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# Friends of HKU Bulletin

## HKU Global Alumni Convention

The first-ever HKU Global Alumni Convention was held in Shanghai, China from November 2 to 4.

There were over 600 delegates at the Convention – about half came from Hong Kong and overseas (including UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Malaysia and Singapore) and the rest were from Shanghai and other cities on the Chinese Mainland.

The Convention's theme was "Discover Shanghai. Discover China – Tomorrow Today" 《中國·上海·今天看明天》. Through the discovery and re-discovery of Shanghai, the event provided a platform where delegates could gain insights into China's future on the world stage, and determine the role HKU Alumni can play in these critical times of change.

It was also a great networking opportunity and a special time for reunions for many of the alumni amid fine dining and fun activities. The Convention also included site visits and special tours for a closer look at different aspects of Shanghai's development and potential.

Details of the Convention with photos, video clip and press clippings can be found at: [www.hku.hk/alumni/global2006](http://www.hku.hk/alumni/global2006)



Visit to China Executive Leadership Academy, a government-funded national training institution for high-level officials and business executives.



(from left) Ms Monica Yeung, Friends' Executive Director, Mr Thomas Chiu, President of HKUAASC, Vice-Chancellor and Ms Mee Jin (HKUAASC).



## HKU Alumni Chapters and Networks in the US

Please keep in touch with your respective convener!

If you know of any alumni who are not aware of these US networks, please help them to get in touch.

### **Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Northern California (HKUAANC)**

President: Dr Bill Mok Chi-Man

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Dr Gloria Yu will be the incoming president starting year 2007

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[www.hkuaa.org](http://www.hkuaa.org)

### **Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Southern California (HKUAASC)**

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[www.infinitylink.com/hkuaasc/index.htm](http://www.infinitylink.com/hkuaasc/index.htm)

### **New York Chapter (covers New York, New Jersey and nearby areas)**

President: Mr Raymond Li

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### **Boston Network**

Contact: Professor Siu Yum-Tong ([siu@math.harvard.edu](mailto:siu@math.harvard.edu)) and  
Professor Selina Wong Sau-Fong ([ssiu@wheelock.edu](mailto:ssiu@wheelock.edu))



(from left) Ms Irene Man, President of HKUAA London chapter with Dr Lawrence Ng and Dr Bill Mok from HKUAANC, together with two Hong Kong-based alumni at the Global Alumni Convention.



(right) Mr Thomas Chiu joined other alumni from around the globe on an excursion to Suzhou, part of the Global Alumni Convention program.

**Feedback:** Please feel free to let us know your suggestions and thoughts on this bulletin by e-mailing us at [usfriend@hku.hk](mailto:usfriend@hku.hk). We would love to hear from you!

*Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a most prosperous 2007!*

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# Giving to HKU

## One Heart, One Family

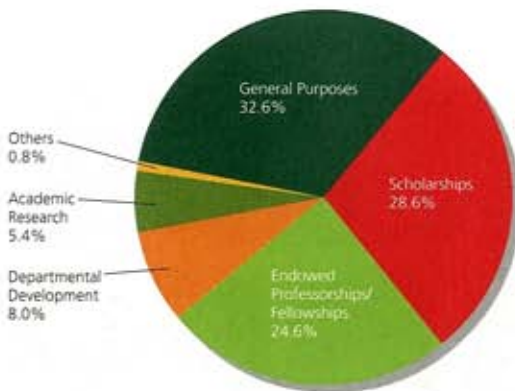
The University of Hong Kong, with its missions and illustrious record, has always enjoyed the support of the community and the University Family.

Many alumni have chosen to contribute to:

- academic excellence through the funding of endowed professorships, visiting scholars and the recruitment of renowned scholars;
- teaching and research centers, interdisciplinary research areas or specific projects undertaken by individual professors or research teams;
- their own graduating departments and faculties;
- scholarships for undergraduate and postgraduate students, and the international student exchange programs; and
- other University facilities like the University Libraries and the University Museum & Art Gallery.

The outcome of this generosity is some very good news which the University would like to share with everybody.

### PURPOSE OF DONATIONS



*The first year's \$100 million target has been met!  
The second year's matching now begins, we need your continuous support!*

In the 3rd Government Matching Grant Scheme launched by the Government on June 1, 2006 on a first-come, first-served basis, HKU has again reached the ceiling granted by the Government. The Matching provides the financial resources needed to implement the University's education and research programs.

Over 100 departments, units and programs have benefited from this exercise. In the past four months alone, gifts have come from some 1,100 donors (members of the public, alumni and staff), including 140 donors (individual or foundation) from overseas. This represents a strong and growing endorsement of the University's aspirations and its partnership with the community.

The matching momentum continues with the **Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge** which matches alumni and student donations ([www.hku.hk/alumnichallenge](http://www.hku.hk/alumnichallenge)). The excellent news is that the first-year's HK\$100 million has been successfully matched under this scheme which was launched last November. This Alumni Challenge is now entering its second year.

The effort and support of the University Family have made all these possible!



## Giving to HKU

### How Friends of HKU handle your donations

The following provides you with an outline of how Friends of HKU ("Friends") processes a donation. The most common forms of donation received by Friends are checks and stocks donations.

When sending a donation to Friends, please complete the donation form on the following page or download it from <http://usfriends.hku.hk> and mail it together with your donation check to Friends at:

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Friends of HKU, Ltd  
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Sunnyvale, CA 94087

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When Friends receives the donation, a written acknowledgement will be issued to the donor within five working days. The donor will require the acknowledgement letter for claiming tax deductions for charitable contributions.

If you include your e-mail address in the form, we will be able to acknowledge receipt via e-mail before the physical acknowledgement letter arrives in your mail box.

For stock donations or donations in other forms (e.g. planned gifts or donations in kind), please contact the Executive Director for further processing guidelines to ensure tax and other issues are properly covered.

Many alumni take advantage of the tax-exempt status of Friends by making regular donations to Friends around the year-end. Many are also aware that their employers may offer matching grants if they donate to tax-exempt organizations. Their donations generally will be doubled through matching on a one-to-one basis. The next time you make a donation to Friends, check with your employer to see if matching is available – you could be making an even bigger difference with the matching.

Over the past 12 months, Friends of HKU received many donations from alumni all across the US, from the East to the West Coast and as far away as Puerto Rico.

Friends also received corporate and foundation donations to support different faculties with their scholarships, conferences and research programs.

We appreciate your support of The University of Hong Kong!





## Campus News

### HKU ranks 33rd among the world's top 100 Universities

According to *The Times Higher Education Supplement* published in the UK, this year The University of Hong Kong climbed eight places to rank 33rd among the world's top 100 universities.



31	University of California, Los Angeles	US
32	University of Texas at Austin	US
33=	Edinburgh University	UK
33=	The University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
35=	Carnegie Mellon University	US
35=	Sydney University	Australia

The rankings are based on a range of qualitative and quantitative criteria, including peer review carried out among academics, staff-to-student ratio, citations of academic papers and international outlook.

This ranking is an encouraging validation of the effectiveness of the University's strategic plans; yet there are still challenges ahead, such as human and physical resource planning, gaining the support and participation of the whole community, and managing the demands of excellence in teaching and research.

However, the University is not alone and it has the invaluable support of the University Family of alumni, faculty, students, parents and friends.

### *The Times Higher Education Supplement 2006*

HKU ranked **33** in the world's **top** universities

HKU ranked **33** in the world's **top arts and humanities** universities

HKU ranked **30** in the world's **top social sciences** universities

HKU ranked **31** in the world's **top biomedicine** universities

### Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui reappointed



The University's Council, after consultation with the Senate, staff, students and alumni, has resolved to invite Professor Lap-Chee Tsui to continue the Vice-Chancellorship for five years from September 1, 2007.

The overwhelming display of support in favor of extending Professor Tsui's Vice-Chancellorship is an acknowledgement of the leadership he has brought to the position and the outstanding achievements he has made within the HKU community during the past four years.

We are all excited by the news and we are confident that HKU will continue to strengthen its heritage of academic and research excellence, and enhance its standing amongst the top tier of universities around the world.