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# RIISING TALENTS

**HKU has a galaxy of young stars working on the cutting edge of InnoTech**

**Meet a select few of the many researchers making a difference**

Across departments and faculties at HKU, innovators are seeking solutions to societal problems. Here are a few of the many bright researchers who aim to improve humanity decades into the future.

Where will the next scientific breakthrough be? In the tiniest droplet of blood, traveling at lightning speed through an electronic channel the width of a human hair. In “super strong” steel beams holding up massive infrastructure such as bridges and highways. Or in a mishap in a lab – when a piece of rubber accidentally falls into place, inspiring researchers to develop “soft implants” to support aging bones.

The challenge is not only in producing sophisticated research – but also in translating laboratory discoveries into real-life applications. Can automakers and the aviation industry use new materials to manufacture safer cars and planes? Can biomedical innovation save lives in hospital cancer wards?

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## WHAT NEXT?

Dr Ma's team have identified markers for liver cancer stem cells and are investigating what makes them more resistant to treatment.

Her ultimate goal is to develop new treatments targeted at cancer stemness and to translate the biomedical discoveries of her lab into better patient care in the clinic.

## THE ROOTS OF CANCER

For more than a decade, the international medical community has puzzled over the connection between stem cells and cancer – and whether related research can lead to a cure.

Stem cells are often in the news for their potential in regenerative medicine. However, cancer stems cells – or a special subset of cells within cancerous tumours – are different.

Dr Ma, an award-winning young researcher, calls these cancer stem cells “the bad guys”. Their ability to self-renew and differentiate – essentially to create copies of themselves or different cell types – makes cancer harder to treat. Cancer stem cells are more resistant to chemotherapy and radiotherapy, and can lie dormant before causing relapses years later.

“Cancers are like the dandelions in the backyard,” she said. “You can cut the flowers off all you want; but unless you cut off the roots, they can always grow back.” The “roots” of the disease lie with cancer stem cells.

One focus for Dr Ma's team is hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC). This type of liver cancer has proven resistant to conventional therapies, has a high level of recurrence, and often has a poor prognosis.

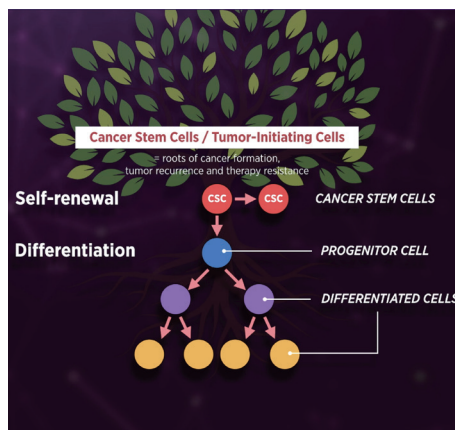
Asia is a world leader in liver cancer, with 80% of global cases occurring on the continent. Liver cancer is the third leading cause of cancer deaths in Hong Kong, according to the Government's Centre for Health Protection.

## Dr Stephanie Ma 馬桂宜 (HKU PhD 2007)

*Associate Professor, School of Biomedical Sciences*

*Founding Member, The Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences*

“Cancer affects most of us, including myself, through family and friends. It has always been a subject I've taken close to heart.”





## WHAT NEXT?

The US National Institutes of Health's BRAIN Initiative Fund has granted more than US\$2 million to a project led by Dr Tsia and Professor Na Ji at the University of California, Berkeley.

Closer to home, Dr Tsia's team has started pilot clinical trials for breast and lung cancer screenings at Queen Mary Hospital, HKU's main teaching hospital.

## ULTRA-FAST MEDICAL SNAPSHOTS

Think about how quickly smartphone technology has improved in the past decade – from taking dark and blurry snapshots, to lengthy high-quality videos.

Now imagine a scientific camera 100 times faster than the best smartphone. Then imagine making that camera even faster and more precise, so medical researchers can use it to minutely study cells.

That is what Dr Tsia aims to achieve with his innovative laser-scanning technique, called FACED.

One application for FACED is in the detection of cancer cells. Conventional methods used to label and detect cancer cells involve procedures that can be costly, laborious and time-consuming.

However, combined with new technology like AI, FACED can be used to create a "catalogue of features", for an intelligent imaging method to identify cells. This is similar to a smartphone using facial recognition software to automatically sort between snapshots of, say, your mother or your best friend.

Working with medical collaborators, Dr Tsia's team found that their new intelligent imaging method correctly identified cancer types and sub-types with more than 90% accuracy.

## Dr Kevin Tsia

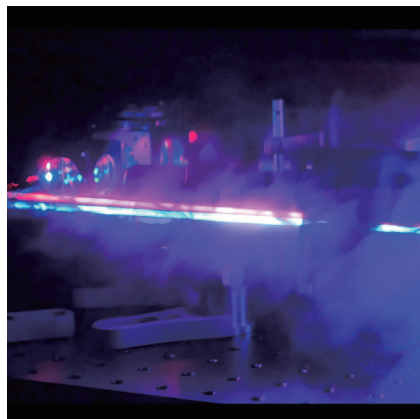
謝堅文

*Programme Director, Biomedical Engineering Programme*

*Associate Professor, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering*

*Founding Member, The Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences*

“This project has the unique potential to redefine how we practise cancer screening and treatment monitoring.”





## WHAT NEXT?

Dr Shum's team are working with collaborators at Princeton University and Harvard University – where Dr Shum did his undergraduate, and Master and PhD degrees, respectively.

More support will be needed so that lab research can be turned into medical instruments that can benefit the general public.

## BETTER BLOOD TESTS, DROP BY DROP

Almost everyone has experienced getting a blood test. The nurse fills multiple test tubes from the needle in your arm, and then you wait hours or even days to find out the results.

Dr Shum wondered whether there was a more efficient way to carry out this common procedure: Can the waiting time be shortened? Can a smaller amount of blood be used? Can more vital information be extracted from the same amount of blood?

Dr Shum's team have developed devices using a technique called droplet microfluidics. These small plastic chips have tiny channels, about the width of a single human hair. They can hold even tinier droplets of blood, whose volumes could approach only one-billionth that of a whole test tube.

"We developed technologies to generate droplets at very high speeds – say, 1,000 droplets per second," Dr Shum explained. "We can merge droplets, inject things into droplets, and detect what's inside droplets."

Potentially, this technology could help researchers understand diseases better with data analytics. It could lead to diseases being detected faster and at an earlier stage.

## Dr Anderson Shum 岑浩璋

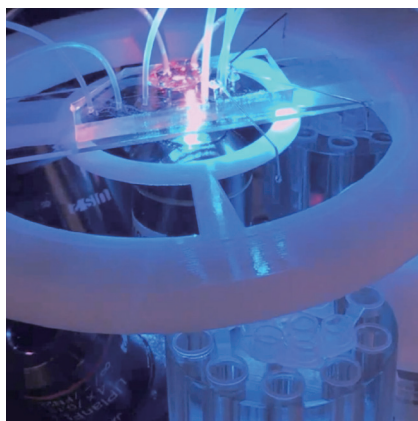
*Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering*

*Assistant Dean (Special Projects), Faculty of Engineering*

*Founding Member, The Hong Kong Young Academy of Sciences*

*HKU Outstanding Young Researcher Award, 2016-17*

"Our vision is to improve healthcare, drop by drop."





## WHAT NEXT?

Several companies are now in discussion with HKU about licensing SuperSteel technology.

China Baowu Steel, the largest steel company in China, is using the quenched and partitioned Q&P process to produce steel used by car manufacturers such as General Motors and Nissan.

## SUPERSTEEL TO THE RESCUE

Dr Huang and his team are the inventors of SuperSteel, an innovative material that got its name for being both “super strong” and “super flexible”. This breakthrough, which was reported in the prestigious US-based journal *Science*, could greatly improve the safety of the roads, cars, and planes we use every day for transport.

SuperSteel’s potential applications include auto manufacturing, aerospace, and mass infrastructure such as bridges. It can be produced at a reasonable cost using existing techniques, making it adaptable for industry.

To create SuperSteel, Dr Huang had to overcome a major challenge in the field of material science: the “strength-ductility trade-off”. Conventionally, when strength is increased, ductility – or flexibility – can be compromised. SuperSteel, which combines the best of both attributes, was developed using a novel deformed and partitioned (D&P) process.

## Dr Huang Mingxin 黃明欣

*Associate Professor, Department of Mechanical Engineering*

*USA TechConnect Global Innovation Awardee*

“I understand the importance of turning research into products to improve consumers’ lives.”





## WHAT NEXT?

Lifespans is applying for regulatory approval around the world, including in the United States, the European Union, China, ASEAN and Australia.

## SOFT IMPLANTS FOR SOFT BONES

The history of innovation is full of accidents – dating back to when an apple fell on Sir Isaac Newton, inspiring him to discover gravity.

Lifespans, which develops orthopaedic implants, also had its *eureka* moment due to a mishap. “The idea for a ‘soft implant’ came from an accidental discovery in our lab,” said Dr Kulper. “A piece of biocompatible rubber that we were using for another purpose fell into the hole before the insertion of a bone screw design that we were testing in artificial elderly bone tissue. When we looked at the data, we found that result was really, really good! We were amazed when we discovered the little rubber cylinder hiding inside. This discovery kicked off years of research into how ‘soft implants’ could help cushion the soft bone tissue of patients with osteoporosis.”

Fractures, due to falls or accidents, are conventionally treated with rigid metal implants to fuse bone back together. However, this technique does not work as well on the weaker bones often found in the elderly.

The breakthrough of using “soft implants” could greatly improve quality of life in a rapidly aging society.

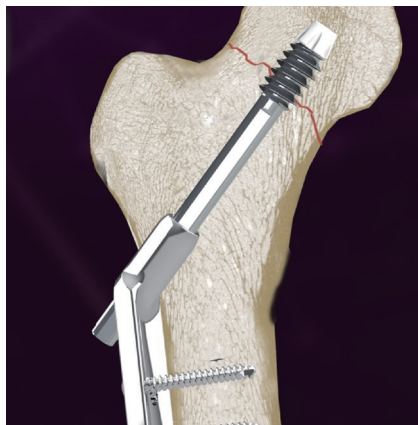
Dr Kulper, an MIT-educated engineer, co-founded Lifespans with HKU academics and research scientists: Professor William Lu 呂維加, Ng Chun-Man Professor in Orthopaedic Bioengineering; Professor Frankie Leung 梁加利 (MBBS 1989);

## Dr Sloan Kulper

(HKU PhD 2018)

*CEO of Lifespans, a HKU spin-off company*

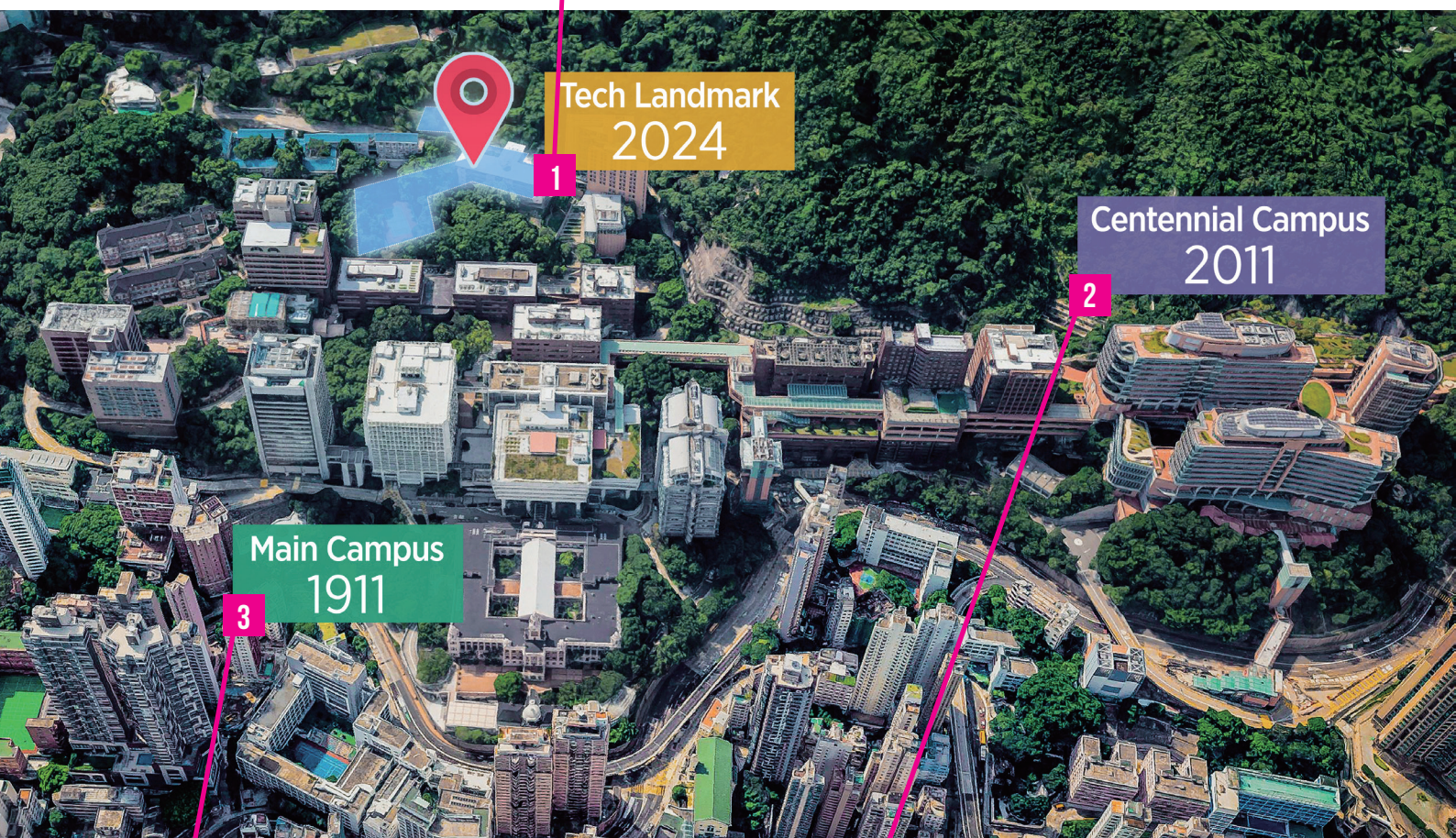
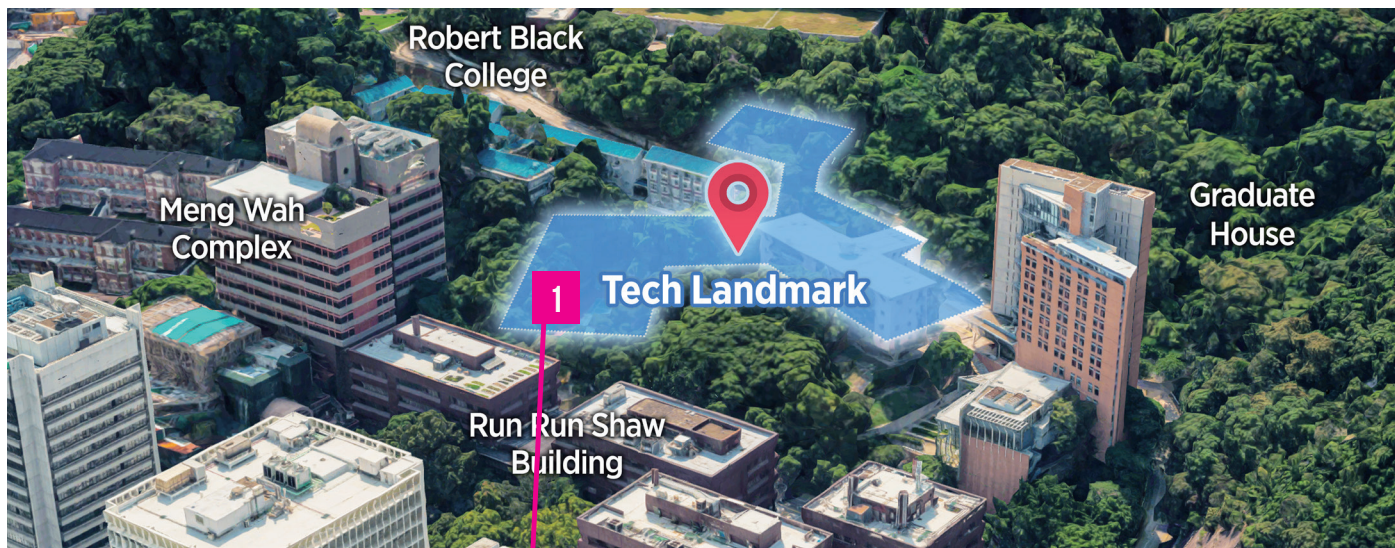
“Our goal is to bring this work to clinical practice – and into the world beyond.”



Clinical Assistant Professor and Honorary Associate Consultant Christian Fang 方欣碩 (MBBS 2003); and Dr Erica Ueda Boles, all of the Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology. Dr Xiaoreng Feng, a PhD student, and Dr Grace Teng Zhang 張騰, a post-doctoral R&D project manager, serve as Lifespans’ advisor and director of clinical affairs, respectively.











HKU will launch a groundbreaking initiative to advance our resources for cutting-edge research and entrepreneurship. Our vision is to use the power of world-class innovation and technology to improve humanity.

## TECH LANDMARK HEADQUARTERS OF INNOTECH

The Tech Landmark, a complex of four towers, will be the next major development at the University.

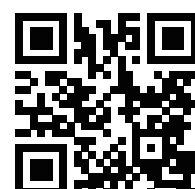
After its establishment in 1911 on the historic **Main Campus** with the iconic Main Building, the University grew vastly to include all 10 faculties: Architecture, Arts, Business & Economics, Dentistry, Education, Engineering, Law, Medicine, Science, and Social Sciences.

In 2011, the **Centennial Campus** was completed to serve as the homes of the Faculties of Arts, Law, and Social Sciences. It also houses the Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, which includes the 1,000-seat Grand Hall, and the Chi Wah Learning Commons, a state-of-the-art collaborative student learning space.

Now the **Tech Landmark**, planned for 2024, will mark HKU's new horizons as it enters its second century.

The Tech Landmark will house **10 institutes** serving as national platforms with global impact. The Lee Shau Kee Institute of the Mind was the first to be announced.

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## GROWING THE TALENT HUB

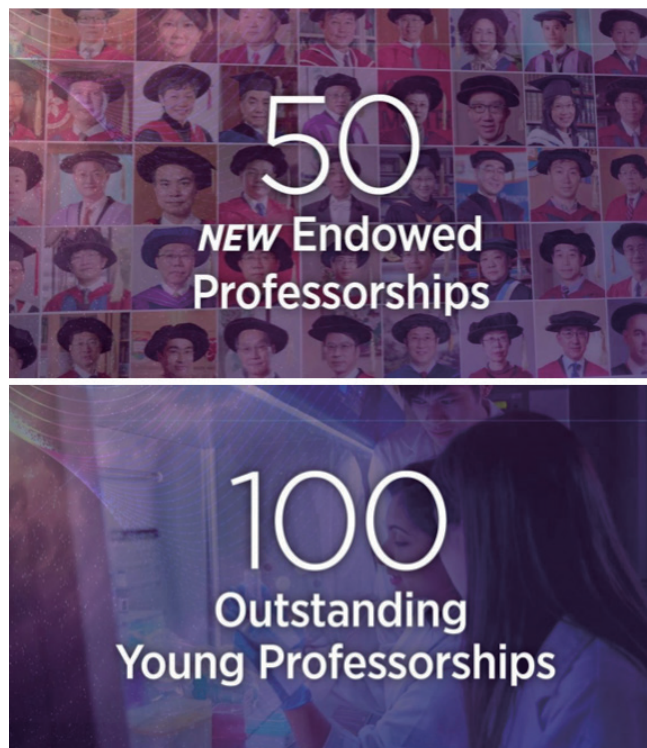
HKU is proud to build on a foundation of academic excellence. According to Clarivate Analytics, **114** of our professors were ranked among the world's top 1% of scientists, and **15** are among the world's most highly cited researchers in 2018.

Going forward, we shall work to nurture our talents and recruit top researchers from all over the world.

Our goal is to add **50 new Endowed Professorships**, and enhance a scheme that honours and supports eminent academics. A total of 116 Endowed Professorships have been established since 2005.

**Three new schemes** have been created, with plans for **100** recipients each.

- **Outstanding Young Professorships (OYP)** will be for rising talents at the Associate Professor and Assistant Professor levels.
- **Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowships** will host the world's finest post-doctoral talents to undertake frontier research.
- **The Presidential PhD Scholars** scheme will support students with great potential to excel in their research fields.



## “InnoTech and humanity will redefine the world”



### FROM THE PRESIDENT

At The University of Hong Kong, we believe that InnoTech will be the driving force in advancing humanity and redefining the world. In the next five years, we will enhance both the physical space and human resources for InnoTech.

The Tech Landmark, a complex of four towers, will be built to house new institutes dedicated to interdisciplinary studies and emerging fields such as artificial intelligence (AI), big data, smart materials, quantum science, and biomedical engineering. The complex will serve as a hub for innovative thinking, learning, teaching, research, and entrepreneurship.

We will enhance support for current talents at the University, while recruiting top academics from around the world.

These efforts will help position HKU as a world leader seeking solutions to world problems. Together, we will take HKU to new heights.

**Professor Xiang Zhang**  
President and Vice-Chancellor



A donation of HK\$5 million will establish  
an **Outstanding Young Professorship**

# NURTURING RISING STARS

The University of Hong Kong has created the Scheme for young talents (Associate/Assistant Professors) at all ten faculties.

A donation of HK\$5 million, matched dollar for dollar, will enable the University to establish an endowment for an **Outstanding Young Professorship**.

The annual income from the endowment will support research and educational activities.

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# Honorary Graduates 2019

## Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*



### The Hon Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma 馬道立

Chief Justice Ma has presided over the Court of Final Appeal, Hong Kong's highest court, since 2010. As a determined champion for the rule of law, a judge and leader of the Judiciary, he is, in the Platonic sense, one of our most accomplished public figures.



### The Hon Mr Justice Roberto Alexandre Vieira Ribeiro 李義

Mr Justice Ribeiro has a formidable reputation both in Hong Kong and elsewhere in the common law world. He has made profoundly significant contributions to the jurisprudence of Hong Kong and common law in general.

## The Hon Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma's speech on behalf of the Honorary Graduates at the 201<sup>st</sup> Congregation on April 2, 2019

### An Edited Extract

For me, I regard the award of this degree as very much one which belongs to the Hong Kong Judiciary, which I represent. The importance of an independent judiciary to Hong Kong cannot be overstated. To start with, the Basic Law, the constitutional document that governs the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (which, as its Preamble provides, was enacted by the National People's Congress to ensure the implementation of the basic policies of the PRC regarding Hong Kong) states in three different articles that Hong Kong shall have independent judicial power. The Judicial Oath required to be taken by all judges provides that judges must "administer justice without fear or favour, self-interest or deceit".

Independence of the Judiciary is essential when dealing with the many complex legal issues before the courts. In the area of public law, where the public interest is engaged, cases often involve the Government and public authorities. There is little doubt that, like society in general, the law and the cases handled by the courts have become much more complex than before. This is inevitable when we see the growth of the community through the years: in 1841, the population

of Hong Kong was 7,450; at the turn of the 20th century, in 1901, it had risen to 283,978; after the 2nd World War, in 1950, it was 2.2 million; in 2001, the population had become 6.7 million; and it is now about 7.5 million. When one adds to this the greater awareness, particularly after July 1, 1997, of political, economic and social dimensions, it is easy to infer that life in general has become more complex.

I have earlier mentioned public law cases. These are cases which sometimes originate from political, economic or social controversies, on which members of the public may have strong views. These views are often diverse and at odds with one another, and at times seemingly impossible to reconcile. The various freedoms and rights that are enumerated in the Basic Law are not always easy to apply and, as a matter of law, their enforcement by the courts often involve having to adjudicate between perfectly legitimate interests which pull in different directions. [...]

The difficulty for the courts can sometimes lie in how to resolve legitimate, but conflicting, considerations.



## Doctor of Social Sciences *honoris causa*



### **Dr David Sin 冼為堅**

The Chairman of Myer Jewelry Manufacturer Limited is a business leader and advocate of higher education. The Sin Wai Kin Fund and Sin Wai Kin Distinguished Visiting Professorship in the Humanities were established to support the Hong Kong Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at HKU.



### **Professor Andrew Michael Spence 安德魯·米高·斯彭思**

The Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences is a world authority on growth in developing countries and on the convergence between advanced and developing economies. He is the Co-Chair of the Advisory Council of the Asia Global Institute, HKU.

Full speech  
and citations



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Depending on the facts of any given case, some considerations will prevail over others and, sometimes, a balancing exercise is required to be undertaken. It is, however, important at all times for judges to be even-handed and, just as important, seen to be so. This is why the independence of the Judiciary is important in order to ensure that all cases that come before the courts, be they controversial or not, are decided strictly according to the law and legal principle, and nothing else.

I mentioned just now that a balancing exercise may sometimes have to be performed. This approach is to recognise the validity and legitimacy of all reasonable points of view which a judge may have to take into account in the determination of a legal dispute. Broadly speaking, it is a recognition that not only individual rights have to be considered, but also the rights and interests of other members of the community and the community as a whole.

And this, surely, must be how a community should be expected to function: as I have often said in the past,

**there should be not only a respect for one's own rights and freedoms but also the rights and freedoms of others.**

**After all, the guarantee of equality emphasised and repeated in the Basic Law and in the Bill of Rights reflects the basic assumptions of tolerance, respect and compromise. These are the assumptions behind a sense of community.**

My fellow graduates and I believe in this sense of community. The Asia Global Institute has this theme as part of its mission; the study of humanities aims at promoting this concept; and the Judiciary has this objective underlying much of its work: we call it part of the spirit of the law. I believe this is what the University also expects of its graduates.





THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
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*Each gift comes  
with a story  
And a dream ...*



**Leong Che-Hung Distinguished  
Visiting Professorship in Leadership**

梁智鴻傑出訪問教授席(領航)

**Appointment to be announced 待聘**

“University education is more than adding knowledge or engaging in vocational training. It encompasses the preparation of young people to meet the myriad of challenges in society and to take up leadership roles. This Distinguished Visiting Professorship will inspire students to excel in both.”

Dr Leong Che-Hung



**Patrick S C Poon Professorship  
in Analytics and Innovation**

潘榮昌基金教授席(數據科學與創新)

**Incumbent: Shen Haipeng 沈海鵬**

“Analytics and Innovation are the basic drivers for the continuous and sustainable progress of the society of human beings. May HKU continue to lead in the research and teaching of these important factors for a better world.”

Dr Patrick Poon





## Ko Wong Wai Ching Wendy Professorship in Fluid Dynamics

高黃慧貞基金教授席 (流體動力學)

Appointment to be announced 待聘

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MY CLASSMATE MY LOVER MY WIFE  
MY ADVISER MY FINANCIER  
MY LIFELONG COMPANION  
FULLY UNDERSTOOD  
THE IMPORTANCE OF  
FLUID DYNAMICS  
TO THE WORLD  
EVEN  
TO THE UNIVERSE

NORMAN





## Sein and Isaac Souede Professorship in Economic History

蘇威趙善敏基金教授席(經濟史)

**Incumbent: James K S Kung 龔啟聖**

“We hope this Endowed Professorship will bring the power of fact-based thought leadership to bear. Sharing new knowledge freely will inspire discussions and give fresh insights into our understanding of society.”

Sein and Isaac Souede



## Norman and Cecilia Yip Professorship in Bioinorganic Chemistry

葉志成范港喜基金教授席(生物無機化學)

**Incumbent: Sun Hongzhe 孫紅哲**

“We established this Endowed Professorship in celebration of the Faculty of Science’s 80th anniversary. Chemistry changed our lives and studying it, in particular, taught me the keys to thinking and action. We hope this Professorship will be the catalyst for even greater outcomes in the study of bioinorganic chemistry.”

Norman and Cecilia Yip



## Ian Davies Professorship in Ethics

戴義安基金教授席(倫理)

**Incumbent: Simon S K Lam 林誠光**

“This Professorship will expound all the qualities that our former Vice-Chancellor Professor Ian Davies epitomised: integrity, the spirit and principles of ethics, and the sharing of knowledge gained for the betterment of society. A man of great honour, his legacy will rightfully be perpetuated through this Professorship.”

Executors of the Estate of  
Professor Ian Davies





## Henry Cheng Professorship in International Law

鄭家純基金教授席 (國際法)

**Incumbent: Zhao Yun 趙雲**

“Giving back to society has always been at the heart of my family. Hong Kong is an international city and international law is in action affecting every aspect of our life. With its unique position in China and Asia, Hong Kong is best placed to be Asia-Pacific’s international legal and dispute resolution centre. It is now for Hong Kong to forge itself as one of the leading international law hubs in the world. I hope this Professorship will contribute to the maintenance of the rule of law and to Hong Kong’s place in the global legal environment.”

Dr Henry Cheng Kar-Shun



## Antony and Nina Chan Professorship in Paediatric Immunology

陳仲舒陳寧基金教授席 (兒童免疫)

**Incumbent: Tu Wenwei 涂文偉**

“As the parents of two young children, we clearly understand the importance of health and medical advancement for the next generation. We hope this Professorship can contribute to delivering effective immunological solutions for human diseases.”

Antony and Nina Chan



## James Chen and Yuen-Han Chan Professorship in Music

陳健華陳遠嫻基金教授席 (音樂)

**Incumbent: Chan Hing-Yan 陳慶恩**

“We hope that through exceptional music education, the younger generations will grow to become sincere, kind and treasured talents. The establishment of this Professorship is only a prelude, and we hope that it can play a harmonious part in the development of music education in Hong Kong.”

Mr James Chen and Ms Yuen-Han Chan



# Musical Soirée under the Dome



**The HKU Foundation Annual General Meeting** was enlivened by **A Musical Soirée**, jointly presented by the Department of Music. The concert was held in celebration of the **100th Anniversary of the Hung Hing Ying Building**, which currently houses the Foundation Chamber, and was formerly home to the Department of Music. The building, a declared monument which opened in 1919, was originally the centre for the University Union. It has also served as the Bursar's Office, the Registry, and the Senior Common Room. In 1986, it was named in honour of Mr Hung Hing Ying 孔慶熒 for his support of the University.

During the chamber recital, singers took advantage of the excellent acoustics under the building's signature dome, and gave a vocal performance while standing on the upper rotunda. Student musicians also performed in the Foundation Chamber on a mix of instruments – the traditional Chinese dizi and guzheng, as well as the flute, harmonica, marimba, and piano.

The performance was curated by Professor Daniel Chua 蔡寬量, who holds the Mr and Mrs Hung Hing-Ying Professorship in the Arts; Professor Chan Hing-yan 陳慶恩, who holds the James Chen and Yuen-Han Chan Professorship in Music; and Professor Giorgio Biancorosso.





# Ancient Sounds Reincarnated



**The HKU Foundation** supported the Hong Kong Gaudeamus Dunhuang Ensemble (HKGDE) 香港天籟敦煌樂團 for a concert, **“Dunhuang – Resonance of Silk Road, Past and Present” 《敦煌·絲路迴響》**, at the Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre, on June 7, 2019. It marked the first anniversary for the HKGDE, which is dedicated to the reproduction and reinterpretation of Dunhuang ancient music, thus enhancing and promoting Dunhuang art and culture.

During the Tang Dynasty, Dunhuang was a cosmopolitan city located on the Silk Road. Hundreds of caves were preserved from the Dunhuang Mogao Grottoes, which were carved over a millennium ago and contain invaluable musical relics.

The concert hoped to revisit, reflect and realise the immortal spirits of Mogao and the “never-give-up” spirit of the Lion Rock that creates the miracles of Dunhuang and Hong Kong.

敦煌、香港，  
時空交錯，無獨有偶，  
都是絲路上的閃耀明珠。  
前世、今生，  
古曲新詮不斷在迴響，  
歷史層層疊疊在重演。  
古往、今來，  
教人不停地反思。  
頓然感悟，  
傳聞中的莫高精神，  
不就是獅子山下的精神。

—— 紀文鳳





(From front row fifth left) Irene Man, Lord David Wilson, Maggie Crosswaite, George Payne, Priscilla To, Dr Ronald Lo, Bernadette Tsui and Dean of Architecture Professor Christopher Webster.

# A NEW CHAPTER

**UK Friends of HKU expands opportunities to give**



Lord David Wilson

## Giving from Overseas

The University welcomes charitable gifts from across the globe. Donations from the UK, the US and Canada are eligible for tax deduction / relief in their respective countries.

## UK Friends of HKU

[ukfriends.hku.hk](http://ukfriends.hku.hk)

## Friends of The University of Hong Kong, in the United States

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Details on all Gifts from Overseas







**UK Friends of HKU** was unveiled on June 18, 2019 at a cocktail reception co-hosted by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London. The charity was established to facilitate UK-based organisations and individuals to donate to HKU.

The launching reception was well-attended by past and present senior public officials, business leaders, alumni, and friends. They included Priscilla To 杜潔麗 (BSc(CompSc) 1992), current Director-General of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London; Lord David Wilson, alumnus and former Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong (1987-1992); and Martin Barrow, Director of Jardine Matheson Ltd and Committee Member of The Hong Kong Association in the UK.

**“ HKU has changed enormously since I was a student there. It has continued to change and to develop at a rapid pace since I was Chancellor. It’s hugely dynamic. No wonder HKU ranks so high amongst Asian universities. It deserves to. And it deserves friends as well. ”**

**Lord David Wilson**

The first gift to the UK Friends of HKU was received from a beloved member of the HKU family, the late Professor Ian Davies. The **Ian Davies Professorship in Ethics** was created with a generous endowment and reflects the late professor's life-long dedication to upholding ethics in the workplace. During his two-decade long career at HKU, he took up distinguished roles including the Dean of Dentistry, and became the University's 13th Vice-Chancellor (2000-2002).

Maggie Crosswaite, one of the executors of Professor Davies' estate and a long-time colleague at HKU said, “His whole career, be it in dentistry or later on in the University's management, was ethics-driven. Upholding honourable and professional behaviour was his guiding principle at all times.”

“Ian instructed the executors that a large part of his estate must be donated to HKU. We believe that an Endowed Professorship in Ethics is the most appropriate way to remember our dear friend's legacy,” she continued.

Professor Simon Lam 林誠光 from the Faculty of Business and Economics was named as the first Ian Davies Professor in Ethics. He will embark on a new research project analysing ethical leadership in China.

The Professorship, which should rotate every three years with the possibility of renewal, will be eligible for all HKU faculties.

**“ The mission is to support the advancement of education connected with HKU, and its past and present students. ”**

**George Payne**  
Chairman, UK Friends of HKU

## Trustees of UK Friends of HKU



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楊紫芝  
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HonDSc 1995)



# “We were the first to join HKU”



The First-in-the-Family Education (FIFE) Fund Fireside Chat Reception.

Launched in 2008, the First-in-the-Family Education (FIFE) Fund supports students who are the first generation in their families to attend university.

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Benefitted  
**3,200+**  
students



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**4,500+**  
learning activities

## From Ning Bo Colleges to universities

Sabrina Zeng 曾蕾 (BBA(Acc&Fin) Year 1) was among 22 awardees – including six from HKU – of the **Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Kenneth Li Scholarships** this year. At the Scholarship Ceremony in April, she shared her experience of being a new immigrant to Hong Kong, and feeling inspired when she was still in Form Four at Ning Bo College. Watching more senior students being awarded scholarships to HKU gave her the courage to pursue the same for herself. “I would never have thought I could have made it this far.”

Dr the Hon Li Dak-sum 李達三 (Hon DSocSc 2017), a noted education philanthropist, is the benefactor of the Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Kenneth Li Scholarships, which were established in 2015 to support the university education of selected students from Ning Po College and Ning Po No.2 College. He is also the Founding Chairman of the Ning Po Residents Association (Hong Kong), which established those two secondary schools.

Mr Kenneth Li 李本俊 lauded his grandfather, Dr Li, as his role model, particularly in his generosity in supporting the education sector. Mr Li encouraged the students to take charge to improve their chances of success, and to take advantage of the opportunities given to them.



Sabrina Zeng



Mr Kenneth Li





Ivy Fung in Chicago

Documentary filmmaker Ivy Fung 馮苗馨 (BA Year 4) experienced her first overseas travel thanks to the **First-in-the-Family Education (FIFE) Fund**. During her exchange at Northwestern University in Chicago, she and three other students made “Chicago’s Smoothest”, a colourful short film about the JB style of dancing on roller skates, inspired by James Brown. It won the “Best of Medill” award at Northwestern’s journalism school.

She interned with Kindling Group, a Chicago-based non-fiction media studio, and also had the chance to work with an Oscar-nominated filmmaker on “Finding Yingying”. This feature-length film, which is still in production, is



Dennis Yeung and his team with their model airplane in the UK

about the real-life story of a Chinese family who travelled to America to search for their daughter, an international student who was kidnapped. “This experience has not just changed me, but it has strengthened my pursuit in creative storytelling,” Fung said.

Dennis Yeung 楊博文 (BEng (ME) Year 4) used the FIFE Fund to participate in the British Model Flying Association competition. “In the early stage of manufacturing, the team was really frustrated; but we finally made it through trial and error. We took fifth place out of 17 teams. Every time I saw our airplane take off and fly into the sky, I felt elated. It symbolised our teamwork and spirit.”



The 2018/2019 Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Kenneth Li Scholarships awardees, from HKU, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.



# Century of Commitment

## Partnership between Swire and HKU

### 100 Years of the Taikoo Professorship



Guests from Swire, professors and students.

In 1911, John Swire & Sons made its first gift of £40,000 to The University of Hong Kong, establishing the Taikoo Chair of Engineering. In 1919, the Chair evolved into the **Taikoo Professorship of Engineering**, which became the first named professorship at HKU. This year marks the 100th anniversary of that Professorship, which has been held by eight outstanding academics at the Faculty of Engineering.

In 1967, to mark the centenary of Swire in the Far East, the Group contributed **10 Swire Scholarships and Studentships** to enable graduate students to continue their studies while residing at Robert Black College.

To date, there are **350 Swire Scholars** from diverse backgrounds and academic fields, including filmmaker Dr Ann Hui 許鞍華 (BA 1969; MA 1973; Hon DSocSc 2014); Professor Vivian Yam 任詠華 (BSc 1985; PhD

1988), Philip Wong Wilson Wong Professor in Chemistry and Energy; Professor Raees Baig 碧樺依 (BSW 2004; PhD 2010) Chairperson of Amnesty International Hong Kong; Dr Zhang Yi 張一 (PhD 2013) post-doctoral fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; and Dr Erick K'Omolo (PhD 2016), founder of the Maklweta Trust in Kenya.

In 1980, Swire made a contribution towards the building of **Swire Hall**, a student hostel for 300 undergraduates. There are now over **6,000 Swirians**.

Swire's numerous contributions to the University include the **Swire Chair in Japanese**; the Swire Marine Laboratory, later re-named the **Swire Institute of Marine Science (SWIMS)**; and **Swire Visiting Studentships** for senior research officials from the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC Government.



## *Esse Quam Videri*

Swire: “To be, rather than to seem to be”

## *Sapientia et Virtus*

HKU: “Wisdom and Virtue”



Mr Merlin Swire, Chairman of John Swire & Sons (H.K.) Limited, and Mrs Laura Swire.



## Taikoo Professors

*In chronological order*

**Professor C A Middleton Smith**

**Professor F A Redmond**

**Professor Sean Mackey**  
(HonDSc 1977)

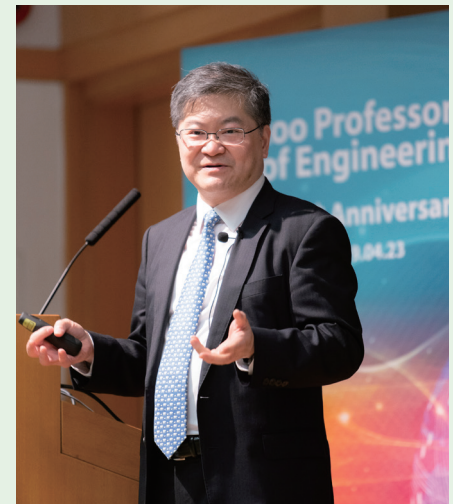
**The Rev Professor S Y King 金新宇**  
(BSc(Eng) 1940; HonDSc 1981)

**Professor K Y Cheung 張佑啟**

**Professor E A Bruges**

**Professor Francis Chin 錢玉麟**

**Professor Norman Tien 田之楠**  
Chair Professor of Microsystems  
Technology



Professor Norman Tien 田之楠, the 8<sup>th</sup> Taikoo Professor of Engineering, delivered his inaugural lecture, “From Dockyards to AI: A Hong Kong Perspective”. He is also the Vice- President (Institutional Advancement).



Watch “From Dockyards to AI: A Hong Kong Perspective”.



# A Hundred Strong

## Collective support for new professorship



The Dedication Ceremony for the Leong Che-Hung Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Leadership, on October 31, 2018.

### Special Committee

#### Co-Convenors

Margaret Leung 梁高美懿 (BSocSc 1975)

Jimmy Tang 鄧鉅明

Gabriel Leung 梁卓偉 (MD 2003)

#### Members

Percy Cheng 鄭淇德

Stephen Cheng 鄭永強 (MBBS 1984; MS 1993)

Ko Wing-Man 高永文 (MBBS 1981)

Shelley Lee 李麗娟 (BA 1971)

Jennifer Liu 廖偉芬

Lo Chung-Mau 盧寵茂 (MBBS 1985; MS 1998)

More than 120 donors from across disciplines and professions have given a total of HK\$20 million in support of the **Leong Che-Hung Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Leadership**, which was created in honour of Dr the Hon Leong Che-Hung 梁智鴻 (MBBS 1962; Hon DSc 2006) in perpetuity.

The Professorship will attract world scholars with top distinction in academic and community leadership to the campus. Through this Professorship, the University aspires to provide opportunities for teachers and students to interact with top scholars at the forefront of their respective disciplines, enhance its visibility in the international academic community, and foster invaluable links with leading institutions.

An additional HK\$2.6 million raised in donations will go towards the **Leong Che-Hung Medical and Research Enrichment Scholarship**, which will benefit medical students and research postgraduate students.



“ University education... encompasses the preparation of young people to meet the myriad of challenges in society, and to take up leadership roles. This Distinguished Visiting Professorship will inspire students to excel in both.

I am most moved by the fact that so many donations came in from more than 100 people from every angle of the social divide, with donations from a few thousand dollars to millions of dollars. ”

– Dr the Hon Leong Che-Hung



A sculpture was donated by Dr Jimmy Tang to celebrate the establishment of Leong Che-Hung Distinguished Visiting Professorship in Leadership & Medical and Research Enrichment Scholarship.



Front: Dr the Hon Leong Che-Hung, at University Lodge on October 31, 2018. From left, Professor Gabriel Leung, Dr Jimmy Tang, Dr Amy Ko, Mrs Margaret Leung, Mr Eric Leong, Dr Lilian Leong, Ms Shelley Lee, Dr Percy Cheng, President and Vice-Chancellor Professor Xiang Zhang, Professor Stephen Cheng and Professor Lo Chung-Mau.



# Convocation

## Ordinary General Meeting



In accordance with **The University of Hong Kong Convocation 香港大學畢業生議會** Constitution and Rules, eight members were elected to the Standing Committee of Convocation at the Ordinary General Meeting held on June 20, 2019 for a term of three years with immediate effect until the Ordinary General Meeting in 2022.

### Standing Committee

As of June 20, 2019

\*Newly elected members

<b>Chairman</b>	Dr Patrick Poon 潘榮昌 (BSc 1970)
<b>Deputy Chairman</b>	Ernest Wong 黃耀傑 (BBA 1991)
<b>Clerk</b>	Elaine Liu 廖玉玲 (LLB 1987; PCLL 1988)

#### Members

* Dr Alex Chan 陳和順 (BSocSc 1985)	Agnes Ip 葉婉茹 (BBA(Law) 2004, LLB 2005)
Allison Chan 陳思詠 (BSocSc 2000)	Keith Kiu 喬偉鋒 (BEcon 1999)
King Chan 陳家健 (BA 2001)	Alex Lai 賴振鴻 (BSc(Eng) 1985)
* Kitty Chan 陳雪麗 (BA 2003)	* Rachel Lai 黎藹欣 (BSocSc 1995; MPhil 2000)
Gloria Chang 張韻琪 (BSocSc 2001)	Dantes Leung 梁泳澤 (LLB 2005, PCLL 2006)
Alan Cheung 張家倫 (BSc 1982)	Dr Liu Chun-wah 廖振華 (BSc(Eng)-Mech 1985)
Terence Cheung 張廣達 (BSocSc 1990)	* Mak Tung-wing 麥東榮 (BA 1988)
* Priscilla Chiu 趙潔儀 (BSocSc 1984; MSocSc 1987)	* Dr Data Ng 吳卓光 (BSc 2009; PhD 2015)
* Dr Bonnie Choy 蔡雅君 (MBBS 2006)	Fifi Ng 吳秀華 (MIPA 2015)
Dr Fu King-wa 傅景華 (BEng-EEE 1993; PhD 2009)	* Jeffrey Tse 謝海成 (BBA(Acc&Fin) 2003; MEcon 2004)



**The University of Hong Kong Convocation 香港大學畢業生議會** is a statutory body comprising all graduates and teaching staff of the University. It has more than 180,000 members, and growing.

The word “Convocation” comes from the Latin word “*convocāre*”, meaning “to call/come together.” In history, a synodical assembly of a church is at times called “Convocation.” The most notable Convocations were Canterbury and York. They existed from the 7<sup>th</sup> century until 1920. In 1660 they approved the Book of Common Prayer, which remains the official prayer book to the Church of England till today.

HKU Convocation has powers set out in its Constitution and prescribed by University statutes – including to discuss,

to communicate, and to solicit funds for purposes of the University. Full Constitution: [convocation.hku.hk](http://convocation.hku.hk)  
The Standing Committee is exploring ways to exercise its powers responsibly, on behalf of Convocation, to assist the development of our *alma mater*. We look forward to hearing from you and all members.

## Get involved

We welcome members to join our  
**5 sub-committees**

House · University Affairs · Member Relations ·  
Finance · Communications



Watch video of  
the event

**An Evening with President Professor Xiang Zhang**, on April 3, 2019, was the first Convocation event to be broadcast on Facebook Live. “There was very active participation,” said Convocation Chairman Patrick Poon. “It was a success in real-time communication, and allowed even overseas members to comment on a Hong Kong event live.”



Alumni who graduated in the last 10 years gathered at the Senior Common Room for networking at the **Young Graduates Happy Hour**, April 4, 2019.

*Text and photos supplied by the Communications Sub-Committee of HKU Convocation.*



# Art Inspires

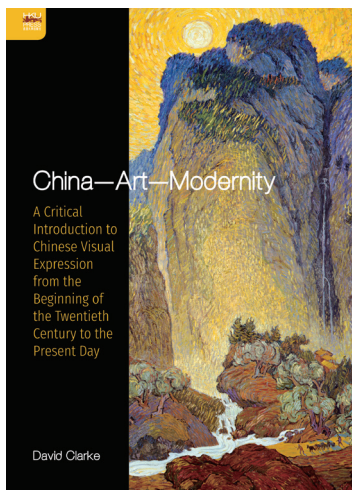


## The HKU Fine Arts Alumni Association (HKUFAAA)

was established to coincide with the 40th anniversary of the Department of Fine Arts at the School of Humanities, Faculty of Arts. The founding executive board was appointed in April 2019.

This new alumni association will provide a platform for sharing ideas and experiences, and building a better community through arts education and outreach programmes. The HKUFAAA will also offer gifting opportunities and collaborate with like-minded organisations.

The HKUFAAA's first public event, a book signing by Professor David Clarke 祈大衛, was held on March 15, 2019. His latest publication is *China—Art—Modernity*:



A Critical Introduction to Chinese Visual Expression from the Beginning of the Twentieth Century to the Present Day. The association is already active with the HKUFAAA Art Book Club, as well as visits to museum and galleries.

## Founding Executive Board (2019-2020)

### Chairman

Shirley Chan 陳碧璋  
(BA 1979; MSc (ECom&IComp) 2001; BA 2017)

### Vice-Chairman

Nicole Fung 馮諾勤 (BA 2009; MPhil 2012)

### Board Members

Eliza Lai 黎美蓮 (BA 1995; MPhil 2000)  
Mike Wong 黃嘉輝 (BA 1983; MPhil 1989)  
Angel Yip 葉曉菁 (BA 2011)

### Honorary Advisors from the Department of Fine Arts

Dr Roslyn Lee Hammers 韓若蘭, Associate Professor  
Dr Koon Yee-wan 官綺雲, Associate Professor

The HKUFAAA will also organise "Happy Hour with a Professor" twice a year. A Fine Arts professor will host a get-together with alumni at the Lobby Bar, Hotel Jen.

The Department of Fine Arts 40th Anniversary Reunion Dinner will be held on September 28, 2019, at Loke Yew Hall.



## Share your memories

Do you have old photos, artworks or even creaky furniture from the Department? Do you remember a signature quote from a professor, or a special field trip?

Let us know! The HKUFAAA is archiving materials and stories to give alumni a better understanding of the history of HKU Fine Arts.



viva la unity

# St. John's College since 1912



## The Common Room Evolution

St. John's College opened its newly refurbished Students' Common Room on April 25, 2019, when Professor Ian Holliday, Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Teaching & Learning), officiated the ceremony and unveiled a commemorative plaque.



The Common Room, located on G/F of the Marden Wing and opened in 1955, was the Dining Hall until 1979, when the Aw Boon Haw Wing for undergraduates and the new Dining Hall were completed. For the past 64 years, the Common Room has been a place for activities where students laugh, shed tears, and create St. Johnians' memories. The five-month refurbishment of the Common Room further facilitates St. Johnians to meet, socialise, and exchange views and ideas.



A timeline installation, as part of the interior design, presents the unique history of the College and reminds St. Johnians of the ideals of Unity in Diversity, as the College embraces its new identity as an international residence. Other new facilities include the Band Room and the College Archives Repository, making the Common Room the heart of the College's communal life. As part of the effort to revitalise the College's facilities, the College Library was renovated in 2018.



The Common Room  
Evolution



St. John's College Archives  
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[www.stjohns.hk](http://www.stjohns.hk)



# Across the Mainland

## Chengdu Alumni Network

香港大學成都校友會

The **5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and High Table Dinner** at the Chengdu Wanda Reign Hotel on April 27, 2019 was attended by more than 80 alumni. Speakers included Li Wan-in 李蕪妍 (BSocSc (Govt&Laws) 2006), Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Chengdu.



## Shanghai Alumni Network

香港大學上海校友會

Over 200 alumni joined the **High Table Dinner 2019** at the Regal Shanghai East Asia Hotel on March 17, 2019. The Hon Patrick Nip 聶德權 (BSocSc 1986) (right photo), Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs of the HKSAR, was the guest speaker and shared his insights on the development of the Greater Bay Area. Victoria Tang 鄧仲敏 (BSocSc 1982, MBA 1990), Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Shanghai, also attended the dinner.



## Homecoming for Mainland Undergraduate Alumni

More than 150 alumni attended a **homecoming dinner** at Loke Yew Hall on July 7, 2019, organised by the **Chinese Students and Scholars Association, Undergraduate Department** 香港大學內地本科生聯合會 (CSSAUD). It was the first time in 20 years that a homecoming event was held on HKU campus for Mainland undergraduate alumni.

The guest speakers were Vivian Zhang 張佳文 (BEcon&Fin 2006; LLM(CFL) 2016), HSBC's Managing Director (Head of Securitisation, China), and Gu Minman 顧旻曼 (BBA(Acc&Fin) 2010, the Principal at ZhenFund.

More than 5,000 undergraduates from the Mainland have studied at HKU since 1999, when the admission scheme for undergraduate students from the Mainland (香港大學內地本科生入學計劃) was launched.



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# Connecting the Dots, Touching Lives





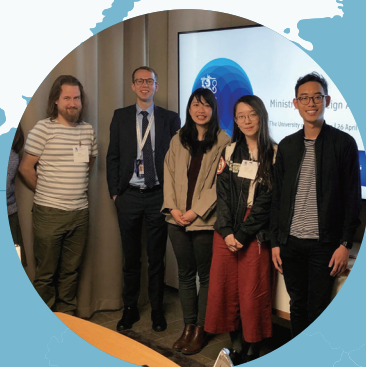
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Directory of HKU  
alumni groups



# Love @ HKU



**Lee Wai-king 李惠琮**

(MEd 2018)

**Lee Kin-fun 李建寬**

(PGDES 2015)

## 《世界上最遙遠的距離》

世界上最遙遠的距離，不是你不知我愛你；而是學霸和學渣的距離。

即使畢業禮時我穿了高跟鞋，總算能勉強站在你的身邊，但我們的學分卻差了不知凡幾。

世界上最遙遠的距離，不單是學歷，還有兩人愈來愈遠的收入和前途。

怎樣計算怎樣努力都無可改變客觀事實，紛紛擾擾的世俗洪流影響著主觀的感受，悄悄為兩人內心掘起一道溝渠……

幸好，你用你熱烘烘的心，恆久的悟著我；從未放開過的手，帶領我看這世界多一點角度，以免固步自封，轉牛角尖。在我們長開了今天，請天地為鑑，時間為證，讓我們相知相扶，一同經歷這滾滾紅塵。

**Olivia Chung 鍾靄琳**

**Gary Chiu 晁岳熙**

(BA 2005)

We took our wedding photos at HKU in 2009. After ten years, this spring, we went back to take some pictures with our beloved daughter.

2009



2019





## Did you...

meet your loved one at HKU?

return to your beautiful *alma mater*?

celebrate anniversaries or new additions to your family?



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**Choi Wing Yan 蔡穎欣**

**Yiu Ka-wing 姚嘉榮**

(BEng (CompSc)) 2012

自相識那一天起  
就注定我們會有不平凡的一生

相見情已深  
未語可知心



**Man Cheuk-ling 文倬翎**

(BA 2015)

**Lau Ngai-hong 劉毅康**

(BEng (IETM) 2012)



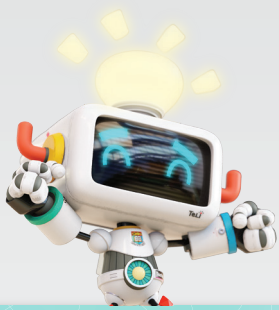
**Louisa Tam 譚子瑩**

(BNurs 2010; MNurs 2014)

**David Leung 梁祐誦**

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