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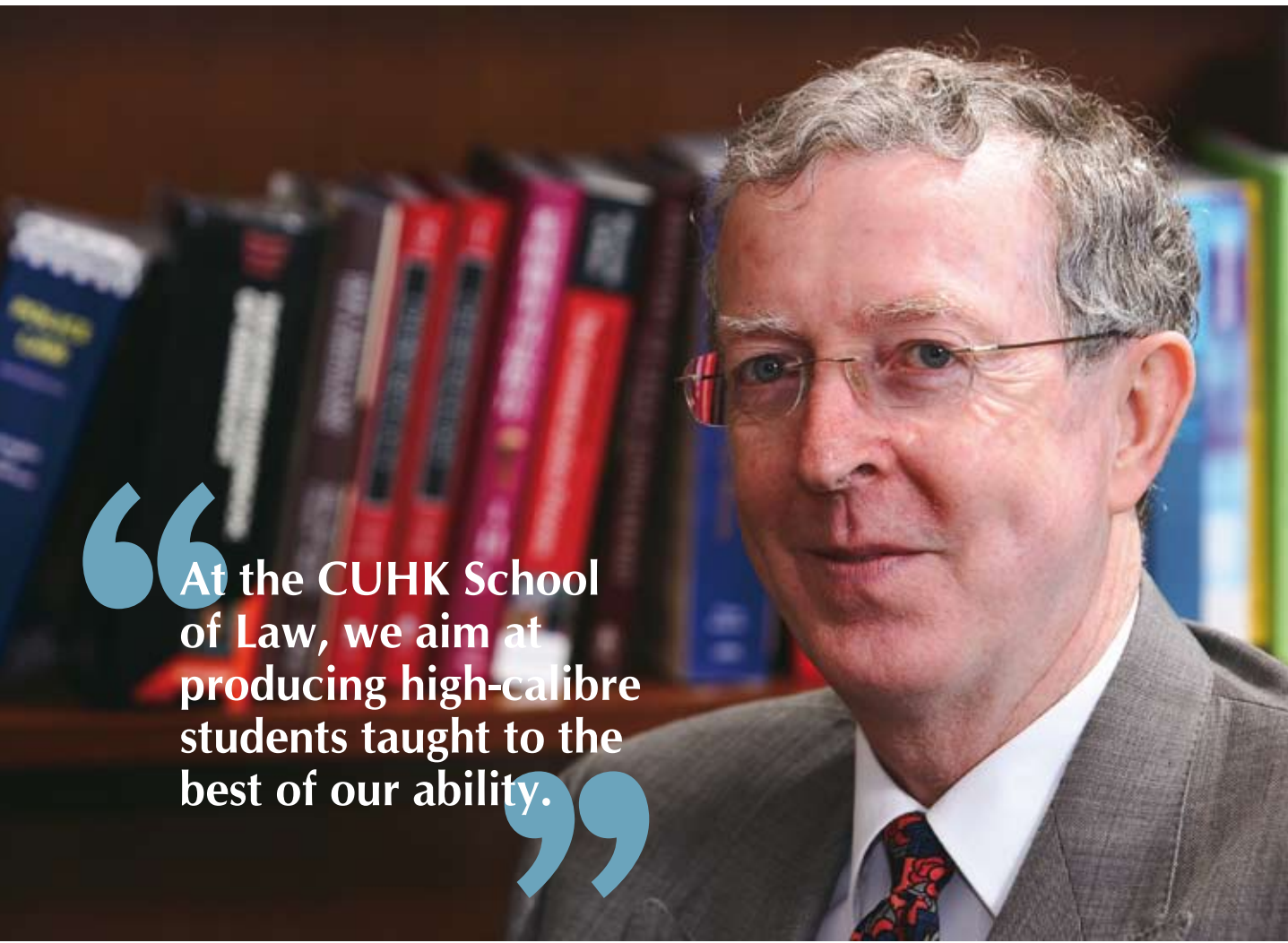
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News in Brief

# The New School of Law





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## An Important Landmark in the Legal Development of the HKSAR

‘At the CUHK School of Law, we aim at producing high-calibre students taught to the best of our ability,’ says Prof. Mike McConville, director of the school.

The new School of Law was established in 2005, the latest addition to the academic and cultural traditions of The Chinese University and Hong Kong’s legal education landscape. The school’s LLB programme and postgraduate programmes, JD, LLM, MPhil and PhD, received their first cohorts of students in 2006, and the PCLL programme will start admitting students in 2008. The law school is headed by Prof. Mike McConville, director and professor of law. Earlier Prof. McConville spoke to the *Bulletin* about the new school’s positioning, students, teaching, research and goals.

## Need for Another Law School

Hong Kong's newest law school, the School of Law at CUHK, was born out of a need for more, better, and different lawyers.

### *Quantity*

Prof. McConville explains that surveys undertaken show there are not enough lawyers in Hong Kong, especially in comparison with the provision of lawyers in other jurisdictions on a proportionate basis. In civil law matters, for instance, about 50% of litigants are unrepresented in the courts. A more important reason, he adds, is the need for quality lawyers. *The Redmond-Roper Report on Legal Education and Training in Hong Kong*, published in 2001, identified a shortage of quality lawyers and recommended that legal education foster a multiplicity of skills within the legal profession to meet the diverse needs of Hong Kong society. And in his annual address, the Chief Justice remarked on the deficit of good quality lawyers in Hong Kong. These were the catalysts for change that led to the expansion of the LLB from three to four years, its departure from a knowledge-based to a skills-based orientation, as well as the recognition that Hong Kong needs another legal education provider.





### *Quality*

The demands which the legal profession place on practitioners have also been changing dramatically, and this calls for a different kind of lawyer. 'The old knowledge-based style of teaching involved feeding students large amounts of information that they have to absorb and regurgitate. That is recognized throughout the world as a failed model. It does not prepare students to deal with new situations or give them research skills,' Prof. McConville points out. The new school takes a skills-based approach which enables students to acquire generic skills they can translate to areas they have never before encountered. By equipping them with the ability to make out a case which is reasoned, and to articulate it in a persuasive way, the school prepares students for moving on to other walks of life, such as government service, business, commerce and NGOs. The school also adopts a global approach to teaching as Hong Kong's basic needs are increasingly drawn upon international practice and trade.







Moot court facilities

### ***Diversity***

Besides better quality and quantity, the legal profession demands more diversity among lawyers. To this end, the school creates opportunities for people with other training and experience to consider a legal career. Its JD programme provides mature students coming from different professional backgrounds with the opportunity to study law and to consider law as a career. In fact, the JD programme has done extremely well in its first year. The school had originally intended to take in about 100 students, but ended up admitting 230 because of the exceptional quality of the candidates. Prof. McConville recounts, 'Many of the students on the programme are chief executives in business, doctors, chief of police, even deans of law schools. About 42% had first-class honours, doctorates or equivalent. A further 16% were within no more than two marks away from first-class honours. They will give law firms and barrister chambers a richer mix of practitioners from which to choose. And that can only be very good for Hong Kong.'



### Contributions to the Mainland

Prof. McConville believes that Hong Kong can provide an excellent example of a legal system based upon the rule of law to the motherland. The school regards it as crucial to have a positive dialogue with mainland China and to be actively involved in its social and legal transition in every way.

This is done by means of initiatives aimed at improving the mainland's capacity to tackle the challenges faced by its legal system. For example, this summer, a number of first-year LLB students will be spending time at Tsinghua University on a sponsored study tour. There is also traffic the other way. Many students from the mainland are enrolling on the school's programmes. Through its master's programmes and JD, the school seeks to train future lawyers for working in the mainland. It also works closely with mainland academics on the major issues confronting China's legal system.

'We see ourselves as being the natural bridge to the mainland. And China recognizes that CUHK is an institution which is eager to be constructively aligned with its future development. We are disposed to help an orderly translation from the past to a future which will give much more centrality to law.'



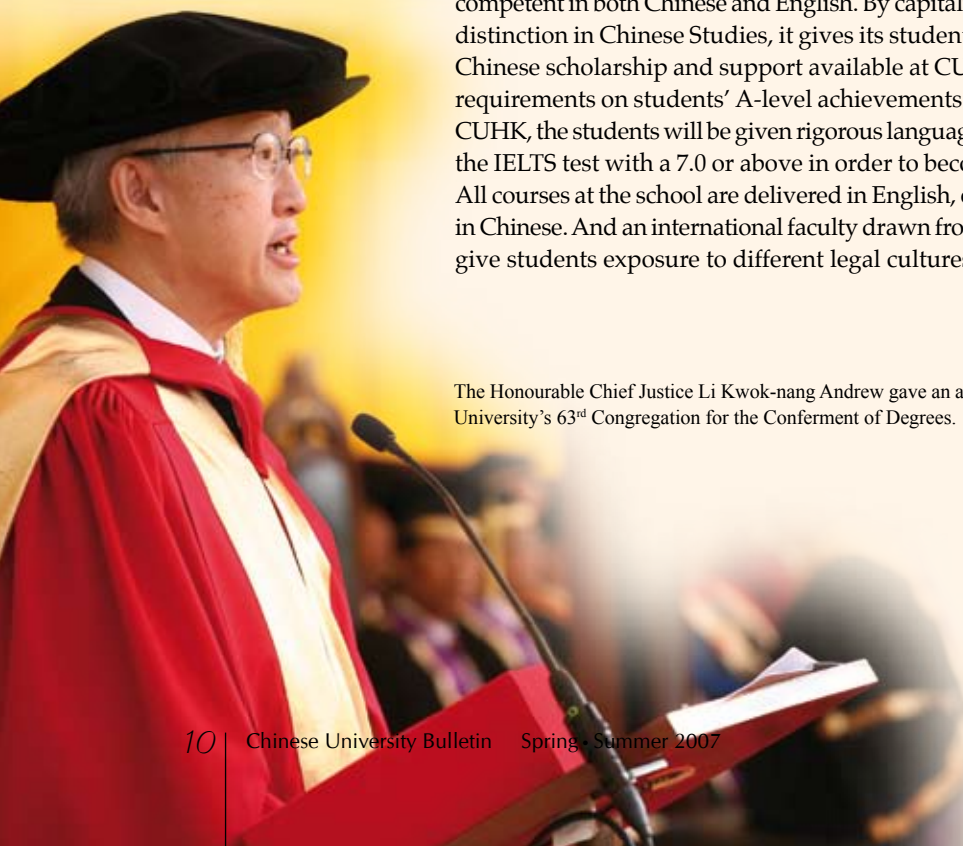
### **Student Quality**

When recruiting students, the school tries to identify candidates who demonstrate the potential to be good citizens and competent lawyers, and who can contribute to the community. Candidates are interviewed individually to get a better sense of whether they possess not only the paper skills, but also the actual skills to be good lawyers.

### **Language**

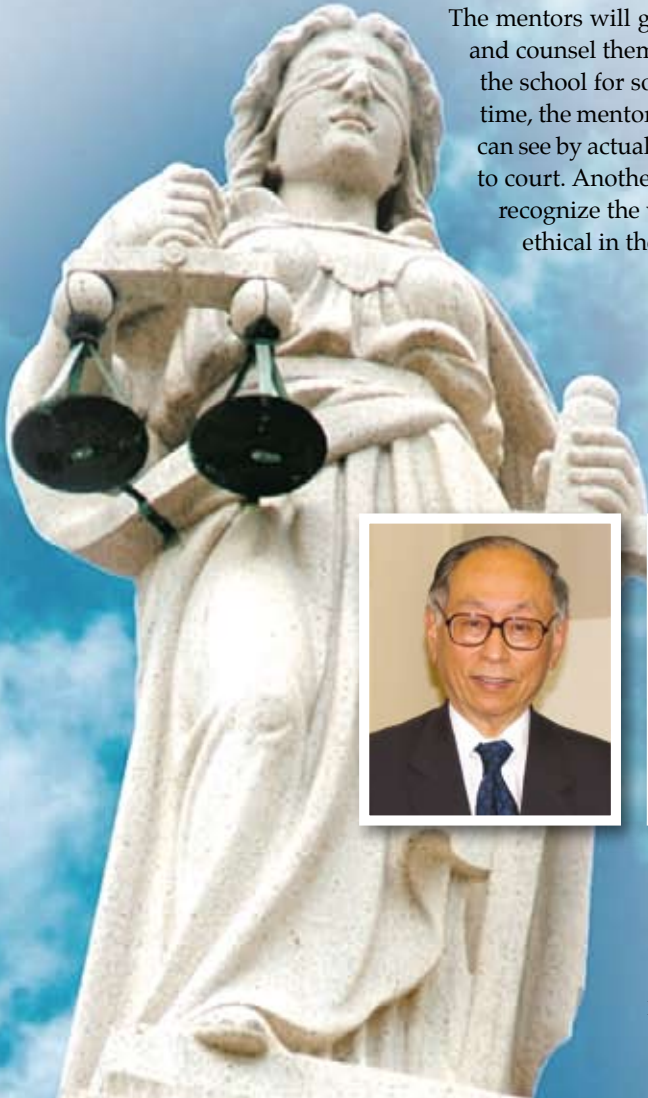
The school goes to great lengths to ensure its students are highly competent in both Chinese and English. By capitalizing on the University's distinction in Chinese Studies, it gives its students the full benefits of the Chinese scholarship and support available at CUHK. It also places strict requirements on students' A-level achievements. During their studies at CUHK, the students will be given rigorous language training. All must pass the IELTS test with a 7.0 or above in order to become practising lawyers. All courses at the school are delivered in English, except specialist courses in Chinese. And an international faculty drawn from over 10 countries help give students exposure to different legal cultures and language skills.

The Honourable Chief Justice Li Kwok-nang Andrew gave an address at the University's 63<sup>rd</sup> Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees.



### ***Mentorship Programme***

Being a law student and being a lawyer involve very different routines and demands. To give students professional exposure, the school provides each LLB student with a distinguished professional mentor. This may be a judge, a barrister, a solicitor, or a distinguished individual in the general field of law in government or elsewhere. The students will be attached to these individuals for the length of their time at the school. The mentors will guide them on career choices, discuss their progress, and counsel them about different experiences. They will also come to the school for social events such as high table dinners. From time to time, the mentors will invite their mentees to their workplace so they can see by actual experience what it is like to work in an office or to go to court. Another benefit of this programme is it enables students to recognize the value of giving back to the community, and of being ethical in their approaches to their careers.



The school's honorary professors (from left): Dr. The Honourable Sir T.L. Yang, GBM, JP, former Chief Justice in Hong Kong; Prof. Sir David Williams, QC, DL, former Chancellor of the University of Cambridge; and The Right Honourable The Lord Woolf of Barnes, former Chief Justice of England and Wales, and currently a non-permanent member of Hong Kong's Court of Final Appeal

### Programme Quality

The school's programme has been designed through extensive discussions with the legal profession to ensure that it caters closely to and anticipates the needs of the profession. 'There has been a significant change in legal practice in the last three years. Almost everything of any major magnitude is PRC-related. That requires our students to be familiar with the demands that different cultures place upon them in legal negotiations. And of course, they need to have enhanced language skills,' observes Prof. McConville. The school offers unique courses which are a direct response to the needs of the profession. These include courses in China practice, finance and lending, legal drafting of commercial documents in Chinese, and drafting of litigation documents in Chinese and English.

To give students extra breadth of experience, the school is offering double degrees in law and translation, and law and business jointly with the Department of Translation and the Faculty of Business Administration, respectively. Prof. McConville believes that the combination of business and law is expected to be a popular choice given Hong Kong's position as a centre of business and commerce, while the combination of translation and law will address both Hong Kong's position as a gateway to China and the extra demands that our multilingual society places on legal practitioners in all aspects of law. Students who do not become practising lawyers will find no shortage of opportunities to apply their education to careers in business, government and other fields.

The school will continue to explore more double degree options that are synergistic and meaningful to students.





### International Exposure

Learning at the school is emphasized by actual exposure and student involvement.

Earlier this year, a team comprising five first-year JD students participated in the 4th Annual Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot which was co-organized by CUHK. This annual competition, which consists of a 'mother event' in Vienna and a 'daughter event' in Hong Kong, is the biggest international moot competition on international trade law. Although the students did not have the benefit of years of legal training which their competitors from 44 other law schools did, CUHK became the first university from Hong Kong ever to receive awards for both the oral and the written components of the competition.





The school also has exchange agreements with Tsinghua University and top overseas universities such as Yale, Oxford and Geneva. 'We have received extremely positive feedback both from the students who have gone on exchange and from others who have seen them perform and grow. That is something we'll definitely foster in the years to come,' says Prof. McConville.

### **Goals for the Next Five to Ten Years**

Looking ahead, the School of Law will continue to ensure that excellence is maintained in its programmes and students. Admission standards will be kept high and the school has stipulated that it will not expand for the sake of expansion. It will also attach a lot of importance to legal research, an area which, he believes, has not been given enough emphasis in Hong Kong.



***New Programme***

Building on excellence, the school will introduce new programmes in an organized manner. The first of these will be a Postgraduate Certificate in Laws (PCLL) which will be launched in September 2008. This will be an innovative programme that enjoys the support of both branches of the legal profession, and it will be restricted to a core of high quality students.



The CUHK Willem C. Vis (East) International Commercial Arbitration Moot team.



### ***Research and the Community***

The school intends to make its mark as a research-led law school and contribute to policy arguments about law reform. Its teaching staff are engaged in significant research projects and have published original work. This will provide a solid basis for collaboration with legal researchers at universities around the world and for exchanges at staff and student levels with leading institutions.

Graduate Law Centre in Central



The school's research programmes are integrated with the other research programmes and facilities at the University such as the Universities Service Centre for Chinese Studies and the University Library System. Besides the school's own Lee Quo Wei Law Library has one of the fastest growing law collections in Asia and provides access to a large range of online sources and e-journals. The school offers legal scholars an ideal environment for legal and cross-disciplinary research, particularly in the areas of Chinese legal history and legal culture, Chinese business law, financial regulation, international economic law, criminal justice, public health law and human rights issues.



The school is also committed to serving the community to which it sees itself as being accountable. One way in which the school does that is by making it a mandatory requirement for all students to take a compulsory course entitled 'The Individual, the Community, and the Law'. Students of that course are required to go into the community to conduct in-depth research on at least one core issue faced by the community and the role the law plays in that issue. The issues examined can include migrant workers, the environment, domestic violence, protection of the harbour, the rights of children, and prisoners' rights.

In the years to come, the school will sponsor a variety of programmes, centres and workshops to provide more outlets for the theoretical and empirical work of both academic staff and students.



# Sixth Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony

At the University's Sixth Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony held on 21 May 2007 at Lee Hysan Concert Hall, honorary fellowships were conferred on eight distinguished persons who are closely associated with the University, in recognition of their significant contributions to CUHK and the community. Dr. Edgar Cheng, chairman of the University Council, presided at the ceremony.





## Dr. Nancy E. CHAPMAN

Dr. Nancy E. Chapman is the executive director of Yale-China Association, overseeing its programmes in health, legal education, American Studies, English language instruction, and public service. Dr. Chapman graduated from Yale University in 1978, and obtained her Master's and PhD degrees from Princeton University. She has devoted herself to the promotion of academic and cultural exchange between China and the US. The Chinese University and its colleges have long benefited from the generosity of Dr. Chapman and the Yale-China Association. Various programmes such as New Asia College/ Yale University Student Exchange Programme and New Asia-Yale Summer Community Service Exchange Programme, were established at CUHK by the association.

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## Mr. Fung Wing-cheung Tony

A distinguished entrepreneur in Hong Kong, Mr. Fung Wing-cheung Tony is chairman and executive director of Yu Ming Investments Ltd. Mr. Fung and his family have been benefactors of the University for decades. Mr. Fung has been a member of the Finance Committee of the University Council. He is a former member of the Council and the Board of Trustees of New Asia College, and former chairman of the Appointments Board. He also served as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Three-year MBA Programme and continues to serve as vice-chairman of the re-constituted Advisory Board of the MBA programmes.

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## Mr. Heung Shu-fai

Currently the managing director of Sirius Pacific Consultants Limited, Mr. Heung Shu-fai has extensive experience in the media and communication field. Mr. Heung graduated from the Department of Economics of New Asia College of the University. He has worked in a number of financial institutions, including the Bank of America, National Bank of Canada and Shearson American Express Finance Ltd. Mr. Heung has also been a staunch supporter of The Chinese University. He is a member of the Council and the Board of Trustees of New Asia College. He has been adviser to the CUHK Federation of Alumni Associations, chairman of the New Asia College Alumni Association, and president of the CUHK Federation of Alumni Associations.

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## Mr. Ho Hau-hay Hamilton

A distinguished entrepreneur, Mr. Ho Hau-hay Hamilton is the executive director of Honorway Investments Ltd. and Tak Hung (Holding) Company Ltd., as well as director of Dah Chong Hong Holdings Ltd. He is also the trustee of Chan Chun Ha Charitable Trust, member of Chi Lin Elderly Services Management Committee and representative of the donors of the Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation. Mr. Ho and his family have made important contributions towards the development of the University's S.H. Ho College, United College, Faculty of Education and Institute of Chinese Medicine.

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## Dr. Lee Shiu

A business leader in Hong Kong, Dr. Lee Shiu is currently chairman of Shum Wan Marine Company Ltd. Dr. Lee has been sponsoring and participating actively in the planning and execution of summer cultural and exchange programmes at three local universities, including Chung Chi College of CUHK, since 1998. To date, over 1,200 university students have benefited from these programmes. With a generous donation from Dr. Lee in 2001, the Lee Shiu Centre of Intercultural Learning was established by Chung Chi College to nurture talent for the modernization of China.

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## Prof. Tunney F. Lee

Prof. Tunney F. Lee, world renowned architect and town planner, is the founding professor and emeritus professor of architecture, and member of the Architecture Academic Advisory Committee of CUHK. A graduate of the University of Michigan, Prof. Lee taught at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and was the head of the Urban Studies and Planning Department. At CUHK, Prof. Lee made remarkable contributions to the University Council, the Senate, Chung Chi College and the Campus Planning Committee, and has rendered invaluable service to the overall development of the University.

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For Prof. Lee's speech, please go to [www.cuhk.edu.hk/cpr/pressrelease/070521Address\\_e.pdf](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/cpr/pressrelease/070521Address_e.pdf).

## Mr. Liang Cheung-biu Thomas

A distinguished entrepreneur, Mr. Liang Cheung-biu Thomas is group chief executive of Wideland Investors Group of Companies. Mr. Liang also sits on the board of many companies, including serving as a non-executive director of Miramar Hotel and Investment Company Ltd. and the New World Development Company Ltd., as the vice-chairman and director of the Executive Board of the Hong Kong Heart Foundation Ltd., and as a director of the King Fook Gold and Jewellery Company Ltd. and of Miramar Hotel (Hawaii) Inc., USA. Mr. Liang is also a director of the Li Po Chun United World College of Hong Kong and the chief executive of Wei Lun Foundation Ltd. The Foundation has made very generous contributions towards the establishment of the Wei Lun Visiting Professorship/Fellowship Programmes, named professorships, scholarships, research and development funds at the University.

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## Ms. Mok Sau-hing



An alumna of the University, Ms. Mok Sau-hing is a distinguished educationist in Hong Kong. In 1973, she joined the Buddhist Sin Tak College as its founding principal and served the school until her retirement. Ms. Mok was also responsible for establishing the CUHK School of Education Alumni Association, of which she was the founding president. In 1982, when the CUHK Federation of Alumni Associations Education Development Ltd. (renamed 'The Education Foundation of CUHK Federation of Alumni Associations' in 1998) was set up, she became its vice-chairman and has since served for more than 20 years. She is still a director of the foundation which has set up schools including Thomas Cheung School, Thomas Cheung Kindergarten, Thomas Cheung Secondary School and Chan Chun Ha Secondary School.

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# CUHK Establishes Two New Colleges — C.W. Chu College and Wu Yee Sun College

Following its announcement to establish Morningside College and S.H. Ho College last year, the University Council approved on 22 May the acceptance of donations of HK\$270 million for the establishment of two additional new colleges — C.W. Chu College and Wu Yee Sun College.

## More Choice for Students

Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, the Vice-Chancellor, said, 'The Chinese University of Hong Kong takes great pride in its college system, which with its intimate environment for interaction and learning has contributed in very significant ways to the quality of the students through general education and non-formal learning.' With the decision to establish two additional new colleges, the University has taken another major step towards its goal of fully accommodating the expected increase in our undergraduate enrolment in 2012. Together with the existing colleges, the new colleges offer a spectrum of experience for students.







## Looking Ahead

CUHK cherishes its college system and the vital roles played by the existing colleges. With the new development, the level of resources for the existing colleges will remain unchanged, and the existing colleges will not be under any pressure to admit more students. The establishment of new colleges is part of the University's long-term strategy, an important milestone in its development and testimony to the importance placed on the college system. The University has established a task force to coordinate among the colleges and the University, so that all parties will be able to work together most effectively for the benefit of the students.

## C.W. Chu College

C.W. Chu College is established with an initial donation of HK\$100 million from Mr. Peter Yip, founder of CDC Corporation. It will cater for 300 students on a fully residential and communal dining basis.

A native of Jiangsu, Dr. Chu Ching-wen (1906-1996) began sponsoring the studies of needy students at age 18 and, at age 30, founded a university scholarship in Nanjing. In 1965, he set up scholarships so children from poor families can pursue university studies in the US. From the 1960s to 1980s, Dr. Chu's scholarships enabled more than 700 young people from Hong Kong to pursue university education in the US. Beginning in the late 1980s, Dr. Chu turned his attention to the mainland, and through the C.W. Chu Foundation, supported over 30,000 mainland university students.

Many of the Chu Scholars who studied in the US have become successful. Mr. Peter Yip, founder of CDC Corporation, was a Chu Scholar who, thanks to Dr. Chu's assistance, obtained an associate degree from Vincennes University in Indiana. He also holds an MBA and Master in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania. As a tribute to Dr. Chu's munificence, he has kicked off the fund-raising effort to be launched among fellow Chu Scholars, with an initial personal pledge of HK\$100 million for the establishment of a new college at CUHK. The Chu family and the C.W. Chu Foundation have graciously consented to name the new college after the late Dr. Chu.

C.W. Chu College will have the benefit of a ready network of mentors formed by the many Chu Scholars the world over.



## Wu Yee Sun College

Wu Yee Sun College is established with a HK\$170 million donation from Wu Yee Sun Charitable Foundation Ltd. It will accommodate 600 residential students and, in addition, up to another 600 commuters.

Founder of Wing Lung Bank Ltd. and eminent philanthropist, Dr. Wu Yee Sun (1904-2005) was a benefactor of the University and other tertiary institutions for many years.

As early as 1973, Dr. Wu and his brother donated HK\$1 million to CUHK for the establishment of the Wing Lung Bank Chinese Culture Development Fund to support research and publication projects of the Institute of Chinese Studies. For some three decades since, CUHK has continued to receive generous donations from Dr. Wu, the Wu family and the Wu Yee Sun Charitable Foundation for its academic development, particularly in the field of medicine.

Recently the Wu Yee Sun Charitable Foundation pledged another major donation to CUHK for the establishment of a new college, Wu Yee Sun College, on its campus.

Dr. Wu was born in 1904 into a family of great renown in Southern China. The young Wu Yee Sun abided by the motto 'Adversity breeds greatness'. In 1933, he and his friends managed to set up the Wing Lung Money Exchange, predecessor of the present Wing Lung Bank. With a vision to 'progress with prudence and serve with devotion and integrity', the bank went from strength to strength and became listed in 1980.

In 1982, Dr. Wu established the Wu Yee Sun Charitable Foundation to support charitable causes, including the building of hospitals, the establishment of schools and homes for the elderly, the funding of academic research, and the development of his home town.

In the true philanthropic spirit of Dr. and Mrs. Wu Yee Sun, the Wu Yee Sun Charitable Foundation has just pledged another major donation to CUHK for the establishment of a new college. The college will be named after Dr. Wu as Wu Yee Sun College.



# Scholars and Entrepreneurs Discuss Cross-Strait Economic Development





Close to a hundred top scholars and business leaders from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan took part in the Forum on Cross-Strait Economic Development on 30 and 31 March 2007 on the University campus.

Initiated by the China Science Centre of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences and organized by CUHK, the forum presented strategic, high-quality, sustainable and effective scientific evidence and theoretical framework for promoting rapid economic development and achieving a win-win situation in the region.

The two keynote speeches were respectively delivered by Prof. Jiang Zhenghua, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, chairman of the China Science Centre of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences, and honorary professor of social science at CUHK, and Dr. Vincent Siew, chairman of the Chunghua Institution for Economic Research and Cross-Strait Common Market Foundation, Taiwan.

The forum covered topics including cross-strait and global economies, cross-strait scientific and technological collaboration, global perspective of economic development in Greater China, cross-strait collaboration in financial investment, in trade, and in weather, environmental protection and geographical information.

The fact that the forum was held in Hong Kong reflects the territory's important strategic location. It also highlights the University's academic contributions to research on cross-strait economic development.



# Move Your Feet, Boost Your Health!





Over 400 CUHK staff and students took part in a walking campaign organized by the University's Committee of Health Promotion and Protection on 16 March to promote walking on campus. To kick off the event were Prof. Jack Cheng, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Fok Tai-fai, dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and Prof. Lee Shiu-hung, emeritus professor of community medicine. The campaign began at 10.30 a.m. In his opening speech, Prof. Cheng reiterated the importance and benefits of walking to health. The Hong Kong Medical Association stated that walking an average of 8,000 steps a day, five days a week, can half the risk of heart disease and stroke. Walking from the KCR train station to New Asia takes about 5,000 steps, and if lifts are used during the journey, only 3,000 steps — enough to make a difference to one's health with persistent practice. Walking is also a good way to enjoy the natural scenery. Setting off from the train station, the walkers went around Pond Crescent, passing Ho Tim Building and Chung Chi Road, before reaching the car park of the William M.W. Mong Engineering Building. Taking the lift to the ninth floor, they arrived near the Science Building on Central Campus. From Central Campus, some opted to travel by New Asia Road, some chose the steps, while others took the lift to New Asia College.

# Study Shows Telbivudine's Superiority in Hepatitis B Treatment



Both newly diagnosed Hepatitis B patients and those who have previously taken Adefovir, a widely prescribed treatment for the disease, will see improved viral suppression with Telbivudine, according to a new study presented at the Asian Pacific Association for the Study of Liver (APASL) meeting in Kyoto.

The data for Hong Kong was presented by Prof. Henry Chan, professor in the Department of the Medicine and Therapeutics and director of the Centre for Liver Health at CUHK. It complements the other data presentations showing the benefits of Telbivudine over Lamivudine, the most widely prescribed treatment for Hepatitis B. Research also proves that Telbivudine provides rapid and sustained Hepatitis B virus (HBV) suppression in patients.

The finding comes from a study of 135 patients with Hepatitis B who were treated with either Telbivudine or Adefovir for 24 weeks. Both groups were tested for HBV in their blood. In the Adefovir group, only 22% reached a target reduction in HBV (1,000 copies/ml) versus nearly half (49%) of the Telbivudine group. Of the 78% of Adefovir patients who did not reach target viral suppression at 24 weeks, those who switched to Telbivudine saw 10 times greater incremental HBV suppression than patients who remained on Adefovir for 52 weeks.

This research is a multi-centred study conducted by 16 centres throughout the world. CUHK was the leading author of the work.

The results of the study clearly shows that Telbivudine has stronger anti-viral effect than Adefovir. The study is important in that it provides head-to-head comparison of anti-viral drugs (comparison of results between studies always has problems of selection difference and design differences). It offers the possibility of using Telbivudine to treat patients who have sub-optimal response to Adefovir. It also proves conceptually that one can change to a stronger anti-viral agent if the response is sub-optimal with another agent.

# News in Brief



## APPOINTMENTS



### **New Council Member**

Mr. Norman T.L. Chan has been elected by the University Council as a member for a period of three years from 1 April 2007, succeeding Mr. Kwong Ki-chi.

### **Professor of Pharmacology**

Prof. Cho Chi-hin has been appointed professor of pharmacology from 15 January 2007.

Prof. Cho received his PhD from the Department of Pharmacology of The University of Hong Kong. Prior to joining CUHK, he was chair professor in the Department of Pharmacology, The University of Hong Kong.





## HONOURS AND RECOGNITION



Prof. W.H. Liao of the Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering has been awarded the T.A. Stewart-Dyer/F.H. Trevithick Prize 2005 for the paper entitled 'Design and Analysis of Magnetorheological Dampers for Train Suspension'. The prize was awarded by the Railway Division of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for the most meritorious paper on the subject of railway engineering, chosen from the *IMechE Journal* papers published in 2005. Prof. Liao's other journal paper, 'Vibration Control of a Suspension System via a Magnetorheological Fluid Damper', has been ranked No. 1 among the 50 Most-Frequently Cited Articles in the *Journal of Vibration and Control* as of 1 February 2007.

Prof. Yeung Wai-ho Raymond, professor of information engineering, was awarded the Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award to visit Munich University of Technology from January to April 2007.



Three academics from The Chinese University of Hong Kong were awarded Senior Research Fellowships by The Croucher Foundation. They were Prof. Chan Hsiao Chang, professor of physiology, Prof. Ching Shuk-chi Emily, professor in the Department of Physics, and Prof. Chan Ka-leung Francis, professor of medicine and therapeutics, who was awarded a Medical Research Fellowship.

Prof. Dennis Lo, Dr. Li Ka Shing Professor of Medicine and professor of chemical pathology, has been conferred the 2007 The Sigi Ziering Award for Outstanding Contribution for a Publication in the journal *Clinical Chemistry* of the American Association of Clinical Chemistry (AACC).



## RESEARCH

### Centre of Excellence for the Management of Hepatitis B

**T**reatment of viral Hepatitis B is hampered by the frequent emergence of drug-resistant viruses after a period of medication. There are many mutations leading to drug resistance in the viral genome, which varies among individuals, especially among those receiving different anti-viral drugs. A highly complex matrix of mutation pattern from worldwide data is now collected in a unique and comprehensive database called *SeqHepB*. Information in the database will be invaluable in guiding clinicians to choose the best anti-viral drugs for individuals requiring treatment.

The Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University and Evivar Medical Ltd. (which owns the *SeqHepB* database) announced the establishment of the Hong Kong Centre of Excellence for the Management of Hepatitis B (HBV) on 25 January. The centre, located at the Hepatitis Research Laboratory in the Prince of Wales Hospital, can offer viral genome sequencing for patients receiving anti-viral therapy. Comparing the viral genome with information from the *SeqHepB* database, clinicians in Hong Kong are provided with a complete mutational profile. This enables resistance analysis of their patients' viral profile, leading to significant improvement in the accuracy and effectiveness of predictive drug selection and better care for Hepatitis B patients.

### CUHK & University of London Jointly Offer Veterinary Public Health Programme

**T**he Chinese University School of Public Health and the University of London's Royal Veterinary College will lead Hong Kong's first veterinary public health programme. The programme aims at developing a better understanding of the relationship between animal disease and public health, thereby boosting Hong Kong's capacity to fight emerging infectious diseases.

The courses on animal diseases affecting human is the first of a series of collaborative ventures, which will bring together professionals in veterinary and human medicine.



## Air Pollution Increases Hospital Admissions of Pulmonary Disease Sufferers

Significant associations were found between hospital admissions for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and air pollutants, especially in the cold season.



The study, carried out by the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, and the Department of Community and Family Medicine, was published in the journal *THORAX*. The study assessed the relationship between the levels of ambient air pollutants and hospitalization rate due to COPD in Hong Kong.

## Assuring Quality in Cardiac Surgery by Surgical Audit Database

The Department of surgery initiates setting up a specially designed high-end surgical audit database to capture complete details of treatment and follow-up care for every patient undergoing surgery in the cardiac units of the Prince of Wales Hospital, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and Grantham Hospital.

An automatic module regularly analyzes the complex data on each surgical case and generates customized reports as required. Outcomes for patients and overall trends can then be progressively benchmarked against today's rapidly evolving international standards for cardiac surgery. Surgeons and managers can readily track progress on such key indicators as morbidity (complications arising from surgery) and mortality (death within 30 days of an operation), and can also systematically assess other relevant results, studying in detail the quality of each element of a patient's entire hospital stay. The outcomes reveal how well-agreed standards are being met, enabling intervention and improvement of every process and procedure involved in delivering first-class surgical care for Hong Kong patients.

## Research Grants Totalling HK\$87 Million for 39 Projects

Grants totalling some HK\$87 million from various local and overseas sponsors for projects undertaken by CUHK researchers were recorded during the period January to May 2007:

Sponsors	Amount Involved (HK\$)	Number of Projects Supported
Agilent Technologies, Inc. – Research Project Grant	258,445	1
AIDS Trust Fund	3,725,804	5
AO Research Fund	637,610	1
Community Investment and Inclusion Fund	900,000	1
Cotrel Foundation Grant	398,948	1
Germany/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme 2006–07	45,800	2
Health Care and Promotion Fund	251,684	1
Hong Kong Lung Foundation Research Grant Award 2007	162,000	2
Hong Kong Obstetrical and Gynaecological Trust Fund	60,000	2
Innovation and Technology Fund (University-Industry Collaboration Programme – Matching Grant for Joint Research Scheme)	5,598,880	1
Innovation and Technology Fund – General Support Programme	435,626	1
Innovation and Technology Fund – Guangdong-Hong Kong Technology Cooperation Funding Scheme (Platform Research Scheme)	18,993,590	7
Language Fund	640,000	1
Lord Wilson Heritage Trust	304,557	1
Microsoft Research Asia	240,000	2
Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme	810,000	2
RGC Central Allocation Grants 2006-2007	6,300,000	2
RGC Public Policy Research (PPR) Funding Scheme	1,313,004	2
Research Fund for the Control of Infectious Diseases	126,352	1
Spencer Foundation Major Research Grants	1,169,419	1
The Nippon Foundation's Overseas Grant	44,472,882	1
The Royal Society's Grant for Joint Project with Hong Kong	95,917	1

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

### Joint Laboratory on Natural Products and Toxicology Research

The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Zhejiang University (ZJU) signed collaboration agreements and opened the Joint Laboratory on Natural Products and Toxicology Research on 15 January.

CUHK and ZJU also agreed to establish the Joint Centre for Advanced Photonics Research of CUHK and ZJU.

The Joint Laboratory of ZJU and CUHK on Natural Products and Toxicology Research will build a database of natural drugs and biotoxins and develop new drugs to treat major diseases like cancers and viral infections.



## The Future of Banking in China

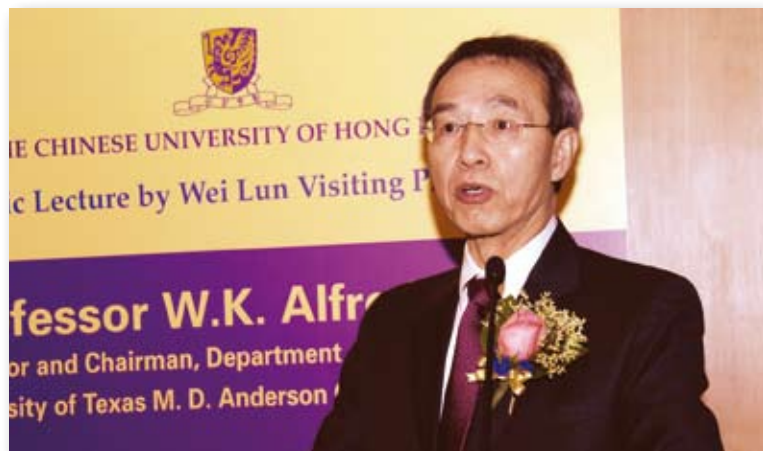
Mr. Zhang Jianguo, president of China Construction Bank (CCB), delivered a talk on 11 January at the University. Entitled 'Future of Banking Industry in China – Challenges and Opportunities', the event was attended by over 150 students, professors and alumni of the University.

Mr. Zhang said industry players in China's banking industry must seize opportunities under the new market environment. 'First of all, we have to work out how to meet customers' needs in the context of the local market situation. Equally important is to learn from foreign banks on advanced management philosophy and corporate governance mechanism. In addition, we should strengthen and push forward the reform of internal operations and management structure. We also have to strengthen our collaboration with foreign banks and maintain fair competition. China's banking industry is gradually going into the world market. A healthy competitive environment built on cooperation in the international arena will help boost the development of China's banking industry while benefitting the global financial market as a whole.'



## Lecture by Wei Lun Visiting Professor

Prof. Alfred W.K. Yung, professor and chairman, Department of Neuro-Oncology, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, delivered a lecture entitled 'Personalized Cancer Therapy: Coming Soon' in his capacity as Wei Lun Visiting Professor to the University, on 4 January at Shaw Auditorium, School of Public Health Building, Prince of Wales Hospital.



### **Nobel Laureate Douglass C. North Lectures at CUHK**

**T**he University invited Prof. Douglass C. North, 1993 Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, to deliver a lecture entitled 'The Natural State' on 1 March.

In his lecture, Prof. North provided a whole new approach to understanding the process of economic change. The natural state is a complex construct of independent political, economic, and social elites that tend to evolve automatically as humans create societal organizations throughout history. The lecture's focus was why the natural state is natural and why it is so difficult to transform to an 'open access' society.



### **Japan Consul-General Lectures on Japan-China Relations**

**M**r. Shigekazu Sato, Consul-General of Japan in Hong Kong, delivered a lecture entitled 'Japan-China Relations and the Future of Asia' on 22 March.

Mr. Sato served as the First Secretary of the Embassy of Japan in the United States of America and in the People's Republic of China. He was the Counsellor in the Embassy of Japan in the United States of America, the Minister of the Embassy of Japan in Indonesia. In August 2006, Mr. Sato was appointed Consul-General in Hong Kong.

## Two New Double Degree Programmes

CUHK announced the launch of the Four-year Double Degree Programme in Engineering and Business Administration, and the first JD/MBA Programme in Asia.

The Four-year Double Degree Programme in Engineering and Business Administration, jointly offered by the Faculty of Engineering and the Faculty of Business Administration, is the first such programme without an admission quota.

Students will spend the first three years majoring in engineering and taking additional business courses. In the fourth year, they will proceed to the business school where they will complete the second degree in business administration in one year. The programme offers great flexibility and is designed for science students who are strong in languages and analytical skills, and also interested in business and finance. Students from the Early Admission Scheme (EAS) or mainland China are particularly welcome to join the programme.

The JD/MBA Programme is jointly offered by the School of Law and the Faculty of Business Administration. It is the first cross-disciplinary postgraduate double-degree programme in Hong Kong.

Through reciprocal recognition of coursework, the JD/MBA Programme will allow students to complete both Juris Doctor (JD) and Master of Business Administration (MBA) in a shorter period of time, reducing the overall study load by 20%. Students who would like to continue pursuing a career in the legal profession may also choose courses leading them to entry eligibility for the PCLL Programme.





### CUHK Foundation Established in the US

To foster closer relationship with alumni and friends in the United States, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation, Inc. has been established in the US. All donations to the foundation benefitting CUHK are tax deductible in the US.

Support for the foundation is welcomed. Donation cheques made payable to 'The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation, Inc.', preferably in US dollars, should be addressed to the Office of Institutional Advancement at 6/F, Tin Ka Ping Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong SAR, China. An acknowledgement of receipt and a US tax deductible receipt will be dispatched to each donor in due course.

### CUHK Wins Hong Kong Flower Show Award

CUHK beat other competitors in the open category to win the Grand Award for Unique Feature in the Hong Kong Flower Show 2007. The show was held by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department from 16 to 25 March at the Hong Kong Victoria Park. The CUHK booth was a joint effort among the Institute of Chinese Medicine, the School of Chinese Medicine and the Landscaping Section of the Estates Management Office. Various Chinese herbal plants for cancer treatment, as well as anti-cancer herbs were on display.



## United College 50th Anniversary Activities

To celebrate its 50th anniversary, United College organized a series of events from March to June 2007. They included the Budding Scholars Exchange Programme jointly organized with the University of Missouri – St. Louis and Zhejiang University; Golden Jubilee Annual Workshop; ‘Enlightening Virtues, Renewing Man: An Exhibition of Paintings and Calligraphy by Distinguished Scholars of United College’; an exhibition on ‘Fifty Years of Cultural and Educational Development in Hong Kong’; ‘The Brush Dances and the Ink Sings: the Calligraphy of Prof. So Man-jock (1921-1997)’; and ‘Recitations from Prof. So Man-jock: His *Shi* and *Ci* Poetry’.



Prof. Yuan Longping, Director-General of the China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Centre, and Mr. Lee Hon-ching, renowned artist, were invited to host lectures. The college also invited its alumnus and renowned writer, Mr. Ni Kuang to be the college’s on-campus writer.

## Chung Chi College 55th Anniversary Exhibition

In celebration of the 55th anniversary of Chung Chi College, the exhibition ‘Surf Songs: Kit-Keung Kan’s Recent Ink Paintings and Calligraphy’ was staged from 24 April to 25 May 2007.

Dr. Kan Kit Keung is the college’s resident artist 2006-07 and a Chung Chi alumnus. The works selected for the exhibition depict the images and sounds of nature and express the artist’s profound feelings for nature.



### CUHK Celebrates Doha Victory of Three Alumni

The Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, Faculty of Education, celebrated the victory of three alumni who achieved brilliant results at the 2006 Asian Games on 12 January.

Miss Chiu Wing-yin Rebecca (right 2) won silver in the women's squash singles, Mr. Lee Chi-wo Daniel (middle) bagged silver at the Men's Triathlon and Miss Pau Ming-wai Akina (left 2) won a bronze medal in the women's sabre team competition.

The University also presented Daniel Lee and Akina Pau with scholarships to further their studies at the University.



### Art Museum Exhibition

The exhibition on 'Double Beauty II: Qing Dynasty Couplets from the Lechangzai Xuan Collection' took place at Art Museum from 17 March to 13 May.

The Chinese couplet is a unique literary form that demonstrates the extensive use of parallelism in the classic tradition. A couplet reflects the writer's knowledge of epigraphic studies and Chinese philology as well as the artistry of his calligraphy. Couplets became an increasingly popular art form in the Qing dynasty. Calligraphers, scholars, officials and even emperors wrote couplets not simply as an art form but also to demonstrate their competence in large characters. Bearing at the same time aesthetic value and social function, these Qing dynasty couplets represent the calligraphy of the period. The exhibition features a selection of 150 couplets from the renowned Lechangzai Xuan Collection. A fully illustrated bilingual catalogue accompanied the show.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



### Engineering PhD Student Wins Award at Microsoft Competition

Miss Ida Hui (right), a PhD student of the Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, was the first runner-up of the Best Presentation and Poster Award of the First Microsoft Joint Laboratory Symposium 2006.

### Fledgling CUHK Composer Outshines Competitors in Singapore

Miss Tang Lok-yin, DMus (Composition) student and MMus (Composition) graduate of the Department of Music, won the Young Composer Award of the 2006 Singapore Chinese Orchestra International Competition for Chinese Orchestral Composition with her work *Volcanicity* for Sheng and Chinese Orchestra.



### Business Students Win Marketing Award

Four final-year Business students (back from left) Winnie Yeung, Ivan Lui, Donna Chan, and (front) Stephanie Ho won the Joint University Marketing Communications Award, the largest marketing communications plan competition for university students in Hong Kong. The annual event is jointly organized by CUHK, HKBU, CityU, HKUST and HKU. The sponsor for this year was Towngas. There were over 70 teams formed by some 300 participants. The teams were requested to prepare a marketing communications plan for promoting 'Home Spa' for Towngas.

### Marketing Students Shine at International Marketing Award

CUHK marketing undergraduates won the L'Oréal Brandstorm International Marketing Award — Hong Kong Finals on 10 April. CUHK sent two teams to the competition. One of the CUHK teams Apollo, formed by Collete King (right 1), Richard Ng (right 2) and Grace Ho (middle) won first place while the other team Starmiz, formed by Fanny Cheung, Dennis Ngan and Truman Wong, came third.



The winning team represented Hong Kong at the International Finals in Paris held on 14 June to compete against other teams from the world's top universities.

### More Victories for CUHK Athletes

The 27th Annual Intersivarsity Games (AIG) were completed on 4 February. The CUHK sports teams battled counterparts from HKU with courage and determination during the three match days. CUHK reclaimed the overall championship trophy captured in the 25th AIG.



The final round of the 2006-07 University Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China Women's Table Tennis Competitions, was held on 25 March 2007. The CUHK women's team defeated PolyU team by 3:1. This was the team's fourth consecutive championship in the competition.

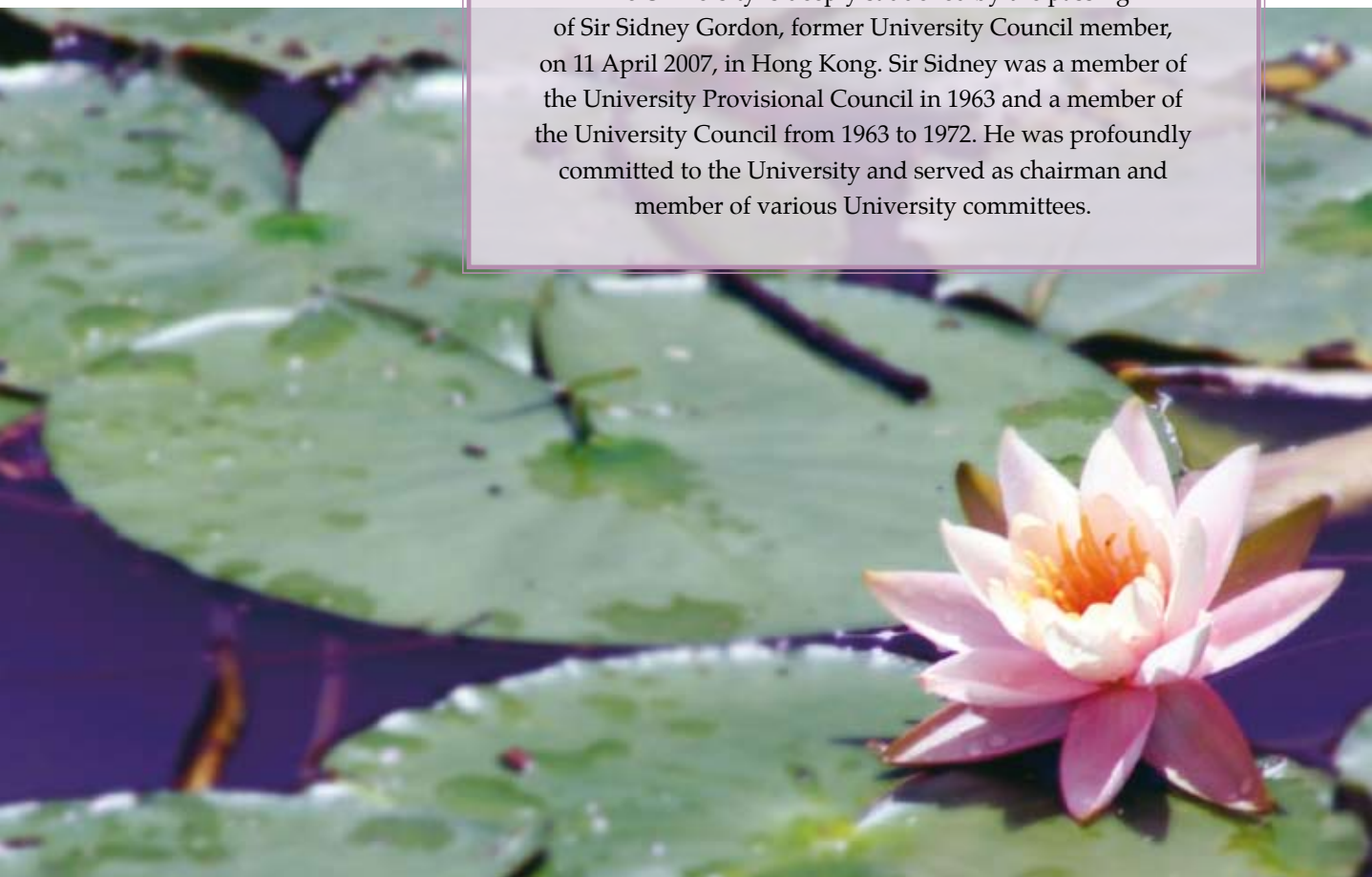
### Obituaries

The University records with deep sadness the passing of Prof. Wong Sai-peng of the Department of Electronic Engineering on 15 January 2007.

Prof. Wong joined the University as a lecturer in 1985 and became a professor in 1999. He was chairman of the department from 2003.

The University mourns the passing of Dr. J.S. Lee, long-time friend and benefactor of the University, on 24 February 2007. Dr. J.S. Lee became a member of the Provisional Council in 1963, and later, a member of the University Council. Dr. Lee was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws in 1974 and made a Life Member of the Council in 1992 in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the University. He had also served as chairman and member of numerous committees of CUHK. Dr. Lee was a major benefactor of the University.

The University is deeply saddened by the passing of Sir Sidney Gordon, former University Council member, on 11 April 2007, in Hong Kong. Sir Sidney was a member of the University Provisional Council in 1963 and a member of the University Council from 1963 to 1972. He was profoundly committed to the University and served as chairman and member of various University committees.







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