



HKU United We Run! And United We Made it!



HKU won the top prize for the Most Supportive Group Award of Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, with more than 1,100 HKU students, staff, alumni and friends running with Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui on February 12, 2006.

Our support team of more than 100 members cheered, took care of athletes' baggage and provided massage and physiotherapy services.

Dr Paul Cheung, Chairman of the Organising Committee, hopes to promote marathon spirit among members of the HKU Family, which will help train their endurance, perseverance, mind and body stamina to face challenges in life.

“We are first-time runners in an open marathon. The training sessions organised by the Organising Committee proved to be very useful, and helped us avoid injury.”

~ Frederick Tong, Paul Mak,
Carmine Siu and C Y Yeung,
Class of 1977

“The support team did a very good job to encourage and support us, especially towards the final part of the race when one's energy and stamina began to wane...”

~ Agnes Tiwari,
Department of Nursing Studies



Rachel Sproston (PGDE student) (below) and Jennie Lau 劉靜怡 (BBA(Law) year 1 student) (left) won the third place in the Senior 2 and Junior categories of the Half Marathon respectively.



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Comradeship in Bricks & Mortars

“Deo Adjuvante Labor Proficit”

(God helps those who work together to progress)

~ Morrison Hall motto



Morrisonian spirit revitalised: Professor Y C Cheng (right) received a Mjacket



Mrs Helen Zimmern, wife of the late Francis R Zimmern (Morrisonian 1940s), welcomed by Warden Dr Billy Hau (right)



Andrew K F Lee 李景勳 (Morrisonian 1956) and his photo taken in 1950s

Dr Dexter Man and his family, including Irene Man 文綺貞 (BA 1968) (4th left) and Dr Evelyn Man 文綺芬 (BA 1971) (3rd left)



Almost four decades after Morrison Hall on Hatton Road closed in 1968, a new Morrison Hall stands proudly today in the Jockey Club Student Village II as testimony to the never-faltering spirit of Morrisonians. The new hostel is the result of the “Campaign for the Rebuilding of Morrison Hall”, which was initiated by former Vice-Chancellor Professor Y C Cheng 鄭耀宗 (Morrisonian 1963), and later led by Mr P H Mak 麥伯雄 (Morrisonian 1967). A man-made miracle, the rebirth of Morrison Hall was made possible by the comradeship and unyielding spirit of the Senior Morrisonians. On March 11, the Junior and Senior Morrisonians joined together to celebrate its Open Day.

Housed in Dexter H C Man Tower, the 16-storey Morrison Hall provides a wide range of amenities for 300 students, including Lee King Fun Main Hall, Vincent K W Chow Library, Francis R Zimmern Conference Room and an Alumni Lounge.

“ Let all Morrisonians develop the power to think clearly, the power to act well in the world’s work, and the power to appreciate life.”

~ Dexter H C Man 文洪礎 (Morrisonian 1940)



Embarking on an International Mission



Professor Mark Bray, Chair Professor of Comparative Education and former Dean of Faculty of Education, held “a celebration of the smallness of the world” with students, colleagues, alumni and friends at the Global Lounge on March 11 before he moved to Paris to take up a new role as Director of UNESCO’s International Institute for Education Planning (IIEP). He emphasised that this was not a goodbye to the University as he envisaged many continuing relationships and synergies.

Professor Bray taught in the Faculty of Education for 20 years and led the way in establishing the Comparative Education Research Centre, which has become globally recognised as a leading research centre in the field. His leadership in the field has also been recognised with his position as President of the World Council of Comparative Education Societies. Over the last 30 years, he did research in

rural parts of Africa and the South Pacific, and in Asian countries at various stages of development.

IIEP is widely regarded as UNESCO’s leading education planning institute and seeks to strengthen the capacities of UN member states to plan and manage, and thus improve, the quality of their education systems. In his new role, Professor Bray will also be contributing towards UNESCO’s Education For All (EFA) programme, which strives to ensure that, by 2015, every child can receive an education.

Professor Bray is married to Dr Ora Kwo, who is an Associate Professor of the Faculty, and together they have two sons, Thomas and Arthur. Mark’s family will join him in Paris later this year where they look forward to receiving visitors from Hong Kong, and turning their home into “an annex to the Global Lounge”.

Renowned Champions of Human Rights

In January Professor Hurst Hannum was appointed to the Sir YK Pao Chair in Public Law. He succeeds Professor Yash Ghai who retired at the end of last year after serving as the Sir YK Pao Chair for the past 16 years.

Throughout his years at the Faculty of Law, Professor Ghai had laid a strong foundation for the Faculty’s public law and human rights development, which has become one of its areas of excellence. His departure from the Faculty resulted from his appointment by United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan to be his special representative for human rights in Cambodia. In his new role, Professor Ghai will scrutinise the observance of human rights in Cambodia, advise the Cambodian Government and the Cambodian people on the protection of human rights, and advise the United Nations Secretary General and the United Nations Human Rights Office on issues relating to human rights within the country.

A champion for human rights causes, Professor Ghai steered the process of writing a new democratic constitution for his home country, Kenya, from late 2000 to early 2004. He was called “a distinguished academic and renowned constitutional lawyer” in the United Nations’ statement on his appointment. He says he will miss Hong Kong, which he calls his “second home”, and its vibrant city landscape. And, in particular, he will miss those enjoyable strolls from Pokfulam to Aberdeen, and back again.

The Sir YK Pao Chair in Public Law is fortunate to have in Professor Hannum another ardent champion for human rights. Professor Hannum has a wide range of academic interests and

practical experience in the field of human rights, from minority rights, self-determination and humanitarian intervention, to the role of human rights in conflict resolution. He has served as a consultant to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights on issues ranging from minority rights to the situations in Afghanistan, East Timor, Western Sahara, Indonesia (Aceh), Sri Lanka and Kashmir. Professor Hannum looks forward to continuing his research in the areas of autonomy and minority rights in Asia and hopes to see continuing advances in awareness and protection of human rights in the region in the coming years.



(From left) Professor Johannes Chan SC, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Professor Yash Ghai, The Hon Mr Justice Andrew Li Kwok-nang, Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, and Professor Hurst Hannum.

National Science Awards for HKU Researchers

In January, several HKU academics received the 2005 State Science and Technology Awards (SSTA), one of the Mainland's most prestigious science and technology awards.

Professor Fan Sheung-tat 范上達 (MBBS 1976, MS 1992, MD 1998, PhD 2002, DSc 2005), Sun Chieh Yeh Chair of Hepatobiliary Surgery, and his liver transplant team comprising Lo Chung-mau 盧茂 (MBBS 1985, MS 1998), Chair of Hepatobiliary Surgery and also Chin Lan-Hong Professor in Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery, Dr Liu Chi-leung 廖子良 (MBBS 1988, MS 1999, MD 2004), and Dr Chan See-ching 陳詩正 (BDS 1985, MBBS 1995, MS 2005), won the first-class award in the category of State Scientific and Technology Progress Award (SSTPA). This is the first time that an entry from Hong Kong has been conferred a first-class award. Professor Fan was also elected by the Chinese Academy of Engineering as an academican under the category of medicine and pharmacy.

Professor Fan and his team made a major breakthrough in live donor liver transplantation in 1996 with the development of an innovative procedure in which the right lobe of the liver is transplanted. Since then, the new surgical procedure has been performed over 200 times in Hong Kong and has helped many patients who had serious liver diseases. In the past ten years the team has continued to refine the technical aspects of the surgery, reducing the operation time for liver donors from 10 hours to 6 hours, and that for liver recipients from 23 hours to 10-12 hours. The success rate of operation has also increased from 80-85 percent to 95 percent.



Professor Vivian Yam 任詠華 (BSc 1985, PhD 1988), Chair Professor of the Department of Chemistry, was also honoured with a second-class award in the category of State Natural Science Award (SNSA).

Professor Yam, who is a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, has devoted her research efforts to the molecular design and synthesis of novel luminescent inorganic and organometallic metal complexes which can serve as molecular functional materials. Her articles in *Accounts of Chemical Research*, *Angewandte Chemie International Edition*, *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, *Chemical Communications*, and her works have been widely cited.



Liver Transplant Team (from left): Dr Chan See-ching, Professor Fan Sheung-tat, Professor Lo Chung-mau and Dr Liu Chi-leung.

A Concert to Restore Smiles in the Community

The Faculty of Dentistry invited world-class pianist Mr Wenyu Shen to perform at a fundraising concert on February 8 at City Hall. The concert was held to support the Faculty's excellence in the three key areas of service, education and research, and was generously sponsored by the Sino Group.

"Music is a source of happiness that transcends boundaries of culture and language," said Professor L P Samaranayake, Dean of Faculty of Dentistry. "And dentistry is in the business of restoring the smile, the quality of life and therefore happiness to our patients."

Aged just 19, Mr Shen is already a well-known, award-winning pianist. He came second at the Queen Elizabeth International Piano Competition, first at the 2005 Rachmaninov International Piano Competition and second at the 2005 Hong Kong International Piano Competition.



(From left) Dr Jin Li-jian, Professor L P Samaranayake, Mr Wenyu Shen, Dr Frederick CS Chu and Dr Chow Tak-wah.

HKU Awards Six Honorary Degrees



Senator Vivienne Poy 利德蕙 (Doctor of Law, *honoris causa*) is an author, entrepreneur, fashion designer, historian, and also the first Canadian of Asian descent to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and the elected Chancellor of the University of Toronto. "Her example is not only a model to her Chinese Canadian contemporaries, but an inspiration to global migrant subjects of Chinese ancestry, each in their adopted homelands."

2002. "He is the only person in the history of this university to have made the inspiring career ascent from Public Orator to Vice-Chancellor."

Dr the Honourable Leong Che Hung 梁智鴻 (Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*), represented the Medical Functional Constituency as a Legislative Councillor for twelve years, from 1988 to 2000. He was involved in drawing up the blueprint for the Hospital Authority and was its Chairman from 2002 to 2004.

Lord Wilson of Tillyorn 衛奕信 (Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*) is the Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen and was the Governor of Hong Kong from 1987 to 1992. "David Wilson's governorship witnessed one of the most challenging periods in Hong Kong's recent history. His steadiness, sobriety, and personal rectitude are still talked of with appreciation in many Hong Kong circles and by men and women in the streets today."

Professor William Ian Rees Davies 戴義安 (Doctor of Science, *honoris causa*), is an Emeritus Professor of HKU and was one of the pioneers who established Hong Kong's first and only Faculty of Dentistry at HKU. He was the University's Pro-Vice-Chancellor from 1991 to 2000, and served as Vice-Chancellor from 2000 to

A Royal Welcome

Princess Louwah Al-Faisal of Saudi Arabia led a delegation of 25 professional women to talk on "Saudi Arabia Today and Tomorrow" at the Global Lounge on March 7.

Dedicated to promoting women's education, social and family welfare, Princess Louwah Al-Faisal has been the President and Chair of the Board of Trustees of Al-Maharat Cognitive and Capital Skills Development Centre since 1994. Since 1999, she has been the Vice Chair and General Supervisor of the Dar Alhanan School and Effat College Board of Trustees. The Effat College, set up in memory of Queen Effat, offers degree courses in subjects not traditionally available to women, such as electrical and computer engineering, industrial management, finance and marketing. Women now make up 58.8 percent of higher education students.

Princess Noura Turki Al-Faisal, Assistant to the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and General Supervisor of Dar Alhanan School and Effat College, spoke about the college's efforts in establishing international collaboration with colleges around the world. Dr Haifa Jamalallail, an active member in a number of Scientific Associations, and



Lama Al-Solaiman, the first woman elected to the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce, were also among the delegation members.

The presentation stimulated much discussion on cultural differences, the pros and cons of segregated vs. co-educational college, etc. Some students expressed interest in exchange programme opportunities in the desert kingdom. At the end of the sharing session, Man So-ngo 文素娥 (MBBS year 1 student) won applause from the delegation when she delivered a vote of thanks in Arabic.

Dr Leong played an instrumental role in the establishment of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and was its President from 2000 to 2004.

Mr Simon Lee Kwok Yin 李國賢 (Doctor of Social Sciences, *honoris causa*), Chairman of the Sun Hing Group of Companies, has been active in public service, lending his expertise and generous support to organisations such as the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club International, and numerous charities and Government Departments. Mr Lee helped establish the Simon K Y Lee Hall at HKU in 1985, and has been a Member of the Court of HKU since 1986.

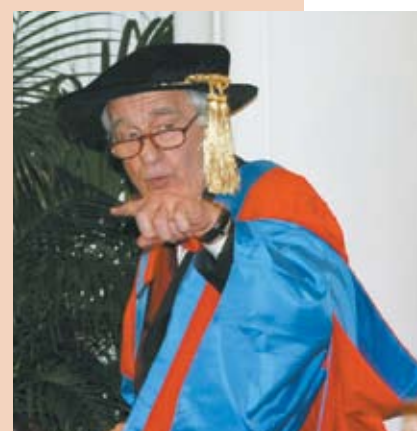
Professor Wu Jing Lian 吳敬羣 (Doctor of Social Sciences, *honoris causa*) is a Research Fellow at the Development Research Centre of the State Council, Honorary Director of the Market Economy Research Institute of the Development Research Centre of the State Council, and Deputy Director of the Office for the Panel on Economic Reforms Project of the State Council. He is one of the most popular economists of contemporary China.

Citations of the honorary degree recipients are available at: <http://www.hku.hk/eroonweb/honggrads/introduction.html>

Lord Wilson's Years at HKU

Lord Wilson, who studied Chinese at The University of Hong Kong from 1960-62, reminisced about those days:

"The University was, I suppose, rather more leisurely than it is today. In the middle of the campus I remember there was a lovely patch of grass with a stream running through it. There one could relax and eat a sandwich in the middle of the day. By then all formal teaching for we language students had ended. Classes were confined to mornings only. And in the afternoons? Well, you could take a list of the Chinese characters to be learned that day, walk up to the top of High West (Sai Gou San) and sit there looking out over the glorious Pearl River Estuary. Or you could go to the beaches on the south of Hong Kong Island. Not just to swim or be idle, but to practise drawing characters on the sand. The advantage was that any clumsy efforts were quickly washed away by the waves."



Ian Davies Distinguished Lecture 2006

The Ian Davies Distinguished Lecture 2006, held on March 15, featured Professor C Duncan Rice's talk on "Universities and Communities – Local Frontiers and a Wider World". Professor Rice, currently Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Aberdeen, played a key role in one of the most successful US higher education fund-raising campaigns, which raised over US\$1 billion within 10 years.



Grammy-Award Winner on Campus

As part of the Hong Kong Arts Festival's Festival Plus programme, Terence Blanchard, one of the world's foremost jazz musicians, spoke about his experience as a film soundtrack composer at Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre on February 17. Along with his highly regarded jazz records, he has scored more than 30 films, most famously for director Spike Lee (*Mo' Better Blues*, *Malcolm X* and the Golden Globe-nominated *25th Hour*, among others).

Literary Heavyweights at HKU



Nobel Laureate in Literature Seamus Heaney spoke at Loke Yew Hall on March 6 as the opening event of this year's Man Hong Kong International Literary Festival 2006. The event, 'Pen work, field work, dream work: a reading with commentary', hosted by the Department of English, drew more than 650 people to the University. During the lecture, Heaney read poems from different periods of his work spanning the last 40 years. Here, Dr Christopher Hutton, Head of the Department of English, writes about the talk:

Seamus Heaney looked back over his career as a "scribbler", reading some of his most famous poems and contextualising them in significant personal and political events that marked different periods of

his life. Heaney's poetry is deeply rooted in his childhood in rural Northern Ireland, and draws on an intimate connection to the Irish landscape, but it is also in conversation with the history and literature of both the English and Irish languages.

Although Heaney's poetry is strongly personal and particular, it also confronts the political traumas of Irish history. In particular, Heaney has offered a series of responses to the sectarian conflict that erupted in Northern Ireland in the late 1960s. Heaney speaks of "a quarter century of life-waste and spirit-waste, of hardening attitudes and narrowing possibilities", and his thoughts on literature and poetry are tightly bound

up with Yeats' dream of holding "in a single thought reality and justice".

Seamus Heaney stresses that the human condition has two sides: "it is a series of immense climaxes and cataclysms in the historical record" but it is also "experienced in the privacy and bewilderment of the individual's consciousness". For Heaney it is in poetry that these two aspects of the human condition come together.

Heaney wears his considerable erudition lightly, and the informality and sparking wit of his talk concealed a crafted and masterfully paced performance, one designed to appeal to both the poetic novice and someone steeped in English poetry and Heaney's writings.

John Banville, winner of the 2005 Man Booker Prize for his novel "The Sea", also shared his reflections on the power and unique language of fiction at Man Booker Prize Distinguished Lecture 2006 on March 13.

鄭愁予教授談詩與自然

許多許多星子，在我的髮上流瞬
我要回歸，梳理滿身滿身的植物
我已回歸，我本是仰望的青山一列



當代中國詩壇的泰山北斗鄭愁予教授來港擔任中文系的名譽教授，並於三月二日主講「陳漢賢文藝講座」，談「漢詩中的自然是人文思維的歸依」。講座前由中學生朗誦鄭教授的詩作，部份更輔以小提琴伴奏，讓觀眾欣賞詩中的音韻與情素。

鄭教授談到的「自然」並非指自然環境，而是比人、地、天，甚至「道」更高層次而不能言述的「自然」。自詩經以來，「詩」始終不出文人表達人文思維的實用範圍，鄭教授將漢詩的抒情詩略分為三個範疇：「抒發情懷的、抒發情思的和抒發情趣的」，但這三情之外，「還有一種深潛在詩人靈魂內裡的



情緒，難以解說它何時來，何時去。有的時候能擊中詩人靈竅的最深點，激出使詩人自我感動最強烈的詩素，這種詩素，卻欣欣然對萬物有情，卻渾噩噩並無所屬，又成為無情狀態。」他稱這種詩素的情為「情滅」，是非常接近道家對「自然」一詞的賦義。

首次來港任教的鄭教授吸引了不少同學慕名報讀他的課程，鄭教授看了同學的功課後表示，當中有不少是相當成熟的作品，甚至可競逐文學評獎。鄭教授留港期間亦希望償還心願，寫一些關於香港的新詩，這將是香港人的喜訊。

講座全文：http://www.hku.hk/press/news_detail_5323.html

Champion of International Civil Engineering Competition

Three HKU civil engineering students scored a landslide victory at the Inter-University Civil Engineering Competition held in Seoul in February. The team comprised final-year students Earnest To 杜昭彥 and Franklin Yim 嚴烽展, and second-year student Jenny Lau 劉靜寧. They designed a dome-shape model which could bear a weight of 15 kilogrammes and also was strong enough to withstand the stress of a three-kilogramme ball falling on it from a height of 25 centimetres. All the competing models passed the momentum test, but HKU's model was the lightest, weighing a mere 27.2 grammes.

"We did not use computers," said Earnest. "Instead, we calculated the model structure manually, which stimulated us to think more throughout the process." The team scored 95 marks out of 100, while the first runner-up, Hanyang University, scored 68 with a model weighing 40.3 grammes.



(From left) Jenny Lau, Franklin Yim, Earnest To

International Humanitarian Law Mooters



The HKU moot team (from left): Michelle Fung, Team coaches Suzannah Linton and Puja Kapai, Maureen Liu and Ricky Tang.

The HKU team came second at the 4th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Moot Competition, the largest IHL moot competition in the Asia Pacific region, and won the Best Memorial (written submission) award.

Michelle Fung 馮奔奔 (LLB year 3 student) also won the Best Mooter award, despite of keen competition from other outstanding mooters and native English speakers. Other HKU team members were Ricky Tang 鄧耀明 (LLB exchange student) and Maureen Liu 廖慕賢 (LLB year 3 student).

In the moot final, where HKU competed against the University of Queensland, the students mooted a situation of an internal armed conflict and whether a civilian commander of a prison could be prosecuted for the criminal acts of members of the armed forces working within her prison. HKU team was praised for their high standard of advocacy, and their thorough understanding of IHL and relevant case law. The panel

of some 20 judges included IHL experts, members of the Hong Kong judiciary and the Department of Justice, academics, law professionals and consular representatives.

A Fulbright-Bank of America (Asia) Scholar in Law

Gu Weixia 顧維遐 (MCL 2004, SJD student) has received the Fulbright-Bank of America (Asia) Visiting Scholar Award and will conduct visiting research for her Legal Science doctoral dissertation in New York University and Cornell Law Schools between January and July 2007.

Her law research deals with international commercial arbitration, in which she developed a deep interest during her LLB studies in Shanghai. Equipped with her bilingualism and cross-border legal research experience, Weixia aims to illuminate China's distinctive adaptation into the global arbitration platform in tandem with the country's ongoing harmonisation with economic globalisation.

At 25, Weixia is currently the youngest doctoral student at the Faculty of Law. She was also the youngest winner when she received Jones Day International Legal Fellowship and Freshfields International Legal Fellowship in 2002 and 2003, respectively. During her Master's studies at HKU, she also won the Peter Vine Postgraduate Law Scholarship.

