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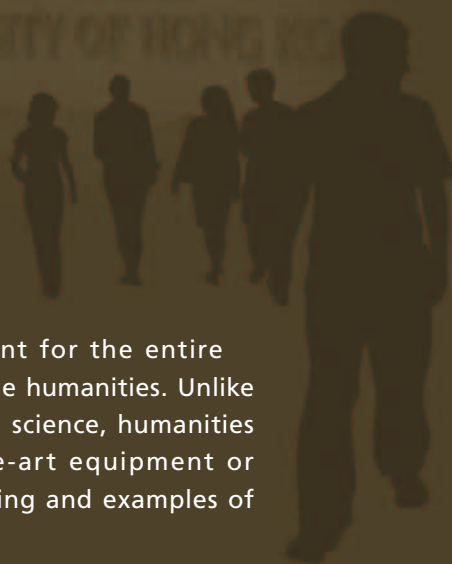
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# Our Humanities Scholars

In 1931 when Mei Yiqi became the president of Tsinghua University, he said in his inauguration address, 'The greatness of a university lies not in its magnificent edifices, but in its eminent academics.'

Although Mei Yiqi's words were meant for the entire university, they are especially true for the humanities. Unlike their counterparts in natural or medical science, humanities students flourish not on state-of-the-art equipment or complex experiments, but on the teaching and examples of





their teachers. However, it is not easy to recruit good teachers. The Chinese University is lucky to have had generations of brilliant humanities professors in its faculty since its inception, including such names as Ch'ien Mu, Tang Chun-I, Chou Fa-Kao, Mou Jun-sun, Chuan Han-sheng, Yen Keng-wang, Yu Ying-shih, Jao Tsung-i, Liu Shu-hsien, Yu Kwang-chung, Lau Dim-cheuk, who have instructed and inspired our students with their knowledge, charisma and dedication to the truth.

In this issue of the *Bulletin*, we profile some illustrious members of our galaxy of scholars.

'When something needs to be done and nobody does it, I feel obliged to do it. If I don't, I would regret while taking a walk on the beach in my retirement. But if I tried and failed, I wouldn't lose any sleep over it.' With that, Professor Hsiung set out on a lonely journey into the terra incognita of Chinese history.

Thanks to over 20 years of her work, the history of childhood in China has come into being. This previously missing piece in the jigsaw of Chinese history is now a fledgling yet promising field. Professor Hsiung says, 'Children have made up a third to a half of the population in Chinese history. One-third of the population is definitely not insignificant.'

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## Histories of the Forgotten

Hsiung Ping-chen



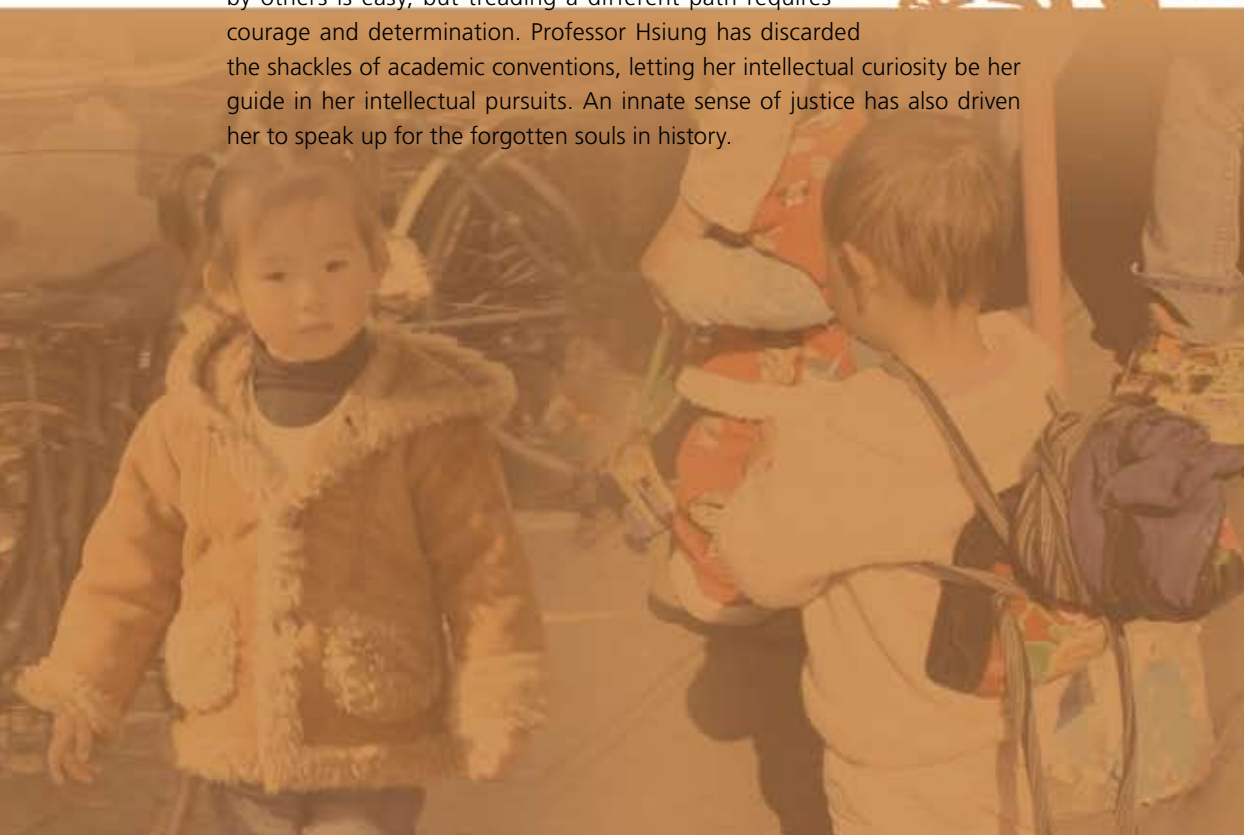
Professor Hsiung holds a BA in History from National Taiwan University, and a PhD from Brown University. After her doctoral studies, she returned to Taiwan to work for Academia Sinica. Driven by an intense interest in the history of medicine and biology, she went to the US again in the early 1990s where she later obtained an SM in Population Studies and International Health from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Professor Hsiung's research interest lies in the areas of women's and children's health, gender and family relations, and the intellectual and social history of early-modern and modern China and Europe. Over the years, she has held visiting professorships at many leading academic institutions around the world. From 2004 to 2007, she served as dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Central University. In 2009, she became dean of the Faculty of Arts of CUHK.

Professor Hsiung has authored many popular and highly acclaimed books, including *A Tender Voyage: Children and Childhood in Late Imperial China* and a number of Chinese titles.



In academia as in elsewhere, following the ruts left by others is easy, but treading a different path requires courage and determination. Professor Hsiung has discarded the shackles of academic conventions, letting her intellectual curiosity be her guide in her intellectual pursuits. An innate sense of justice has also driven her to speak up for the forgotten souls in history.



Prof. Wong Kwok-pun Laurence was the first person to translate Dante Alighieri's *The Divine Comedy* directly from Italian into Chinese while keeping the terza rima form. The importance of *The Divine Comedy* in the history of literature cannot be overstressed. In T.S. Eliot's words, 'You can compare it to nothing but the entire dramatic work of Shakespeare.' Translating this 14,233-line masterpiece is a Herculean task that requires not only excellent command of both languages but also exceptional perseverance. It took Professor Wong over 20 years to complete his Chinese translation.



## A Shaolin Master of Words Wong Kwok-pun





A famous poet in Hong Kong, Professor Wong's association with CUHK began in 1974 when he was appointed as a tutor in the Department of English Language and Literature. After four years of teaching, he decided it was time for a change and chose to work in the Centre for Translation of the Institute of Chinese Studies. He spent a total of six years at CUHK in the 1970s. In 2006 Professor Wong returned to the University as Professor of Translation and chairman of the Department of Translation.

Besides teaching, research and administration, Professor Wong shoulders another important task: writing citations for the recipients of the University's honorary degrees and fellowships. He says, 'Writing citations is interesting and exciting, because the honorary graduates or fellows I write about all have outstanding achievements in their respective fields. Presenting their impressive achievements adequately in some 2,000 characters can be a challenge though, since I am not sure whether I can do justice to them.'

Professor Wong believes that an eye for detail is a trait that characterizes all translation students. Translation students are trained to be inquisitive, with a keen eye for detail. If they can be like the novices at Shaolin Temple who train hard under the guidance of old monks, they would probably have an eye for detail and be able to outshine their counterparts from other martial arts schools like Wudang, Emei and Kunlun at the end of their apprenticeship.'

With Professor Wong as their master, the 'young monks' of the Department of Translation at CUHK will surely become accomplished translators, capable of packing a mighty punch.

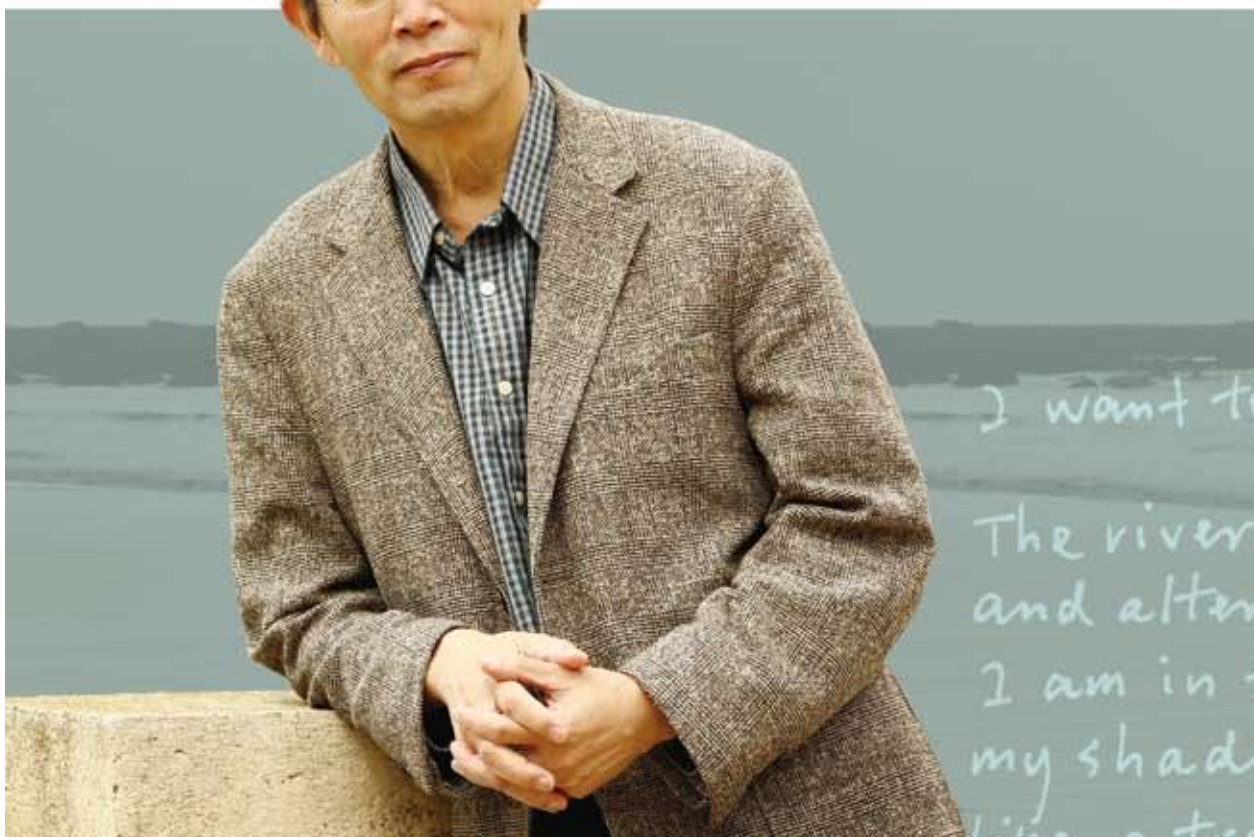
Professor Wong's most recent work is a fully annotated Chinese translation of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, which will be published soon.



If China were a painting, Hong Kong would be the blank space in its composition and I, an ink spot casually left in this space,' Bei Dao says of himself in his article 'In the Blank Space of a Painting Called China'.

Bei Dao is the pseudonym of Zhao Zhenkai, a world-renowned poet and essayist. He began writing poetry and fiction during the Cultural Revolution (1966–1976), and founded the famous literary magazine *Today* in 1978. During the late 1970s and 1980s, his poetry was published in a large range of literary magazines in China and the poet began to attract attention abroad. Bei Dao left China in 1989 and has since then taught and worked as writer-in-residence in various institutions in the US and Europe. His poetry, novels and prose have been translated into over 30 languages. He has received numerous honours, including honorary membership of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

## An Ink Spot Left in the Blank Bei Dao



Bei Dao's relationship with CUHK began in 1983 when the CUHK journal *Renditions* translated and published the works of budding Chinese poets, including him. In 1985 the Chinese University Press published the Chinese and English versions of *Waves*, a collection of his medium-length novels and short stories. In 2006 he was invited by the Department of Translation to teach a summer course and organize a poetry reading. His relationship with the University was reconnected in 2008 when he became Professor of Humanities at CUHK.

Although Bei Dao is affiliated with the Centre for East Asian Studies, the scope of his teaching is interdepartmental. He teaches a bilingual poetry workshop as well as some other writing courses. The poet tries to expand the world vision of Hong Kong students and enhance their writing competence through translation and reading exercises.

In his opinion, writing is made up of 'witchcraft' and 'craftsmanship'. 'Witchcraft is inborn. It is the mysterious power that lets you summon wind and fire with language. Craftsmanship is something that can be acquired through comprehension and hard work. Without "witchcraft", hard work ends in vain. Without "craftsmanship", there is no form and, with time, the mysterious power of "witchcraft" vanishes.' In addition to teaching, Bei Dao is active in organizing international literary events together with his colleagues.

Having been away from China for 20 years, Bei Dao has accustomed himself to the philosophy 'home is everywhere when it is nowhere'. Nevertheless, he says, 'I find parallels between myself and Hong Kong in terms of identity—this city feels like a drifter and the self-identity of Hong Kong people is ambiguous. In this sense, I may have found another hometown.'

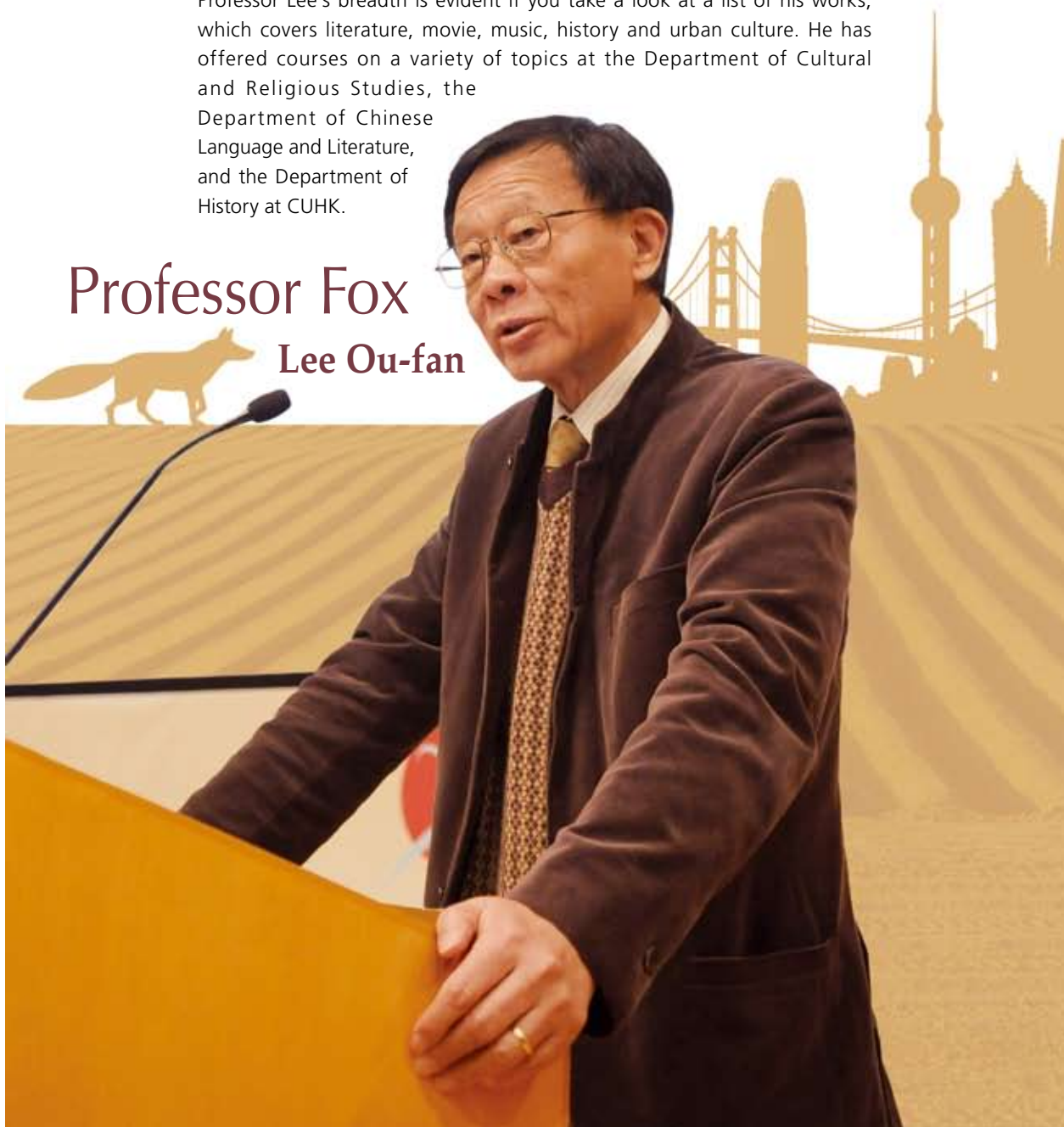


to go to the other bank  
water alters the sky's colour  
me  
the current  
ow stands by the river bank  
a streak by lightning

Quoting Greek poet Archilochus: 'The fox knows many things, but the hedgehog knows one big thing', British philosopher Isaiah Berlin divided thinkers into two types in *The Hedgehog and the Fox*. Hedgehogs relate everything to a single central vision while foxes pursue many ends. According to this description, Professor Lee Ou-fan Leo, no doubt, is a fox.

Professor Lee's breadth is evident if you take a look at a list of his works, which covers literature, movie, music, history and urban culture. He has offered courses on a variety of topics at the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies, the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, and the Department of History at CUHK.

## Professor Fox Lee Ou-fan



Professor Lee graduated from the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures of National Taiwan University (NTU) in 1961. In the spring of 1960 he had founded the pioneering literary magazine *Modern Literature* with renowned writer Pai Hsien-yung and other students. After graduating from NTU, he went to Harvard University to study Chinese intellectual history under the tutorship of great sinologists like Benjamin Schwartz, John Fairbank, Yang Lien-sheng. He obtained his master's and doctoral degrees from Harvard and taught in many different American universities. From 1970 to 1972, he joined CUHK as an instructor in the Department of History. He retired from Harvard to join CUHK again in 2004 as honorary director and Professor of Humanities of the Centre for East Asian Studies. He is now Wei Lun Professor of Humanities of the Faculty of Arts and a fellow of Morningside College.

Professor Lee's works are intellectual yet free from the opacity of academic

writing. His famous book *Shanghai Modern*, for example, has been read and loved by readers in and beyond the ivory tower alike. In his recent work *City between Worlds: My Hong Kong*, he takes readers through the streets of old and modern Hong Kong, unravelling the history of the city, from the City of Victoria during early colonial days to Suzie Wong's Wan Chai, from Dung Kai-cheung's *Natural Creation* to Wong Kar-wai's *Chungking Express*, presenting a genuine and complex Hong Kong to the world.

'Without humanities education, a university can never be described as great,' says Professor Lee. In his eyes, CUHK has the glorious humanistic tradition of Neo-Confucianism, its humanities faculty are also first-class.

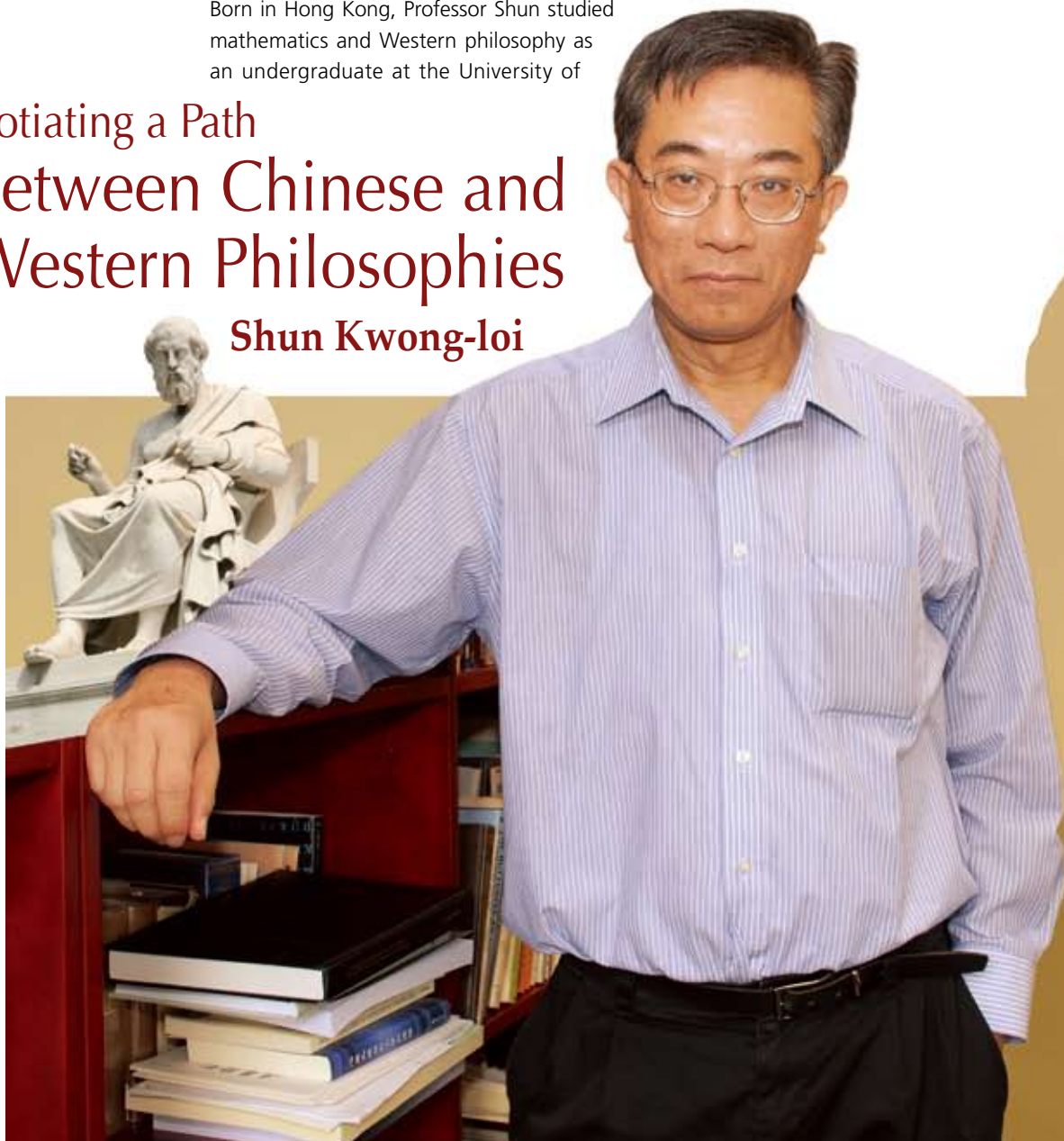
Professor Lee agreed to be a fellow of Morningside College because he believes that the College's being fully residential and having communal dining will allow him more opportunities to provide extra-curricular education to its students.

In Kyoto, there is a path called 'The Philosopher's Walk' and it is thus named because the famous Kyoto University philosophy professor Nishida Kitaro liked to stroll there while meditating on philosophical issues. If we are to pick a 'Philosopher's Walk' on CUHK campus, it could be the running track at the Sir Philip Haddon-Cave Sports Field because it is where Shun Kwong-loi, Professor of Philosophy at CUHK, jogs while listening to his MP3 and musing on philosophical questions.

Born in Hong Kong, Professor Shun studied mathematics and Western philosophy as an undergraduate at the University of

## Negotiating a Path Between Chinese and Western Philosophies

**Shun Kwong-loi**



Hong Kong. He then obtained a second undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of London before going to Oxford University where he pursued postgraduate studies in philosophy. In 1986, he received his PhD in philosophy from Stanford University. After that, he taught philosophy at the University of California at Berkeley for 17 years and was appointed dean of the Undergraduate Division, College of Letters and Science in 2000. Prior to joining CUHK as Professor of Philosophy in 2007, he was the Vice-President of the University of Toronto and Principal of the University of Toronto at Scarborough.

Professor Shun attributed his switch from mathematics and Western philosophy to Chinese philosophy, in particular Confucianism, to the social climate of the 1960s and 1970s—the eras when he was a student. ‘Those were times of change and turbulence. China and Hong Kong had gone through a lot. We developed a passion for China, and I determined to pursue an academic career in Chinese philosophy before I finished my undergraduate studies,’ says Professor Shun.

So in 1988, shortly after receiving his PhD, Professor Shun devised a large research project for himself. He planned to conduct thorough research on Confucian thought and write three books within 30 years. The first book *Mencius and Early Chinese Thought* was published in 1997. The basic research for his second book, which will focus on Zhu Xi, an important Confucian philosopher in the Song dynasty, is complete. Professor Shun expects to finish the draft soon. His third book will turn from classical studies to an examination of philosophical themes in Confucian thought.

Though preoccupied with research and postgraduate teaching, Professor Shun is eager to teach undergraduate courses because he believes that inspiration and motivation are of vital importance to young people in their formative years. Mencius said that one of the gentleman’s three delights is to enjoy ‘the good fortune of having the most talented pupils in the Empire’. As a dedicated educator, Professor Shun definitely shares Mencius’ view.



With its rich humanities tradition, CUHK has an abundance of humanities researchers. In addition to the five scholars previously featured, we also have Prof. David Faure, an expert in the history of lineage in south China and Chinese business history. Professor Faure recently published *Emperor and Ancestor*, an acclaimed study of county government and ritual reforms in the Pearl River Delta during the Ming and Qing dynasties. His research project 'The Historical Anthropology of Chinese Society' has been chosen by the University Grants Committee as one of its Areas of Excellence. Drawing on historical documents and field research, this project will study 15 geographic areas in China to recover the history of both how local society acquired and identified with its own characteristics, and incorporated into, and accepted, the broad expanse of a unified culture.



## Where the Humanities Flourish







Another renowned CUHK humanities researcher is Prof. H. Samuel Cheung. His research interests encompass a broad sweep of language and culture, taking in historical phonology, historical grammar, dialectology, language pedagogy and vernacular Chinese literature. Described as a 'comprehensive' treatment of the subject, Professor Cheung's *A Practical Chinese Grammar* has long been a welcome addition to the language teaching profession.

Also with us is Prof. William S.Y. Wang, a distinguished linguist researching on language from an interdisciplinary perspective, involving engineering, linguistics, and biological sciences. He is also the founder of the *Journal of Chinese Linguistics*. Other renowned humanities scholars on our campus include Simon Haines, Leung Ki-che, Leung Yuen-sang, Poo Mu-chou, and Jenny F. So.





In addition to over 10 departments and units under the Faculty of Arts, there are many institutes dedicated to humanities research. Among them is the Centre for East Asian Studies. The centre offers interdisciplinary undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in Chinese studies, conducts research in a number of areas, including health and medical culture, language and society, law and society, Ming and Qing studies, local governance, regional history and heritage, and digital Chinese studies.

The centre also organizes a variety of conferences and workshops. Prof. Billy K.L. So, director of the centre, also chairs the Steering Committee for Chinese Studies. The field is one of the five areas to which substantial resources are being devoted. Professor So says, 'As China takes centre stage in the world's economic, cultural and political arenas, Chinese Studies is growing in importance. In addition to traditional subjects like history, languages and culture, medicine, law and environment also fall into its category.'

Another important CUHK institute devoted to the humanities is the Institute of Chinese Studies, founded by Dr. Li Choh-ming, founding Vice-Chancellor of the University. The decades-old institute focuses on archaeology, studies of Chinese language and ancient text, translation, art and contemporary Chinese culture, etc. The institute and its various units have launched different research projects, including a long-term project on constructing a comprehensive database of Chinese ancient texts. They also publish



periodicals like *Journal of Chinese Studies*, *Renditions*, *Newsletter of Chinese Language*, *Twenty-First Century* and many monographs. The institute regularly holds conferences and research seminars to promote the exchange of knowledge.

What humanities scholars require is rich information. The University has a number of units to support their research. The Universities Service Centre for China Studies prides itself on having one of the most extensive collection of a great variety of materials on contemporary China. The Rare Book Room of the University Library houses invaluable titles. Our Chinese Music Archive and Chinese Opera Information Centre boast collections of precious records, scripts, and other audiovisual materials. All these units are strong backing for humanities researchers at CUHK.

Respecting the University's emphasis on the humanities, the consultant of the University's Campus Master Planning has proposed to turn the area around the Fung King Hey Building and Leung Kau Kui Building to an arts and humanities hub. With such careful tending, humanities research at CUHK will surely continue to bear fruit.



## Units Dedicated to Humanities at CUHK

### Faculty of Arts

- **Department of Anthropology**
- **Department of Chinese Language and Literature**
  - Research Centre for Cantonese
  - Hong Kong Literature Research Centre
- **Department of Cultural and Religious Studies**
  - Centre for Catholic Studies
  - Centre for Christian Studies
  - Centre for Culture and Development
  - Centre for the Studies of Daoist Culture
  - Centre for the Study of Humanistic Buddhism
- **Department of English**
  - Research Centre for Human Values
- **Department of Fine Arts**
- **Department of History**
  - Centre for Comparative and Public History
  - Centre for Chinese History
- **Department of Japanese Studies**
- **Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages**
- **Department of Music**
  - Cantonese Opera Research Programme
- **Department of Philosophy**
  - Archive for Phenomenology and Contemporary Philosophy
  - Research Centre for Chinese Philosophy and Culture
- **Department of Translation**
  - Centre for Translation Technology
- **Divinity School of Chung Chi College**
- **English Language Teaching Unit**
- **Yale-China Chinese Language Centre**

### Research Institute for the Humanities

- **Research Centre for Comparative City Cultures**
- **Research Centre for Confucian Studies**
- **Research Centre for Humanities Computing**
- **Edwin Cheng Foundation Asian Centre for Phenomenology**
- **Centre for Hong Kong Cultural Studies**

Former Vice-Chancellor

# Prof. Charles K. Kao

## Wins Nobel Physics Prize

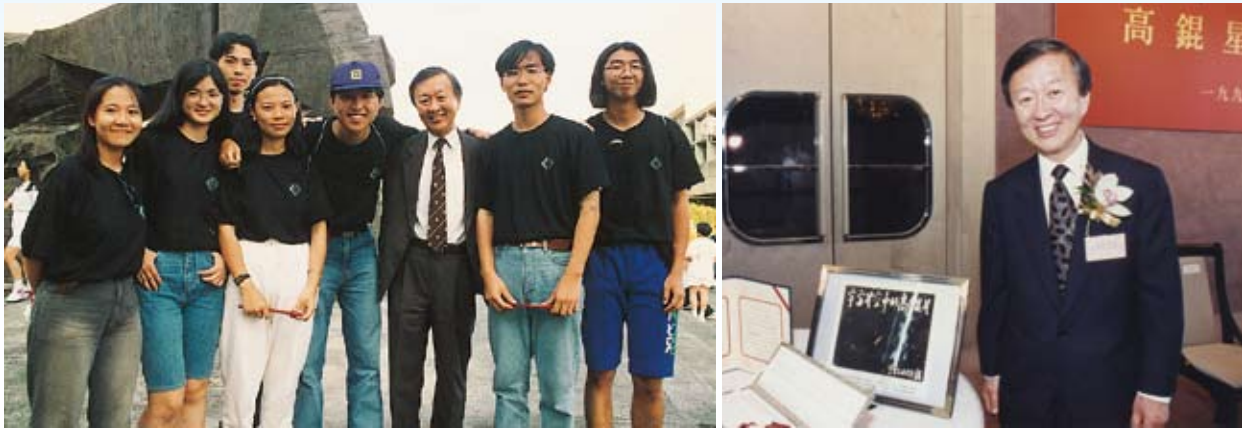


In the 1450s, Johannes Gutenberg invented the first printing press, bringing about the first information revolution. In the 1960s, Professor Charles K. Kao, former Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, made a discovery that led to a breakthrough in fibre optics, facilitating the emergence of fibre-optic communication systems and triggering the second information revolution. Professor Kao thus earned himself the name 'Father of Fibre Optics'. On 6 October 2009, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded Professor Kao the 2009 Nobel Prize in Physics, for his 'groundbreaking achievements concerning the transmission of light in fibres for optical communication'.

The news thrilled Hong Kong, in particular, the CUHK community. On 7 October the University held a celebration at the Ho Sin-Hang Engineering Building. Many University members and guests spoke on the occasion and exchanged anecdotes about Professor Kao.







In 1970, Professor Kao joined CUHK as a professor and head of the then Department of Electronics, becoming the first Professor of Electronics at CUHK later. In 1985, he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Science, *honoris causa* by the University.

In 1987, Professor Kao assumed the Vice-Chancellorship of CUHK. An outstanding scientist, he pledged to cultivate a vibrant research culture and to promote scholarship at the University. He also attached great importance to developing postgraduate studies. In his inaugural speech, Professor Kao said, 'No first-rate university can do without major research efforts, and our research student body must be increased.'

Professor Kao believed that he enjoyed two advantages as a vice-chancellor: 'First, I am highly experienced in working with first-class talent. I know well how to motivate them in their pursuit of excellence.... Second, I consider myself a fair and impartial person. This is the principle to which I adhere when dealing with people and conducting affairs.' And it is precisely the broad-mindedness and liberalism of this visionary scientist that remain a fond and vivid memory for many CUHK staff and students.

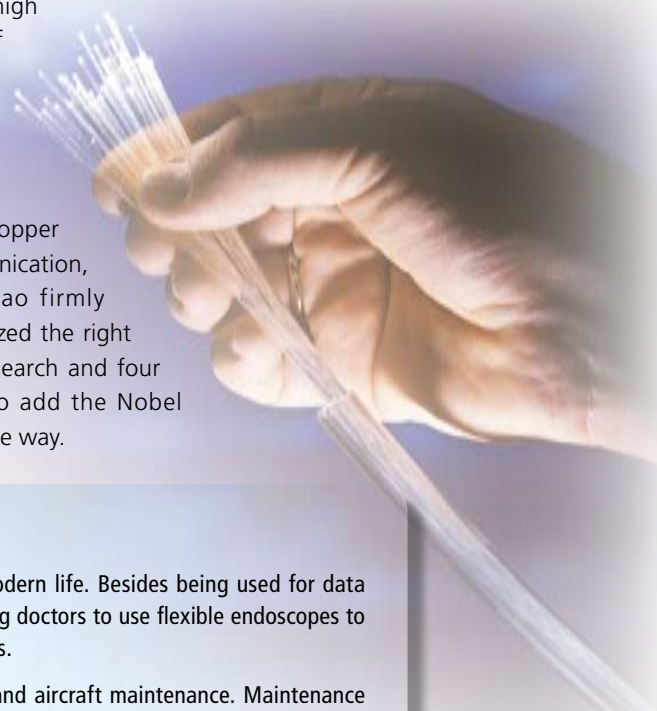
In 1996 Professor Kao stepped down as Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, after spending a third of his career at the University. But he has continued his association with CUHK as an Honorary Professor of Engineering. CUHK named the north wing of the Science Centre the Charles Kuen Kao Building and set up the Charles Kuen Kao Fund to support academic research, international links and student activities. The Purple Mountain Observatory of the Chinese Academy of Sciences named a minor planet discovered by Chinese astronomers after Professor Kao, in recognition of his exceptional contributions to information technology, especially in fibre optic communication and its application.



“ There is a tide in the affairs of men.  
Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;  
Omitted, all the voyage of their life  
Is bound in shallows and in miseries. ”

Professor Kao has remembered well these lines from Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* since he read them in high school. He interprets them thus: 'The meaning of these lines is apparent: "The key to a successful career lies in seizing the right opportunity." But you can also see it from a different angle: success won't come unless all conditions are ripe.'

In 1966 when Professor Kao proposed to replace copper cables with clear and pure optical fibres for communication, many people derided the idea. But Professor Kao firmly believed in it and finally turned it into reality. He seized the right opportunity by dedicating himself to fibre optic research and four decades later, conditions ripened enabling him to add the Nobel honour to the many great prizes he had won along the way.



### Optical Fibre Applications

You may not know it but optical fibres are integral to modern life. Besides being used for data transmission, they are a powerful tool in medicine, allowing doctors to use flexible endoscopes to examine the internal organs of patients, among other things.

Optical fibres also have wide application in architecture and aircraft maintenance. Maintenance personnel can use snake scopes to inspect inaccessible areas. Nuclear engineers can also use fibre scopes to monitor the radiation zones of nuclear power plants. To the layman, the most visible products of optical fibres may be fibre optical lights, which are used for lighting and decoration.



# 8<sup>th</sup> Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony

At the Chinese University's Eighth Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony, honorary fellowships were conferred on five distinguished persons who have been closely associated with the University, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to the University and the community. Dr. Edgar W.K. Cheng, Chairman of the University Council, presided at the ceremony held on 18 May at Lee Hysan Concert Hall, Esther Lee Building.

On the same day, a banquet in honour of the honorary fellows and in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the CUHK was held at Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin. Over 180 guests were in attendance, including former Vice-Chancellors Prof. Arthur K.C. Li and Prof. Ambrose Y.C. King.

Speaking at the banquet, Dr. Edgar Cheng said that over 50 distinguished individuals have been inducted to the roll of Honorary Fellows. The growing community is a major asset for the University, propelling its development past and future. He has full confidence that the University will scale new heights and command new horizons as it looks forward to the golden jubilee.





## The Honourable Cheung Man-kwong

—committed to promoting quality education

The Honourable Cheung Man-kwong is a veteran educator. He graduated from CUHK in 1978, and has been serving as a member of the Legislative Council representing the education sector in the last two decades. He has been president of the Hong Kong Professional Teachers' Union since 1990. For over 30 years, he has consistently strived for the development of quality education in Hong Kong. Mr. Cheung has made significant contributions to the University by serving on the University Council from 1998 to 2008 and offering very useful advice on the development of the University.

For the address by the Honourable Cheung Man-kwong, please go to:  
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## Mr. Leslie Chung Wing-kok

—philanthropist and dedicated supporter of higher education

Mr. Leslie Chung Wing-kok is the director of the Dr. Tien Chang Lin Technology Innovation Foundation Limited. He is a major benefactor for the advancement of higher education worldwide. As a long-time and staunch benefactor of CUHK, Mr. Chung has supported the Faculty of Education in organizing a lecture series on language education and liberal studies since 2004. He also actively promotes English teaching and learning and sponsors research projects on the improvement of Hong Kong's primary and secondary education systems. His foundation has provided scholarships for New Asia College students, and sponsored the annual Chinese Universities Shakespeare Festival since 2005, benefiting thousands of students.



## Professor Kuan Hsin-chi

—eminent scholar in and beyond academia

Prof. Kuan Hsin-chi is a prominent expert in political and public administration studies who is active in rendering community services. He joined the Department of Government and Public Administration at CUHK in 1973. He contributed significantly to the University by serving in different important positions, including the University Council, Senate, United College and various University committees. Professor Kuan was awarded an Emeritus Professorship of Government and Public Administration upon his retirement. As director of the Universities Service Centre (USC) for China Studies, CUHK from 1988 to 2008, he has led USC to become a vibrant, forward-looking institution renowned for its extensive and accessible collection of a great variety of materials on contemporary China.

# 8<sup>th</sup> Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony



## Professor Lee Shiu-hung

—seeking relief and well-being for all

As a specialist in public health, occupational health and administrative medicine, Prof. Lee Shiu-hung is currently Emeritus Professor of Community Medicine, adviser (honorary) at the School of Public Health and Primary Care, and honorary adviser for External Affairs at the Institute of Chinese Medicine, CUHK. He was Director of Health in Hong Kong during 1989–94. He then joined CUHK as chairman of the Department of Community and Family Medicine and has made significant contributions to the University. He initiated the establishment of the School of Public Health and served as its founding director. He also founded the World Association of Chinese Public Health Professionals in 2003. Over the years, Professor Lee has received numerous honours and awards for his contributions to public health.



## Mr. Christopher Mok Wah-chiu

—preserving cultural memory and identity

Mr. Christopher Mok Wah-chiu is a famous collector and connoisseur of Chinese art. He is also a Certified Public Accountant. Widely recognized as a philanthropist and distinguished community leader, he served as chairman of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals in 1984. Mr. Mok has been a generous benefactor and patron to the Art Museum of CUHK since serving as a member of its Management Committee in 1982. He kindly placed his valuable collection with the Art Museum for teaching, research and exhibition purposes. He has offered unfailing support and guidance to the Art Museum, and generously sponsored a number of projects, clearly demonstrating his concern for academic research and the training of young scholars.

For the citations of the five honorary fellows, please go to:  
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CUHK held its 66th Congregation on 29 June at Lee Hysan Concert Hall, Esther Lee Building. Dr. Edgar W.K. Cheng, Chairman of the University Council, presided at the Congregation. Prof. Pai Hsien-yung Kenneth, world renowned writer, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Literature, *honoris causa*. Prof. Alison F. Richard, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and Dr. Wu Po-ko Michael, a philanthropic entrepreneur, were each awarded the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to academic and cultural advancement, socio-economic progress, promotion of the well-being of the people, and the development of CUHK.

Close to 200 guests were in attendance on the occasion. When giving the vote of thanks to the University on behalf of the recipients, Professor Richard said it seemed to her that their three lives and experiences point to certain important values of universities and to a celebration of CUHK in particular.

The address by Prof. Alison F. Richard is available at:  
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## *Professor Alison F. Richard*

**P**rof. Alison F. Richard became Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge in 2003, where her talent for drawing people together has inspired and united the university and its 31 colleges. She is the first woman to hold the position full-time. She has led significant advances within the university in developing strategic interdisciplinary academic initiatives, and in international strategy, the organization of graduate education, and institutional governance. Her consensus-building approach has been crucial to the success of Cambridge's 800th Anniversary Campaign to raise £1 billion to strengthen and diversify the financial underpinnings of collegiate Cambridge.

A distinguished anthropologist, Professor Richard has had a close involvement with Madagascar since 1977 and is active in forest conservation and the development of social and economic opportunities there. She has visited CUHK on many occasions and has served as an external expert of the University.



## Professor Pai Hsien-yung Kenneth

Prof. Pai Hsien-yung Kenneth is a world renowned writer, playwright and producer of *Kunqu*. His many highly acclaimed novels were translated into different languages and adapted for film, television and the stage. In 1960, he founded the magazine *Modern Literature*, which served both catalytic and pioneering functions, in a very important way, in the development of Taiwan literature. In recent years, Professor Pai devoted himself to promoting *Kunqu* to the world. He created the 'Young Lovers' Edition' of *The Peony Pavilion* (*Mudan Ting*), which has been performed over a hundred times around the world including in Taiwan, Hong Kong, mainland China, Singapore, Greece, the USA and the United Kingdom. In 2003, his achievements were crowned with the Seventh National Literature Award in Taiwan. Professor Pai has had a long and fruitful collaboration with CUHK. He was an adjudicator of the Global Youth Chinese Literary Award organized by the Faculty of Arts and a guest speaker at literary workshops.





## *Dr. Wu Po-ko Michael*

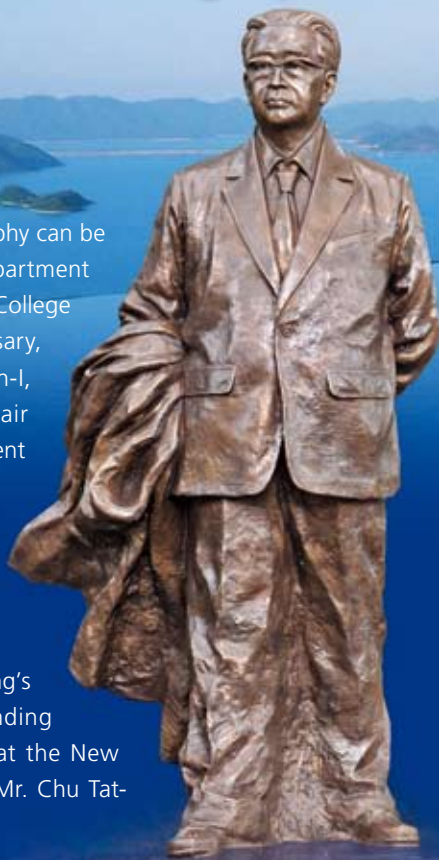
**D**r. Wu Po-ko Michael, professional engineer, philanthropic entrepreneur and former Chairman of Wing Lung Bank, is currently the Secretary of Wu Yee Sun Charitable Foundation. Apart from his enormous contributions to the economic and financial development in Hong Kong, he has also held various public offices. He was the Treasurer of the Council and Court of Hong Kong Baptist University, and he also sat on the Court of Lingnan University and served as a member of the Board of Inland Revenue of the Hong Kong Government. He actively ploughs back to the community and has provided financial assistance to educational institutions, hospitals and social service organizations in Hong Kong and mainland China. Dr. Wu Po-ko Michael, his father Dr. Wu Yee-sun and other members of the Wu family have been committed to the development of CUHK and other local tertiary institutions. In 2007, the foundation pledged another major donation to CUHK for the establishment of Wu Yee Sun College on campus.

The citations of the three honorary doctors are available at:  
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# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Department of Philosophy

The history of the Department of Philosophy can be traced to the establishment of the Department of Philosophy and Education at New Asia College in 1949. This year marks its 60th anniversary, as well as the centenary of Prof. Tang Chun-I, the founding chairman and the first Chair Professor of the department. The department celebrated these events with a series of activities, including the International Conference on New Directions in Chinese Philosophy, and the inauguration of a statue of Professor Tang.

The inauguration ceremony of Professor Tang's statue took place on 20 May 2009. Standing on the lawn near the Chi'en Mu Library at the New Asia Campus, the statue was sculpted by Mr. Chu Tat-shing. It comes with an epigraph by Prof. Yu Ying-shih, former head of New Asia College, rendered into calligraphy by Prof. Lee Yun-woon, former chairman of the Department of Fine Arts. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor of the University, praised Professor Tang for 'spending a lifetime studying Chinese and Western philosophy, and dedicating himself to the promotion of traditional Chinese culture and the revival of Chinese humanism'.



The occasion was as much a gathering of philosophers and a New Asia alumni reunion as a statue unveiling ceremony. Among the many guests attending the ceremony were (below, from left) Mr. Chu Tat-shing, the sculptor; Prof. Donald Munro, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy and Chinese, University of Michigan; Mr. Wang Kang, representative of the Tang family; Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, CUHK Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Lao Sze-kwang, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Philosophy, CUHK; Prof. Fok Tou-hui, head of The Dharmasthiti College of Cultural Studies; Prof. Wong Nai-ching Henry, Head of New Asia College, and CUHK Pro-Vice-Chancellor; Prof. Cheung Chan-fai, chairman of the Philosophy Department; and Prof. Lau Kwok-keung, chairman of the CUHK Philosophy Alumni Association.



Although Prof. Yu Ying-shih could not attend the ceremony in person, he spoke of the life of Professor Tang on video. 'The studies of philosophy, especially Chinese philosophy, in Hong Kong began from Prof. Tang Chun-I.'

The sculptor Mr. Chu Tat-shing said he wanted the statue to express Professor Tang's concern for the country and its people. The statue looks afar with hope, in the same direction as the statue of Confucius, with which it shares a lawn on New Asia campus.

Looking at the visage of the statue takes one on a nostalgic trip back to the days when China and its culture were going through a period of turbulence. Prof. Yu Ying-shih wrote in the epigraph that Professor Tang 'looked for inspiration for cultural innovation in the roots of our tradition and promoted the teachings of Confucius to the world, thus bringing about Neo-Confucianism overseas'. The statues of Professor Tang, hailed as 'master of Neo-Confucianism', and Confucius symbolize the preservation and development of Confucianism at the University and in Hong Kong. With its humanistic tradition, the 60-year-old Department of Philosophy will continue to fulfil its role as a centre for research in Chinese philosophy.



# Departmental Reforms of Faculty of Medicine

In 2009 the Faculty of Medicine underwent two important departmental reforms.

## School of Biomedical Sciences

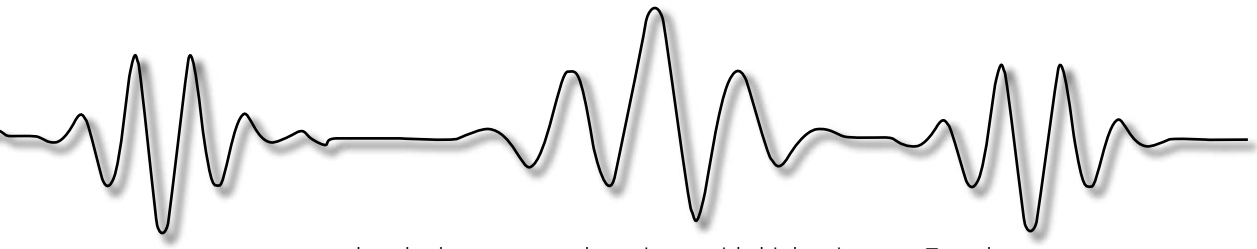


The School of Biomedical Sciences was established on 1 June through the amalgamation of four pre-clinical departments: anatomy, biochemistry, pharmacology and physiology. Headed by Prof. Chan Wai-yee, the school aims to promote cutting-edge research through interdisciplinary collaboration among basic science investigators and clinicians, generate synergies in team teaching at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, and cultivate the next generation of basic researchers and physician scientists in Hong Kong, China, Asia and around the world.

To achieve these ends, five Thematic Research Programmes were established, namely, cancer and inflammation; neuro-degeneration and -development, and repair; reproduction, development, and endocrinology; vascular and metabolic biology; and stem cell and regeneration. All programmes comprise members of the School of Biomedical Sciences and associate members from clinical departments.

Professor Chan says, 'We believe the breaking down of artificial barriers between disciplines and the regrouping of investigators with similar scientific interests and complementary expertise will facilitate the creation of the necessary critical





mass to undertake larger research projects with higher impact. Together with our clinical colleagues, we hope to make substantial advances and contributions not only to biomedical research but also to the translation of basic research to clinical applications. Our ultimate goal is to promote lifesaving research locally, regionally and internationally.'

## School of Public Health and Primary Care

Another new school under the Faculty of Medicine is the School of Public Health and Primary Care, established on 1 August to replace the School of Public Health and the Department of Community and Family Medicine. The inclusion of primary care reflects the importance placed internationally on developing primary care as the basis for health service delivery.

Prof. Sian Griffiths, director of the school, says, 'Our school is the first institution in Hong Kong to provide comprehensive education, training, consultation, and research in public health and primary care. Similar to other developed countries, Hong Kong is persistently facing many short-term problems in managing the H1N1 pandemic as well as longer public health challenges, such as obesity, diabetes, environmental and food safety. To prepare a competent public health workforce in response to such global public health demands, we are expanding the opportunities to study public health by extending from postgraduate to undergraduate levels. Our school has launched the new Bachelor of Science in Public Health programme in the academic year of 2009–10, which is the first of its kind in the city.'



SPHPC has also reshaped its postgraduate programmes to offer all students grounding in professionally recognized competencies and in areas increasingly recognized as core to public health. The school will continue to work closely in collaboration with partners from all relevant disciplines and institutions.

# The Best and the Brightest

## Top Students Admitted to CUHK



'The CUHK physical education and sports science programme is comprehensive and I believe it will enhance my sports career.'

Zhang Ping  
(former member of the China Women's National Volleyball Team and gold medallist at 2004 Athens Olympics)



'I have great confidence in the pharmacy programme at CUHK. It has experienced teachers and a well-established alumni network.'

Wu Hiu-lok,  
(HKCEE 10-A recipient)



'An international outlook and the unique college system make CUHK an ideal place for studies.'

Zong Dong  
(Heilongjiang top student)



'I longed to enrol in the CUHK Global Business Studies Programme. It lets me study in Denmark and the US. This will broaden my horizons and help my future development.'

Yue Tsang-kwong Eileen  
(A-level exam 6-A recipient)



'I chose CUHK mathematics because it allows me to meet mathematical giants such as Prof. Yau Shing-tung.'

Lam Cho-ho  
(three-year awardee at International Mathematical Olympiad)

With a scenic campus and a unique college system, well-designed programmes and distinguished scholars, CUHK attracts high-calibre students from different geographical regions and is the favourite university of top students. This year, the University admitted 3,322 new undergraduates. Among them, 2,336 were admitted via the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) and, nearly 99% of them, the highest among the participating institutions, were Band A JUPAS applicants. Of the top 500 JUPAS applicants with the highest average grades in HKCEE and HKALE, nearly half have chosen to enrol at CUHK.

CUHK also admitted 172 Secondary Six students in Hong Kong through the Early Admissions Scheme (EAS), accounting for approximately 41% of all EAS applicants of the three participating universities. Among them, about

20% attained 8As/5\* or above in their Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination, with five having received 10As/5\*.

Other non-JUPAS entrants were also top scorers. Some of them achieved 5As or 6As in the GCE A-Level or scored 43 in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, 45 being full marks.

This year saw 260 outstanding mainland students being admitted to CUHK from 25 provinces/municipalities/autonomous regions. Among them, 16 ranked first in their respective provinces/municipalities. In terms of non-local admissions, the University has recruited students from Macau, Taiwan, Belgium, Belize, Canada, France, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Malaysia, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, the UK and the US.

# Global Business Students Sweep Top Awards

Global Business students clinched championships in local and international competitions. Four Year 2 students, (From left, photo 1) Katie Sham, Janie Fung, Steven Chan and Thomas Lai, defeated seven regional champions from the UK, Ireland, Sri Lanka, India, mainland China, Malaysia and Singapore to win the Global Final of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants Global Business Challenge held in August 2009.



Prof. Gordon Cheung, Global Business Studies (GBS) Programme director, said the GBS programme admits only 15 students each year and nurtures the cream of the crop. In the academic year of 2008–09, 20 out of the 45 students from Years 1 to 3 have won championships in different local and regional competitions. He was most gratified to see the students successfully applying their learning to business cases.



Another team of three GBS Year 1 students, comprising Jeff Hui (1st left, photo 2), Derek Sin (1st right) and Juliana Tam (centre), who won the Gold Award at the Hong Kong final of the HSBC Young Entrepreneur Awards in April 2009, represented Hong Kong in the regional competition on 22 June. Being the only Year 1 team in the regional competition, they took home the Diamond Award (first runner-up) by defeating teams from Bangladesh, Brunei, Malaysia and Thailand. Henry Keung (1st left, photo 3), another Year 1 student, who was in a team with four other CUHK business students, captured second runner-up position in the YDC Entrepreneurs' Challenge 2009 organized by the Young Entrepreneurs Development Council.

## Appointments

### New Council Chairman



- On the nomination of the University Council, the Chancellor of the University appointed Dr. Vincent H.C. Cheng, a member of the Council, as the next Chairman of the University Council with effect from 24 October 2009, succeeding Dr. Edgar W.K. Cheng who retired upon the expiry of his term of office on 23 October 2009.

### New Council Members



- Mr. Johnson M.D. Cha has been elected by the Council as a member of the Council for a period of three years from 15 April 2009, succeeding Dr. Thomas H.C. Cheung.



- Mr. John K.H. Lee (left) and Mr. Raymond Y.M. Luk (right) have been elected by the Convocation to serve as Council Members each for a period of three years from 12 July 2009, upon the expiry of the period of membership of Mr. Lee Kam-chung on 11 July 2009 and filling an existing vacancy.



- Prof. Fanny M.C. Cheung of the Department of Psychology has been elected by the Senate to serve as a Council Member for a period of three years from 1 August 2009, to fill the seat vacated by Prof. Lee Pui-leung Rance who retired on 31 July 2009.



- Prof. Jimmy C.M. Yu of the Department of Chemistry has been elected by the Assembly of Fellows of United College to serve as a Council Member for a period of three years from 5 September 2009, succeeding Prof. Chang Song-hing.



## New Faculty Deans



- Prof. Lee Chi-kin John (left) has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Education for a period of five years from 1 August 2009.
- Prof. Lee Siu-nam Paul (centre) has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Social Science for a period of five years from 1 August 2009.
- Prof. Ng Cheuk-yiu (right) has been appointed dean of the Faculty of Science for a period of five years from 1 September 2009.

## New College Masters

- Prof. Sir James A. Mirrlees (left), Distinguished Professor-at-Large, has been appointed master of Morningside College from 1 August 2009 to 31 December 2012.
- Prof. Samuel S.M. Sun (right), Research Professor of Biology, has been appointed master of S.H. Ho College from 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2014.



## Emeritus Professor

- Prof. Lee Pui-leung Rance has been awarded the title of Emeritus Professor of Sociology with effect from 1 August 2009.



## Professorial Appointments



- Prof. Xu Guanhua (1st left) has been appointed Wei Lun Research Professor of Space and Earth Sciences, Institute of Space and Earth Information Science with effect from 7 May 2008.
- Prof. Lan Huiyao (2nd left) has been appointed Professor of Biomedical Sciences, Department of Medicine and Therapeutics and Li Ka Shing Institute of Health Sciences, with effect from 28 April 2009.
- Prof. Chan Wai-yee (2nd right) has been appointed Professor of Biomedical Sciences, School of Biomedical Sciences with effect from 1 June 2009.
- Prof. Joseph Man Chan (1st right) has been appointed Professor of Journalism and Communication, School of Journalism and Communication with effect from 1 August 2009.



- Prof. Poo Mu-chou (left) has been appointed Professor of History with effect from 1 August 2009.
- Prof. Vernon N. Hsu (centre) has been appointed Professor of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics with effect from 12 August 2009.
- Prof. Robert A. Mundell (right) has been appointed Distinguished Professor-at-Large with effect from 1 September 2009.

### Vice-Chancellor Appointed Honorary Professor by China Agricultural University

Prof. Lawrence J. Lau (centre), Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, was appointed honorary professor by China Agricultural University (CAU) in recognition of his achievements in the field of economics.

At a ceremony held at CAU on 11 March 2009, Prof. Qu Zhenyuan (right), Party Secretary of CAU, and Prof. Ke Bingsheng (left), President of CAU, presented the appointment certificate to Professor Lau. After the ceremony, Professor Lau delivered a talk entitled 'The Sky Is Not Falling', analysing the global financial crisis and its impact on China.



### Engineering Professor Elected IFAC Fellow

Prof. Huang Jie of the Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering has been elected Fellow of the International Federation of Automatic Control for his contributions to teaching and research on nonlinear control theory and design, and its applications to flight control and guidance, electromechanical systems, and neural systems.

This year, nine scholars were elected worldwide and Professor Huang is the only one from Greater China. His research in nonlinear control theory and design can be widely applied to the flight control of aircrafts, attitude control of spacecrafts and motion control of robots. It can significantly improve the stability and safety of a flying vehicle and the accuracy of robotic motion control.



## Honours and Recognition

### International Accolade for Engineering Professor

Prof. Huang Jianwei (centre) of the Department of Information Engineering received the IEEE ComSoc Asia-Pacific Outstanding Young Researcher Award 2009 from the prestigious IEEE Communications Society, for his strong publication record and active participation in conference activities over the last three years. The award was established in 2001 with the aim of honouring capable researchers aged 35 or below.



This year, six out of 34 applicants from the Asia-Pacific region were awarded. Professor Huang is the only winner from Hong Kong of the 19 who have received the award so far.

### New Haze Removal Technology Wins Best Paper Award

Prof. Tang Xiaou (left) and his PhD student Mr. He Kaiming (right), of the Department of Information Engineering, and Dr. Sun Jian of Microsoft Research Asia, beat some 1,400 papers submitted by scholars all over the world to win the only Best Paper Award for 'Single Image Haze Removal Using Dark Channel Prior' at the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition 2009. It is the first time ever for Asians to receive this top honour since the establishment of the conference 25 years ago.



Haze removal technology has important and extensive applications in photo processing, outdoor CCTV systems and analysis of satellite images. The technology can also be applied to estimate the corresponding distances between different objects in a photo, enabling 2D pictures to be converted to 3D models. It is considered another significant breakthrough in the field.

## Paper Praised for Enduring Influence

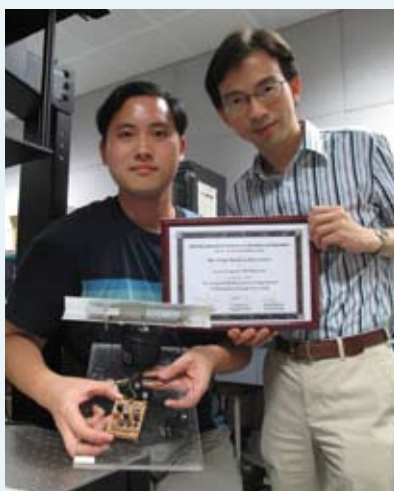
Prof. Fu Wai-chee Ada, associate professor, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has been awarded the Influential Paper Award at the 25th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering (ICDE) for her co-authored paper 'Efficient Time Series Matching by Wavelets' presented 10 years ago.



The ICDE, a premier forum in engineering, assessed papers presented 10 years ago for the single award this year. First presented in 1999, Professor Fu's pioneering paper which proposed wavelets as an efficient time series matching technique, has been highly regarded by the database community.

## New Design Ups Vibration Energy Collection by Half

Dedicated to investigating energy harvested from vibration and transforming it into electrical energy, Prof. Liao Wei-hsin (right) and his PhD student Mr. Liang Junrui (left) of the Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering, designed an improved self-powered switching interface for Piezoelectric Energy Harvesting Circuits which can increase the energy harvested by 50%. The innovative design won them the Best Paper Award in Automation in the 2009 IEEE International Conference on Information and Automation.



## Honours and Recognition

### Ecological School Project Wins International Award

The Maosi Ecological Demonstration Primary School designed by a team led by Prof. Edward Ng (left) of the School of Architecture was awarded another international architectural accolade, the 2009 RIBA International Award. Adopting the principle of 'high science and low technology', the project has successfully built a school that addresses the environmental and socio-economical dimensions of sustainability. This year, a total of 40 quality works from around the world were shortlisted, among which only 15 were honoured.



The project also received a number of international honours, including Commendation in the learning category of the World Architecture Festival and the Best Architecture Award at the First China Architecture Media Award.

### CUHK Members Recognized for Enhancing Human Wellness

Prof. Leung Ping-chung (right), Professor Emeritus of Orthopaedics and Traumatology; Prof. Wong Chi-sang Martin (below left), assistant professor in the School of Public Health and Primary Care, and Dr. Fan Ning (below right), Year 3 part-time student of the MBA programme in Health Care, have been selected for the Second Hong Kong Humanity Award co-organized by the Hong Kong Red Cross and Radio Television Hong Kong.



Professor Leung has rendered his service to the needy in poverty-stricken regions many times. Operation Concern, a voluntary medical rehabilitation team which he set up in 1993, has treated more than 15,000 patients in mainland China. Professor Wong has been active in voluntary services for 20 years, serving chronically-ill patients and vulnerable groups. Dr. Fan has joined a number of Hong Kong Red Cross relief operations around the world as a professional medical volunteer. They were lauded for their efforts at putting into practice the spirit of humanity.

## Research on Single-Incision Laparoscopic Appendectomy Bears Fruit

The CUHK Department of Surgery applied with success the new technique of single-incision laparoscopic operation on seven cases involving patients with a clinical diagnosis of acute appendicitis. There was no major postoperative complication. All patients were able to resume oral intake on day one and were discharged on day two.

Single-incision laparoscopic appendectomy is a novel, feasible and safe treatment approach for acute appendicitis. It has the advantages of less wound pain, faster recovery and significantly better cosmetic outcome compared to standard laparoscopic appendectomy.



## Silent Cerebral Infarct Found to Worsen Glaucoma

A pioneering study by CUHK has identified a new relationship between silent cerebral infarct and the deterioration of normal tension glaucoma. This poses more evidence against the old belief that glaucoma is a disease due only to high eye pressure.

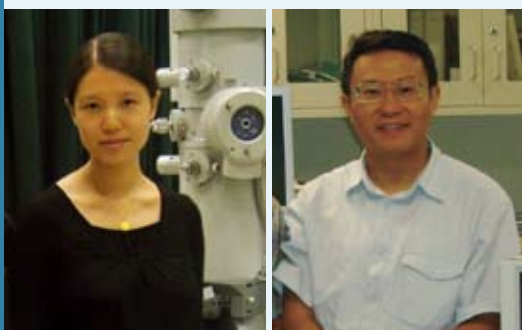
A prospective three-year study of 286 patients with normal tension glaucoma (NTG) demonstrated that patients with silent cerebral infarcts, an asymptomatic stroke-precursor condition, were 61% more likely to have worsened NTG than those without. The result is consistent with a growing body of evidence that vascular

factors are likely to be involved in normal tension glaucoma. The results of this study were published in *Ophthalmology*, the official journal of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, a leading authority in the field.



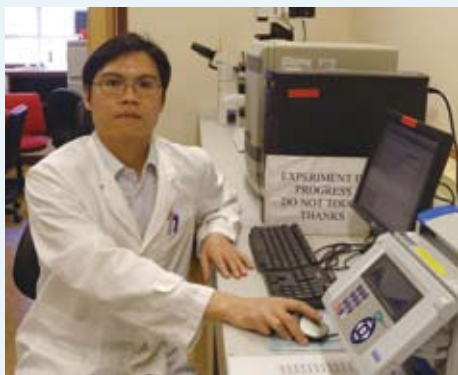
### Groundbreaking Discovery in Semiconducting Nanowires

Led by Prof. Li Quan (left) of the Physics Department and Prof. Xu Jianbin (right) of the Electronic Engineering Department, a research team revealed for the first time intrinsic ferromagnetic characteristics in semiconducting nanowires in a study published in the online edition of an internationally-renowned journal, *Nature Nanotechnology*. The breakthrough opens up a new front in semiconductor physics and nanotechnology, and may be able to take computer technology to new heights with faster computing speed and larger data storage capacity, but less power consumption.



### Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant Acquired to Combat Flu

CUHK acquired a US\$100,000 Grand Challenges Explorations grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for an innovative global health research project conducted by Prof. Chen Yangchao, assistant professor at the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics.



In his project titled 'Generation of influenza-resistant chicken by triple combination lentiviral vectormediated genetic modification', Professor Chen proposes the development of a lentiviral vector that targets the entry and replication of influenza viruses in domestic chickens. His team plans to test the resistance of these genetically modified chickens to various influenza viruses in an effort to reduce the frequency of flu epidemics in poultry and, ultimately, in humans.



## HK\$24 Million Research Grants for 28 Projects

Grants totalling some HK\$24 million from various local and overseas sponsors for projects undertaken by CUHK researchers were recorded during the period March to June 2009.

Sponsors	Amount Involved (HK\$)	No. of Projects
AO Research Fund	843,705	1
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	775,020	1
Croucher Foundation	800,000	3
European Commission—The Seventh RTD Framework Programme	434,349	1
Food and Health Bureau	4,936,764	6
Ford Foundation	1,925,552	1
Health Care and Promotion Fund	298,868	1
Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine Research Fund	110,000	2
Innovation and Technology Fund	1,644,293	2
Lord Wilson Heritage Trust	181,300	1
Ministry of Science and Technology of the People's Republic of China	114,762	1
Osteosynthesis & Trauma Care Foundation	387,509	1
Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme	76,000	1
Quality Education Fund	5,683,800	1
Quality Enhancement Grant Scheme	3,570,000	2
Research Fund for the Control of Infectious Diseases	1,992,090	1
Science and Technology Projects of Yunnan Province	30,000	1
World Cancer Research Fund International	640,476	1

### Reorganized University Council Extends Membership to Students and Staff

In response to the recommendations of the Government, the University Grants Committee and the Audit Commission, an Ad Hoc Committee was formed in early 2009 to advise on the desirable composition of the reorganized Council. The committee had actively sought views of CUHK staff, students and alumni and the Final Report had been accepted by the Chinese University Council. The Council will reduce its size from 58 to 25 members, the latter consisting of 17 external and eight internal members. A total of four Council members will be elected by and from among each of the following categories:

- all full-time employees of CUHK who are members of the academic staff
- all full-time employees of CUHK who are not members of the academic staff
- all full-time undergraduate students of CUHK
- all full-time postgraduate students of CUHK

### Prof. Yau Shing-tung's 60th Birthday

The banquet in celebration of the 60th birthday of Prof. Yau Shing-tung (3rd right) was held at Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Sha Tin on 28 March. In attendance were over 120 guests, including CUHK staff and members of the public.

On the morning of the same day, Professor Yau hosted the 'New Wave Mathematics Lecture' on 'Wonders of Geometry: Its Impact on Physics Engineering' at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall on campus. Close to a thousand CUHK students and staff, and secondary students attended the lecture.



## Brain Tumour Centre Opens

The opening ceremony of the CUHK Brain Tumour Centre and inauguration ceremony of the Combined Neuro-Oncology Clinic were held on 26 June. The centre adopts a combined-team approach to providing all-round care and therapy for brain tumour patients, in particular brain cancer patients.



## Asia's First Computer-assisted Orthopaedics Laboratory

The state-of-the-art Computer Assisted Orthopaedics Laboratory was inaugurated on the 10th anniversary of the Orthopaedic Learning Centre at CUHK. The laboratory enables orthopaedic surgeons from Hong Kong and the world to plan, simulate and execute difficult surgical operations. It will bring most benefits to patients undergoing surgical operations in which precision is critical. The photo shows Dr. Wong Kwok-chuen, clinical assistant professor (honorary), Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, demonstrating the system of the laboratory.



## Naming of CUHK-PWH Cardiovascular Intervention Centre

In recognition of Dr. Lee Quo Wei's (5th left) magnanimous support, the naming ceremony of the CUHK-PWH Lee Quo Wei Cardiovascular Intervention Centre was held on 10 June. The centre will be set up in 2010 at the new extension block of the Prince of Wales Hospital.



### CUHK to Establish Lab with French Institutions



The University has entered into an agreement with the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique and École Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Paris of France to establish a joint laboratory in traditional medicine. The joint Laboratory of Molecules from Traditional Medicine aims to identify new potential compounds in Chinese medicine that can lead to the development of safe and

effective drugs for the treatment of multi-drug resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*.

### Establishment of Radar Remote Sensing Application Research Centre

A memorandum of understanding was signed to establish the Joint Research Centre for Radar Remote Sensing Application between the Institute of Space and Earth Information Science (ISEIS), CUHK and the China Center for Resources Satellite Data and Applications (CRESDA). The signing ceremony was attended by Prof. Michael Hui (right), Pro-Vice-Chancellor of CUHK; Prof. Guo Jianning (centre),

director of CRESDA; and Prof. Jiang Changzhong (left), Vice-President of Wuhan University. The agreement will extend and strengthen the conduct of cooperative activities between the two parties, which aim to promote wider application of radar and satellite and enhance data-quality. Prof. Lin Hui, director of ISEIS, was also appointed a committee member of the CRESDA.



## Global Youth Chinese Literary Award

The award presentation ceremony of the Fourth Global Youth Chinese Literary Award for the New Century organized by the Faculty of Arts was held on 5 June 2009. A total of 56 awards were selected from three categories—prose, short story and literary translation.

Chaired by Prof. Carole Hoyan (3rd left), Department of Chinese Language and Literature, the Organizing Committee of the award also held literary translation



and creative writing workshops on the same day for some 900 local secondary school students. Renowned writers and scholars who served as the final adjudicators shared their experience with the participants. They were Prof. Yu Kwang-chung (4th right), Prof. Lau Shiu-ming Joseph (7th right), Mr. Ngan Shun-kau (4th left), Prof. Serena Jin (6th right), Prof. Perng Ching-hsi, Prof. Laurence Wong, Prof. Wang Anyi (5th left), Mr. Chang Ta-chun (6th left) and Mr. Liu Yichang.

## Management Leadership Training Programme

Co-organized by CUHK and Kowloon General Chamber of Commerce of Hong Kong, the opening ceremony of the 11th Management Leadership Training Programme for the New Century was held on 6 July 2009. A total of 108 representatives from 27 universities on mainland China, and in Taiwan and Macau joined 22 students from CUHK on the 10-day training programme, whose aim was to enable understanding of the new economic order.



### Prof. Pai Hsien-yung on Tradition and Modernity

Prof. Pai Hsien-yung, renowned writer and *Kunqu* producer, delivered a lecture entitled 'Tradition and Modernity—A Review of the May Fourth Movement on Its 90th Anniversary'. The lecture was attended by 550 CUHK staff and students, alumni, the literary and publishing circles, and the public.

Professor Pai is closely associated with CUHK. A bilingual version of his famous novel collection *Taipei People* was published by the Chinese University Press



### New Asia College 60th Anniversary Lecture

Prof. James C.Y. Watt, Brooke Russell Astor Chairman of the Department of Asian Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York and an honorary fellow of CUHK, visited New Asia College in late March. He hosted the College's 60th Anniversary Lecture and the 2009 Ch'ien Mu Lecture in History and Culture.

During his visit, Professor Watt delivered three lectures with the titles 'Art History and History', 'On Chinese Art History' and 'The "Golden Age" Revisited'. Using as reference the exhibition 'China—Dawn of a Golden Age, AD200–750', held in the Metropolitan Museum in 2004, Professor Watt discussed the aspects of history and art history the exhibition attempted to illustrate.



## CAS Academician on Global Change Research

Prof. Xu Guanhua, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and former Minister of Science and Technology, paid a visit to Shaw College as Sir Run Run Shaw Distinguished Visiting Scholar 2008–09.

Professor Xu delivered a lecture entitled 'China's Agenda on Global Change Researches' on 1 April 2009 at the College Lecture Theatre, explaining in detail the relationships between global change and human activities, as well as research on global change in China. About 130 staff and students attended the lecture.



## Senior Counsel on Legal Profession Environment

To celebrate the move of the Faculty of Law to its permanent home in the Teaching Complex at Western Campus, a commemorative lecture titled 'The Changing Environment for the Legal Profession' was given by Dr. Anthony Neoh SC JP (centre) on 15 May 2009, with over 150 guests in attendance. They included judges, legal practitioners, legislative council members, university colleagues, current students and alumni. They were particularly impressed by the facilities of the Faculty.



### Vice-Chancellor Leads Delegation to MIT

CUHK Vice-Chancellor Prof. Lawrence J. Lau led a delegation to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) on 1 May 2009, during which existing collaborations in engineering between MIT and

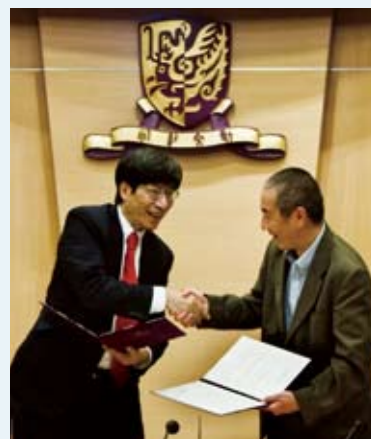
CUHK were consolidated and new initiatives in business management training and cancer research were explored. The delegation was warmly received by senior officers at MIT, including President Susan Hockfield (4th right) and Provost Rafael Reif (3rd right).



### Closer Ties with Beijing Genomics Institute

A 30-member delegation led by Prof. Yang Huanming, chairman of the Management Board, Beijing Genomics Institute, Shenzhen (BGI) visited the Chinese University on 20 March 2009.

The delegation met with CUHK representatives, including Pro-Vice-Chancellors, Prof. Kenneth Young, Prof. Jack C.Y. Cheng, and Prof. Henry N.C. Wong; Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Xu Yangsheng, Dean of Medicine Prof. Fok Tai-fai, and Prof. Kung Hsiang-fu, Professor of Virology, to learn more about the University's latest development and its key genome projects. During the visit, a collaboration agreement to expand the horizons of cooperation was signed by Prof. Kenneth Young (left) and Prof. Wang Jian (right), director of BGI.





## Conference Examines Oncology in South China

The State Key Laboratory in Oncology in South China Retreat Conference 2009 was held on 27 and 28 March 2009. Conference participants were top scientists and prominent scholars in oncology, including 156 from Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU) and 55 from CUHK. It was the first large-scale conference of the SYSU–CUHK State Key Laboratory in Oncology since its establishment in 2006.

At the two-day conference, scientists from both universities presented their latest research findings. The conference fostered academic exchange and extended the two universities' scientific achievements to a wider Chinese community.



## Cantonese Opera Diva Pak Suet-sin Visits Rare Book Room

Miss Pak Suet-sin (2nd left), a highly acclaimed Cantonese opera diva, visited the Rare Book Room of the University Library on 26 March 2009.



Miss Pak donated approximately 6,000 items of Cantonese operatic materials, such as libretti and photos of Sin Fung Ming Cantonese Opera Troupe, to the Department of Music in 1993. The collection has been kept in safe custody for the past 16 years. Since 2007, the University Library and Department of Music have engaged in a joint digitization project on Miss Pak's collections. In the future, researchers will be able to view the collection online thus preventing damage to the materials.

### First Pharmacoeconomics Forum in Greater China

The School of Pharmacy hosted the first Forum of Asia Huaxia Pharmacoeconomics and Health Technology Assessment on 3 and 4 April 2009. Prof. Hu Shanlian (2nd right), director of Health Economics Centre, Fudan University; Prof. Kenneth K.C. Lee (1st left), associate director of the School of Pharmacy; Prof. Lan Chung-fu (2nd left), director of the Institute of Health and Welfare Policy, National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan; Dr. Tony Tarn, director of the Division of Health Technology Assessment, Center for Drug Evaluation, Taiwan; Prof. Li Shu-chuen (1st right), University of Newcastle, Australia; Mr. Song Ruilin, former division director of the Department of Education, Science, Culture and Health Legislative Affairs Office of the State Council, and experts from China and Taiwan presented on pharmacoeconomics and health technology assessment.

Delegates proposed to initiate studies on the cost-effectiveness of drugs and impact analysis of the government's drug purchasing budget. A consensus was also reached on setting up a drug pricing mechanism.







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