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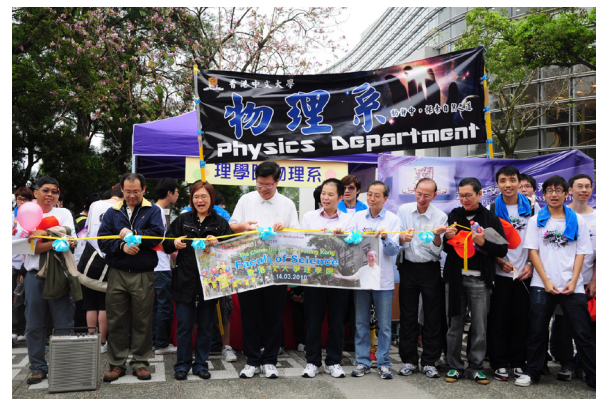
## Staff, Students and Alumni Support Worthy Cause: CUHK Walkathon “Walk with Professor Kao”



Faculty of Science staff, students, and alumni gathered for a photo before the Opening Ceremony at Lingnan Stadium.

Training Programme for Family Caregivers of People with Cognitive Loss. The Faculty of Science did not only join in the fundraising effort; the Department of Physics also set up a booth to demonstrate some simple physics phenomenon to enrich participants' knowledge and interest in science. Dean of Science, Prof. NG Cheuk-yiu also urged participants to continue their support for such meaningful causes to benefit Hong Kong society. The event was attended by over 3000 participants and raised over 3 million dollars.

About 100 members of the Faculty of Science came out to show their support for the CUHK Walkathon “Walk with Professor Kao” event held on 14 March, 2010. The event aimed to raise funds for the Charles K. Kao Scholarship Endowment Fund and



(From left) Associate Dean (External and Alumnus Affairs) Prof. CHOW Hak-fun, Associate Dean (Research) Prof. XIE Zuwei, Associate Dean (Education) Prof. POON Wai-yin, Dean Prof. NG Cheuk-yiu, Physics Chairman Prof. LIN Haiqing, Associate Dean (Student Affairs) Prof. Dickon NG Hang-leung, Assistant Dean LEUNG Kwok-nam and Assistant Dean Tony SHING Kung-ming conducted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the occasion.



Visitors had a hands-on learning experience at the Physics Department booth.







## Retired Staff Homecoming



(Front row, from left) Mr. Y.H. LAW, Ms. W.H. YIP, Prof. T.C.W. MAK, Prof. T.L. CHAN, Prof. S.W. Tam, Prof. P.K. HON, Ms. C.C. YAU, and Mr. W.K. FUNG.  
(Back row, from left) Mr. H.K. CHEUNG, Dean Prof. C.Y. NG, Prof. W.K. LI, and Mr. M.C. WONG.

They say that “There’s no place like home”, and the Faculty of Science might come close to “home” for many of our retired staff. On 9 March 2010, 10 retired staff from the Department of Chemistry joined Dean of Science Prof. NG Cheuk-yiu and Associate Dean (External and Alumnus Affairs) Prof. CHOW Hak-fun for a luncheon.



(From left) Prof. S.W. TAM, Prof. T.L. CHAN, and Dean Prof. C.Y. NG.

## Chemistry Students Compete in 21<sup>st</sup> Hong Kong Chemistry Olympiad

A team composed of three Year 2 Chemistry undergraduates represented the University and were the second runners-up in the 21st Hong Kong Chemistry Olympiad (for Tertiary Institutions) on 27 February 2010. This event is organized annually by the Hong Kong Chemical Society and the Royal Society of Chemistry, where each team is given a topic merely two days in advance of the competition. Students Mak Siu-po, Wong Kai-yin, and Wong Wai-shing worked hard to prepare and present a 15-minute presentation on “Food Packaging Material”, explaining the chemistry behind popularly used low-cost and effective food packaging materials, and the new trend



The delegation from the Chemistry Department of the CUHK - WONG Kai-yin (front row, far left), WONG Wai-shing (front row, second from left), and MAK Siu-po (front row, third from left) - led by delegation leader Dr. MAK Kin-wah (middle row, far right), gathered for a photo.

of more environmentally friendly materials such as biodegradables and bioplastics.





## Honours and Awards

**Prof. WU Chi** of the Department of Chemistry was appointed Wei Lun Professor of Chemistry, effective 23 February 2010.

**Prof. Tony SHING Kung-ming** of the Department of Chemistry was awarded two Asian Core Program (ACP) Lectureship Awards at the 4th International Conference on Cutting-Edge Organic Chemistry in Asia, held from 29 November to 3 December 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand. He will be invited to take on a one-week ACP Lecture Tour in Japan and China this year.



Alumni **Prof. CHEN Xiaoming** was elected as Member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences – Division of Chemistry. Prof. Chen received his PhD in Chemistry from the CUHK in 1992, and has since then published

over 200 peer-reviewed journal articles, and has received numerous awards, including the second-class award of the 2007 State Natural Science Award.

# Hearty Congratulations to All!

## BIO-X Lunch Colloquium

Each month, the Bio-X Colloquium attracts numerous faculty staff and students to learn and discuss about the latest scientific discoveries.

### Recent events:



### “Biomass Ethanol: Being There”

by **Dr. WANG Jun**  
Chief Scientific Officer

GeneHarbor (HK) Technologies Limited  
Adjunct Professor, Department of Biochemistry  
27 January 2010



### “Solar Electricity and Solar Hydrogen”

by **Prof. XIAO Xudong**  
Department of Physics

24 February 2010





## Upcoming Event:

### “Estrogens and Prostate Cancer”

by **Prof. Franky L. CHAN**

Professor and Chief, Cancer and Inflammation  
School of Biomedical Sciences, CUHK

**Date:** 31 March 2010 (Wednesday)

**Time:** 12:30 p.m.

**Venue:** Room 126, C.N. Yang Reading Room,  
Science Centre North Block,  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

## Funding Programmes Inviting Applications:

### Croucher Senior Research Fellowships in Natural Sciences, Technology & Medicine 2011 - 2012

**Application Deadline:**  
Wednesday, 14 April 2010

### Focused Investments Scheme (2010) - Scheme B (Specialized Areas) & Scheme C (Groups and Individuals)

Proposals should be endorsed by the Faculty Dean or the  
Director of Research Institute concerned.

The **application deadline** is Friday, 30 April 2010.

## RGC Visit 2010

A delegation from the RGC will visit the Faculty on Thursday, 17 June 2010.

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