鍾香崇 (BA 1941)

鍾教授當年以未滿十六歲之齡考取獎學金進入港大攻讀理化專業(註：1939年理學院成立前理科課程屬文學院，畢業生獲頒文學士學位)，1949年於英國里茲大學取得博士學位後回國投身耐火材料科研生產工作。鍾教授為中國科學院院士，現效力於鄭州大學。84歲高齡的他最近從美國回國途中特意在香港短暫停留並帶同女兒回母校參觀，並與同為中國科學院院士的李焯芬副校長，支志明教授及其他友好相聚。

Shu Kei 舒琪 (BA 1977)

Congratulations to Kenneth Ip, better known as Shu Kei, on his appointment to the position of Dean of Film and Television at The Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts. The local film industry has in Shu Kei a strong advocate and critic whose extensive writings have galvanized the development of Hong Kong's film culture.



Christina Cheng 鄭妙冰 (BA 1989; MA 1991; PhD 1996)

Congratulations! Christina's project "In Search of Folk Humour – The Rebellious Cult of Ne Zha in Macau" was awarded the XIIIth Research Scholarship of the Cultural Institute of the Macau SAR Government.

Lee Kin-hung 李建鴻 (MBBS 1958; MD 1971)

Professor Lee, President of the HKU Medical Alumni Association, was conferred an Honorary Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in September 2005. In the citation, the College praised Professor Lee for "his friendly smile, his easy and unassuming leadership style and his capacity to be kind and firm at the same time. He remains, despite his remarkable career, achievements and honours, a man with few apparent pretensions and fewer airs and graces."

In October, Professor Lee was honoured further for his devotion to public service and achievements in the field of obstetrics and gynaecology when he was conferred with a Honorary University Fellowship by the Open University of Hong Kong.



Surabhi Mahapatra

Exchange student Surabhi stayed in Wei Lun Hall when she studied at the Faculty of Social Science in the fall of 2002. She received her BA from McGill University, Montreal in June 2004. She currently works for a publishing company in her home state of Massachusetts and looks forward to her next visit to Hong Kong and HKU.

Siu Man-keung 蕭文強 (BSc 1966; BSc[Sp] 1967)

The Last Class



Mathematics Department outing in 1975 with staff and graduates.



Professor Siu (wearing shorts) at his last lecture

Professor Siu Man-keung, former Head of the Department of Mathematics, reminisces about his time at HKU as he takes his last class.

“On May 7, 2005 morning I taught my last class as a regular faculty member of HKU. There is always a first time and a last time to everything. I remember vividly the first class I conducted in HKU back in the autumn of 1975, as I will remember vividly this last class.

On August 13, 1975 I reported for duty to the head of the department, the late Professor Y C Wong. He informed me that I would be assigned to teach the course on Operations Research II, a subject unknown to me. The specific topic he told me to teach was queueing theory; again I was on unfamiliar ground. When I explained the situation, he suggested I should learn it on my own. I took his advice and started to learn probability theory the next day. Today's undergraduates are more knowledgeable than I was back then; I didn't even know what "random variable" meant.



Department outing in 1978

My colleague CL (Chan) passed me a copy of Cooper's "Introduction to Queueing Theory". My old pal and classmate Kin (Lam), who at that time was in Department of Statistics (he is now the Head of Department of Finance & Decision Sciences at the Hong Kong Baptist University), helped me tremendously. For most afternoons during the month before the academic year began, we held study sessions to prepare me for the year ahead.

I continued to learn probability theory by sitting in the classes taught by CL and by Kin where I achieved the highest (100%) attendance rate.

At the same time as sitting in those courses on probability and statistics, I was teaching queueing theory to my students. In the first class I conducted at HKU, I told the students that I was learning the subject just as they were, only a month ahead, and if I could

do it then so could they. Little could I imagine that this honest display of ignorance would lead to my first MPhil student, Po Tong, choosing me to be his supervisor. The study of probability theory also led Ming Ying Leung to become my second MPhil student, so I really have to thank Professor Wong for assigning me to teach queueing theory.

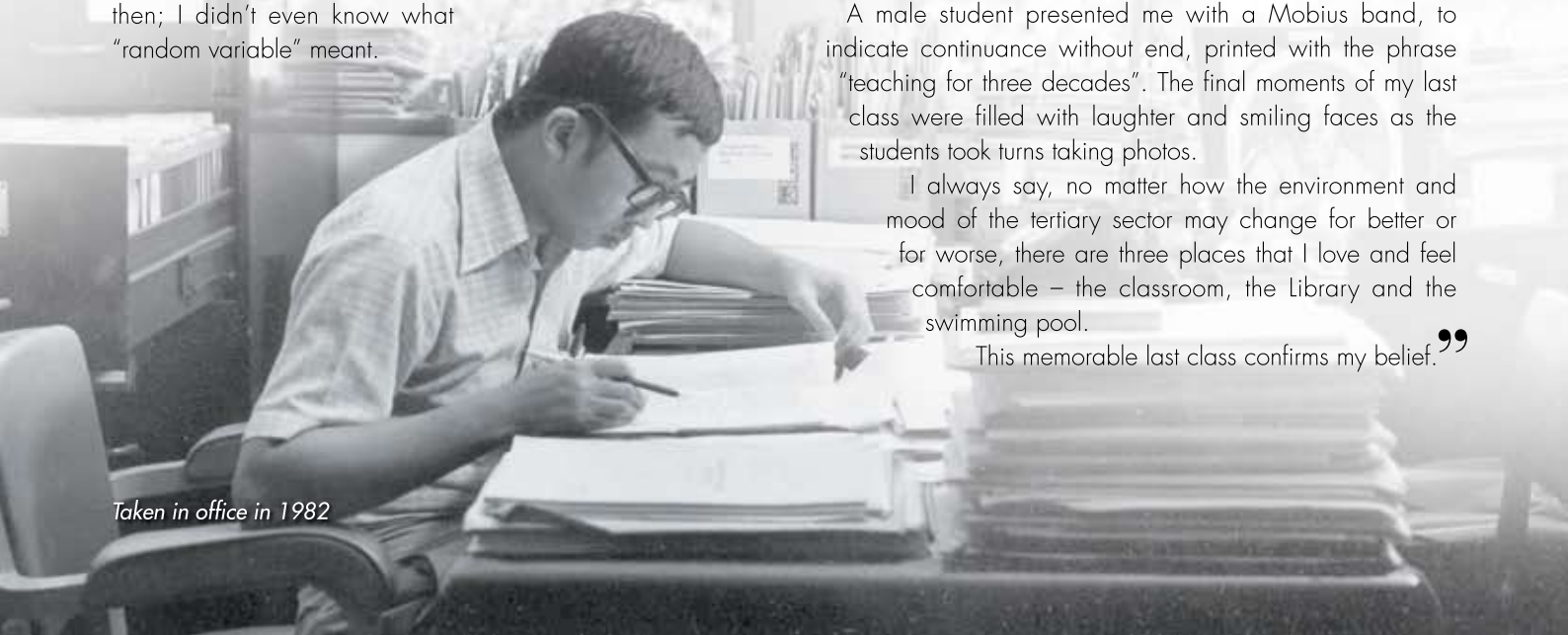
That was the first class I taught at HKU. On the morning of May 7 I taught my last class, "Mathematics: A Culture Heritage". I was greatly surprised, and very touched, when a female student came out to the front of the room and announced that, as it was my final lecture before my retirement, the class wished to thank me for what I had taught them during the course. The students presented me with card they made with messages of goodwill written in it. Their knowledge of my love of history was evident by the design card of the card, although it had me sweating with embarrassment (汗顏) as they had given my name prominence among some of history's most famous mathematicians.

A male student presented me with a Mobius band, to indicate continuance without end, printed with the phrase "teaching for three decades". The final moments of my last class were filled with laughter and smiling faces as the students took turns taking photos.

I always say, no matter how the environment and mood of the tertiary sector may change for better or for worse, there are three places that I love and feel comfortable – the classroom, the Library and the swimming pool.

This memorable last class confirms my belief.”

Taken in office in 1982



Albert Rodrigues (MBBS 1935)

Sir Albert was born in the same year as his alma mater HKU, 1911. He celebrated his 94th birthday on November 5, 2005.

(Back from left) Paul Aarne Koljonen and Albert Chan (MBBS year 3 students), members of the University's Development & Alumni Affairs Office: Janice Chan, Leona Leung and Janet Chung (front) celebrated with Sir Albert a day before his birthday.



Rayson Huang 黃麗松 (BSc 1942)

A Study in Bronze

"This sculpture, placed in the lecture theatre bearing my name, has a special significance for me: it will give me a warm, filial feeling that I have a continual presence in my alma mater at all times, wherever I may be," Dr Rayson Huang, the first alumnus and the first Chinese appointed to the post of Vice-Chancellor who served HKU for 14 years from 1972 to 1986.

In September 2005, many from the University family came together to welcome Dr Huang back to the campus, for the unveiling ceremony of "Dr Rayson Huang: A Study in Bronze", a commemorative bronze bust in Dr Huang's likeness by artist Mr She Wai-ming. The sculpture was commissioned by Pro-Chancellor Dr the Honourable David K P Li in recognition of Dr Huang's tireless efforts to HKU and the community at large.



Norman Ko 高華文 (BScEng 1963; DSc 1995)

A Journey of Extemporisation Norman W M Ko Exhibition: "25 Years in Retrospect"



"Ko's sculpture works, model or monument, combine determination, scientific vision and artistic fantasy; with the strong message that there are no boundaries in life exploration." Jane Sze Kwan-yuk, Assistant Curator, University Museum and Art Gallery

A scientist and an artist, Norman was an engineering professor in fluid dynamics and aeroacoustics at HKU. He was Chair Professor in mechanical engineering from 1987 until 2000 when he retired. In 2003, he was appointed by the University as Emeritus Professor. Ko has received many awards and about 80 of his works are installed in public spaces.

The exhibition 「不經之旅」高華文二十五年作品回顧展 is being held at **University Museum and Art Gallery, HKU** until **February 5, 2006**

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Yue Shui-chiu 余瑞朝 (BScEng 1922)

University life of an alumnus in the 1920s...

Born and bred in a remote farming village, the teenaged Mr Yue left home for Guangzhou searching for opportunities. With an outstanding academic performance at the Sacred Heart College in Guangzhou, he was then admitted to the University of Hong Kong. He spent many happy days at the University and in May Hall.

It is believed that after graduation, Mr Yue taught in the University for a while in the civil engineering department and that he was involved in the construction of many buildings in Hong Kong that still stand to this day. From his photos, it is apparent that Mr Yue was very loyal to his Hall and was active in alumni activities.

We would like to thank the son and daughter-in-law of the late Mr Yue Shui-chiu for sharing the stories and photos with us.



Mr Yue (standing)



Members of Hong Kong University Alumni Association in Guangzhou (1938)
(Yue: standing 3rd right)



Mr Yue and friends at a May Hall gathering

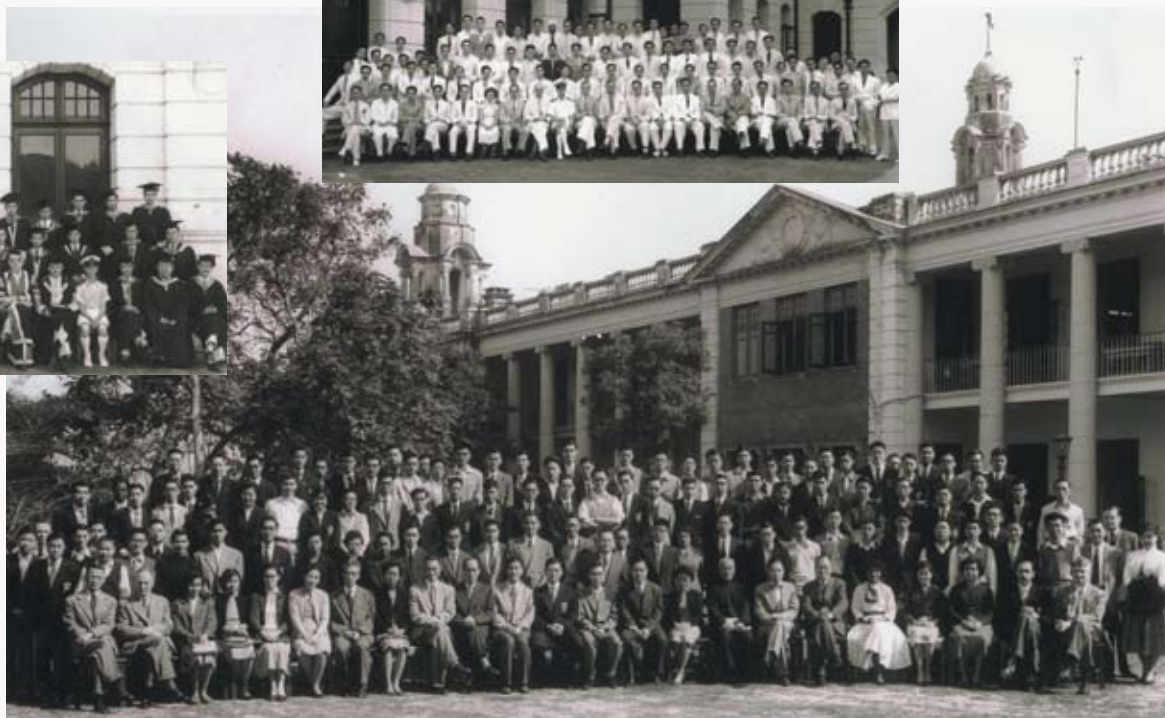


Everyone in smart white suits (Yue: front row, 2nd right)



Graduation Photo in 1922. (Yue: front row, 2nd left)

Our forerunners in front of the Main Building in the 20s.



Corrigenda (Last issue)

- On page 11, Chinese name of Mrs Rosanna Mak Wong Lai King, Ordinary Member of HKU Foundation, should be 麥王麗瓊.
- On page 37, Chinese name of Dr Henry Yeung (MBBS 1971) should be 楊浩然, although another Dr Henry Yeung 楊永定, is also from the MBBS 1971.
- A sequel to "Litter Anything But Your Key" on page 46, from Rupert Chan 陳鈞潤 (BA 1971) : "I spotted two typos. One is "thereat" in stanza 2 appearing as two words. The other is a mysterious (and again morally questionable) "F" appearing in front of "circle" in stanza 5. My only comment is your hyperbatons remind me of the Great Yoda in Star Wars."

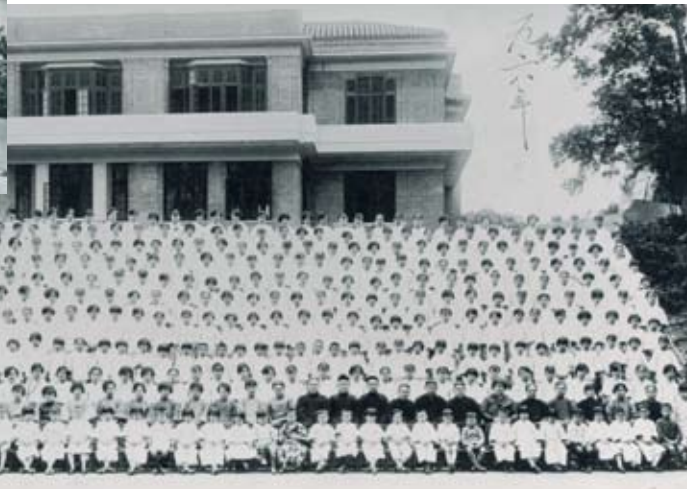
From Julia Fung 馮月珊 (BSocSc 1974) to the Editor : Let me cheer you up with a little rhyme:

Fooling around on F

Avoid pressing at all cost the wretched space bar,
Just hold your finger, the editing may go too far,
One letter "F" too many leaves a mournful scar,
Ruin the chance of an up and coming alumni star.

* The Editor would like to apologise for the mistakes and to thank Rupert, Lydia and Julia for their support.

Ties between



In celebration of its 90th Anniversary, St. Paul's Co-educational College (SPCC) has issued a commemorative publication and below are some quotations from people associated with both SPCC and HKU.



Mr Rocco Yim 嚴迅奇 (BA(Arch)1974; BArch 1976)
Architect

Creativity is not "anything goes". Buildings are not about visual novelty but about solving public space with a new perspective, about how humans can participate in a given space. The new primary school for St Paul's Co-ed will hopefully liberate students and make them want to learn.

Objects and functions are important for teaching and learning, but interpretation is even more so. It calls everything into question and engenders further thinking.

There is little difference between the art of science and the science of the arts.

Professor Grace Tang 鄧惠瓊 (MBBS 1971)

Professor, Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, The University of Hong Kong

Medicine is not an exact science and I made a better doctor because I excelled in the humanities.

St Paul's Co-ed is now working towards a more problem-based and student-centred style of learning. My experience with similar reforms at university level suggests that the students are likely to adapt more quickly than their teachers.

However much the school changes, don't tear down the red bricks!



my two Alma Maters



I could always feel the strong ties between my two Alma Maters, the University of Hong Kong and St. Paul's Co-educational College. In 2002, the University of Hong Kong celebrated its 90th Anniversary, and in 2005, St. Paul's Co-educational College celebrated its 90th Anniversary as well!

For the past nine decades, my two Alma Maters have nurtured generations of people into prominent members of our society. For the future, I believe that both of them will continue on with this tradition of nurturing the next generation of community leaders. I was thus very excited to learn that the main theme of the 90th Anniversary Celebration at St. Paul's Co-educational College is "To Serve, To Excel".

Beatrice Chan 陳雨雯 (BA 2001)

Mr Raymond Wong 黃鴻超 (BSocSc 1980)

Commissioner, Independent Commission Against Corruption

The St Paul's Co-ed ethos is marked by discipline and loving care and that oft-quoted phrase, "There's no time to waste!"

As it moves forward, I trust St Paul's Co-ed will make room for liberal studies for every student, taking the sort of wide-ranging approach I remember from my amazing Scripture lessons, where we managed to glimpse modern Biblical scholarship, archaeology, and many religions. A Christian school, certainly, but one with an all-embracing attitude.



Professor Poon Chung-kwong 潘宗光 (BSc 1963; BSc(Sp) 1964)

President, Hong Kong Polytechnic University

The virtues of diligence and obedience should never be allowed to breed yes-men and yes-women.

In the 1950s, pure science carried the most prestige, whereas today the emphasis is shifting towards applications.

When family poverty threatened to end my time at St Paul's Co-ed, my revered class mistress and Miss Kotewall gave me a school scholarship. In return, however, I had to commit to improving my standing in class. Having to fight like this in order to succeed is often a blessing in disguise – each of us has to ask "Do I deserve it?" rather than putting the accent on assumed "rights".

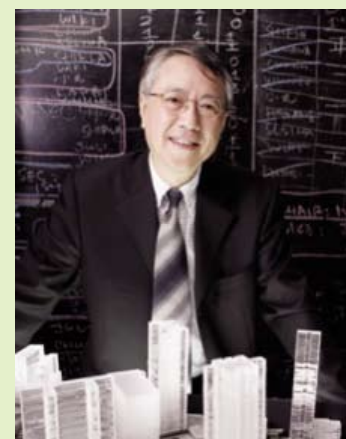
Professor David Lung 龍炳顯

Head, Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong

The St Paul's Co-ed students I meet today seem more varied and they defy labelling! That's good, because labelling can harm students – although in my case negative labels and poor grades actually strengthened my determination to explore outside the curriculum, leading me to Freud, Nietzsche and Fellini's 8½!



Learn from everything. Take nothing for granted. Read ahead. Raise questions. Hopefully such an approach will be encouraged under the Direct Subsidy Scheme and St Paul's Co-ed will always serve learners of all kinds.



Dr Anissa Chan 陳黃麗娟 (BSc 1980; CertEd 1982)

Principal, St Paul's Co-educational College