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*From the Editor*

## It Takes Only Five Minutes to Complete

Enclosed in this newsletter is a questionnaire to survey readers' preferences and views in respect of the format and contents of the *CUHK Newsletter*. There are 12 questions in all, and for most of them readers need only tick off appropriate answers. It can be completed in five minutes.

Spare us five minutes, complete the questionnaire, and return it to us at your earliest convenience. We need the information and data to plan our future issues and make the newspaper more readable to you. Every answer counts.

All personal information you give will be kept confidential, and if you want to stay anonymous, leave the questionnaire unsigned. Feel free however to put down any additional comments and suggestions you may have. In case you wish to discuss specific topics with us, leave a contact number and we'll call you.

A report of the survey will be published in December. By then we hope we'll have a better idea of what you want from this newsletter. We may not be able to comply with all your wishes, but at least we know which direction to try.

## CUHK Business School Ranks Among Asia's Top Five

The September 1994 issue of *Asia, Inc.* carries an article about top-notch MBA programmes offered by institutions of higher learning over the world. It also publishes a list of the top five business schools in Asia. The Chinese University is the only institution in Hong Kong to be listed as Asia's top five. The four other

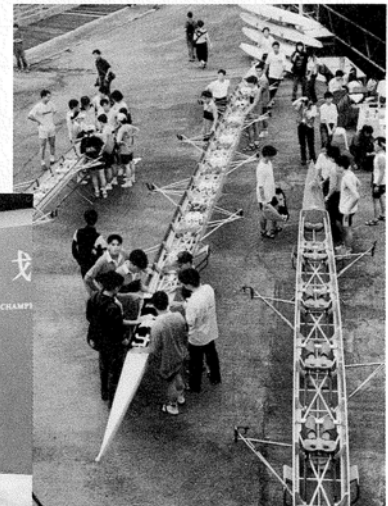
institutions offering high quality MBA programmes are found in Japan, Thailand, India, and the Philippines.

The University's first graduate programme in business administration was launched in 1966 and is the forerunner of all MBA programmes in Hong Kong.

## Four Wins in a Row

In the eighth intervarsity rowing championship held on the Shing Mun River on 18th September, the CUHK men's team beat its HKU counterpart in the coxed eight 3,000-metre race for the fourth time in four consecutive years. The women's race this year was won by the HKU team,

who retrieved the championship they had lost four years ago in 1990.



*Rowers prepare for the race (top); 'We are the champion' (left); Vice-Chancellor Charles Kao encourages CU team members (below).*

## First Woman Teacher to Assume Deanship

Dr. Lau Oi Wah, reader in chemistry, was elected dean of science on 26th September. The deanship will be for three years from 27th September.

Dr. Lau graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 1964 and obtained her PhD degree in 1970. She joined The Chinese University in 1968 as assistant lecturer in chemistry, was promoted to lecturer in 1970, senior lecturer in 1982, and reader in 1993.

Although she is the first woman dean of science and the first female to become dean of a faculty in the University, she is not particularly thrilled by having set such records. It only shows that there is little sexual discrimination on campus, she says.

She is more excited by the high



turnout of voters at the election. Of the 108 teachers eligible, 103 cast votes, which is indicative of the enthusiasm of science teachers for participation in the affairs of their own faculty. Dr. Lau won by a margin of 60:43 in the last round and she is grateful to all those who have given her support.

## 102 Health Care Workers Receive Diplomas



The Department of Community and Family Medicine and the School of Continuing Studies have been co-organizing postgraduate and continuing education programmes for health care workers since 1985.

The latest and largest-ever batch of graduates, 102 in all, comprising doctors, nurses, safety officers and occupational therapists, received their diplomas on 14th September 1994. Dr. Margaret Chan, Director of

Health, was the guest-of-honour at the graduation ceremony. On the occasion Dr. Chan commended the department for its contribution to primary health care reforms in Hong Kong. Prof. S. H. Lee, new chairman of the department, said he and his colleagues were keen to working closely with other health care providers to improve the knowledge and skills of local health care workers for the good of the profession and the community.

## New Names for New Buildings on Chung Chi Campus

The redevelopment of teaching buildings of Chung Chi College, phases II to IV, has recently been completed. The redeveloped blocks have also been given new names:

Phase II: Wong Foo Yuan Building (the block right next to Hui Yeung Shing Building)

Phase III: Teaching Building Block III (the block in the middle of the three new buildings)

Phase IV: Sino Building (the block beside the Chung Chi Chapel)

The Wong Foo Yuan Building was formally opened on 11th October, and the opening ceremony of the Sino Building has been scheduled for 19th November.

## Research News

The Trustees of the Croucher Foundation recently pledged a donation of HK\$447,000 for a research project on 'Theoretical Modelling and Experimental Study of Multi-section DFB Lasers for Advanced Lightwave Communications' conducted by Dr. Chan Kam Tai of the Department of Electronic Engineering

The Hong Kong Industry Technology Development Council approved a grant of HK\$845,000 to help establish a particle size analysis laboratory to assist research on environmental, scientific, and industrial issues. The project is organized by Dr. Wu Chi of the Department of Chemistry and will be completed in August 1995.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Professorial Appointments

### Professor of Accountancy

Prof. Koon-hung Chan has been appointed professor of accountancy from 14th September 1994.

Prof. Chan graduated from The Chinese University with a bachelor of commerce degree in 1968, obtained his master's degree in accounting science from the University of Illinois in 1970, and his PhD degree in business administration from Pennsylvania State University in 1974.

Prof. Chan then taught accounting courses in universities in Canada and the USA, and before returning to Hong Kong in 1992, he was professor of accounting at the University of California at Riverside, California. Between 1992 and 1994, he served as Hang Seng Professor at the Hong Kong Polytechnic and was head of its Department of Accountancy.

Prof. Chan qualified as a Certified Management Accountant (USA) in 1978 and Certified Public Accountant (USA) in 1982. He is also a fellow of the Hong Kong Society of Accountants.

Prof. Chan is married, and has two daughters.



### Professor of Economics

Dr. Liu Pak-wai has been appointed professor of economics from 1st October 1994.

Born in Hong Kong, Prof. Liu received his university education in the United States. After taking his BA degree from Princeton University in 1971, he went to Stanford University for graduate studies. He obtained his MA degrees in economics and education in 1975, and his PhD degree in 1977.

Prof. Liu joined The Chinese University as lecturer in economics in 1976, was promoted to senior lecturer rank in 1983, and reader in 1990. He also served as University Registrar from 1982 to 1986.

Prof. Liu is married, and has two children.



### Professor of Medicine

Dr. Jean Woo has been appointed professor of medicine from 1st October 1994.

Prof. Woo read medicine at the University of Cambridge and received her BA, MB BCh, MA, and MD degrees in 1971, 1974, 1975 and 1988 respectively.

Prof. Woo began her medical career as house physician at Charing Cross Hospital, UK, in 1975 and had since acquired extensive experience working in other medical centres and hospitals in the UK and Hong Kong, including West Middlesex Hospital and Brompton Hospital in the UK, and United Christian Hospital, Queen Mary Hospital, and Nethersole Hospital in Hong Kong. Prof. Woo joined The Chinese University as lecturer in medicine in 1985. She was promoted to senior lecturer rank in 1989 and reader in 1992.

Prof. Woo is a fellow of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of Edinburgh and London.

Prof. Woo is married, and has two children.



### Professor of Surgery

Dr. Sydney Chung Sheung-chee has been appointed professor of surgery from 1st October 1994.

Prof. Chung received his medical education in Ireland and obtained his MB BCh and BAO degrees from the National University of Ireland in 1980.

After a year of internship in Scotland, Prof. Chung returned to his place of birth — Hong Kong, in 1981 and served as medical officer in Kwong Wah Hospital. He joined the University as lecturer in surgery in 1984, was promoted to senior lecturer rank in 1988, and reader in 1992. He was awarded an MD degree by the University in 1988.

Prof. Chung is a fellow of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of Edinburgh and Glasgow, and a member of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom.

Prof. Chung is married, and has two children.



### Professorial Inaugural Lecture

Prof. Chiao Chien, professor of anthropology, will deliver his inaugural lecture entitled 'Difficulties and Prospects in the Development of Chinese Anthropology' on 28th October. The lecture will be held at 5.00p.m. in the Auditorium of the Ho Sin-hang Engineering Building (Level 5). All are welcome.

### USC Committee

Members of the Committee on the Universities Service Centre (USC) for the period 1st May 1994 to 30th April 1996 are as follows:

Chairman: Dr. Liao Kuang-sheng  
 Members: Mr. Jacob Leung  
 Dr. Luen Chih-biau  
 Dr. Tsui Kai-yuen  
 Prof. Yeung Yue-man  
 Dr. Michael Lee (University Librarian)  
 Mr. Mark L. Sheldon (Director, Office of Academic Links)  
 Prof. Kuan Hsin-chi (Director, USC)  
 Secretary: Ms. Jean Hung (Assistant Director, USC)

### Local Education Allowance

Following the government's revision of rates of local education allowance for dependent children of civil servants, the maximum allowance payable to eligible appointees in the University has been increased from 1st September 1994 as follows:

For each child attending a primary school:

HK\$25,350 per year

For each child attending a secondary school:

- (i) Form I to Form III — HK\$42,000 per year
- (ii) Form IV and above — HK\$39,375 per year

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\$3,150 to HK\$3,500 per year.

Eligible appointees should complete an application form for each child and return it with receipts of school-fees to the Personnel Office as

early as possible.

Enquiries should be directed to the Personnel Office (Ext. 7292).

### Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Course

The University Health Service will offer a five-session first aid course in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation for interested students and staff. The course intends to explain the basic theory and practice of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation as a life-saving measure in emergency, and will run at the Health Centre on five consecutive Wednesday afternoons (2.30-4.30p.m.) from 2nd November. Certificates of attendance will be issued on request upon completion of the course. No course fees will be charged. Application forms are available at the Health Centre. Please direct all enquiries to Mrs. Choi (Ext. 6423) and enrol before 24th October.

### Water Tanks Need Thorough Cleaning

From 24th October to 3rd November, the Buildings Office will cleanse a number of large water storage tanks which supply fresh water to various parts of the campus. During this period tap water may occasionally become brownish and water supply may be interrupted for an hour or two. Normal supply will resume after the cleaning.

### Resident Tutor Vacancy at Postgraduate Hall

Applications are invited from single, female full-time university staff (preference to be given to staff of Executive Officer grade) for one free hostel place (single room) in the Postgraduate Hall Complex for 1994-95 (November 1994 to mid-June 1995). The successful applicant is expected to help organize and promote hostel activities.

Application forms are obtainable from the General Office of the Graduate School (G/F, Sui Loong Pao Building). Completed forms should be returned with a stamped self-addressed envelope (4" x 9") to the office before 5th November 1994.

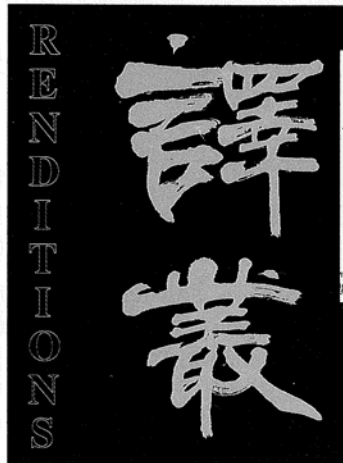
# Side Lights

## Renditions Celebrates 21st Anniversary

Since 1973, *Renditions*, the Chinese-English translation journal published by the Research Centre for Translation, has been providing its readers with 'a window onto Chinese literature' (*Times Literary Supplement*, June, 1990) in the form of high-quality translations of the best of classical and contemporary Chinese literature, be it poetry, prose, drama, or fiction. The attractively-produced journal, with its lavish use of artwork and calligraphy, has been called 'the best of its kind' (*World Literature Today*, Summer, 1989), an opinion which reflects its excellent international reputation. *Renditions* has long been valued by scholars who write and translate from Chinese sources, but as the quotations above demonstrate, the journal's appeal is not limited to the field of Chinese studies. Throughout its 21 years, it has provided fresh insights into Chinese life and thought to a far-flung readership. The vision of the founding editors, Mr. Stephen C. Soong and Mr. George Kao, gives an accurate picture of the journal 21 years later: 'Its varied content, in text and graphics, is designed for the reading pleasure alike of the serious student and the general reader.'

Subscriptions come from 27 countries worldwide: 43 per cent of the subscribers are located in the US and Canada, 24 per cent in Europe, 28 per cent in Asia, and 5 per cent elsewhere. Institutions such as university libraries account for 40 per cent of subscribers, while 60 per cent are from individuals.

Over the years, *Renditions* has



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Collection of the National Palace Museum, Taiwan.

featured the work of over 500 Chinese authors rendered into English by nearly 250 translators. Like its readers, the translators have come from many countries: the United States, Australia, Holland, Sweden, Japan, the United Kingdom, Singapore and Hong Kong. They range from budding talents in their twenties to scholars of international reputation and venerable years.

*Renditions* is a trusted source of translations of Chinese literature which are both accurate and eminently readable as literature. Each year numerous requests are received to reproduce contents for classroom use or to reprint selections in anthologies. Through the recognition accorded its flagship journal, the role of the Research Centre for Translation as an international centre for the exchange of information and ongoing research on all aspects of Chinese language translation has also been enhanced over the years. Building on the expertise gained in developing

*Renditions*, the centre has expanded its publication activities to include two related series — *Renditions Books* and *Renditions Paperbacks*.

*Renditions* is a semi-annual publication, appearing in May and November. From time to time, a special issue, which may be a double issue, concentrating on a particular topic or literary genre, is published. Recent special issues have included issues on classical prose, contemporary Chinese women writers, Hong Kong writing, contemporary Taiwan literature, and twentieth century memoirs. The issue on Hong Kong writing, which marked 15 years of *Renditions*, was the first such collection to appear in English or Chinese. On the occasion of its twenty-first anniversary, issues 41 and 42 will be a Special Double Issue on Classical Letters featuring correspondence by famous historical figures from the Han to the Qing dynasties.

Research Centre for Translation

## SCS Art Exhibition



Prof. and Mrs. Charles Kao at the exhibition

The School of Continuing Studies (SCS) held an art exhibition from 18th to 22nd September at the City Hall to celebrate its 30th anniversary.

Exhibits came from SCS art instructors, current and past students, and reputable Chinese painters who had given lectures at the University. They all showed a high level of accomplishment in art. Some participants recently won awards in different open competitions such as the First

Schwan-Stabilo Illustration Exhibition and Contest, and the Philippe Charriol Foundation – Modern Art Competition 1994.

Prof. S. W. Tam, pro-vice-chancellor and acting director of SCS, and Prof. Wu Shan Ming, Wei Lun Visiting Professor and Head of the Chinese Painting Department at the China National Academy of Fine Arts, officiated at the opening ceremony.

### Message From the Water Sports Centre:

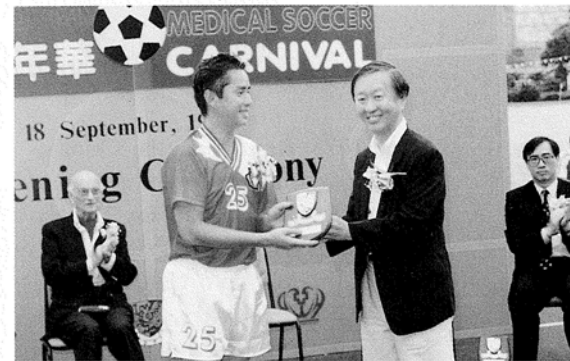
Dear readers of *CUHK Newsletter*,

I am Paul T. Cuthbert, supervisor of the Water Sports Centre. I have been working here for a year and a half now, and I greatly enjoy my work. I am a lifeguard, a member of the Hong Kong Canoe Union, and have many years of sailing experience. I also have a boat licence and drive the centre's rescue boat.

Down here at the centre, we have the staff boat club, the canoe club, and a new sailing club. The centre may also have a new pontoon soon! We are also forming a windsurfing club. If you are interested to join, or to help form the committee for the new club, you can contact my office (tel. 6036776) or give me a call (tel.1109188 page 8898). We look forward to seeing you.

Paul T. Cuthbert

## All Stars Medical Soccer Carnival



Movie Stars, doctors, and footballers fought tooth and nail at a charity soccer tournament held on 18th September to raise funds for cancer research.

Each of the four organizers sent a team to the tournament. They were the Faculty of Medicine at CUHK, the Hong Kong Movie Star Sports Association, the Hong Kong Sports Institute, and the La Salle College Old Boys' Association. Doctors proved themselves the best of the four teams and won the championship. The first and second runners-up were the Hong Kong Sports Institute and the La Salle old boys.

Officiating at the opening ceremony of the tournament were Mr. A. de O. Sales, president of the Olympic Committee of Hong Kong; Dr. E. K. Yeoh, chief executive of the Hospital Authority; Prof. Charles K. Kao, vice-chancellor of the University; Prof. Arthur Li, dean of medicine of the University; Mr. Eric Tsang, chairman of the Hong Kong Movie Star Sports Association; Dr. Dennis Whitby, managing director (designate) of the Hong Kong Sports Institute; Mr. Joseph Lee, chairman of La Salle College Old Boys' Association; and Mr. K. K. Yip, Regional Commander (NTS) of the Royal Hong Kong Police Force.

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***We welcome your contributions***

1. *Items for the next issue (mid-November 1994) should reach the Editor by 27th October 1994.*
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 (tel. 6097297; fax. 6036864; e-mail pub2@uab.msmail.cuhk.hk).*
3. *Contributions should bear the writer's name and contact telephone number, and may be published under pseudonyms. Articles without Chinese translations will appear in the English version of the Newsletter only. No anonymous letters will be published.*
4. *The Editor reserves the right to reject contributions and to edit all articles for reasons of clarity, length or grammar. Those who do not wish to have their articles amended should indicate clearly in writing.*
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# CUHK Newsletter Questionnaire

To help us redesign the format and contents of the CUHK Newsletter, please complete this questionnaire and return it to the Publication Office before 30th October 1994. Thank you.

(Put a ✓ in the appropriate boxes and fill in the blanks where necessary.)

## 1. You are

- a member of the University's teaching/research staff.
- a member of the University's administrative/office support/technical staff.
- a CUHK student.
- a member of the University Council/College Board of Trustees/CUHK alumni.
- none of the above (please explain \_\_\_\_\_).

## 2. Your reading habit has been

- to go over all items in each issue.
- to browse through the headings and choose interesting articles to read.
- to read specific columns only.  
(please specify \_\_\_\_\_).
- to go over pictures and illustrations only.
- to ignore the newsletter most of the time, because:
  - you don't have time to read it.
  - you don't find it useful or interesting.
  - you don't receive it regularly.

## 3. Having finished reading the newsletter, you will

- throw it away.
- keep it only if certain articles are useful to you.
- file the copy with all previous issues
  - for future reference.
  - as your personal collection.
  - for other reasons (please specify \_\_\_\_\_).

## 4. The ideal size of the newsletter should be

- A4 size (current size).
- A3 size (size of a tabloid).
- Normal newspaper size (eg. SCMP)

because such a size

- is more handy.
- makes easier reading.
- is aesthetically more pleasing.
- other reasons: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. Considering the amount of major events taking place on the campus and the information needs of readers, the most suitable frequency of issue is

- once a month.
- once every fortnight.
- once a week.
- none of the above, for there is no real need for the publication.

## 6. Tick off items you find interesting/useful, and items you find uninteresting/not useful:

- | Interesting/useful                       | Uninteresting/not useful |
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- Service to the community & international organizations
- Sidelights
- College activities
- Feature articles/interviews

## 7. What new columns would interest you?

- Exposition and analysis of University plans and policies by senior management
- An open forum
- Book reviews
- Letters to the editor
- Classified ads
- Staff new publications list
- Alumni news
- A bulletin of upcoming events
- Other topics (please suggest \_\_\_\_\_)

## 8. You find pictures and illustrations in the newsletter

- too scarce.
- sufficient.
- too many.

## 9. What do you consider to be the major shortcoming of the present newsletter? (Tick ONE answer only.)

- It lacks analysis and exposition of major university policies and developments.
- There is insufficient useful information.
- Most of its contents and their presentation are uninteresting.
- None of the above. (please give your opinion: \_\_\_\_\_)

## 10. Once the English and Chinese versions are combined, what items should of necessity be published in English?

- University news
- Announcements
- Personalia
- Service to the community & international organizations
- Sidelights
- College activities
- Feature articles/interviews
- Other items (please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

## 11. Will you write to the newsletter to express your grievances or personal views on University policies and campus events?

- Yes.
- Only if such views are published under pseudonyms.
- No, because
  - you are too lazy to write and want to keep a low profile.
  - it will bear no result as the readership is small and the newspaper is not influential.
  - you have access to other more effective channels of communication (eg. \_\_\_\_\_).
  - open criticism will only adversely affect your career in the University.
  - you don't believe the newsletter is editorially independent.



## *New Chairpersons at the Helm (Part Two)*

*As an effort to streamline its academic structure, the University has dispensed with the post of director of studies in each teaching department since the beginning of 1994-95.*

*Departments are now headed by chairmen in whom are vested both academic and administrative authorities.*

*At a time when the University seeks to delegate more and more power and accountability to the department level, the chairmen shoulder much greater responsibility than ever before.*

*How do teachers who have been appointed chairmen for the first time feel about their weighty and onerous task?*

*The Newsletter's reporters have been talking to them and the following is the second half of an article which first appeared in our last issue.*

### **Dr. C. Y. Chang, Government and Public Affairs**

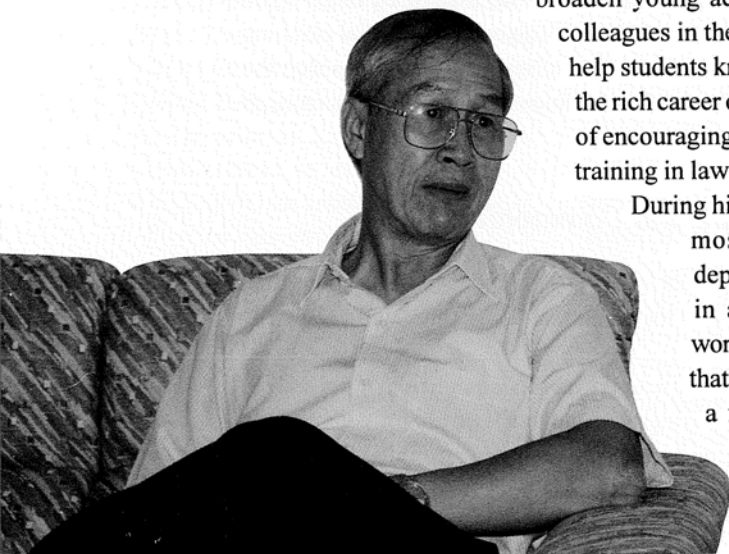
Dr. Chang frankly admitted that when he was acting chairman last year, he only concerned himself with tasks as they appeared. Since becoming chairman *ipso facto* in September, he has found that he must look much farther afield, a duty which is weighing heavily upon him.

'The greatest common good is achieved when the development of the department and colleagues' career growth are both emphasized and coordinated in a balanced manner.' Dr. Chang explains that there are six teachers on probation in his department, and as chairman it is his duty to supervise their teaching and to assist and encourage them in their research activities. He notes that the department would be the greatest loser in the end in case the appointments of these teachers were not made tenurial, because that would mean five years and a lot of efforts to strengthen the department's academic influence, and to groom a new generation of teachers, coming to naught.

The GPA department's main concern is to teach the art of governance. When it came to selecting its own 'governor', the academics in the department elected two nominees and recommended to the University that a choice be made between the two of them. Dr. Chang now takes a central coordinating role and delegates most of the department's business to colleagues to ensure that everyone makes his contribution, *pro bono publico*.

Dr. Chang indicates that Hong Kong politics and research on overseas Chinese activities are his department's fortes, and he will continue to seek the cooperation of other units in the University as well as outside organizations. International symposia will be held to promote academic exchange and to broaden young academics' research interests. He will actively support colleagues in the law programme to develop external liaison as this will help students know more about the laws of different nations and exploit the rich career opportunities in international business. He is also thinking of encouraging students with the right potentials to take up professional training in law and then to enter politics.

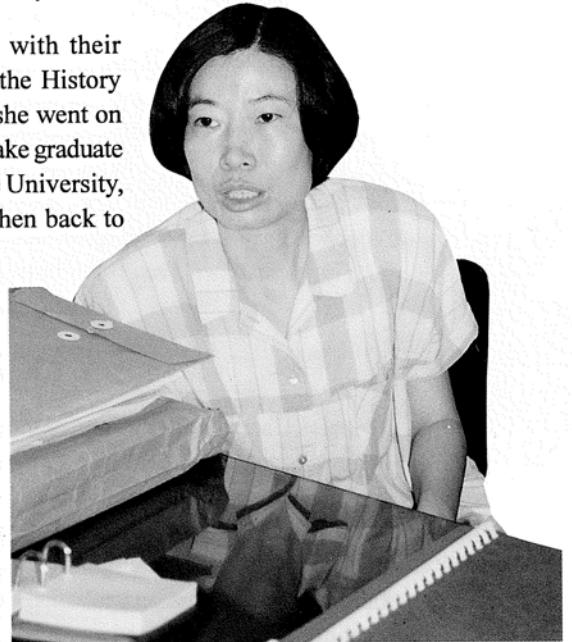
During his 17 years with The Chinese University Dr. Chang is the most pleased by his students' active participation in department affairs (eg. course evaluation) and their interest in academic exchange programmes. Although a heavy workload comes with the chairmanship, Dr. Chang is confident that he can keep up his well-known hobby of fishing, produce a few papers each year, and continue to write political commentaries. What worries him, though, is the one-year term, to which all department chairmen are subject and which is apt to undermine their long-term planning for departmental development.



### Dr. Yip Hon-ming, History

Dr. Yip is one of those academics who have grown with their departments. After obtaining her first degree she worked in the History Department as a full-time teaching assistant. Two years later she went on an exchange programme to the University of California to undertake graduate studies. Upon obtaining her PhD degree there she re-joined the University, first as administrative assistant at the Graduate School, and then back to teaching in the History Department.

'The quality of teaching and curriculum now surpasses that in our days, and demands on students are stricter,' observed Dr. Yip. A major inadequacy, according to her, is the university-wide absence of a systematic evaluation process for both curriculum and teaching. 'The University should establish an independent unit to assess the quality of teaching, and to ensure a high standard in academic offerings. There must be an objective and scientific evaluation process. Particular attention should be given to external assessment,' she advocates. She also thinks that the present practice of engaging visiting examiners is an effort in the right direction. If implemented seriously, it will be an effective measure for quality assurance.



As chairperson, Dr. Yip will make it her first task to consolidate the research resources in the department. Research in history has traditionally been individual efforts, and she would like to see some large, collaborative research projects involving the contributions of many. She hopes that such projects will help to raise the standard of research and, at the same time, improve communication within the department. On the administrative side she is inclined towards an open mode of policy-making, and will seek to create channels whereby students may also participate in helping the department improve.

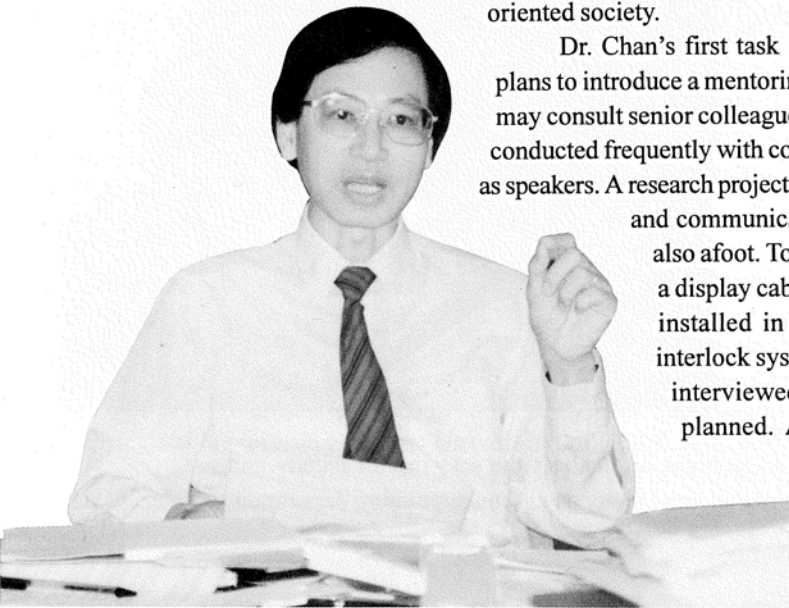
At the moment Dr. Yip is busy with preparation for the Third International Conference on the History of the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs, which will be hosted by the department next May. She is also working hard to lay the groundwork for the implementation of the one-line budget in 1995. With the launching of the new funding policy, she predicts, the workload of the department chairman will not only be much heavier, but will also involve such alien subjects as financial planning and accounting. To help ensure that the new requirements are met efficiently, she hopes that the University will promptly provide departments with sufficient technical support, and continue to consult staff members on the matter.

### Dr. Joseph M. Chan, Journalism and Communication

Dr. Chan, who was a visiting scholar at Harvard last year, noted that his colleagues were consulted prior to his appointment and deemed it progress. He hopes that department chairmen will eventually be elected.

As chairman, Dr. Chan will seek to strengthen the efficiency and independence of his staff in the day-to-day running of the department. He will also place greater emphasis on committees and ask colleagues to share his work. To Dr. Chan, having to undertake research and administration at the same time is a new challenge, and he realizes that the best way to tackle both is by constantly trying. At the moment he is planning to limit his research to the most pertinent and worthwhile issues and impose on himself a strict code of self-discipline.

Curriculum in the Journalism and Communication Department stresses both the theoretical and the practical. Students are trained in communication and journalistic theories which help to develop their analytical power, and at the same time they participate in practicums which make them express themselves more effectively. Dr. Chan has been teaching at The Chinese University for eight years, and he thinks that his department has always been able to attract students of fine calibre, a fact which is reflected in the high standard of the department's graduates. However, in the face of rapid advancements in communication technology and the developing Greater China media market, Dr. Chan believes it is essential that the department updates its curriculum, expands its manpower resources, and improves its teaching facilities to accommodate the needs of an information-oriented society.



Dr. Chan's first task is to strengthen research in his department. He plans to introduce a mentoring system whereby teachers not yet substantiated may consult senior colleagues for tips and hints on research. Seminars will be conducted frequently with colleagues, visiting scholars and media personages as speakers. A research project involving Prof. C. C. Lee (professor of journalism and communication), Dr. Chan, and several other colleagues is also afoot. To facilitate interflow among teachers and students, a display cabinet for staff works and publications will soon be installed in the department. A computer-aided telephone interlock system whereby data input is effected the same time interviewees respond to telephone surveys is also being planned. According to Dr. Chan, research projects will

continue to centre around international communication, and communication and social changes, and focus will be on the development of news and communication industries in Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, and Asia in general.

### **Prof. Mark O. M. Tso, Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences**

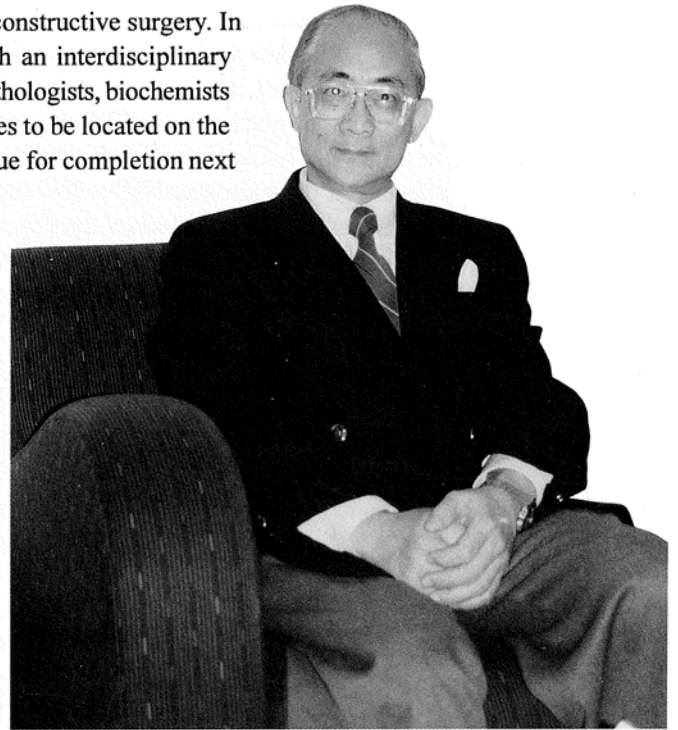
'As chairman of the department, my duty is not confined to bringing up a fledging academic unit. I am aiming at developing the department into a model ophthalmology unit in Southeast Asia, and a training ground for ophthalmologists in Hong Kong, China and Southeast Asia. This is a most challenging task.' No doubt it is, and that is what attracted Prof. Tso to Hong Kong.

According to Prof. Tso, the development of ophthalmology studies in Asia has been slow when compared to Europe and North America, and at present it receives the attention it deserves only in Japan and Singapore. Taking Hong Kong as an example, there are just 100 ophthalmologists for a population of six million, and 40 of them are in private practice. As a response to this acute shortage, the department has been established to train medical students at the two universities as well as physicians in service. Teaching and research will be conducted using the facilities at Queen Mary Hospital, the Prince of Wales Hospital and the Hong Kong Eye Hospital in Argyle Street. At present there are seven teachers in the department, one being on secondment from the HKU. The operation of the department is supervised by a joint management board comprising representatives from the medical faculties of the two universities.

Prof. Tso outlines his department's three main areas of work as follows: first, the department is mandated to train 300 CUHK and HKU medical students in primary eye care every year, to train eye specialists for the Hospital Authority, and to provide community education programmes aimed at the prevention of eye diseases. In the second place, the department will help to raise the standard of eye care not only by producing more specialists, but also by providing specific training in sub-specializations

such as neuro-ophthalmology, traumatology and reconstructive surgery. In terms of research, projects will be undertaken with an interdisciplinary approach and the participation of pharmacologists, pathologists, biochemists and molecular biologists, in laboratories and facilities to be located on the top floor of the Hong Kong Eye Hospital which is due for completion next April.

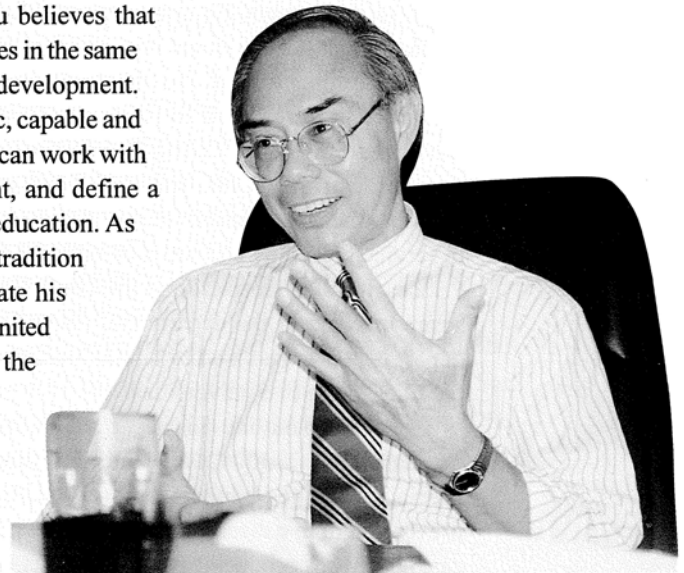
Prior to coming to The Chinese University, Prof. Tso held a professorship in ophthalmology at the Medical School of the University of Illinois. He has spent over 30 years on research in macular diseases, ocular oncology and ophthalmic pathology. Running the new department makes him an extremely busy man, but he takes his hectic schedule of activities with good humour. 'All of a sudden the unit was transformed from a division of the Surgery Department into a fully independent department. On top of this there is all the management and supervisory work to be done in connection with the ophthalmology units at QMH, PWH, and the Hong Kong Eye Hospital, as well as seven other affiliated eye clinics. Space allocation, staff recruitment, curriculum planning and patient services all take time and effort.' As to his opinion about the selection of faculty and department heads, he thinks the current system of electing faculty deans and appointing department chairmen fair and satisfactory.



### **Prof. Kenneth Chau, Social Work**

'I did not come to this job with a personal agenda. My own style has always been to be open and liberal, and to listen to others as much as possible. I always think collective wisdom much superior to individual dictates.' Prof. Chau, new to The Chinese University, thus summarizes his views about being appointed chairman of the Social Work Department.

Having taught at the HKU before, Prof. Chau believes that vesting both academic and administrative responsibilities in the same person is in the long-term interest of the department's development. He finds colleagues in his department young, energetic, capable and wide-ranging in research interests, and he believes he can work with them to delineate a common goal for the department, and define a direction for the pursuit of excellence in social work education. As chairman he will base his policies on the strengths and tradition of the department, while bringing in where appropriate his teaching and administrative experience gained in the United States over the past decade. Administrative affairs in the department will be delegated to various committees not only to prove the virtue of division of labour, but also to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to excel in his or her own area of competence. He will encourage students to participate actively in department affairs. He



recognizes the fact that the time a student can spare is limited, but believes that such participation will be beneficial to the student's personal growth as well as to the department itself.

Social work is a Western construction, and the department will continue to work closely with scholars in the West to keep abreast with new theories and ideas that are pertinent to local circumstances. On the other hand Prof. Chau believes the department can assume an active role in the indigenisation of social work studies, by grounding theories on the social and cultural realities of Hong Kong and China. He also looks forward to his colleagues breaking into the international scene by means of collaborative research, publications, and academic exchanges. As to how department chairmen should be nominated, Prof. Chau does not attach great importance to one way or another. He thinks it is much more important that the appointee has the ability to work with his colleagues and can put collective wisdom to its best use. He reserves judgment on the one-year term as its effect has yet to be seen and measured. Teaching and administration aside, Prof. Chau hopes to continue his research in cross-cultural social work theories, and keep up his hobbies of jogging and swimming.

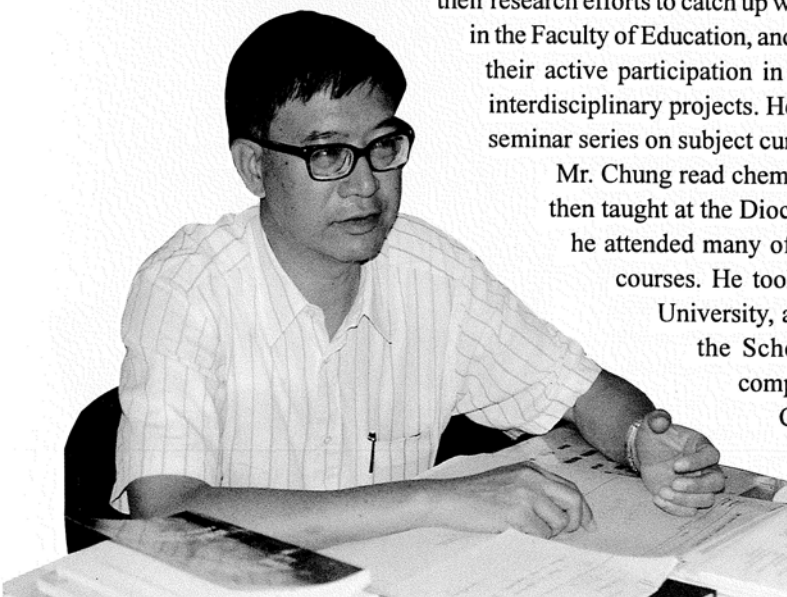
### Mr. Chung Choi-man, Curriculum and Instruction

'For as long as it expresses the views and intentions of colleagues in the department, any method through which the department chairman is produced is a good method,' Mr. Chung told us at the beginning of the interview. His own appointment was the result of a secret ballot by the department's academics which was then conveyed to the vice-chancellor and the Senate by the dean of education. The formal appointment, of course, came from the Council.

Mr. Chung said that he was satisfied with both the curricular and teaching aspects of the department and therefore would not anticipate great changes in the near future. He added that his colleagues were all specialists in their respective fields with years of experience in teaching, and student evaluation of their performance over the past few years had been impressive. However, he also notes that as the courses offered by his department tend to be professionally oriented, research in theory development and practice has yet to be strengthened. Colleagues in the department will heighten their research efforts to catch up with the research output of the other departments in the Faculty of Education, and Mr. Chung himself will encourage and support their active participation in research, in particular interdepartmental and interdisciplinary projects. He is currently working with his colleagues on a seminar series on subject curriculum teaching to be conducted next year.

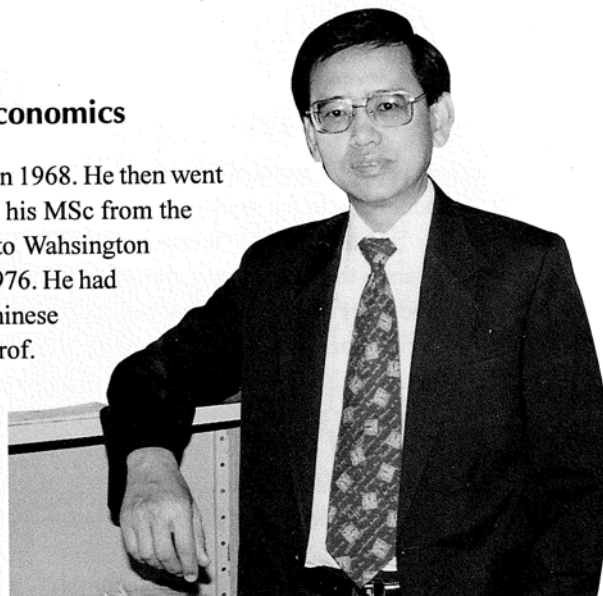
Mr. Chung read chemistry at Chung Chi and graduated in 1969. He then taught at the Diocesan Boys' School for 13 years, during which he attended many of the Education Department's teacher training courses. He took his DipEd and MA(Ed) from The Chinese University, and joined the teaching staff of what was then the School of Education in 1983. His specialty is computer application in education. According to Mr.

Chung, his department is well-known for the harmonious atmosphere among the teaching staff, and it is his intention to uphold this tradition as individual colleagues strive to improve performance.



## Prof. Eden S. H. Yu, Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics

Prof. Yu graduated from The Chinese University in 1968. He then went to the United States to further his studies, and obtained his MSc from the University of Southern Illinois in 1970. He moved on to Washington University, where he took the MA in 1974 and PhD in 1976. He had since taught in American universities, and joined The Chinese University in 1991. When approached by our reporter Prof. Yu had been chairman for only a few weeks, and business was to take him to the United States where he would stay until December. He indicated that he would need more time to familiarize himself with the department and to plan teaching and research and, for the time being, would prefer not to make any comments.



## Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Dr. Leslie N. K. Lo, dean of education, has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Governing Council of the Hong Kong Institute of Education for two years from 25th April 1994. Dr. Lo has also been nominated by the University to serve as a member of the Hong Kong Examinations Authority from 1st August 1994.
- Prof. T. B. Lin of the Department of Economics has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Air Transport Licensing Authority for two years from 15th May 1994.
- Dr. Ng Lun Ngai-ha, reader in history, has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Hong Kong War Memorial Pensions Advisory Committee for one year from 1st September 1994.
- Prof. A. M. Z. Chang of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has been renominated by the University to serve as a member of the Midwives Board of Hong Kong for three years from 5th September 1994.
- Prof. Chan Kai-ming of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology has been appointed as chairman of the Research Sub-committee of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board from 1994 to 1996.
- Prof. Arthur K. C. Li, dean of medicine, has been appointed as a regional editor (Asia-Pacific) on the editorial board of the *Journal of Experimental and Clinical Cancer Research*.
- Dr. Robert E. Allinson, senior lecturer in philosophy, has been invited to serve as an international reviewer for *Religion, Science and Human Existence* for the Centre for Advanced Studies of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the National University of Singapore.
- Dr. Anthony P. C. Yim, lecturer in surgery, has been awarded the Best Paper Presentation prize by the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons of Hong Kong for presenting a paper entitled 'The Impact of Video-Assisted Thoracoscopic Surgery on our Clinical Practice', on 3rd September 1994.

## 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.

- *The Chinese Legal System Explained* (in Chinese), by Chang Hsin, 352 pages, paperback, HK\$130.
- *Hong Kong Taxation: Law and Practice 1994-95*, by David Flux, revised by David G. Smith, 688 pages, paperback, HK\$230.
- *Hong Kong Taxation: Law and Practice 1994-95* (in Chinese), by David Flux, revised by David G. Smith, translated by Aloysius H. Y. Tse, 658 pages, paperback, HK\$230.

