



# CUHK Newsletter

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## University News

### Council News

Sir Quo-wei Lee has been reappointed by the Chancellor of the University as chairman of the University Council for three years from 24th October 1991 upon the expiration of his current term of office.

Dr. Peter Poon Wing-cheung has been renominated by the Chancellor

as a member of the University Council for a further period from 1st October 1991 to 19th October 1992.

The Council has also reappointed Dr. Poon as chairman of both the Campus Planning and Building Committee and the University Tender Board for a term of three years from 14th December 1991.

Sir Quo-wei Lee



Dr. Peter Poon Wing-cheung

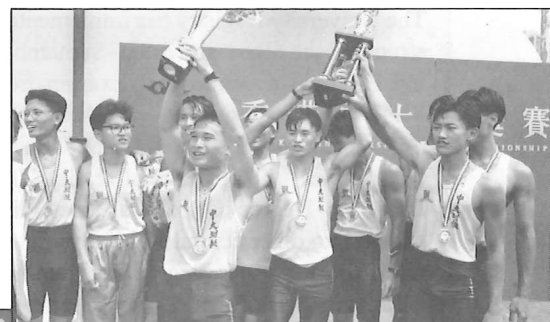
### CUHK Won Intersvarsity Rowing Championship

The University's men's and women's rowing teams defeated their Hong Kong University counterparts in the fifth intersvarsity rowing competition held on 29th September and captured the championship trophies.

To promote interest in rowing, a group of students from the Hong Kong University and The Chinese University conceived the idea of locally organizing a rowing championship similar to the Oxford-Cambridge competition. First held in 1987, the championship has since become an important annual event between the two universities.

The championship entered its fifth year in 1991 and as in previous

years, the scene of action was the Shing Mun River near the Hong Kong Amateur Rowing Centre. The main races were the coxed eight 4,000-metre race for men and the coxed four 1,500-metre race for women. Much to the jubilation of CUHK onlookers, both the University's men's and women's teams won the races and were separately awarded the Shun Hing Cup (men) and the Pocari Cup (women). The victory of the University teams was well deserved as it was the result of several months' intensive training under the guidance of professional coaches.



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## Donation of \$2.58 million from the Croucher Foundation for Research

The Trustees of the Croucher Foundation recently pledged donations totalling \$2,580,820 for University members to launch five research projects:

- ☆ HK\$769,800 for a three-year research project on 'Speech recognition and synthesis using neural networks' by Dr. L. W. Chan of the Department of Computer Science.
- ☆ HK\$1,110,000 for a two-year research project on 'Analysis of cytokine gene expression in peripheral blood T helper cells and alveolar macrophages

in asthma using message amplification phenotyping' by Dr. K. W. Lai of the Department of Medicine.

- ☆ HK\$262,520 to support a two-year research project on 'Thyrotropic activity of human chorionic gonadotropin in hyperemesis gravidarum' by Dr. N. S. Panesar of the Department of Chemical Pathology.
- ☆ HK\$39,000 to enable Dr. K. K. Ho of the Department of Biochemistry to invite a professor to the Biotechnology Laboratory of the University

for three weeks.

- ☆ HK\$399,500 for a two-year research project on 'Biliary stent blockage: a study of underlying mechanisms and prevention' by Dr. Joseph Leung of the Department of Medicine.

One of the largest private charitable foundations in Hong Kong, the Croucher Foundation has concentrated its efforts in promoting research on subjects related to science, technology and medicine. The University has been a major beneficiary of the foundation for many years.

## Administrative Units under the University Registry 1991-92

The University Registry has implemented structural changes since 1st September 1991. The Academic and Examination Section has been split into the Academic Section and the Examination Section to better reflect the operational reality. The Part-time Degree Office has been dissolved into other central Registry units to make the Part-time Degree Programmes an integral part of the Registry operation, and to provide greater flexibility in staff deployment.

The units now placed under the Registry include the following sections/offices:

Admissions Section  
Academic Section  
Examination Section  
Registration Section  
Faculty/School Offices (viz. offices of the Faculties of Arts, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Medicine, Science, Social Science, and the Graduate School)

Names of the various unit/section heads and key supporting staff can be found in the new *Chinese University of Hong Kong Calendar 1991-92* recently published.

## Vice-Chancellor Returns from Two-Month Trip

Prof. Charles K. Kao has recently returned from a two-month trip to North America and Europe.

The vice-chancellor's itinerary covered places like Vancouver, Toronto, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, New York, Boston, London and Paris. The purpose of the trip was to make contacts with overseas universities and other academic institutions to consolidate or develop linkages with these organizations, and to boost the University's recruitment opportunities by promoting its image overseas.

Over 30 events of various durations were arranged during the two-month period from 20th July to 20th September,

including visits to laboratories and research centres and meetings with presidents, chancellors and important academics of major universities like Harvard, Yale, Oxford, the University of London, the University of British Columbia and the University of Toronto. The vice-chancellor also met with CUHK alumni associations in different cities and attended an international conference on optical communications in Paris.

The trip has resulted in new opportunities for the University to extend its linkage with overseas academic institutions, and has generated considerable interest among overseas academics in job openings in CUHK.

## Conference on Reform and Policy Implementation

The China Reform and Development Programme of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies organized an international conference entitled 'Reform and Policy Implementation in China: Transforming Concept into Working Realities' from 9th to 11th September. More than 30 scholars and experts from all over the world took part in the discussions. Participants included a number of mainland China scholars currently doing research work or teaching in universities in the United States.

There were 11 discussion sessions



with different themes, covering topics like trends in China's economic reforms, the

implementation of fiscal policies, regional planning and development, civil service reforms, the reform of personnel management in China, industrial management, law and policy implementation,

environmental policies and their implementation, the implementation of retirement policies, housing reforms, public welfare and its implementation.

Officiating at the opening ceremony

was Prof. Ambrose King, pro-vice-chancellor of The Chinese University. Prof. Charles E. Lindblom of Yale University was invited to deliver a keynote speech.

# Side Lights

## Know These New Buildings

Several building projects on the campus have been completed or are nearing completion. Here is a summary report of their progress.

### Completed & Occupied



#### K. K. Leung Building

- Located on the central campus, next to the Fung King Hey Building.
- Accommodates all offices and departments of the Faculty of Business Administration and the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business.
- Formal opening ceremony scheduled for 9th November 1991.

### Largely Completed



#### Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology Building Complex

- Located on the outskirts of the campus facing Tolo Harbour.
- The complex consists of research and development, administration, and residential facilities for the Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology.
- To be occupied at the end of October 1991; formal opening to be arranged around March 1992.



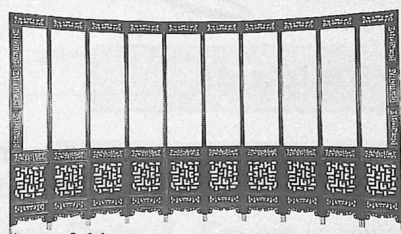
#### Chan Kwun-tung Inter-University Hall

- Located on the eastern tip of the campus, next to the Yali Guest House and the University Health Centre.
- Its 18 suites will provide accommodation for visiting scholars, researchers, and University guests.
- Formal opening to be arranged after December 1991.

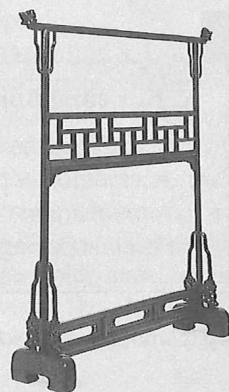
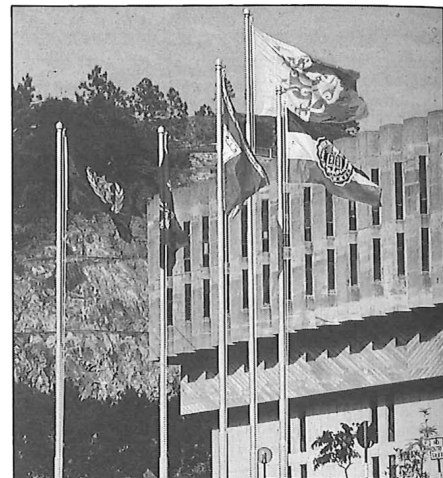
## Nearing Completion

**Hui Yeung Shing Building**

- Located on the Chung Chi Campus.
- The 10-storey building will provide accommodation for the departments of history, music, translation, Japanese Studies and The Chinese University Press.
- Construction will be completed after the Chinese New Year, around March 1992.

*A pair of horseshoe armchairs**A ten-fold screen***Art Gallery Exhibition**

The Dr. S. Y. Yip Collection of  
Classic Chinese Furniture

*A six-post canopy bed**A clothes rack*

**When is  
the time for them  
to fly**

*There is an appointed time for  
everything.*

*A time to sow, and a time to reap.  
A time to be born, and a time to die.  
A time for flags to be lowered, and a  
time for them to fly.*

Five flagpoles were installed near the University Library in 1988 to commemorate the University's 25th Anniversary. Most of the time they are flagless. On those rare occasions when University and college flags are hoisted, how many of us know why?

The University's Security Unit is responsible for hoisting and lowering the flags. At the start of each academic year the unit will be supplied with a list of dates for flag-hoisting. Such dates are prepared by the Information Office according to guidelines approved in 1989 by the Administrative and

Simple and yet elegant are the best adjectives to describe the Ming-style Huanghuali furniture currently on exhibition in the Art Gallery.

Entitled 'The Dr. S. Y. Yip Collection of Classic Chinese Furniture', the exhibition displays some 80 pieces of furniture collected by Dr. S. Y. Yip, a connoisseur of Huanghuali furniture.

The 200 years between late Ming and early Qing represent the peak of classic Chinese furniture-making in China. Furniture of that period is admired for its simplicity, refinement and elegance. Apart from the style, the type of wood used was particularly emphasized. The Huanghuali type of wood was one of the favourite wood

types of that time because of its refined quality.

Various items of furniture such as beds, chairs, wardrobes and desks are displayed in functional groupings to recapture a Ming household atmosphere. Furthermore, woodblock illustrations of the late Ming period are included to enhance the viewer's understanding and appreciation of different items.

The exhibition will run until 24th November 1991, and during that period the Art Gallery will be opened Monday through Saturday from 10.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., and from 12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Sundays and public holidays. It will, however, be closed on the Chung Yeung Festival on 16th October.

Planning Committee, who resolved that flags should fly on the following occasions:

1. Start of the school term
2. University Foundation Day (17th October)
3. The Founder's Days of the four

constituent colleges

4. Congregation days
5. Major University functions (Open Day, University Swimming Gala, University Sports and Field Meets)
6. Other occasions of importance (visits of VIPs etc.)

Flags have been flown at half mast on two occasions. The first was to mourn the dead in Tiananmen Square in June 1989. The second was to mourn the passing of the University's founding vice-chancellor, Dr. Choh-Ming Li, in April this year.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Professorial Appointments

#### Professor of Chemical Pathology

Prof. John R.L. Masarei has been appointed professor of chemical pathology from 1st August 1991.

Prof. Masarei obtained from the University of Western Australia his degrees of MB BS and MD in 1961 and 1968 respectively.



Following a year's residency in the Royal Perth Hospital and Princess Margaret Hospital for Children, he worked for several years in different hospitals and medical schools in the Fiji islands, New Zealand and Australia. He joined the University of Western Australia in 1975 as associate professor in clinical biochemistry, and became head of the Department of Biochemistry, Royal Perth Hospital in the same year. He was appointed honorary visiting specialist in biochemistry, Repatriation General Hospital in Perth for one year before he joined The Chinese University in 1990 as director of postgraduate medical education and honorary professor of chemical pathology.

Prof. Masarei is a fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australia and the Australian Association of Clinical Biochemists. He also holds membership in various professional bodies such as the Association of Clinical Biochemists (UK) and the Australian Medical Association.

Prof. Masarei is married, with four children.

#### Professor of History

Prof. Cho-Yun Hsu has been appointed professor of history from 2nd September 1991.

Prof. Hsu graduated from National Taiwan University with a BA degree in 1953 and an MA degree in 1956. He obtained his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago in 1962. On completion of his doctoral studies, Prof.



Hsu returned to National Taiwan University to start his teaching career, first as associate professor in the Department of History, and later as chairman and professor of the department. In 1970, he joined the University of Pittsburgh as professor of history and sociology, and was appointed university professor of history and sociology in 1983. He taught at Pittsburgh for 21 years before joining this university.

Prof. Hsu has been associated with the Academia Sinica as early as 1956, when he was assistant research fellow of its Institute of History and Philology. He was later promoted to associate research fellow and research fellow, and was elected Life Member in 1980.

Prof. Hsu has published numerous books and research articles in various journals of international standing.

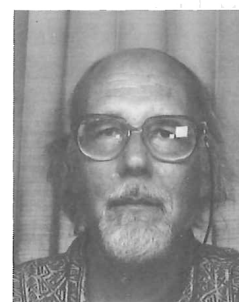
Prof. Hsu is at present president of the Chinese American Society, first vice-president of the American Association for Chinese Studies, a member of the board of directors of the American Association of Chinese Scholars, and consultant of the Ministry of Education, Singapore.

Born in Amoy, China, Prof. Hsu is married with one child.

#### Professor of Journalism and Communication

Prof. George Comstock has been appointed professor of journalism and communication from 2nd September 1991.

Prof. Comstock graduated with a BA degree from the University of Washington, USA in 1954. He furthered his studies at Stanford University and obtained his MA and Ph.D. degrees in 1958 and 1967 respectively.



After graduation, Prof. Comstock worked at New York University as assistant professor for a year before moving to The Rand Corporation to take up the post of social psychologist. In 1970, he was appointed science adviser and senior research coordinator, the Surgeon General's Scientific Advisory Committee on Television and Social Behavior. Two years later he returned to The Rand Cor-

poration to serve as senior social psychologist. In 1977, he joined the S. I. Newhouse School of Public Communications, Syracuse University as professor and in 1979 he was appointed Samuel I. Newhouse Professor of Public Communications. He worked in Syracuse for 24 years before taking up his new post in The Chinese University.

Prof. Comstock is a member of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC) Social Science Advisory Panel, and the International Communication Association. He also serves on the editorial boards of many international journals and periodicals.

### Professorial Inaugural Lecture

Prof. Robert S. Y. Li, professor of information engineering, will deliver his inaugural lecture entitled 'Evolution of the Switching System' in Lecture Theatre 6, Lady Shaw Building, on 15th November at 5.00 p.m. All are welcome.

### Local Education Allowances

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

For each child attending a primary school:  
HK\$18,450 per year

For each child attending a secondary school:

(i) Form I to Form III – HK\$30,525 per year

(ii) Form IV and above – HK\$28,950 per year

The basic charge an appointee has to pay towards the school fee of his child who attends Form IV or above has also been revised from HK\$1,600 to HK\$2,100 per year.

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

### University Library Stages Exhibition

The University Library and the British Council will jointly present an exhibition entitled 'British Poets of the First World War' from 15th to 29th October on the ground floor of the University Library.

The function aims to introduce the literary movements during the First World War, and the life and works of some famous British poets at wartime: Rupert Brooke, Charles Hamilton Sorley, Siegfried Sassoon, Wilfred Owen, Issac Rosenberg, Edward Thomas, Ivor Gurney and Edmund Blunden.

On display will be photographs of the First World War and some 70 books, including literary works and criticism.

### 'AIDS Awareness' Campaign

An exhibition on AIDS will be staged at the University Health Centre from 4th to 29th November 1991. This will be part of the 'AIDS Awareness' campaign to be organized by the Hong Kong Tertiary Institution Health Care Working

Group from October to December this year. Other activities include a questionnaire survey and a slogan and video competition.

### New Billing Arrangements for Household Electricity Consumption

To shorten the interval between meter-reading and the deduction of the cost of electricity from the payroll, the Buildings Office has, from September 1991, arranged to have the meters of campus quarters and hostels read at the end of each month, so that the costs can be deducted from the following month's payroll. Staff residing on campus please however note that the amount of deduction shown on the October payslip will cover expenses for the second half of August and the whole of September.

### Charges for Removal Services on Campus Revised

The University's removal team has revised its service charges from 1st August 1991 as follows:

<i>Service Time</i>	<i>Charge</i>
Two hours (minimum charge)	\$900
Any additional hour or part of an hour (overrun)	\$400
Half a day	\$1,300
One day	\$2,500

Concessionary rates will be offered if the client can leave it to the removal team to decide on the time of service provision:

<i>Service Time</i>	<i>Charge</i>
One hour within 8:00 a.m. – 9.00 a.m.	\$300
One hour during office hours	\$400

### Bank Hours Revised

The branch office of Hang Seng Bank at the John Fulton Centre has revised its business hours from 1st October 1991 as follows to better serve the needs of the campus community:

Monday to Friday : 9.00 a.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Saturday : 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

Sundays and public holidays : closed.

### New Publications of the University Press

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

- *A Glossary of Sociological Terms* (Revised edition) edited and translated by the Department of Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, 267 pages, paperback, HK\$35.
- *Hong Kong Taxation: Law and Practice 1991-92 Edition* by David Flux, 613 pages, paperback, HK\$155.

### Obituary

Mr. Mak Sang, office assistant, New Asia College, passed away on 19th September 1991. Mr. Mak joined New Asia College in October 1972.

## When It Was Still the School of Education in Downtown Kowloon

*On 1st August 1991, the Faculty of Education was formally established with four constituent departments and an elected dean. With some 60 full-time teachers and a student enrolment of over 800, the faculty conducts its daily business in the spacious Ho Tim Building on the Chung Chi campus, occupying a total floor area of over 5,500 square metres.*

*Some 26 years ago when the faculty was still known as the 'School of Education', the physical setting was entirely different, and so were the scale of operation, the size of the staff force and student population.*

*While glad to see the significant expansion of the school over the years, three old-timers who have witnessed its growth recount to the CUHK Newsletter how smallness can also be beautiful.*

### All in a Nutshell

When first set up in June 1965, the School of Education was housed in rented premises in a commercial building in Mongkok. Packed in a space of less than 650 square metres were five classrooms, a language laboratory, an audio-visual teaching room, a reference library, offices for teaching and clerical staff, and a student common room.

Far from complaining about the lack of sufficient space to work in and to move about, the 10 full-time and part-time lecturers and the six supporting staff much enjoyed the cosiness rendered by such a setting. Constantly moving in and out of various classrooms and laboratories were not only students of the School of Education itself, but also other undergraduates from New Asia, United, and Chung Chi, who had to attend integrated courses there. Colleagues from two neighbouring units in the same building, i.e. the Appointments Service and the Publications Office (the precursor of The Chinese University Press), were also frequent visitors. The place was full of life and joyful bustling all the time.

### Delving into the Past

### Easily Accessible and Highly Convenient

As can be expected, an office situated in the midst of downtown Kowloon is easily accessible. Not even during the riots in 1967 when roads were frequently blocked due to the discovery of bombs did staff members have any difficulty travelling to and from work. 'All roads lead to the School of Education'; that's what they used to say to describe the location of the school.

Inside the office itself, communication was as easy. Partitions made of flimsy fibre boards might not have provided too much privacy for the office staff, but they allowed voices to travel far whenever required. Raise the voice a bit and one could reach any audience nearby, rendering telephone extensions superfluous. Keep very quiet and concentrate, and one could hear the interesting lectures being delivered inside the classrooms.

Besides accessibility, the convenient location of the School of Education brought along pleasant surprises from time to time, which added much colour to the routine office life. Veterans of the school well remembered how they took



*Diplomates of 1969 and their teachers. Photo taken inside the School of Education in Mongkok.*

*Three old-timers who have first-hand experience of working in the Mongkok Office: Mr. Hsia Yan San (left), Dr. Benjamin Chan (centre) and Mr. Wong Sik Yee (right).*



*The School's second home on the Chung Chi campus. The building has already been demolished.*

their comfortable 'box seats' in the balcony of the office to watch the parade of festooned vehicles and colourful floats along Nathan Road, which was the highlight of the Hong Kong Festivals organized by the government in the early 1970s.

Going out for lunch was another logical result of working in such a setting. There were simply too many restaurants around and it would be a pity not to try each and every one of them, especially when it was never difficult to find a table for a small group of diners.

One thing the staff members never did, though, was to take French leave to haunt the numerous places of entertainment nearby. Their only pastime was playing table-tennis in the office, using a large hexagonal table in the student common room. Incidentally, the table can still be found in the student union today.

### A Closely-Knit Community

The School of Education started off as a place for training university graduates to become professional teachers at the senior secondary level. In the first year, only CUHK graduates were admitted and there were merely 21 full-time students. Although the school was later open to graduates of other recognized tertiary institutions and part-time students, student enrolment remained small in the early years. It was largely because a diploma-in-education wasn't then a prerequisite for the teaching profession and couldn't help teachers gain any extra increments in salary.

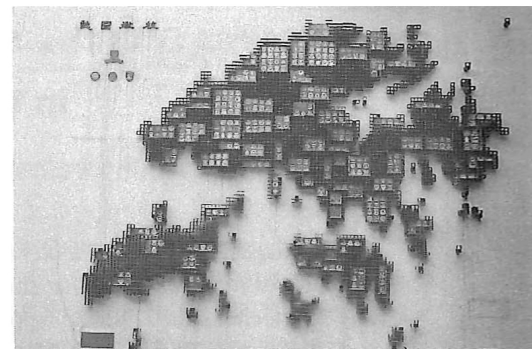
But smallness had its obvious merits. Teacher-student ratio was high and teacher-student relationships were close. It was not uncommon that several lecturers worked together to teach one course; neither was it unusual for a teacher to lecture to a single student in a large classroom.

Relationship among staff members was equally cordial in this small community. While the first and second

directors of the school were appointed on a concurrent basis and could visit the school only once every week, they took pains to maintain close interaction with all teachers and staff. The first director of the school was Mr. H. T. Wu, the University Registrar, and the second one was Mr. T. C. Cheng, head of United College. Both organized outings, visits and social gatherings for staff members and their families from time to time. Mr. T. C. Cheng particularly liked to treat staff members to sumptuous meals in his residence or in the Country Club. He also took them to junk trips and even led tours to mainland China. The School of Education was a small school then but also one big family.

### Gradual Changes

Over the years the School of Education has grown a lot: more staff have been recruited, student numbers have steadily increased, and the number of courses currently offered amounts to over 160. It moved on to the Chung Chi campus in Sha Tin in 1973 and was later relocated to the Ho Tim Building. In 26



years it has trained for Hong Kong some 6,000 secondary school teachers and educational specialists, and by 1991-92, it has attained equal status with the six other faculties of the University: arts, business administration, engineering, medicine, science, and social science. With this newly acquired status, the Faculty of Education's four constituent departments (ie, Educational Psychology, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Administration and Policy, and Physical Education) will strive for further progress and greater achievements in teaching and research.

But their veterans will still miss their first home in Nathan Road. ○

■ Mr. Stephen C. Yam, lecturer in accountancy, has been coopted a member of the Health, Education and Welfare Committee of the Sha Tin District Board from 1st September 1991 to 30th September 1992.

■ Prof. Patrick C. P. Ho, professor of surgery, has been reappointed a member of the Preliminary Investi-

gation Committee, Medical Council of Hong Kong for one year from 1st September 1991.

### Services to the Community and International Organizations

■ Dr. P. Y. Tsao, lecturer in music, has been reappointed by the Urban Council as an honorary adviser of the

Hong Kong Museum of History from 16th September 1991 to 30th September 1992.

■ Prof. S. T. Chang of the Department of Biology was elected a member of the Board of the Biofocus Foundation of the World Academy of Art and Science (WAAS), Sweden, in September 1991.

(All information in this section is provided by the Information Office)

### We welcome your contributions

1. Items for the next issue (mid-November 1991) should reach the Editor by 26th October 1991.
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