



Summer 2010

Friends of HKU Bulletin

Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for the Centennial Campus

One hundred years ago, on March 16, 1910, the foundation stone of the University's first building, the Main Building, was laid.

This year, on the same date, the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony for the new Centennial Campus was held in situ. Some 1,000 guests and students, joining Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Lap-Chee Tsui and his predecessors Dr. Rayson Huang, Professor Wang Gungwu, Professor Y.C. Cheng and Professor Ian Davies, witnessed this historic moment.



Laying of the Foundation Stone by The Hon. Donald Tsang, Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong

www.hku.hk/daao/316

Centenary Celebrations Coming Soon!

Watch out for the exciting events like...

January 2011	Commencement of Centenary Celebrations
December 18, 2011 (Sunday)	Gala Dinner at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Fall 2012	Opening of the Centennial Campus and implementation of the 4-year curriculum

Detailed programs to be announced in December 2010.

Convocation Newsletter

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Convocation Newsletter is a university magazine for alumni, donors, staff and friends, featuring the latest of the University's developments and alumni community.



- ▶ East meets West: HKU's location at the crossroads of Asia offers a multilingual environment to practice journalism
- ▶ University news: Young Eco Leaders tackle nature conservation, promoting equal learning opportunities, from social learning to social capital...
- ▶ Alumni network: Lady Ho Tung Hall 60th Anniversary, Morrisonian Spirit to Serve...

Read more:

www.hku.hk/alumni/cnews_summer2010

Giving to HKU

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Last 500 Bricks!

Since the launch of the Bricks Campaign, the University is proud to have received the support of our alumni and friends and, to date, only 500 bricks are still available.

As of July 2010, 22 bricks have been pledged by alumni and friends through Friends of HKU.

You are invited to join as a Lily Donor (US\$2,308 for a 4" x 8" Brick) or a Bauhinia Donor (US\$4,872 for an 8" x 8" Brick). A personal message can be engraved on your brick and it will become a part of the Amphitheatre of the Centennial Campus, which is due to open in 2012. If the total number of bricks pledged through Friends of HKU reaches 30, a free brick associated with Friends of HKU will be offered as a token of the University's appreciation.

Don't miss this last opportunity to own a piece of history at the Centennial Campus!

www.hku.hk/bricks



Bricks Wall and Amphitheatre at the Centennial Campus

"Alumni Challenge" Final year to match the HK\$100m target!

The "Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge" was launched in November 2005 whereby every donation from alumni would be matched dollar for dollar by alumnus Dr. Stanley Ho who pledged a maximum of HK\$100m (US\$13m) a year for five consecutive years.

With your support, the University has successfully reached the target in each of the past four years. Now, it's the final year! We need your participation to meet the target.

For every dollar you give today, the University will get two dollars to strengthen its research excellence, advance its internationalization plans and assist in its ambitious educational and student developments. There really is no better time to give to your *alma mater* than now.

Double your gift; every dollar counts.

www.hku.hk/alumnichallenge

U.S. Foundation Supporting HKU's Research

Dr. Sophia Chan Siu-Chee, Head of the HKU School of Nursing, received the Clinical Innovator Award, with a research grant, from the Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute (FAMRI).

Dr. Chan's research project "Randomized control trial of a family invention to reduce secondhand



smoke exposure in children" aims to help implement a smoking cessation program which will improve infant health and reduce premature deaths, and also give recommendations to the government on how to reduce secondhand smoke exposure in the household.

FAMRI is an independent not-for-profit foundation in the U.S. sponsoring medical and scientific research to combat the diseases caused by exposure to tobacco smoke.

Exchange Scholarships

Friends of HKU Scholarships

The "Friends of HKU Scholarships" were established in 2006 to promote and encourage academic and cultural exchanges between Hong Kong and the U.S. for a period of four years. The funding covers both outgoing exchange scholarships for HKU undergraduate students to study in the U.S. and incoming exchange scholarships for U.S. citizens to study at HKU.

Thanks to generous donations from loyal HKU supporters like you, the Scholarships have been awarded to a total of 54 HKU and 12 U.S. undergraduate students to participate in their exchange studies.



Four students from the States on a semester exchange to HKU in 2009/10

"The generosity of Friends of HKU most surely is a testament to the pride HKU evokes in its past students. At HKU, I diversified my knowledge of architectural design with the special advantage of Hong Kong's position in East Asia. With this experience, I hope to become more competitive in my future career as an architect and I will also do my best to return the favor to future generations."

James Ira Winder
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

More experience sharing: <http://usfriends.hku.hk>

Summer Exchange Scholarships

The newly established "Friends of HKU Summer Exchange Scholarship" encourages children of U.S.-based HKU alumni to participate in a rich variety of activities offered by the HKU Summer Programs. This year, the dynamic Wong sisters, Christiana and Regina, were lucky to experience a unique summer at HKU and have a taste of the University life of their father, Dr. Wong Ching-Yee (MBBS 1988, MD 1998).

The Scholarship for next year will open for applications in March 2011.

"I want to be exposed to the Cantonese/Chinese culture, since my parents both grew up in Hong Kong and on the Chinese Mainland. I am impressed by the caliber of education offered by HKU and the dedication of the professors who are willing to teach young people like me over their summer vacation."

Christiana Olivia Wong



Christiana (left) at the dentistry simulation laboratory



Regina (1st left) and her classmates

Regina Heather Wong

"The lecturers and student leaders were enthusiastic to help us understand the field of Speech Therapy. Their passion for their careers and studies easily rubbed off on us and I graciously thank them for putting together this summer program to create a unique, worthwhile experience and, best of all, it was in the lovely and vibrant city of Hong Kong."

HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the U.S.

Stay in touch with your respective convenor!

- ▶ **Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Northern California**
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- ▶ **HKU Alumni Network of New England**
(Covers Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine)
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- ▶ **HKU Alumni Chapter in New York**
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HKU Vancouver Rendezvous

Join our fellow alumni and HKU representatives in Vancouver for these special events. Register now!
www.hku.hk/daao/VancouverOct2010/

Grand Opening of Simon K.Y. Lee HKU-UBC House
October 8, 2010 (Fri), 11am
University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

The Simon K.Y. Lee HKU-UBC House, and its related facilities, is a cultural center and international residence at the University of British Columbia (UBC). It will serve to connect students and faculty of HKU and UBC, as well as to advance international study, collaborative research, and community outreach. Presidents of the two universities will officiate at the Grand Opening. Exclusive accommodation available for booking by members of HKU, please contact alumni@hku.hk for further details.



HKU Alumni Association,
British Columbia Chapter
40th Anniversary Dinner
October 9, 2010 (Sat), 6pm

2-day Salmon Run Tour
October 10-11, 2010 (Sun-Mon)

