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New Building for Engineering Departments

Designed by famous local architect Dr. Tao Ho, the Ho Sin-hang Engineering Building was formally opened by Mr. Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong Kong and Chancellor of the University, on 12th January 1994. Other guests officiating at the opening ceremony included Mr. David Ho Tzu-cho, chairman of the S. H. Ho Foundation, Sir Yuet-keung Kan, pro-chancellor of the University, and Dr. Alice Kiu-yue Lam, University treasurer.

The 10-storey building is located on the central campus at the junction of University and Chung Chi Roads. Besides offices and lecture theatres for the Faculty of Engineering and its four departments, it houses some of Southeast Asia's most advanced laboratories in telecommunications, electronics and computer science.

In his welcoming address, the vice-chancellor Prof.



Charles K. Kao reiterated the University's determination to promote technological advancement in the territory, and to convert new technologies into real boons for Hong Kong people.

To show their latest research achievements, the four engineering departments held exhibitions and organized tours of laboratories for guests attending the opening ceremony.

The engineering block has been named after Dr. Ho Sin-hang, an eminent local banker and philanthropist, in appreciation of the staunch support he has given to the University. Last year alone he

donated HK\$40 million through the S. H. Ho Foundation to establish the Ho Sin-hang Education Endowment Fund in the University. Interest income will be used to sponsor visiting professorships, medical education, research, and other academic developments.

HK\$18 Million for Research & Development

A donation of HK\$18 million was recently received from Dr. William M. W. Mong to set up a Shun Hing Research and Development Fund at the University.

The donation was made through the Shun Hing Education and Charity Fund Ltd. to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Shun Hing group. One sixth of the amount has been earmarked for developing an open system for Chinese computing.

On the cheque presentation ceremony held on 21st December 1993, Prof. Charles K. Kao, the vice-chancellor, thanked Dr. Mong for his generosity towards the University over the years.

Previous donations by Dr. Mong have helped launch scholarship funds, establish the Mong Kwok Ping Computer Communication Laboratory, and finance the United Nations Fellows Training Programme.



To give permanent recognition to his contributions, the University will name a new science building after Dr. Mong. The building is to be constructed on the central campus to the north-east of the Choh-Ming Li Basic Medical Sciences Building. On completion in 1996 it will accommodate the departments of pharmacy and biochemistry, and provide well-equipped lecture halls, classrooms and function rooms.

University Treasurer Awarded OBE

Dr. Alice Kiu-yue Lam, Council member and treasurer of the University, was made an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) on the Queen's New Year Honours List announced on 31st December 1993.

Dr. Lam has been involved in a wide range of public and community services and has served as treasurer of The Chinese University since 1st July 1989.

Professor of Mathematics Awarded Crafoord Prize

Prof. Yau Shing-tung of the Department of Mathematics has been awarded the prestigious Crafoord Prize by the Swedish Academy of Sciences.

The prize is awarded annually to mathematicians with outstanding achievements. The same academy awards Nobel prizes in physics, chemistry and economics.

The prize which is worth US\$300,000 will be presented in September and Prof. Yau will share it with another mathematician, Simon Donaldson of Oxford.

Prof. Yau's contributions to differential geometry have won him the award. His work has helped prove Einstein's geometric interpretation of gravity and deepen the understanding of such phenomena as black holes in space.

Symposium on Architectural Developments in China



The University's Department of Architecture and the Centre for Planning, Architecture and Development jointly organized an international symposium on architectural developments in urban China (1898-1937) from 4th to 6th January 1994.

Eleven scholars from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau attended the conference and discussed architectural developments in China during the early 20th century. They gave presentations on those buildings which in their own days served new functions, reflected imported building concepts and technology, and used new materials. Such buildings included high-rise office blocks, departmental stores, and factories in different Chinese cities.

Participants also expressed concern for the great architectural changes in urban China today.

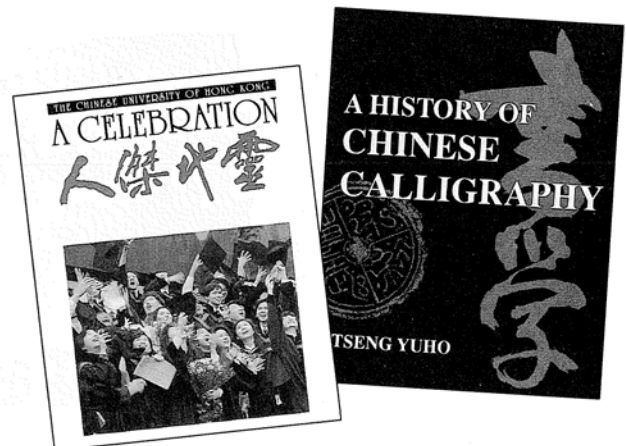
Award-winning Publications

Two books published by The Chinese University Press (CUP) won awards of merit in the fifth Hong Kong Print Award Competition jointly organized by the Hong Kong Publishing Professionals Society and the Hong Kong Graphic Arts Association.

The books are respectively entitled *The Chinese University of Hong Kong – A Celebration*, and *A History of Chinese Calligraphy*. The former is a photo record of the University published to commemorate its 30th anniversary. The latter describes in detail the origin and development of the six main scripts in Chinese calligraphy, and contains plenty of photographs of calligraphy by famous artists. Both are available at the University Bookshop.

The Hong Kong Print Award Competition is an important annual event among local publishers and printers.

Prizes are awarded to local publications with outstanding design and production quality. CUP publications have won prizes in the competition for the last five years.



Conference on Faulkner Screenplays

The Hong Kong-America Center recently celebrated its inaugural year by sponsoring an international conference on American novelist William Faulkner. Entitled 'William Faulkner: Hollywood and the Media', the conference was directed by the renowned Faulkner scholar, Prof. James B. Meriwether. Prof. and Mrs. Meriwether are now visiting scholars at the centre.

Several early Hollywood films for which Faulkner wrote the screenplays were shown, including *The Big Sleep*, *To Have and Have Not*, and *The Southerner*. Each show was

introduced by a notable scholar and followed by commentary and discussion.

Scholars from Hong Kong, China, Japan, Taiwan and the United States participated in the panel discussions and presented papers.

The function served as an introduction to the Faulkner collection at the Hong Kong-America Center, and underscored the importance of the centre in promoting interaction between academic communities in East Asia and the West.



Shaw College Celebrates Sixth Founder's Day



Over 200 guests, staff members and students attended Shaw College's sixth founder's day celebration on 12th January. Among the guests of honour was Prof. Fei Xiaotong, Sir Run Run Shaw Distinguished Visiting Scholar 1993-94. Speeches were delivered by Prof. Ma Lin, chairman of the College Board of Trustees, Prof. C. N. Chen, head of college, and representatives from the college student union and alumni association. Prizes were presented to students with outstanding academic performance, and all guests were invited to a tea reception after a cake-cutting ceremony.

Celebration activities organized by the college student union from 27th January to 4th February included interdepartmental competitions, talks, a feast-for-a-thousand, and a bazaar.

Famous Anthropologist Examines Economic Developments in Rural China



Prof. Fei Xiaotong, professor of sociology at Peking University, visited Shaw College last month as the college's Sir Run Run Shaw Distinguished Visiting Scholar 1993-94. During his one-week visit, he participated in the college's sixth anniversary celebration activities, and delivered two public lectures: 'Stages of Recent Economic Development in Rural China' on 13th January, and 'From Ecology to Psycho-mental Complex' on 14th January.

Prof. Fei is a world-famous social anthropologist. He has contributed much to the study of the Chinese society and social anthropology, and is actively engaged in social affairs, serving as an adviser to the Chinese government on many national issues. He has a long list of publications, the most famous of which include *Peasant Life in China* and *Rural China*.

➡ NEW SIGNS ON CAMPUS ←

There are signs and directories all over the campus to help newcomers and visitors identify various buildings on the University's 134-hectare site.

These signs fall into two types: the road signs, and the campus maps.

They were re-designed and enlarged last summer and users have since found them improved and more helpful.

Road Signs

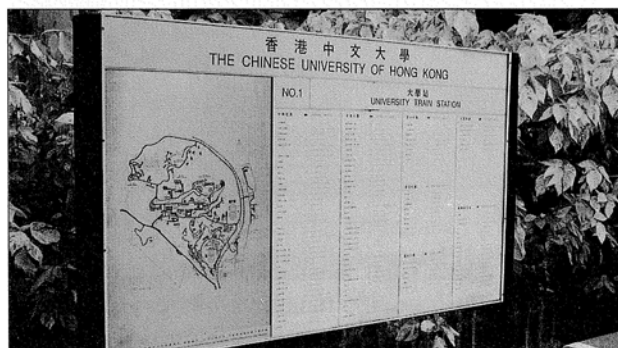
For the sake of clarity road signs have been made bigger to accommodate larger lettering, and many have been re-positioned to major crossings for the convenience of both drivers and pedestrians. The most outstanding characteristics of the new signs, however, are that they are now colour-coded, and carry the numbers of the buildings they represent.

So what is this colour-code business about, and are buildings not just named (see *CUHK Newsletter*, Vol.3-9 No. 34, September 1992), but numbered as well? The fact is, according to the Buildings Office, the campus is divided into six zones, each with its own colour and alphabet code. Thus the University headquarters is red and marked with the letter H, Chung Chi is green and marked C, New Asia is yellow and marked N, United is blue and marked U, Shaw is purple and marked S, the Eastern campus is represented in brown and by the letter E, and the Residences are shaded orange and marked R/V. The numbering of buildings within each zone follows the date of construction in the main, but adjacent buildings may also be numbered in sequence regardless of difference in construction dates. For example, the Benjamin Franklin Centre is at the University headquarters and the first building to be erected there, and its honoured position is acknowledged by a red sign bearing the number H1.



Where a road sign gives direction regarding access to several buildings, the order is that the building indicated topmost is the one nearest the position of the sign, while the one at the bottom is the farthest from it. Taking the sign at the crossing of University Road and Central Avenue as an example, the Postgraduate Hall Complex, which is the nearest, is at the top, while the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall, which is at the greatest distance from the sign, appears on the lowest position. On the same sign the other buildings indicated are, in order of distance, the Health Centre, the Yali Guest House, the Chan Kwan-tung Inter-University Hall, the Chiangs Building, and the Science Centre. Space has also been allowed on this sign for the names of other buildings to be constructed in its vicinity in the near future.

Campus Maps



The 11 campus maps, which are mostly found close by the major campus bus stops, have also been given a face-lift to conform with the new road signs and to serve path-finders better. Three times its size before, the campus map now measures 1.8 square meters and there is ample space for detailed legends giving both names and numbers of various buildings. Buildings are colour-coded as noted above and the position of the observer is marked with a gold spot. The maps show not only all existing buildings but also those under planning, and thus provide those who are interested with a reasonably accurate view of what the campus will look like within a few years' time. ○

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council News

Vice-Chairman

Dr. James Z. M. Kung has been elected Vice-Chairman of the University Council for two years from 19th January 1994.

New Members

Mr. Tony Fung has been appointed by the Chancellor as a member of the University Council for three years from 20th October 1993.

The Rev. the Hon. Fung Chi-wood has been elected by unofficial members of the Legislative Council as a member of the University Council for three years from 18th October 1993.

New Head of Shaw College

Prof. Yeung Yue-man has been appointed by the University Council as Head of Shaw College for four years from 11th February 1994, succeeding Prof. C. N. Chen.

Opting for HA-equivalent Terms of Service

In accordance with government approval of the implementation of Terms of Service for Clinical Academic Appointees on Hospital Authority-equivalent Terms, eligible clinical teaching staff of the University with hospital duties (as at 30th April 1993) are allowed a 12-month option period from the implementation date, i.e. 1st May 1993, to exercise an **irrevocable** option to either retain their existing terms of service or to convert to HA-equivalent terms of service. Eligible staff members should therefore note that the deadline for the option is *30th April 1994*, and should send in their option forms no later than that date if they wish to convert to HA-equivalent terms. If their option forms are not received by the deadline, it will be considered that they have opted to retain their existing terms of service. Enquiries can be directed to the Personnel Office (Ext. 7249).

Management Board of the Hong Kong Centre of Sports Medicine and Sports Science

Members of the Board of Management of the Hong Kong Centre of Sports Medicine and Sports Science have recently been appointed. They will serve for two years from 1st January 1994.

Chairman: Prof. Arthur K. C. Li, Dean of Medicine, or his deputy

Members: Mr. Paul Brettell, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong Sports Institute
Prof. P. C. Leung, Professor, Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Prof. Rance P. L. Lee, Chairman, Senate

Committee on Physical Education
Dr. Paul Robinson, Chairman, Department of Sports Science and Physical Education
Miss Hon Kwai-yue, Director, Physical Education Unit

Secretary: Prof. K. M. Chan, Director, Hong Kong Centre of Sports Medicine and Sports Science

EMSD Spring Programme 1994

The Department of Extramural Studies (EMSD) will launch its Spring programme 1994 in late February. Prospectuses are now available. For detailed information about enrolment and course content, please ring 7237996 or 3683916 during office hours, or the following numbers:

<i>Programme</i>	<i>Tel. No.</i>
Art; Taikoo Shing Programme	3687018
Home Care and Craft; Social Work; Music, Dance and Drama	3683503
Chinese Language and Literature; Foreign Languages; Day Courses	3682314
Computer Science; Tsuen Wan Programme	3686051
Psychology; Shatin Programme	7241240
Education; Social Sciences and Religion; Overseas Joint Programme/Degree Programme	7244560
Economics, Management, Accounting and Law	3687500
Science, Mathematics and Health Education	3687959
Mass Communication; History and Geography	3687959
Kwun Tong Programme; Homantin Programme; Tai Po Programme	3683503
Distance Education	3660714

United College Annual Workshop 1994

United College will hold its 1994 annual workshop on 15th February (Tuesday) at 10.00 a.m. at the college's lecture theatre C1. The theme of the workshop is 'Freedom on Campus: Myth and Reality', and guest speakers will include Mr. Joseph Chan of the Department of Politics and Public Administration at the University of Hong Kong, Dr. Kenneth Leung of the Department of Journalism and Communication at CUHK, Mr. Sze-ping Lo, former chairman of United College's Student Union Council, and Mr. Y. S. Lau, deputy editor-in-chief of *Contemporary Monthly*.

All are welcome. For enquiries, please call Ms Jackie Chung (Ext. 7581).

Food, Glorious Food

Statistics compiled last November showed that The Chinese University had a staff population of 4,028, inclusive of all full-time employees in academic, administrative and supportive functions. Hong Kong citizens made up the majority of this sizeable workforce, there being 2,752 of them, of various ethnic and provincial backgrounds. Those who were recruited outside Hong Kong hailed from over 30 countries and regions, of whom 735 were from China, 142 from the United States, 114 from Britain, and 75 from Canada. Student enrolment now stands at 11,613, with 9,428 full-time and 2,185 part-time students. To provide meals for this large crowd with diversified culinary preferences is, to put it mildly and with no literary allusion whatsoever intended, a gargantuan task indeed, as the following survey on campus catering services will show.

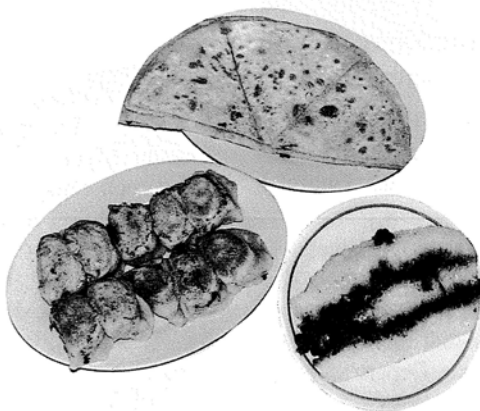


The Food

There are all together 17 catering outlets for staff and students, serving different parts of the campus (see list). At most of these places a variety of food is served, encompassing the broad streams of Chinese and Western cuisines. However, Cantonese cooking reigns supreme in most of the campus kitchens for obvious reasons, and dim sum and Cantonese barbecued meats are available at a good number of the canteens. A noted and much appreciated exception is the dining room at the Postgraduate Hall Complex, where the chefs specialize in Peking and Szechuan dishes. Their cinnamon cake has the approval of some very exact connoisseurs among staff and students. The caterers to Shaw College, on the other hand, are known for their Cantonese and Shanghai dishes, as well as seafood and snake dinners. The New Asia College Staff Common Room (Yun Chi Hsien) boasts the only home-made noodles, Northern style, that money can buy on campus, while the Staff Common

Room at the University Guesthouse is a unique place where an exclusively Western menu is available. Most who have done so call it a treat to dine on the roast beef and lemon chiffon pie at the Basic Medical Sciences Building Canteen.

Service at these dining rooms follows the three patterns most commonly seen at places where mass catering is practised: a food item may be ordered through the purchase of a ticket, dished out from a buffet counter, or served at table, by a waiter.

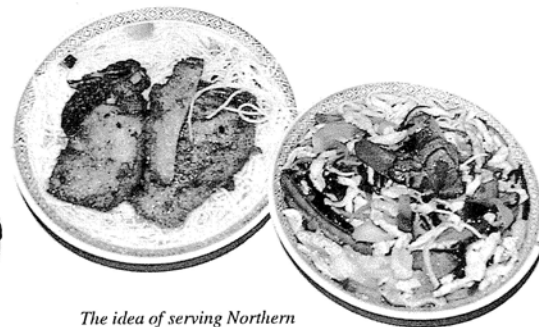


Snacks served at the Postgraduate Hall Canteen

The Dining Rooms

Given the fact that there are some 15,000 people who would use the facilities at the aforementioned 17 outlets, which have a combined seating capacity for only 3,714 customers, it can well be imagined that campus catering service sometimes takes on herculean dimensions, especially during the lunch hour.

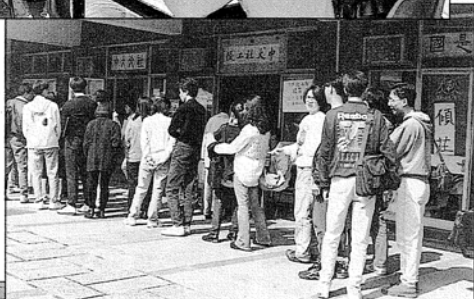
Fortunately, many members of the University do not eat on campus. For students these would be those without



The idea of serving Northern style noodle dishes in Yun Chi Hsien came from Dr. Y. T. Lee, a former senior lecturer in history.



The lunchtime crowds at the BFC Student Canteen



The long queue at the BFC Snack Bar



The BFC Coffee Shop is always full at lunchtime, even though only light meals and beverages are served there.



The three characters – 文怡閣 – which mark the Staff Common Room of United College came from the hand of Dr. T. C. Cheng, a former College Head. The rooms were furnished to become a staff common room in 1977 at the suggestion of Dr. F. C. Chen.

campus accommodation in the main; those who keep rooms in the hostels invariably take their meals in the canteens as self-catering is positively discouraged. Those who do not have classes around lunch time tend also not to patronize the canteens, thus helping to ease the strain. According to statistics taken by the Buildings Office last October, an average of 1,125 (28%) staff members and 4,521 (39%) students took lunch regularly on campus.

The most popular lunch spots are the four outlets in the Benjamin Franklin Centre: the Student Canteen, the Staff Canteen, the Coffee Shop and

the Snack Bar. Together they provide lunch for over 2,000 staff and students every day, and the Staff Canteen has a utility rate of 112 per cent. But then in terms of utility the canteen at the Basic Medical Sciences Building tops them all: on an average day, it caters to 69 per cent more lunch customers than its maximum capacity allows! On the other hand, the student canteen at Shaw College, at a daily average of 20 per cent, is the least utilized per capacity among the catering outlets. However, in terms of headcount, the outlet which caters to the smallest number of lunch guests is the United College Staff Common Room – Wen

Yi Ge, where tea, coffee and other beverages are served throughout the week but lunch only on Fridays, when academics, administrators and their guests assemble for the weekly College Lunch – the maximum seating for this meal is 50 or 80, depending on the type of food featured.

The Caterers

Catering staff serving the University Staff Common Room are University employees; the kitchen of Yun Chi Hsien at New Asia is run by the college's minor staff; the remaining 15 outlets are operated by

Dining Facilities on Campus

Catering Outlet	No. of Seats	Average Utility Rate (%) ¹	
		Lunch ²	Dinner ³
Central			
BFC Coffee Shop	1,061	76.62	32.62
BFC Snack Bar			
BFC Student Canteen			
BFC Staff Canteen	320	112.11	51.57
Postgraduate Hall Canteen	206	21.43	10.86
Basic Med. Sc. Bldg. Canteen	80	169.07	–
Staff Common Room, University Guesthouse	100	56.55	11.72
Chung Chi			
Student Canteen	376	45.55	28.11
Staff Social Club Canteen	178	50.83	27.35
New Asia			
Student Canteen	322	37.58	31.01
Staff Canteen	138	78.18	–
Yun Chi Hsien ⁴	80	N.A.	N.A.
United			
Student Canteen	320	48.31	32.66
Staff Canteen	120	70.55	–
Wen Yi Ge ⁴	50	N.A.	N.A.
Shaw			
Student Canteen	228	20.63	22.00
Staff Canteen	134	50.28	7.82
Total	3,714		

Survey period: 25th to 29th October 1993

Notes

¹ Calculation: average number of users ÷ designed capacity × 100

² Lunch period: 12.00 noon - 2.00 p.m.

³ Dinner period: 6.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

⁴ Survey does not cover Yun Chi Hsien and Wen Yi Ge. The former can accommodate up to 90 guests after extension project; the latter can accommodate 80 guests when buffet lunch is served.



A new manager has recently been appointed to oversee the University Staff Common Room. The dining rooms have also been renovated and there is now more ample seating in the patio.

The caterer providing meals at the Chung Chi College Staff Club operates under a franchise from the Hsin Kuang (新光) Group of Restaurants. Response has been encouraging since the caterer started business last September.

caterers on contract to the University. With the exception of Chung Chi College, where staff and student dining is housed in two different buildings and therefore the catering shouldered by two contractors, the Benjamin Franklin Centre, New Asia, United and Shaw each provides a single kitchen for staff and students and is accordingly catered to by one contractor (the BFC Coffee Shop and Snack Bar, though, are separate operations from the Staff and Student Canteens).

Caterers are usually awarded two-year contracts. They are supervised by the respective canteen committees which will also decide, when a contract is due to expire, whether the performance of the caterer has been satisfactory and worthy of a renewed contract. The committee will also be responsible for seeking the intention of the caterer as to whether he is willing to continue. Where a contract is not to

be renewed upon expiry or, in exceptional circumstances, is to be terminated midstream, tenders will be called and the University's bidding and selection procedure will apply.

In choosing a caterer, a canteen committee will carefully examine the types, variety and pricing of food proposed by the applicant, as well as his commitment to a good standard in hygiene and service. Experience in institutional catering is always a useful asset, but the ability to specialize in regional cuisines has never been an important factor.

Suggestions and Complaints

Feedback from customers is usually conveyed, verbally, to members of the canteen committee concerned, or deposited in suggestion boxes. It is a fact that most complaints

have come from students; the main causes for dissatisfaction include high prices, slow service, inconsistent quality of food, unclean dining utensils and general grottness in the canteens. On the whole complaints are relatively infrequent, and where possible the caterers are, according to some members of the canteen committees, quite willing to make amends. However, there are also complaints which are subjective in nature and therefore difficult to act on, the classic cases being the over- or under-seasoning of a dish, or the thickness of the gravy. There had been objection to sugar being available, loose, in sugar boxes as it might thus be contaminated, but when the caterer introduced sugar in packets there was objection again, this time on environmentalist ground. Complaints that there are too few dishes to choose from are often received, but there are also suggestions that, rather than an extensive menu, the canteens should provide only a limited number of products to keep quality high and prices low.

As far as suggestion for improvement is concerned there is one unanimous voice at New Asia College: it's difficult to find a seat at Yun Chi Hsien! The college authorities have taken heed of the popularity of the lunchtime noodles and work is now afoot to expand the premises, and to bring the seating capacity of the rooms up to 90. ○

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■ Prof. Yeung Yue-man of the Department of Geography has been reappointed by HE the governor as a member of the Board of Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation for two years from 1st February 1994.

■ Dr. C. K. Wong, reader in psychiatry, has been invited to serve as a board member of World Vision Hong Kong for two years from 5th December 1993.

■ Dr. Chan Nang Fong, senior lecturer in community and family medicine, has been appointed by the Health Department as an honorary consultant in family medicine for three years from 1st April 1993.

■ Prof. K. M. Chan of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology has been elected secretary/treasurer of the Asian Shoulder Association from 1993 to 1996.

■ Dr. Chan Wing-wah, senior lecturer in music, has been appointed the first Composer-in-Residence by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra from January 1994 to August 1995.

Service to the Community and International Organizations

■ Dr. Ching Pak Chung, senior lecturer in electronic engineering, has been re-elected as chairman of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers Inc., Hong Kong Section, 1994.

■ Dr. Archie C. C. Lee, senior lecturer in religion, has been invited to serve as dean of the Programme for Theology and Cultures in Asia from 1993 to 2000.

■ Dr. Henry N. C. Wong, reader in chemistry, has been invited to join the International Advisory Board of the

Eighth International Symposium on Novel Aromatic Compounds to be held in Braunschweig, Germany, from 31st July to 4th August 1995.

■ Prof. Arthur K. C. Li, dean of medicine, has been invited to serve as associate editor/member of the editorial board of *HPB Surgery*.

■ Dr. Peter N. S. Lee, reader in government and public administration, was appointed as a member of the Social Sciences and Education Panel of the Research Assessment Exercise which was conducted by the University and Polytechnics Grants Committee.

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