



Hope you are
having a wonderful
Thanksgiving and
a happy holiday
season!

FRIENDS OF HKU 15TH ANNIVERSARY



First board meeting of Friends of HKU -
Founding President Prof. Felix Wu (third left);
former President Prof. Kan Yuet Wai (fourth right) and
current President Dr. Lawrence Ng (first left)



One of the Friends of HKU supported activities -
Northern American HKU Alumni Joint Function 2009 in Las Vegas



Prof. Kan Yuet Wai visiting HKU
Starr Hall which was supported
by The Starr Foundation

This year marks the 15th anniversary
of Friends of HKU, and we would like
to take this opportunity to express our
sincere gratitude for all your support
over the years!

Here are some Friends of HKU's fast
facts to share with you!

- Incorporated in December 1999 under the US Internal Revenue Code, Section 501(C)(3), facilitating donations made by US donors eligible for tax exemption
- Its mission is to augment the advancement of The University of Hong Kong and foster connection of the University with its alumni and friends in the US
- Supported the establishment of Starr Hall (student residence), Endowed Professorships and Scholarships; contributed to the Centennial Campus' Bricks Campaign, Campaign for Ricci Hall, and various research and development projects



Dr Lawrence Ng at the Global Alumni
Reunion held in San Francisco in 2013



Bricks from alumni and friends in the US on the
Centennial Campus' Bricks Wall

- Over US\$16,400,000 in donations received since its inception
- Assisted in organizing the Global Alumni Reunions in the US; HKU President and Vice-Chancellor's road trips; gatherings of alumni chapters; and more
- 80 students and children of alumni have benefited from Friends of HKU Scholarships to undertake exchange programs between HKU and universities in the US and participate in HKU's summer programs

HKU DELEGATION VISITS

Since taking up his position as President and Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong (HKU) last year, Professor Peter Mathieson has taken great efforts to reinforce the University's links with its international family.

Towards greater globalization of HKU, President Mathieson has reached out and connected with alumni and benefactors as well as the University's counterparts during his visits to the US and Canada in April and November 2015.



The HKU delegation, including President Mathieson (fourth left), Dr. Christina Mathieson (fourth right), Mr. Douglas So, Vice President & Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Institutional Advancement) (third left) and Prof. Paul Cheung, Associate Vice-President (Research) (third right), paid a visit to Stanford D.School (design institute) guided by Professor Bernie Roth, Co-founder and Academic Director of the School (center).



A gathering was hosted at Stanford Faculty Club by the HKU Alumni Association of Northern California to welcome the delegation.



Meeting with Prof. Stefanos Zenios, Faculty Director of Center for Entrepreneurial Studies of Stanford Graduate School of Business (left).



To explore new collaborations, President Mathieson met with Prof. David Lee, Provost of Princeton University (left) and Prof. David McLaughlin, Provost of New York University (right).



The HKU Alumni Chapter in New York joined the welcome reception for President Mathieson held at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office.



Meeting with the Vice Presidents of The Starr Foundation, Ms. Paula Lawrence (front right) and Ms. Martha Livingston (front center), joined by Dr. Christina Mathieson (left back), Ms. Bernadette Tsui, Director, Development & Alumni Affairs Office (center back) and Ms. Isabella Wong, Director of Admissions and Academic Liaison Section (right back).



A meet-and-greet with the HKU Alumni Network of New England at Cambridge, MA



Mrs. & Dr. Dimitrios Kavvathas (center) with Dean of Business and Economics Prof. Eric Chang (right) and Assistant Dean Dr. Christina Chan (left)

A GIFT FOR NEEDY STUDENTS

Dr. Dimitrios Kavvathas, a former partner of Goldman Sachs Group, recommended that a donation in the amount of \$100,000 be made by The Goldman Sachs Charitable Gift Fund, a donor-advised fund, to Friends of HKU. A scholarship named for Dr. Kavvathas' two children, Anastasia and Ioannis, has been established for full-time non-first year undergraduates of the HKU Faculty of Business and Economics with good academic performances and demonstrated financial need.

Dr. Kavvathas retired in 2009 and is an adjunct professor of the Faculty teaching the course on "Current Topics in Finance", bringing to bear his veteran experiences in the financial markets.

ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

To express their gratitude of their mentor and teacher Professor Y. C. Cheng, past Dean of Engineering (1987-1989) and former President (Vice-Chancellor) of HKU (1996-2000), a group of HKU alumni initiated a donation to establish the "Y. C. Cheng Engineering Scholarship".

The group comprises Prof. Cheng's former postgraduate and undergraduate students, and visiting scholars who were mentored by him. Several supporters have benefited from international opportunities made possible by Prof. Cheng's mentorship.

The Scholarship shall support financially disadvantaged Engineering students to participate in overseas learning, including academic exchanges, summer programs, undergraduate research studies as well as internships.



Prof. Y.C. Cheng (third left) with students



(from left) Some of the Scholarship donors, Dr. Hong Seh Lim (BSc 1981), Dr. James Ma (PhD 1992), Prof. Philip HS Wong (BSc 1982) and Dr. Zhihong Liu (PhD 1990), who currently reside in Silicon Valley

MY VOICE, MY LIFE

The Hong Kong documentary “My Voice My Life”, which has been shown in theaters in New York, Washington DC, San Francisco and Los Angeles, was directed by Ruby Yang, the HKU Hung Leung Hau Ling Distinguished Fellow in Humanities.

This inspiring film has received coverage in over 150 Chinese and 30 English press outlets, including the *New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. It had won over seven awards internationally and had been selected by various film festivals around the world including the US.



Ruby is a Chinese American filmmaker who has won an Oscar and numerous international awards. She is currently hosted by the Journalism and Media Studies Centre at HKU.

CAMPAIGN FOR RICCI

Ricci Hall, founded in 1929, is one of the oldest residential halls at HKU. It is a male-only hall with a great history and deep heritage. Over 2,400 students have resided at Ricci Hall and it has been a breeding ground for renowned scholars, professionals and community leaders in Hong Kong and around the world.

The building and its facilities are showing their age and there is a pressing need for renovation. As the Hall does not receive any funding from the government or the University, and the financing of its daily operations comes solely from hall lodging charges, the support of alumni and friends is crucial for the renovation.



Funds have been raised from previous appeals including donations from alumni in the US. The reconstruction work is underway, yet additional donations are needed for further expenses.



HKU ALUMNI CHAPTERS AND NETWORKS IN THE U.S.

Keep in touch with your respective convenors for updates on chapters' activities!

If you know of any alumni who may not be aware of the chapters/networks below, please connect them back.

They can update their contact information at www.hku.hk/daao/oad

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HKU Alumni Dragon Boat Team of New York



Visit to national parks in Utah



Welcoming HKSAR Chief Executive to Chicago

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