



'90 Open Day

Some 150,000 members of the public were attracted to the campus on 10th and 11th November when the University held its first open day in the 1990s.

After a traditional lion's dance in the University Mall, the official opening ceremony began at 2.00 p.m. on 10th November. Officiating guests included the Hon. Rosanna Tam, Legislative Councillor; Prof. Charles K. Kao, the vice-chancellor; Mr. Thomas H. C. Cheung, president of the Federation of Alumni Associations; and Miss Lui Suet-wan, president of the Chinese University Student Union.

The two-day function was jointly organized by the University Student Union and the student unions of the constituent colleges.

The University Mall was a major activity centre on both days. Departmental societies and interest groups put up exhibitions on various themes and students of the science and medical faculties performed interesting scientific experiments. The Registry set up a stall to explain the University's curriculum structure and admission policies and the University Press ran a counter to sell books published by the University.

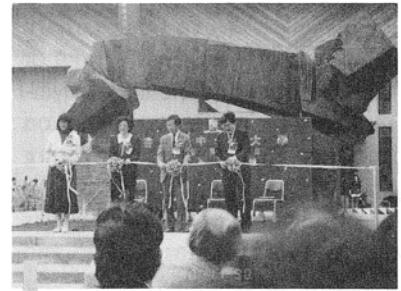
Many buildings around the Mall were open to visitors and long queues were seen in front of the University Library, the Art Gallery, the Computer Centre, the Science Centre and the Basic Medical Sciences Building. Large crowds were also drawn to the roof top of the Lady Shaw Building to watch modern dance performances, drama, and Chinese martial art demonstrations. Others enthusiastically took part in an open forum organized nearby on direct elections in 1991.

In Room 103 of the John Fulton Centre, a debate on whether the last governor in Hong Kong should be a Chinese attracted a full house. The debate was conducted in Cantonese between two teams consisting of one academic staff, one student, and one Legislative Councillor each. The Hon. Rosanna Tam and Szeto Wah were the two guest speakers from the Legislative Council. It was clear from the reactions of the audience that the debate was considered lively and entertaining.

On top of all these features, six public lectures were delivered over two days by academic staff members in the Science Centre. Topics included 'In-vitro Fertilization', 'Tomorrow's Managers in Hong Kong', 'Culture and Life', 'Modern Materials', 'The Impact of Information Technology and Politics on Press Freedom', and 'Information - Principle, Technology, Application'.

The four constituent colleges also organized various performances and game stalls in their respective campuses. Student hostels were naturally open to visitors.

All in all, the function was a successful attempt to let the public know more about the University and its students. The University's next open day will be held three years later in 1993.



University News

Six Institutions Collaborate on Study on 'Technology Road Maps for Hong Kong' with CUHK as Coordinator

This University and five other tertiary institutions recently received a grant of HK\$200,000 from The Industry Development Board for phase two studies on 'Technology Road Maps for Hong Kong'.

The first phase of the project was initiated by Prof. Charles K. Kao and was launched earlier this year under the supervision of a steering group comprising several heads and senior academics from all six institutions of higher learning: The Chinese University

of Hong Kong, the City Polytechnic, Baptist College, the Hong Kong Polytechnic, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the University of Hong Kong. The group examined the strength and weaknesses of Hong Kong in the technology field in general and investigated four technology areas with potential for development locally: information technology, biotechnology, materials technology and environmental technology.

Phase two studies will look into

these areas in depth, pinpointing business opportunities and identifying any missing links in the commercial and industrial infrastructure.

The group involved in this research expects to be in a position in due course to consult for the private sector about investment in technologically-based industries in Hong Kong.

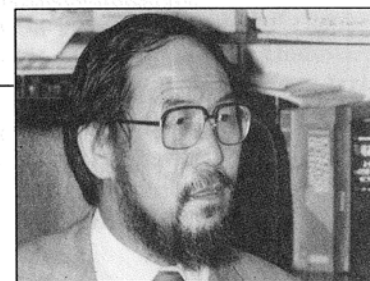
The present project is the first of its kind involving the participation of all six tertiary institutions. It is also the first time the government has relied on local expertise in addressing such issues. The project is co-ordinated by the Office of Industrial and Business Development of the University Development Section, CUHK.

Academic Staff Win Awards

Dr. Leo P.K. Yam, lecturer in the School of Education, was recently awarded the '1990 Robert DeKieffer International Fellowship Award' by the Association for Educational Communications and Technology in recognition of his contributions in the field of educational communications and technology. The award carries with it a set of visual aids donated to the institution for which the awardee works. Mr. Jacob Leung, the University Secretary, represented the University to receive the donation in October from 3M Hong Kong Ltd., the sponsor of the award.



Prof. Shu-ting Chang, professor of biology and an expert in fungal genetics, was recently awarded an **International Cooperation Award** by China's Ministry of Light Industry. Prof. Chang has provided China with assistance in mushroom breeding and in improving the cultivation techniques. The award-presentation ceremony was held in Beijing last month.



Visiting Scholars

Several distinguished scholars visited New Asia and United College between October and November 1990.

New Asia David Lam Economist

Prof. Fred. C. Hung of the Institute of International Economics, National

Chung Cheng University, Taiwan, visited New Asia College from 17th to 23rd October under the David Lam Economist Exchange Programme and delivered a public lecture entitled 'Taiwan at the Crossroad – an Economic

Assessment of the Past, Present and Future' on 18th October.

New Asia S. Y. Chung Visiting Fellow



Prof. Chou Susing, an internationally renowned painter, visited New Asia College from 18th October to 17th November. He gave three classroom demonstrations for students of the Fine Arts Department and delivered a public lecture on the trend of contemporary Chinese painting in China.

An exhibition of Prof. Chou's works was also held in the New Asia Art Gallery from 22nd to 27th October.

New Asia Ming Yu Visiting Scholars

Prof. Hu Fo of the Department of Politics, National Taiwan University, and Prof. Wen Chung-I, research fellow of the Institute of Ethnology, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, visited New Asia College from 4th to 8th November and jointly presented a lecture on the problems of recent social and political development in Taiwan on 6th November.

United College 90-91 Distinguished Visiting Scholar

Prof. Wlodzimierz Brus, emeritus professor of modern Russian and East European studies, Oxford University,



visited United College from 11th to 23rd November. During his visit, Prof. Brus gave three public lectures on the theme of 'Socialist Economy – Concept, Reality and Prospects'. The topics of the three lectures were respectively 'Concept – Marxist Claim to Superiority'; 'Reality – Experience of Eastern Europe'; and 'Prospects – Reform or Replacement?'

Prof. Brus also participated in a special panel discussion on 'The Prospects of the Socialist System in China' held at United College on 20th November.

New Publications of The University Press

The following new books will be sold at a 20 per cent discount to staff members at the University Bookshop, John Fulton Centre:

- *Promoting Prosperity: The Hong Kong Way of Social Policy* (in English) by Catherine Jones, x + 374 pp., (hardcover, HK\$160).
- 《新儒學的演變》(in Chinese) by Wong Yuk, vi + 255 pp., (paperback, HK\$55).
- *Hong Kong Taxation: Law and Practice 1990-91* (in Chinese) translated by Aloysius Tse, xxxii + 476 pp., (paperback, HK\$138).



Letter to the Editor

I am new to this University community and one of the major cultural shocks I experience here is how the telephones on campus work, or, to be exact, how they do not work. You dial and dial and dial and never manage to get an external line; you wait and wait and wait and still there is no dialling tone. I lament the aggregate time and effort wasted on such dialling and waiting throughout the University. How can the University expect efficiency with this outdated telephone system? For how long do we have to put up with it? Is it not a little ironic that we have a vice-chancellor who is an authority on optical fibre communications?

A frustrated dialler
(Name and address supplied)

Editor's Note: Incidentally and coincidentally, the CUHK Newsletter interviewed the unit responsible for installing a new telephone system for the University last month. We plan to report on the progress of the project in the January 1991 issue of the Newsletter.



Campus Transport

The Transport Unit of the University currently runs six different types of services for members working or living on campus :

1. a shuttle-bus service to link major study/work locations with the University Train Station;
2. a shuttle light-bus service to cover locations not served by the shuttle-buses;
3. a change-class bus service during term time for students;
4. a staff bus service with eight different routes to carry staff to and from work;
5. a special bus service to carry children of resident staff to and from school; and
6. a VIP car service for University guests and senior officers.

Whether the level of existing services provided is adequate is open to argument but few would disagree that without such services, the campus would be a very inconvenient place to work and live in, particularly for those who do not drive or do not have their own cars. Even among those who drive their own cars to work, many have complained that the campus environment is inimical to the health of their automobiles: wear and tear comes much faster with all those uncovered carparks, road bumps, and steep slopes. Transport problems seem to be the price we all have to pay for our spacious and picturesque campus.

Shuttle-Bus and Change-class Bus Services

Not very many may have noticed that all coaches used for the shuttle-bus service are University vehicles, i.e.,

they have been purchased with University funds and painted with the wording 'The Chinese University of Hong Kong' on their sides; whereas most change-class buses (and their drivers) are provided by an outside contractor who runs the service on behalf of the University.



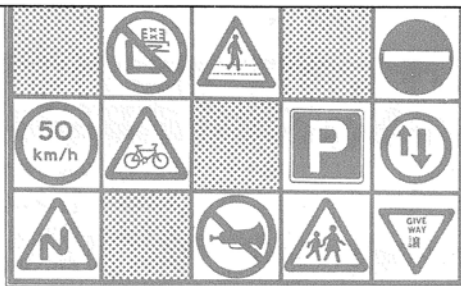
At one time in the early days of the University, both shuttle-bus and change-class bus services were run by the University itself with a fleet comprising 16 coaches! However, in the mid-seventies when the government went on an economy drive to combat economic recession and asked the University to cut down expenses on transportation services for students, 11 of these coaches had to be sold. While the University has continued to run the shuttle bus service with the remaining coaches, the change-class bus service has since been contracted out. This has effectively reduced overhead but much flexibility has also been lost as restrictions have been set on the routes run, the number of bus stops, and the

number of days in a year when the service will be provided.

As the campus population continued to grow after the mid-seventies and as more staff residences were built, different ways were explored to supplement the shuttle-bus service on campus. Suggestions for improvement included the extension of public bus services and mini-bus services to campus roads, and the erection of taxi-stands within the University. Eventually in 1985, the University decided to purchase two light-buses to run a fee-charging shuttle-bus service to cover areas not served by the big shuttle buses. After five years of operation, this service has now managed to break even and each day an average of 750 passengers are served.

But because of their limited capacity and auxiliary role, the light-buses cannot really solve the problems created by the ever-growing demand for internal transport services. Overloaded buses and long queues waiting for them are still common sights on campus roads. The natural question which follows is: 'How is the Transport Unit to cope with the anticipated expansion in student numbers as we enter into the 1990s?'

Mr. K. W. Chow, head of the Transport Unit, says that the University has recently bought two new coaches to augment the existing fleet and another two will arrive next year. As resources are limited, he explains, problems cannot be solved overnight. He calls upon University members to be patient and to walk more frequently whenever possible to reduce the pressure on the school buses. The Working Group on Campus Transport will strive to find ways to deploy existing resources more efficiently and cost-effectively.



Campus Transport

Other Services to Link the Campus with the Outside

The Staff Bus Service

Its origin can be traced back to 1969 when the University organized two routes to carry staff members to and from work at the Benjamin Franklin Centre, the first building on the central campus. Thereafter routes have been added or dropped to reflect the changing demand, but all along the service has been self-supporting, drawing as its only source of income the monthly fees paid by subscribers.



Currently there are eight bus-routes, three for Hong Kong dwellers and five for Kowloon residents. Each route has specific pick-up and drop-off points. The service is rather popular as the average cost per trip is about 50 per cent of what one has to pay to travel by the MTR and the KCR.

Children's Bus Service

To facilitate staff members living on campus whose children have to attend schools in Kowloon, the University organized a special bus service in 1976 to carry these children to and from school. Similar to the staff bus service, this service is fee-charging, self-supporting, and operated by an outside contractor.

VIP Cars



As the name implies, VIP cars are primarily for transporting important guests of the University to and from campus. When there are no important visitors, senior academics and University officers sometimes use them when they need to represent the University at official functions but cannot find transport.

The University had only one VIP car at the beginning. The number was increased to two around 1975 and to three only last year. Each car has its own driver, and two of the three VIP car drivers have served the University for over 20 years.

Traffic Accidents on Campus

According to figures provided by the Security Unit, serious traffic accidents on campus can be attributed to three major reasons:

Jaywalking – Many students do not seem to realize that roads on campus are no different from roads elsewhere: they are primarily for cars and not pedestrians. Quite a number of accidents have been caused by careless students who don't bother to check the traffic before they cross roads.

Careless pedal-cycling – Pedal cyclists who disregard safety regulations are a danger to themselves and other people on the road. They account for over 80 per cent of the total number of traffic accidents on campus and the figure rises every year.

Unlicensed Driving – A traffic accident caused by unlicensed driving on campus took the life of one student in 1981. From 1st July 1989, all campus roads have become subject to the Road Traffic Ordinance and Regulations. In 1989-90, six students were prosecuted for driving without a licence on campus or driving with only a learner's licence.

Some Facts of Interest

- * Mr. David Gilkes, the University Bursar, does not usually drive on campus but is the registered owner of 47 vehicles, all of which have been purchased for the use of different departments and units in the University.
- * If you have a car and want to obtain a University vehicle registration label, apply to the Security Unit and NOT the Transport Unit!
- * Each year the University spends about HK\$3 million on hiring school buses, replacing worn-out vehicles, and repairing and maintaining University cars.
- * Passengers on school buses can be very forgetful. Items they leave behind on the buses range from books, umbrellas, and clothes to examination scripts and stocks costing over HK\$300,000! ○

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Professorial Appointments

Dr. Kuan Hsin-chi and Dr. Byron S. J. Weng have been appointed as professors of government and public administration from 1st January 1991.

- Dr. Kuan graduated with an LLB degree from National Chengchi University, Taiwan in 1963 and pursued postgraduate studies in Germany. He obtained his MA degree from Free University of Berlin in 1967 and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Munich in 1972. He then joined The Chinese University as lecturer in government and public administration in 1973 and was promoted to senior lecturer in 1981 and reader in 1987. He is concurrently dean of the Faculty of Social Science and director of the Universities Service Centre.

Dr. Kuan is married, with three children.

- Dr. Byron S. J. Weng was trained in law at National Taiwan University and graduated with an LLB degree in 1957. He then furthered his studies in the United States at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, where he received his MS degree in 1962 and Ph.D. in 1971.

Dr. Weng first joined The Chinese University in 1972-74 as lecturer of the Department of Government and Public Administration while on leave from the Wright State University, Ohio. In 1978, he joined this University again as senior lecturer in government and public administration and was promoted to reader in 1981.

Dr. Weng is married, with two children.



Staffing Arrangements on Christmas & New Year's Eves

The following staffing arrangements for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve have been endorsed by the University since 1983 and will apply on 24th and 31st December this year:

- a. For essential service units such as the Health Service, the

Library System, the Operation Unit of the Computer Services Centre, the Security Unit and the Maintenance Office of the Buildings Office, a task force should remain on duty on both days to provide regular services.

- b. For all other offices in the University, a skeleton crew should be appointed to be on duty in the morning to handle urgent matters and answer enquiries. These offices will be closed in the afternoon.
- c. The skeleton staff on duty on either day will be given compensation leave of half a day.

Gifts? Bribery?

The University is a public body listed under the Schedule of the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance (CAP 201, Laws of Hong Kong). All University employees are classified as 'public servants' under the Ordinance and should be wary of accepting gifts which could be construed as being offered to them in connection with their 'public' duties.

As the Christmas and New Year holidays are approaching, members of the staff who wish to give away or accept any gifts in this festive season and who are in doubt as to whether such gifts are permissible under the law should first consult the Prevention of Bribery Ordinance.

Copies of the Ordinance are available for reference at the University Library and its branch libraries, as well as the Information Office (Room 205, University Administration Building).

Home Financing Scheme

From Sophie Lau, the Director of Personnel:

The government has recently introduced new housing arrangements for civil servants to encourage home ownership and to make more effective use of available resources.

Under the new scheme, local officers on the master pay scale (MPS) point 34 and above will be eligible for a home financing allowance that can be used to purchase their own homes. Serving officers appointed before 1st October 1990 who have not joined the Home Purchase Scheme will have the option of maintaining their existing housing benefits (i.e. private tenancy allowances or non-departmental quarters) or accepting the home financing allowance. Expatriate staff appointed after that date will receive an accommodation allowance that can be applied against the lease of their own homes. The Home Purchase Scheme will continue for officers on MPS points 22 to 33 and for those below point 22 who have completed 20 years of service, and will be extended to cover also staff on model scale one with 20 years of service, subject to a quota.

The UPGC-funded institutions, including this University, have all made submissions to the government through the UPGC for permission to adopt the new arrangements with some modifications. They sought to retain the existing arrangement of offering senior staff quarters to new overseas appointees as an alternative to the accommodation allowance. The six institutions are awaiting the outcome of their requests. Further information will be provided in due course.

Staff Review of Non-Teaching Staff Members on Terms of Service (B) & (C)

The Administrative Affairs Committee and the Sub-Committee on Minor Staff Affairs have sent out invitations to department chairmen/unit heads to make nominations and recommendations concerning the retirement, extension of service and promotion of non-teaching staff members on Terms of Service (B) and (C). The deadline for submission is 31st January 1991. The committees will not consider direct applications from individual staff members.

Reimbursement of Course Fees to Terms of Service (B) & (C) Staff

The University will soon consider requests for reimbursement of fees to staff members on Terms of Service (B) and (C) who will attend training courses which start in or after January 1991. All applications together with written recommendations by unit heads should be forwarded to Mr. S. S. Tam, Secretary, Administrative Affairs Committee, c/o Personnel Section, University Administration Building (Ext. 2269) by Saturday, 12th January 1991.

University Library News

* The University Library System, including the University Library, college libraries and Li Ping Medical Library, will be closed on the Christmas and New Year holidays, i.e. 25th and 26th December 1990, and 1st January 1991.

The opening hours of these libraries and their reading rooms will also be slightly different from the usual from 24th December 1990 to 13th January 1991. For details of irregular library hours during the period, please read notices put up at the respective libraries.

* The existing number of the faxline at the University Library (6921952) will be changed to 6036952 from 16th January 1991.

Office Hours of the Maintenance Office Extended

The Maintenance Office of the Buildings Office has since 1st December extended its office hours to 9.00 p.m. daily except on Sundays and public holidays to cater for the demand of services in the evening. Requests for repair can be lodged by phone (Ext. 2703) as usual during office hours. Beyond the extended hours and on Sundays and public holidays, requests for service will be recorded and attended to the following working day. When emergency repair is required during off hours, university members should call the Security Unit (Tel. 6952222 or 6952666) for assistance.

Mandarin and Cantonese Courses for Staff & Spouses

The New Aisa – Yale-in-China Chinese Language Centre will again offer Mandarin and Cantonese Courses to the University's academic and administrative staff and their spouses.

From 22nd January to 23rd April 1991, the following courses have been tentatively scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday from 2.30 to 4.15 p.m. at the Fong Shu Chuen Building:

- (1) Beginner's courses in Mandarin and Cantonese for foreigners;
- (2) Beginner's course in Mandarin for non-Mandarin speakers of Chinese origin; and
- (3) Beginner's course in Cantonese for non-Cantonese speakers of Chinese origin.

The size of each class will be limited and participants will be enrolled on a first-come-first-served basis.

Basic tuition fee for each course is HK\$2,600. The University will subsidize 40 per cent of the tuition fee for all full-time academic and administrative staff as well as their spouses who are expected to be with the University for at least two years, and who are not receiving a language study subsidy from any other source. For enrolment, please contact the Chinese Language Centre at Ext. 2681-3 before 15th January 1991.

HKIAPS – First Occasional Paper Published

The Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies (HKIAPS), newly established in September 1990, published its first occasional paper in November. Entitled *Decolonization Without Independence and the Poverty of Political Leaders in Hong Kong*, the paper is written by Lau Siu-Kai, professor of sociology and associate director

of HKIAPS. Copies are now on sale at the University Bookstore. For further details, please call Ext. 2026.

Change of Telephone Numbers at Department of Journalism & Communication

The existing numbers of the two telephones in the department (6914642 and 6914643) will be changed to 6035642 and 6035643 respectively from 16th January 1991.

Forthcoming Conference

The Overseas Chinese Archives of this University and the Faculty of International Studies and Business of the Kyushu International University will jointly organize an international conference on 'Relationships Among Countries of the Taiwan Straits: China, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong', to be held on 20th and 21st December 1990 at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall. All are welcome. Please call Tel. 6952030 for details.

■ Dr. Lo Wing-chun, senior lecturer in international business, has been invited to serve as editor-in-chief of the *Hong Kong Journal of Business Management* from 1st August 1990 to 31st July 1995.

■ Prof. K. C. Mun, professor of international business, has been invited to serve as adviser to the Marketing Research Society of China's Higher Education Institutions.

■ Dr. Serena S. H. Jin, senior lecturer in translation, has been appointed a member of the Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee by HE the Governor for one year from 30th October 1990.

■ Prof. Ho Kam-fai, professor of social work, has been appointed to serve on the Pensions Appeal Panel by HE the Governor for three years from 9th November 1990.

■ Prof. P. C. Leung, professor of orthopaedics and traumatology, was elected the International Editor of *The Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery*, USA in September 1990.

Services to the Community and International Organizations

■ Prof. S. T. Chang, professor of biology, has been invited to organize a 10-day UNESCO Workshop on Culture Collection and Breeding of Edible Mushrooms in Hong Kong in June 1991. Prof. Chang has also been elected as the coordinator of a research project entitled 'Waste Utilization and Environmental Biotechnology' newly launched by the Regional Network for Microbiology in Southeast Asia.

■ Dr. Chuang Lien-sheng, director of Yeung Shui Sang Laboratory for Thermoluminescence of Ancient Ceramics and senior research fellow of the Institute of Science and Technology, has been re-appointed a member of the Radiation Board of Hong Kong by HE the Governor for three years from 1st December 1990.

■ Prof. Joseph C. K. Lee, professor of anatomical and cellular pathology, has been reappointed a member of the Medical Development Advisory Committee by HE the Governor for one year from 1st December 1990.

■ Dr. Tay Lian-soo, senior lecturer in Chinese language and literature, has been invited to serve as senior adviser to the China's Research Society of Sun Zi's Art of War.

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Chung Chi College Staff Club Executive Committee

The Chung Chi College Staff Club recently elected the following members to serve on its Executive Committee in 1990-91:

Chairman: Mr. Kaung Tai Wai
 Vice-chairman: Dr. Ng Tze Ming
 Treasurer: Ms. Lee Suk Yee
 Secretary: Mrs. Candice Chong

Club House Management:
 Dr. Leung Man Sing (Chair)
 Mr. Leung Kui Hung
 Dr. Victor Chan

Social Activities:
 Dr. Wong Kin Yuen (Chair)
 Dr. Lee Wood Hung
 Dr. Fung Tung

Membership:
 Dr. Lee Chi Ming

Welfare:
 Ms. Lee Suk Yee

CUHK Newsletter

We welcome your contributions

1. Items for the next issue (mid-January 1991) should reach the Editor by 27th December 1990.
2. All contributions and suggestions should be sent to the Editor, CUHK Newsletter, c/o the Publication Office, University Secretariat, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (ext. 2936).
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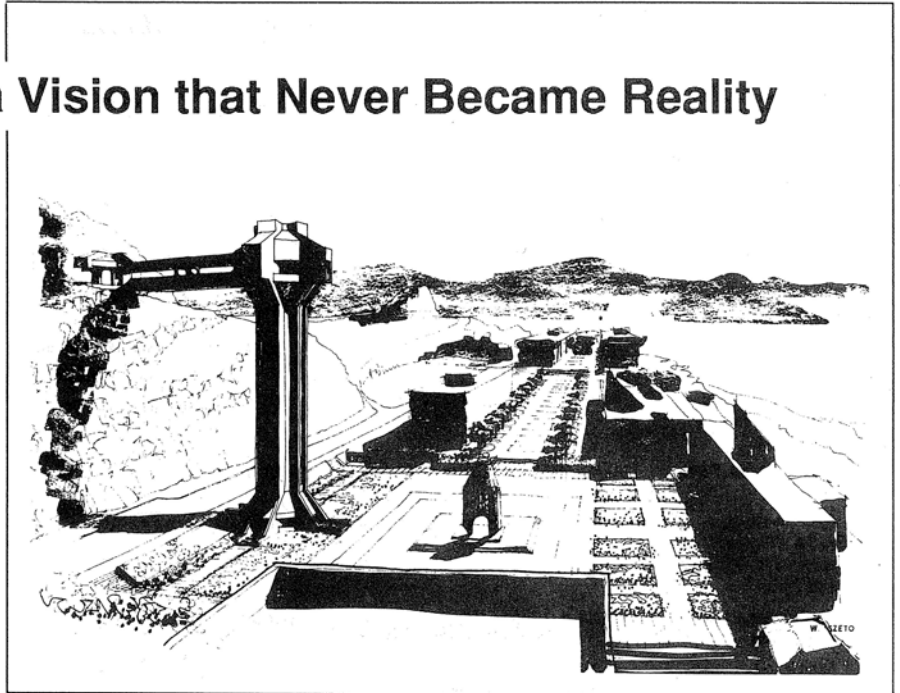
The Lift Tower : a Vision that Never Became Reality

At the northern edge of the University Square stands a garden of Roman design named the 'Forum'. Decorated with bougainvillea in different shades of red and purple all year round, the Forum is a scenic corner of the campus and a favourite spot for brides and grooms in gowns and suits to pose for wedding photos. However, can you imagine that had it not been for circumstantial mismatch and coincidence some two decades ago, this serene location would have taken on an entirely different outlook?

Immediately after the site for the University had been chosen, the University started to design ways to link the different levels of the campus together. A through route was hewn out of the rocks and school buses were used to carry students and staff up and down the hill. However, the University foresaw that the school bus service could not be stretched beyond a certain limit and that additional commuting means for the whole population of the University needed to be explored.

Dr. the Honourable Szeto Wai, the University Architect at that time, sketched a lift and observation tower at the northern edge of the University Square in his campus development blueprint. He planned that the tower would be 160 ft. high and could hold a bank of six lifts. A long bridge would extend from it to the upper level of the campus where the New Asia and United colleges are located. Pools and gardens would be built around the tower to beautify its appearance.

The University submitted plans for the project to the government in 1970 and obtained the UPGC's approval in principle and an allocation of \$1.65 million for the construction cost.



Delving — into — the Past

Without delay Dr. Szeto Wai proceeded with detailed construction plans and tendering procedures. However, to comply with stipulations of the Buildings Department, revisions in design had to be made, and tendering procedures could only be completed in 1973. Owing to the time lapse, general inflation and additional features resulting from the revision of the construction plans, the tender cost was es-

calated to over \$3 million. As the cost difference was substantial, the UPGC asked the University to further amend the design to scale down the cost.

Revised plans were approved by the UPGC in 1975 and tenders were again invited. Unfortunately and to everybody's dismay, the project was trapped in the global economic recession which set in around the mid-seventies. The government started to trim down its expenditure and many UPGC-supported building projects had to be shelved. The lift tower was inevitably on the list.

In 1978, when the economy began to pick up, applications from the University for UPGC funds were reacti-

vated. However, during the three years when the lift project was shelved, the University had already juggled funds from other sources to build shortcuts and flights of steps to link up New Asia and United colleges with the mid-level of the campus. The argument for the lift project was further weakened by government auditors' criticism of the University's 'excessive' spending on transportation services for students. The University could find no grounds for re-vitalizing the lift project, which was then aborted.

By then Dr. Szeto had already retired but his zeal and concern for the physical development of the campus persisted. In 1987, he generously donated \$1.1 million to the University for landscaping purposes. With the donation, the Forum, which was designed by him and named after him in Chinese, was built. Dr. Szeto further donated a huge bronze sculpture entitled the 'Gate' by a renowned sculptor from Taiwan, which was then erected on the platform in front of the University Library beside the Forum.

If you were asked to choose, what would be your choice, the Forum or a lift and observation tower? ○

Personalia

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Vacancies

<i>Post</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Closing Date for Application</i>
Lecturer	Dept. of Accountancy	31.12.90
Lecturer/Assistant Lecturer	Dept. of Journalism & Communication	31.12.90
Lecturer	Dept. of Physics	31.12.90
Lecturer	Dept. of Psychology	31.12.90
Lecturer/Assistant Lecturer	Dept. of Statistics	12.1.91

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