



## University News

### *Vice-Chancellor Heads Delegation to Beijing and Shanghai*

**P**rof. Charles K. Kao headed a seven-member delegation to visit academic institutions in Shanghai and Beijing last month.

The trip lasted for 10 days from 8th to 17th September. The purpose was to explore ways of strengthening the ties between this university and mainland institutions, and to extend inter-institutional cooperation in academic research, staff training, and technological development.

In Shanghai, the delegation visited Fudan University, Jiaotong University, the Institute of Organic Chemistry, and the Institute of Cell Biology. In Beijing, their itinerary covered Peking University, Tsinghua University, the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Beijing Normal University. Prof. Kao also gave a talk on 'Technology Road Maps for Hong Kong' at Tsinghua University, which attracted an audience of over 700.



During the 10-day visit the delegation also met with important leaders of the Chinese Government, including Jiang Ze-min, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China; Li Tie-ying, chairman of the State Education Commission; Ji Pen-fei, standing committee member of the Central Advisory Commission; and Lu Ping, head of the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council.

Other members of the CUHK

delegation included Prof. Mun Kin-chok, dean of business administration and professor of international business; Prof. Lee Cheuk-yu, head of United College and professor of biochemistry; Prof. Rance Lee Pui-leung, dean of social science and professor of sociology; Dr. Chou Ying-hsiung, chairman of the Department of English; Mr. Jacob Leung Siu-kwong, secretary of the University; and Dr. Luen Chih-biau, associate director of the Office of Academic Links.

### *CUHK Victories in Rowing Competitions*

**B**eautiful victories were won by CUHK rowing teams in the sixth intervarsity rowing competition held on the Shing Mun River on 27th September.

The men's team beat its Hong Kong University counterpart in the coxed eight 4,000-metre race for the second time in two years.



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The women's team also achieved its third successive victory in the coxed four 1,500-metre race and will keep the Pocari Cup permanently.

The mixed team defeated all opponents in the newly introduced interpostsecondary school students invitation race and was awarded the Hang Seng Invitation Cup.

The Intervarsity Rowing Championship was first organized in 1987 to promote interest in rowing and has become an important annual event between the two universities. The victories of the CUHK rowing teams this year were well deserved as they were the result of intensive training since June.



### *Donation of \$2 Million from the Croucher Foundation for Research*

The Trustees of the Croucher Foundation have recently pledged donations totalling HK\$2,028,100 for four research projects launched by members of the University:

- HK\$638,100 for a three-year research project on 'Pharmacokinetics, Dosage and Therapeutic Plasma Levels of Imipramine in Chinese Depressed Patients' by Dr. Helen
- F. K. Chiu of the Department of Psychiatry.
- HK\$320,000 for a two-year research project entitled 'A Study of Contactless IC Testing' by Dr. O. C. S. Choy of the Department of Electronic Engineering.
- HK\$230,000 to support a one-year research project on 'Conversion of XcmI to a Universal Restriction
- Enzyme' by Dr. P. C. Shaw of the Department of Biochemistry.
- HK\$840,000 to support a two-year research project on 'A Computer Database on Toxicity and Adverse Effects of Chinese Foods and Chinese Medicines' by Dr. P. P. H. But of the Department of Biology and Dr. W. K. Kan of the Department of Computer Science.

### *International Conference on Hakkaology*

An international conference on Hakkaology was held at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall and the conference room of the Institute of Chinese Studies from 24th to 26th September.

Some 100 local and overseas scholars attended the function, which was the first of its kind ever organized in Hong Kong. The conference consisted of eight sessions, each on a specific aspect of Hakkaology: ethnic origin, geographical distribution, religious system, folklore and music, dialects and written language, social organization, historical events, and research development.

The function was jointly organized by the Institute of Chinese Studies, the



Overseas Chinese Archives of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, the University's Department of Anthropology, and the Centre of Anthropology of South China and Indo-Chinese Peninsula, C.N.R.S., Paris. It was



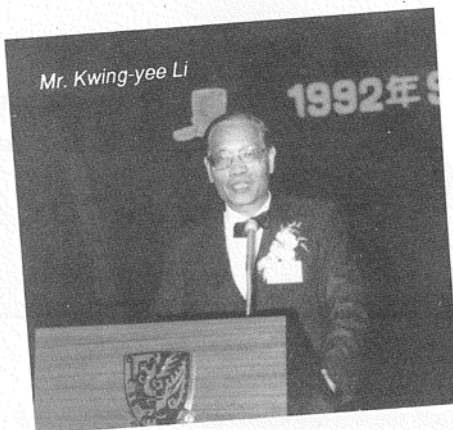
sponsored by a generous donation of HK\$400,000 from Dr. Sally Aw Sian, chairman of the Aw Boon Haw Foundation, and received active support from Mr. Huang Shi-hua, president of the Hong Kong Tsung Tsin Association.

## Symposium on Research in Chinese Medicine

A symposium on 'Research in Chinese Medicine' was held at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall from 2nd to 4th September.

The symposium was co-sponsored by the University's Chinese Medicinal Material Research Centre and the National Research Institute of Chinese Medicine in Taipei. About 100 experts in Chinese medicine from Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China gathered to share their experience and expertise in the field.

Officiating at the opening ceremony were Mr. Kwing-yee Li, chief pharmacist of the government's Department of Health; Prof. Charles K. Kao,



vice-chancellor of this university; Prof. S. T. Chang of the Department of Biology; and Prof. Chieh-fu Chen of the

National Research Institute of Chinese Medicine in Taiwan.

There were 15 plenary lectures on topics ranging from anti-ageing, anti-cancer, and anti-AIDS herbs to fertility regulating and cardioactive medicines, and the bioactive components of Chinese medicines. Two discussion sessions on 'Authentication, Quality Control and Safety of Chinese Medicines' and 'Priority Areas and Strategies for Research in Chinese Medicine' were organized. On display were also a large number of posters on topics such as safety of Chinese medicines and the effects of polysaccharide peptides from mushrooms.

## Conference on New International Order and Asian Pacific Development

The Japan and Asia-Pacific Development Research Programme of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies and the Hong Kong Taiwan Chamber of Commerce jointly organize a two-day conference on 10th and 11th September to study the new international order and economic and political developments in the Asia-Pacific region.

About 30 scholars and experts from

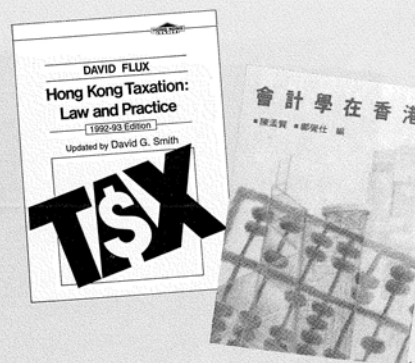
10 different countries and regions in the Asian Pacific area attended the function and discussed a wide range of topics, including the impact of the new international order on East and Southeast Asia, the prospect of economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region, global issues after the disintegration of the Soviet Union, and the development of relations among China, Hong Kong and Taiwan.



## New Publications of the University Press

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

- *Hong Kong Taxation: Law & Practice* (1992-93 edition) (in English) by David Flux, updated by David G. Smith, 593 pages, paperback, HK\$175.
- *Hong Kong Taxation: Law & Practice* (1992-93 edition) (in Chinese) by David Flux, updated by David G. Smith, translated by Aloysius H.Y. Tse, 493 pages, paperback, HK\$175.
- *The Economics and Financing of Hong Kong Education* (in English), edited by Yue-ping Chung and Richard Yue-chim Wong, 296 pages, paperback, HK\$135.
- *Accounting Issues in Hong Kong* (in Chinese), edited by Anthony M. Y. Chan and Kwong Kok-shi, 333 pages, paperback, HK\$65.
- *Neonatal Manual* (in English), edited by Chiu Man-chun and Fok Tai-fai, 233 pages, paperback, HK\$80.





# Birds

of the CU Campus

Richard Lewthwaite

## VOICES

When a TV news report was broadcast last February featuring the Chung Chi pond as a site for a large flock of wintering birds, colleagues were suddenly full of questions about birds. What were these birds doing on campus? What other bird species are there on campus? Are any of them rare? Which parts of the campus are best for birds? How many active birdwatchers are there? And so on. I'll try to answer some of these questions here and describe certain features of bird-life on campus.

First, the birds that created all the interest were a flock of over 250 Little Egrets and 20 Great Egrets. Apparently it was the first time such a flock had ever wintered on campus. After spending the day-time in Tolo Harbour, they returned each night for four months to the Chung Chi pond to roost in the acacia trees behind the Fong Shu Chuen Building. Although the TV report concentrated on the beautiful spectacle

of these long-necked, white-plumaged birds gliding over the Chung Chi pond, the sad truth is that their appearance on the campus is almost certainly the result of habitat destruction in the region. Only something like the development of an established wetland area could have caused a wintering flock of this size to suddenly appear in a rather marginal area like Tolo Harbour. It's also a reminder that the campus has an important role to play in terms of local conservation.

While there are no globally threatened species on the campus, there is certainly one resident population that is locally important and worth protecting, though, rather ironically, it has been attracted by the concrete of the central mall. I'm sure everyone has noticed the large number of nests under the eaves of the University Library and the twittering birds that rush in to occupy them. Several hundred pairs of House Swifts have attached their nests to the cliff-like library walls in what is

believed to be the largest swift colony in Hong Kong. House Swifts have the unusual habit of occupying their nests all year round and not just during the breeding season. Their diet is entirely made up of small insects which are taken on the wing in vast numbers. A British study of the closely-related Common Swift showed that one bird consumes up to 20,000 flying insects per day. The swift colony at the University Library is therefore probably responsible for eliminating 10 million mosquito-sized insects per day. Unfortunately, a natural pest-control service of this size does not come entirely free. Complaints about droppings at one time led to the Buildings Office taking active steps to eradicate the colony, though this threat seems now to have receded.

Turning to other birds on the campus, the most common ones are those that can adapt to a garden-type habitat and also tolerate some disturbance. They include Chinese Bulbul,



Fork-tailed Sunbird



Chinese Bulbul



Crested Bulbul, Magpie Robin and Japanese White-eye, which are all abundant in Hong Kong. In addition a number of birds with more specialized requirements, such as the nectar-drinking Fork-tailed Sunbird, and the Scarlet-backed Flowerpecker, which feeds only on certain berries, are more common on campus than in many other parts of Hong Kong. People are usually surprised to learn that several pairs of Collared Scops Owls, which take rodents and large insects, are also resident on campus.

As far as I know, no one has yet published a list of campus birds. A plausible list would probably contain about 100 species, comprising something like 35 resident species, 35 winter visitors, 15 spring or autumn migrants, and 12 summer visitors. In addition, there must be a further 30 or 40 species that have been irregularly recorded.

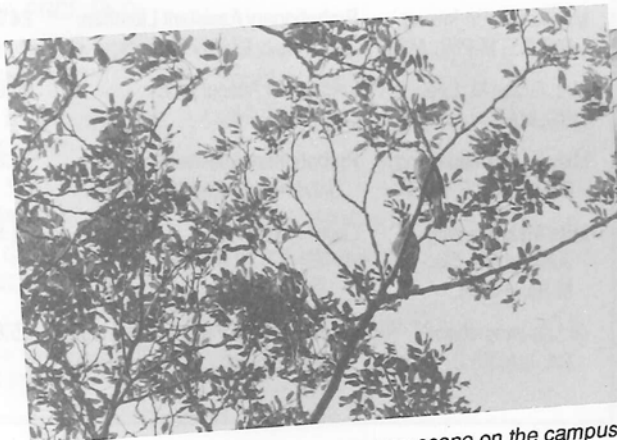
With a large pond, a well-wooded stream and plenty of mature trees,

Chung Chi provides the best habitat for birds on the campus. The area behind the chapel attracts migrants in autumn and spring, while the pond and the quiet road behind the canteen provide the best spots for birdwatching in winter. Before their destruction this summer, the trees beside the chapel also attracted both wintering and resident birds. On the other side of the campus, the hillside beside Residence Road and below Shaw College seems to hold a good number of summer visitors, with the six breeding species of cuckoos which arrive from mid-March to early June being especially vocal in this area. From the top of the campus at New Asia and United College, there are opportunities for raptor-watching, particularly in winter when up to 50 Black Kites which have spent the day

in the Tolo Harbour area usually gather together in the last hour of daylight over this part of the campus to gain height before flying over Sha Tin to join the big kite roost on Stonecutter's Island.

There are maybe half a dozen students and three or four faculty members for whom bird-watching is an important activity. Not very many. Hopefully, this number will rapidly increase with the publication early next year of a Chinese edition of *Birds of Hong Kong*. ○

*Richard Lewthwaite, instructor in the English Language Teaching Unit, is an active member of the Hong Kong Bird Watching Society. He loves wildlife and started watching birds on the CUHK campus three years ago.*



Birds resting on the treetop – a common scene on the campus.



Nests of House Swifts under the eaves of the University Library.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Professorial Appointments

### *Professor of Marketing*

Dr. Lee Kam-hon has been appointed professor of marketing from 1st August 1992.

Prof. Lee graduated B.Comm. in 1967 and M. Comm. in 1969 from The Chinese University of Hong Kong. He then served as assistant lecturer in business administration and was posted to the Department of Marketing and International Business in 1974. Prof. Lee took leave in 1972 and studied marketing at Northwestern University, USA, for three years. He was awarded the degree of Ph.D. in 1975. In the same year, he was appointed as lecturer in marketing and international business. He was promoted to senior lecturer in 1981 and reader in 1987. Prof. Lee has been serving at CUHK for more than 23 years, and has made significant contributions to the University's academic development and administration.

Prof. Lee is married, with two children.

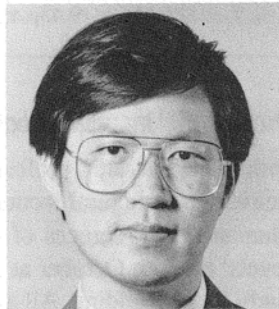
### *Professor of Organization and Management*

Dr. Nyaw Mee-kau has been appointed professor of organization and management from 1st August 1992.

Born in Malaysia, Prof. Nyaw was educated in Hong Kong and graduated B.S.Sc. from The Chinese University in 1967. He then pursued post-graduate studies in North America and obtained an MA degree from Vanderbilt University in 1969, an MBA degree from the University of British Columbia in 1973, and his Ph.D. degree from Simon Fraser University in 1977.

Before joining The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1977 as lecturer in general business management and personnel management, Prof. Nyaw had taught in Simon Fraser University and Nanyang University in Singapore. Prof. Nyaw has served the University for 15 years and was promoted to senior lecturer in 1983 and reader in 1987.

Prof. Nyaw is married, with two children.



## Fare Increase for Shuttle Light Bus Service

From 6th October 1992, the fare for the shuttle light bus service on campus has been increased from \$2.5 to \$3 per trip. Coupons in sets of 10 at \$30 per set are obtainable from the bus-driver. The revision has been made to offset rising operating costs.

## 30th Anniversary Christmas Cards

To commemorate its 30th anniversary in 1993, the University has printed special Christmas cards bearing the 30th anniversary logo and featuring the University campus and the four constituent colleges.

The cards will be available for sale at HK\$15 per set (with five cards in each set) at the souvenir counter on the ground floor of the John Fulton Centre from 20th October.

## Local Education Allowances

Following the government's revision of the rates of local education allowances for dependent children of civil servants, the maximum allowance payable to eligible staff in the University has been increased from 1st September as follows:

For each child attending a primary school:

HK\$21,150

For each child attending a secondary school:

(i) Form I to Form III – HK\$35,025

(ii) Form IV and above – HK\$33,112

The basic charge an appointee has to pay towards the school fee of his child who attends Form IV or above has also been revised from HK\$2,100 to HK\$2,550 per year.

Enquiries should be directed to the Personnel Office at Ext. 7292.

## Overnight Parking

*From the Security Officer:*

With effect from 1st October 1992, only those vehicles with valid 'A', 'B' or 'D' type University Vehicle Registration Labels on their windcreens will be allowed to park on the campus overnight. Any vehicle violating such a regulation is liable to be impounded without further notice. This rule however does not apply to residential areas on the campus. Staff members who require to have their vehicles parked overnight on a temporary basis

should contact the Security Unit (tel. no. 6097999) in advance. In the case of students, advance approval should be obtained from the dean of students' office of the relevant college, or the director of student affairs, or the dean of the Graduate School.

### University Tennis Courts Opening Hours

*From the Physical Education Unit:*

The opening hours of the university tennis courts have recently been revised as follows:

**Summer Schedule:** 1st May to 30th Sept.

Court No.	Mon.-Fri.	Sat.,Sun.,& Public Holidays
3, 4, 5	8.00a.m. - 7.00p.m.	8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. 2.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.
6, 7	7.45a.m. - 6.45p.m.	7.45a.m. - 12.45p.m. 1.45p.m. - 5.45p.m.
8, 9, 10	2.00p.m. - 7.00p.m.	8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. 2.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.

**Winter Schedule:** 1st Oct. to 30th Apr.

Court No.	Mon.-Fri.	Sat.,Sun.,& Public Holidays
3, 4, 5	8.00a.m. - 6.00p.m.	8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. 2.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.
6, 7	7.45a.m. - 5.45p.m.	7.45a.m. - 12.45p.m. 1.45p.m. - 5.45p.m.
8, 9, 10	2.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.	8.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. 2.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.

### Night Sessions:

Court No.	Mon.-Fri.		Sat.,Sun.,& Public Holidays
	Summer Schedule	Winter Schedule	
3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10	7.00p.m.-10.00p.m.	6.00p.m.-10.00p.m.	Closed
6, 7	6.45p.m.-9.45p.m.	5.45p.m.-9.45p.m.	Closed

### Professorial Inaugural Lecture

Prof. John Masarei, professor of chemical pathology, will deliver his inaugural lecture entitled 'The Fifteenth Worst Human Fear - sources of variation in plasma cholesterol levels' on 30th October at 5.30 p.m. in Lecture Theatre 6, Lady Shaw Building. All are welcome.

### The 41st Anniversary of Chung Chi College

The 41st Founders' Day Thanksgiving Service of Chung Chi College will be held in the college chapel on Friday, 30th October 1992. Dr. Philemon Yuen-wan Choi, general secretary of Breakthrough Limited, will address the assembly on that day.

To mark the event, the college's student union has organized a series of activities including a race round the campus, debates, a departmental singing contest and group singing contests. The Founders' Day Dinner will be held at the Lingnan Stadium in the evening.

■ Prof. K. J. Sellick of the Department of Nursing has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Hospital Authority from 15th August 1992 to 30th November 1993.

■ Prof. Leung Ping-chung of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology has been appointed by HE the Governor as chairman of the Occupational Safety and Health Council for three years from 22nd August 1992.

■ Prof. Owen Lloyd of the Department of Community and Family Medicine has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the

Occupational Safety and Health Council for three years from 22nd August 1992.

### Service to the Community and International Organizations

■ Prof. Arthur K. C. Li, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, has been invited by the Lions Kidney Educational Centre and Research Foundation to serve as Honorary Adviser of the Lions Kidney Educational Centre for the year 1992-93.

■ Dr. Chan Wing-wah of the Department of Music has been

appointed by the Secretary for Home Affairs to serve on the Board of Trustees of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music Fund for one year from 1st April 1992.

■ Prof. Rance P. L. Lee, dean of the Faculty of Social Science, has been invited by the *Pertanika Journal of Social Science and Humanities*, Malaysia, to serve as a member of its International Advisory Panel for three years.

■ Dr. P. Y. Tsao, lecturer in music, has been appointed as visiting research fellow of the Research Centre of Music, Institute of Traditional Chinese Music, Beijing, from July 1992.

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