

95th Birthday

Dear colleagues, students, alumni and friends,

When the University began is always an interesting subject.

Last March 16, which was the HKU's Foundation Day and a holiday for the University, I took a camera and captured a picture of the Foundation Stone. The picture is attached for your interest. The Stone is now inside the Main Building which opened in 1912, almost two years after the stone was laid (please see <http://www.hku.hk/daao/photo/hkuFD/>).

Then, why are we celebrating our Centenary in 2011? As far as I know, the Ordinance for the University of Hong Kong was enacted on March 30, 1911, which is now generally regarded as the University's founding year. Some argued, however, that our Date of Birth should be September 15, 1912 because it was when the first batch of students started their class at the University. Others insist that the birth of HKU should date back to the inauguration of the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese in 1887...

We will have a small party on this Saturday, March 25, in Loke Yew Hall at 2 pm, to celebrate the University's 95th anniversary as well as to continue the debate! Please join us. The party will be followed by a visit to the Centennial Campus Site.

I look forward to seeing you there!

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