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Cover photo: Common Tiger (*Danaus genutia*)
by Mr John Tse, Laboratory Animal Services Centre

Photo on P.2: An iceberg melts in Kulusuk Bay,
eastern Greenland, 17 July 2007.

(AP / John McConnico)



Local Action Global Tasks

If a computerized content analysis was performed on all the news that ever appeared in our era, like it has been on Shakespeare's works, 'environment' and 'health' would very likely make the list of the most frequently appearing words. The natural environment and human health are without doubt two of the greatest global concerns of our time. Scientists and environmentalists have been warning of the urgency of climate change which can, among other things, push diseases to new territories and may even change their transmission dynamics. Here at the Chinese University, we have long recognized the importance of environmental protection and health promotion. The *Bulletin* will give an overview of the University's efforts in these two areas from policy to execution.

Towards a Sustainable CUHK

The Chinese University conducted Hong Kong's first ever campus environmental audit in 1999. This led to the establishment of an environmental management structure and the formulation of a campus environmental policy. The policy, which has been implemented over the years, includes measures to control traffic on campus and promote energy conservation, waste reduction and recycling. 'The overarching principle of the University's environmental policy is sustainable development,' says Prof. Liu Pak-wai, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University and member of the Advisory Council on the Environment of the HKSAR government.

Global warming is caused by the emission of greenhouse gases, in particular, carbon dioxide. To reduce carbon dioxide build-up, we can either refrain from burning fossil fuels or re-absorb carbon dioxide from the air, for example, by planting more trees. The University's environmental policy takes both approaches.



'Sustainable development means balanced development — that which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of our successors to meet their own needs.'

Prof. Liu Pak-wai



Three Principles of Tree Preservation

In Hong Kong, where greenery is at a premium, the University's verdant, tree-covered campus is a treasured asset. The University plants over 300 trees, about 20,000 shrubs and floral plants, 6,000 ground cover plants, and over 5,000 m² of grass annually, and takes reasonable and practicable measures to avoid felling, damaging or putting at risk the survival of trees on campus.

'Avoidance, minimization and compensation' are the fundamental principles guiding the University's tree preservation policy. Before campus development works can take place, the unit responsible has to submit a report to the Campus Landscaping Enhancement Committee detailing how trees at the site will be affected. If it is decided that the trees cannot be preserved *in situ*, transplanting will be considered. In situations where felling is absolutely unavoidable, the unit must come up with a compensatory scheme to ensure that destruction is kept to a minimum.

In compensatory planting, preference is given to native tree species. The unit responsible must ensure that in terms of aggregate diameter at breast height (DBH), the number of trees planted can more than compensate for trees lost.

What Is DBH?

Tree diameter at breast height is the 'magical' spot on a tree where measurements are taken to determine things like growth, volume and yield. CUHK adopts the definition of the Hong Kong Government of breast height as 1.3 metres above ground.

'Trees are important components of CUHK's natural heritage. Tree preservation signifies our commitment to provide a congenial environment for scholarly activities and our contribution to building a sustainable and low-carbon society.'

Prof. Lam Kin-che, chairman of the University Steering Committee on Environment

Greening the Community

Recently we took tree planting to the community by taking part in the Corporate Afforestation Scheme of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. Prof. Liu, who officiated the opening of the scheme, says, 'We hope to raise consciousness of green practices not only on campus, but also in

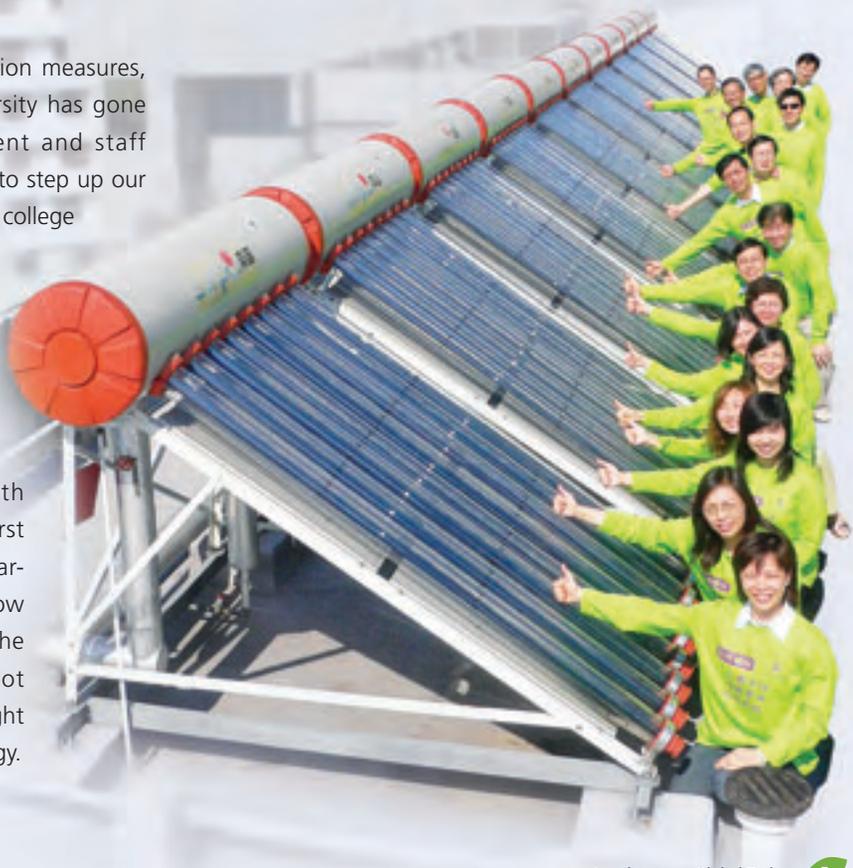
the community. Planting trees will help to cool our planet. The unique feature of our participation in the scheme is it is very hands-on. CUHK teachers, students, alumni and their family members are and will be involved.'



Reduce, Recycle and Renew

Thanks to proactive energy conservation measures, electricity consumption at the University has gone down in spite of the rise in student and staff numbers. Similarly, we have managed to step up our recycling efforts at both university and college levels. 'The campus environment is something in which we all have a stake. We can save a lot by doing a little,' observes Prof. Liu.

To lessen dependence on fossil fuel, the University has been tapping into renewable energy sources with encouraging results. We were the first university in Hong Kong to have solar-powered water heaters. These are now installed in 27 student hostels and the swimming pool. There is also a pilot programme on Eastern Campus to light street lamps using wind and solar energy.



Cleaner Air

Even before hybrid vehicles became fashionable in Hong Kong, CUHK introduced a completely exhaust-free, electric scooter fleet that is unique among universities here. These green scooters belonging to the Estates Management Office come with their own rechargeable batteries. Furthermore, the majority of campus school buses now comply with Euro III and IV emission standards, which set limits to the amount of pollutants that can be released into the environment. The few remaining old school buses that do not comply with the standards have been fitted with diesel oxidation catalysts to reduce smoke emission.

To reduce vehicular traffic, the University makes traveling on foot more convenient. For instance, the Mong Man Wai Building on Central Campus now provides pedestrian access to New Asia College,

while the William M.W. Mong Engineering Building has lifts that take users to the vicinity of the Science Building on Central Campus. 'When there is less CO₂ emission, trees are healthier; and when trees are thriving, there is less CO₂. When the air is cleaner, people are more willing to walk. All these events are linked in a virtuous cycle,' remarks Prof. Liu.

Our achievements at environmental protection have won recognition from the government and environmental groups. Clichéd though it may sound, the environment is everyone's business. So while we are busy wondering how to offset the carbon emitted by our last trip to Amsterdam, let us not forget to turn off the light before breezing off to lunch.



Paper Recycling at CUHK

- 320 tonnes : volume of paper recycled in a year
- 5,500 : number of trees saved
- 36,500 kg : amount of carbon dioxide absorbed by those trees in a year
- 16,500 : number of people sustained by oxygen released by those trees in a year
- 1,350 MWh : amount of energy saved to power 320 computers for one year





Towards a Healthy University

The University has a population of over 20,000. Ensuring the physical and emotional health of all these individuals is a stupendous undertaking. While CUHK members can have their cold or sprained ankle treated at the campus clinic or at designated clinics off campus, the University also empowers them, through health promotion, to improve their own health. The World Health Organization (WHO) defines health promotion as the process of enabling people to increase control over and to improve their health.

'The value of health promotion is increasingly being recognized by the medical field and by governments. There has been a trend to take health from the hospital into the community. It is both effective and cost-effective in reducing the causes of illness and in mitigating the social and economic impact of diseases,' observes Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jack C.Y. Cheng, chairman of the Committee on Health Promotion and Protection (CHPP) and member of the Advisory Committee on Health Promotion and Protection (ACHPP).



'Health is not only about preventing and treating illnesses, but more importantly, promoting healthy practices and life skills.'

Prof. Jack C.Y. Cheng

Committee for Health Protection and Promotion

The CHPP is responsible for making recommendations on health policies, and formulating and implementing action plans on campus. It also coordinates the efforts of different CUHK units to keep illness at bay. The origin of the committee, however, lies in something more immediate. In 2003, when SARS broke out in Hong Kong, the SARS Task Force was set up to advise the University and implement preventive measures on campus. It was later renamed the Committee on Health Promotion and Protection to

reflect not only vigilance against certain diseases, but also a proactive approach to health in general. Prof. Cheng pointed out that all sectors of the campus community are represented in the CHPP. There are members from health-related units, administrative units, staff unions, student unions, the Colleges and the Office of Student Affairs etc. The ACHPP advises the University on matters relating to health promotion and collaborates with external organizations such as the WHO on health promotion.

Some Health Promoting Units at CUHK

- Advisory Committee on Health Promotion and Protection (ACHPP)
- Committee on Health Promotion and Protection (CHPP)
- University Health Service (UHS)
- School of Public Health
- The Colleges
- Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion
- Office of Student Affairs - Student Counselling and Development
- WHO Collaborating Centre for Sports Medicine and Health Promotion
- Centre of Research and Promotion of Women's Health (CRPWH)
- The CUHK - Jockey Club Centre of Osteoporosis Care and Control
- Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases
- Hong Kong Mood Disorders Centre
- Staff Association of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUSA)
- University Safety and Environment Office (USEO)
- School of Chinese Medicine
- The Nethersole School of Nursing



The Healthy University

In March 2007, the ACHPP, jointly with the School of Public Health, the University Health Service (UHS), and the WHO Collaborating Centre for Sports Medicine and Health Promotion of CUHK organized the First Asia-Pacific Conference on Healthy Universities at the School of Public Health. With the support of WHO, the conference set up the Asia-Pacific Network of Healthy Universities, which puts health high on the policy and learning agenda of member institutions. Members of the network are 35 universities in the Asia-Pacific Region. Prof. Cheng explained the concept of the Healthy University. 'The idea of Healthy Universities originated from the Healthy Cities movement initiated by the WHO. It provides a whole setting approach to physical, psychological and environmental health. An institution committed to becoming a Healthy University integrates health into its policy, culture and processes. It aims to play a key role in promoting health and in laying the foundations of health for its members, for the communities in which they live, and for the whole region.'

Prof. Cheng added that the commitment gives structure and focus to the organization of health-related activities at the University. There are activities targeting staff, students, different age groups, and different needs. For instance, the CHPP and the UHS run the crowd-pulling 'Healthy Life, Prosperous Talk', a series of lunch-time talks delivered by professionals for staff. Topics have included brain health, osteoporosis, Alzheimer's Disease, insomnia, investment and gambling, childcare, Internet addiction, smoking addiction, stress management, altitude sickness, and drug abuse. They also organize vaccination, organ donation and blood donation campaigns, first-aid courses, a Student Mental Health Enhancement Programme, and the highly popular Walking Campaign.



Student Health Ambassadors

To foster positive attitudes towards health among students, the ACHPP and the UHS launched a Campus Health Ambassadors Programme in 2003. Each year, about 40 students — 10 from each constituent College — are trained to be leaders in promoting and organizing health-related activities at their respective Colleges. Since 2004, these health ambassadors have taken health beyond the campus gates by becoming mentors to secondary school students and doing voluntary work. They also attend international healthy university conferences and meet with health ambassadors from other universities in the region.

'Many different units at the University are involved in health promotion. The CHPP website serves as a platform on which to share and update information. It takes time to cultivate lifestyles and consciousness. But this is our common goal. Health promotion is a cornerstone of primary health care,' said Prof. Cheng.

A Smoke-free Campus

The hazards of smoking to health are well known, but did you know that the growing, processing and smoking of tobacco are detrimental to the environment? Tobacco growing involves the use of large amounts of fertilizers and pesticides, many of which are toxic and contain known carcinogens. Deforestation is another problem. Forests need to be cleared for large-scale tobacco planting. What is more, cigarette butts can take years to decompose and many end up in the stomachs of wildlife.

The University has snuffed out smoking on its campus, starting from 1 January 2007. 'No smoking' signs have been put up, visitors are informed of the policy, and the UHS website provides tips on how to quit smoking.

Prof. Lee Shiu-hung, Emeritus Professor of Community Medicine and honorary advisor to the School of Public Health, has been at the forefront of tobacco control in the region. Prof. Lee has made huge contributions to the introduction of legislation prohibiting indoor smoking as well as tobacco advertising in Hong Kong. He also paved the way for the ban on the importation and sale of smokeless tobacco into certain Asia Pacific countries, including Hong Kong.



'Sustainable Campus serves to inform the campus community and stimulate discussions on the latest development of our campus and efforts that have been made to ensure a reasonable balance between campus development needs and environmental conservation.'

Prof. Michael Hui, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Eco-friendly Infrastructure

The University has an infrastructure that supports its policies on health and the environment. Here are some of the environment and health promoting elements in its communication and physical structures.

Green Publication

The University has its own green publication *Sustainable Campus*. Launched in October 2006, this quarterly newsletter printed on recycled paper introduces to staff, students and alumni of the University our environmental policies and our efforts at greening and sustainable development.

Green Website

'Green Campus' is a website dedicated to the communication of news on environmental protection and sustainable development at CUHK. It carries details of our environmental policies and their implementation. There are also maps of hiking trails and information on flora and fauna on campus.

Healthy Websites

The website of the Committee on Health Promotion and Protection carries daily health news, common information on disease and health, preventive recommendations on personal and communal hygiene that are targeted at different groups on- and off-campus, as well as information on the current Avian Flu response level.

The website of the Advisory Committee on Health Promotion and Protection carries health articles by local specialists on infectious, eye, chronic and occupational diseases, nutrition and exercise, as well as a list of health-related programmes at CUHK.

Some Health and Environment-related Websites

▶ Sustainable Campus

www.cuhk.edu.hk/iso/sus/

▶ Green Campus

www.cuhk.edu.hk/greencampus/en/

▶ Environmental / Sustainability Reports

www.cuhk.edu.hk/usce/

▶ Committee on Health Promotion and Protection

www.cuhk.edu.hk/health_promote_protect/

▶ Advisory Committee on Health Promotion and Protection

www.cuhk.edu.hk/healthpromotion/

▶ University Health Service

www.cuhk.edu.hk/uhs/index.html

Green Building

The insulated glass units on the southern façade of the new Centralized Science Laboratories Building can control heat gain and allow visible light to pass while blocking and reflecting a certain amount of ultraviolet and infrared light. This reduces the need for air-conditioning and artificial illumination. The building also features daylight sensors and an air-conditioning system with an efficient variable air volume design.

Energy Conservation (1999–2000 — 2006–07)

19 million kWh : total energy saved on CUHK campus
8,900 tonnes : equivalent of carbon dioxide reduced
HK\$14 million : dollars saved in utilities

Examples of Energy Saving Initiatives

- Campus-wide lighting retrofit with energy-saving T5 fluorescent lamps
- Installation of energy-saving LED exit signs
- Replacement of air-cooled chillers by water-cooled chillers
- Installation of occupancy sensors in communal areas
- Installation of automatic tube cleaning system for chillers
- Decommissioning works of excessive/obsolete installations
- Use of renewable energy
- Appointment of Energy Coordinators in departments/units
- Setting of indoor temperature to 25.5 °C
- Energy Saving Incentive Scheme

Environment-friendly Water Source

The University capitalizes on its abundant water sources. A hydraulic ram pumps nullah water to storage sites for irrigation and flushing. In 2003, Weiyuan Lake was deepened to increase its capacity by 2.6 million litres, and an automatic water-gate was installed to control the water level. At present, the lake supplies a decent 700,000 litres of water to the University per day, which is not only sufficient for watering the whole campus, but leaves enough for cooling its air-conditioning systems and flushing.

Eco Blocks

Almost 2,000 m² of the University's roads have been repaved with eco blocks. These bricks are made from construction waste and can be easily removed to allow for underground repairs. They are also pleasing to the eye. What is more, every m² of pavement installation saves 25 kg of sand, 5 kg of concrete, and recycles 30 kg of concrete debris. More roads on campus will be paved with eco blocks in the future.

Green Roof

The Lady Shaw Building was covered with turf and planted with shrubs and trees in 2004. A once barren concrete space is now teeming with life and visitors. Roof greening has been popular in Europe and North America for quite some time. Besides creating a pleasant environment, green roofs also serve practical purposes such as reducing air-conditioning load on the top floor. The University has plans to green 60% of the roofs on campus.

'At CUHK, there are well established committee structure and policies to ensure that a reasonable balance can be maintained between campus development and environmental conservation. These examples are proof that the existing mechanism is effective.'

Prof. Prof. Michael Hui, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor



Chung Chi Green Events

- Environmental protection awareness survey
- Exhibition on global warming and climate change
- Recycling of electrical and electronic equipment
- Inter-hostel Environmental Protection Cup
- Campus walks

New Asia Green Events

- Ecological tours to Sai Kung and Hong Kong Wetland Park
- Photography contest on the theme of 'Our Sky'
- Exhibition on environmental protection
- Screening of films on the environment in student hostels
- Contest of the best environmental slogan
- Donation of clothing, leather goods, toys and electrical appliances to the needy
- Inter-hostel competitions on saving water, electricity and plastic bags
- Organic farming on college campus
- Visit to Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve



United Green Events

- Organic farming activities
- Tree Planting Day
- Hike from Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden to Tai Mo Shan
- Visit to Lam Tsuen, Tai Po
- 2007 Energy-Wise Award Scheme (water and electricity)

Shaw Green Events

- Energy Saving Competitions (water and electricity)
- Energy Saving Label Design Competition
- Exhibition of eco-photos by Shaw students
- Eco-photography workshops for beginners

Like organs of the body, the four constituent Colleges contribute to the environmental well-being of the University.



Green Fingers Ruddy Cheeks

On 27 October 2007, over 150 alumni, staff and students joined honorary hiking leader and Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Michael Hui, in a pleasant two-hour hike to a plot on Grassy Hill in Tai Po Kau Nature Reserve, where they planted tree saplings, weeded and irrigated the area, and witnessed the official birth of the CUHK woodland. The event marked the University's participation — the first among local tertiary institutions — in the Corporate Afforestation Scheme of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department. The target is to plant 10,000 trees in five years.

Nature-lovers and hiking aficionados of CUHK will continue to plant seedlings in the plot for three years and spend two years managing and maintaining them. The total afforested area will be around two hectares. Currently the site consists mainly of grass and a few shrubs. Growing conditions there are affected by hill fires, strong winds, stray cattle and acidic soil. To prevent hill fires, weeds within five to 10 metres around the cultivated area will be removed, and fire-resistant trees will be planted in the periphery. In windy places, wind-resistant species will be grown using the close-planting technique. The soil will be fertilized with chemical elements lacking from acidic soil and a water-retaining agent will also be added. Plants that appeal to bovine palates will not be grown.



Native Species Enhance Biodiversity

The trees planted under the CUHK Afforestation Scheme will mainly be native species, such as the Chinese Guger-tree, Hong Kong Hawthorn, Hong Kong Gordonia and Thick-leaved Oak.

The event was part of the University's Environmental Protection Week 2007 which has become a fixture on the University calendar and comprised exhibitions and the screening of a film on climate change, *An Inconvenient Truth*.



Lt. Governor Brings Californian Experience to CUHK

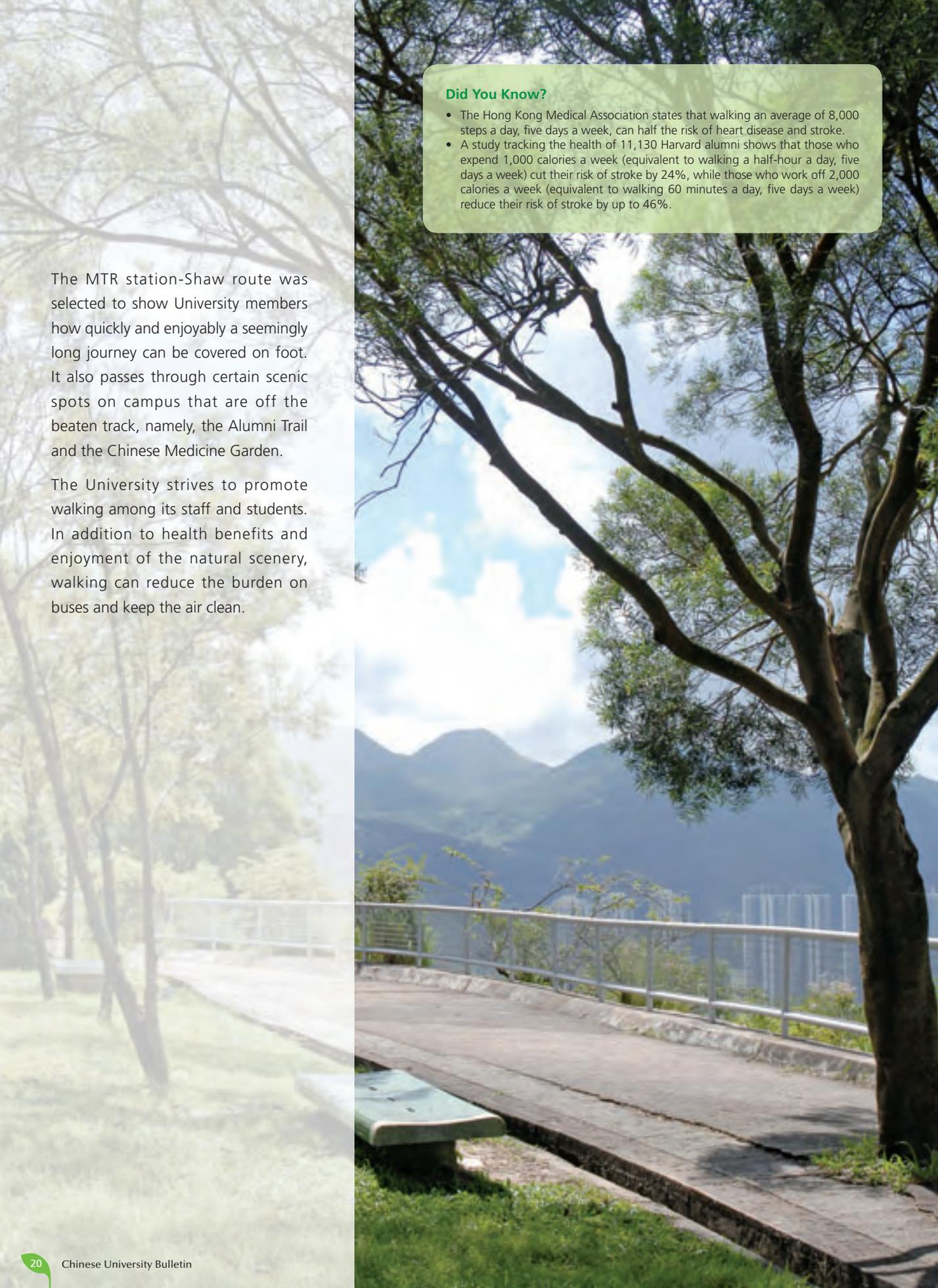
John Garamendi (above left), Lieutenant Governor of California, visited CUHK to speak on 'California's Response to the Challenge of Global Climate Change: Lessons for Chinese Provinces' on 8 October 2007. He discussed the impacts of climate change on California and described environment-related regulations and the efforts of local governments and private industry to curb greenhouse gas emissions. He also discussed the pressing need for local, regional and international bodies to harmonize their efforts to reduce greenhouse gases.

Hands-on Feet-on

Amidst an autumnal breeze, some 600 staff and students of the University walked from the University train station to Shaw College on 2 November 2007. These walkers were the participants of the Walking Campaign, which was held again by the Committee on Health Promotion and Protection following its successful debut in March. The route began at the entrance of the University MTR station, made its way through Chung Chi College and Main Campus, to end at the lecture theatre of Shaw College. The whole walk took about 40 minutes.

A launch ceremony was held prior to the event. It was officiated by Prof. Jack Cheng, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Fok Tai-fai, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Prof. Lee Shiu-hung, Emeritus Professor of Community Medicine, Prof. Michael Hui, Associate Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Lam Kin-che, chairman of the University Steering Committee on Environment, and the Heads of the four constituent Colleges.





The MTR station-Shaw route was selected to show University members how quickly and enjoyably a seemingly long journey can be covered on foot. It also passes through certain scenic spots on campus that are off the beaten track, namely, the Alumni Trail and the Chinese Medicine Garden.

The University strives to promote walking among its staff and students. In addition to health benefits and enjoyment of the natural scenery, walking can reduce the burden on buses and keep the air clean.

Did You Know?

- The Hong Kong Medical Association states that walking an average of 8,000 steps a day, five days a week, can half the risk of heart disease and stroke.
- A study tracking the health of 11,130 Harvard alumni shows that those who expend 1,000 calories a week (equivalent to walking a half-hour a day, five days a week) cut their risk of stroke by 24%, while those who work off 2,000 calories a week (equivalent to walking 60 minutes a day, five days a week) reduce their risk of stroke by up to 46%.



Laurels

The University has won recognition for its sustained contributions to the environment and health.

- Regional Award for Strengthening EIA (Environmental Impact Assessment) Practice in Asia for 2000, by the International Association of Impact Assessment (IAIA). IAIA is one of the largest environmental audit organizations in the world with members drawn from 107 countries.
- Gold in the Schools (Tertiary) Category of the First Hong Kong Energy Efficiency Awards organized by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department of the HKSAR Government in 2006.
- Merit prize (schools category) in the Power Smart Energy Conservation Contest organized by Friends of the Earth. Participants had to reduce electricity consumption by at least 2% in two consecutive months between June and August.

- Health Ambassador Wong Pik-fung (Year 4, medicine, Chung Chi) was selected one of 20 outstanding youth volunteers by the Hong Kong Outstanding Youth Volunteer Scheme 2007–08 of the Social Welfare Department of the HKSAR.

Both environmental conservation and health promotion are about connection, restoration and respect for self and nature. Contact with nature lets us see beyond ourselves and connect with a greater system, restoring our inner balance and balance in the way we see the world. The University will continue its efforts at maintaining its campus as a bastion of health and a haven where one finds 'tongues in trees, books in the running brooks...and good in everything'.



Pomp and Circumstance



The Chinese University of Hong Kong held its 64th Congregation for the Conferment of Degrees on 6 December 2007. Dr. the Honourable Donald Tsang, Chancellor of the University, presided at the congregation.

A total of 6,281 degrees and honorary degrees were conferred. The former included the first batch of two Juris Doctors and 56 Masters of Laws from the School of Law.

The University also conferred honorary doctorates on four distinguished persons, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to academic and cultural advancement, socio-economic progress, the promotion of the well-being of the people, and the development of the University.



Prof. Dale W. Jorgenson, Samuel W. Morris University Professor at Harvard University, and a director of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation, Inc. (USA); The Most Reverend Dr. Peter Kwong Kong-kit, the Archbishop Emeritus of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui; and Mr. Alex K. Yasumoto, an eminent entrepreneur and philanthropist, were each awarded the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*.

Dr. the Honourable Tung Chee-hwa, GBM, the Vice-Chairman of the Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China, and the first Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.

Their citations were written and delivered by Prof. David Parker, Prof. Samuel H. Cheung, and Prof. Laurence Wong Kwok-pun.

In his address, Dr. the Honourable Tung Chee-hwa observed that now is a time of great development and Chinese University graduates who have the 'good fortune to live in this great age' should seize the moment and rise to the call of the country.

(For Dr. Tung's full speech, please go to www.cuhk.edu.hk/cpr/pressrelease/071206speech_e.pdf)



Breakdown of Degrees Conferred in 2006–07

Honorary Doctorates	4
Doctor of Medicine	8
Doctor of Philosophy	214
Doctor of Education	3
Master of Philosophy	325
Master of Arts	1,102
Master of Divinity	11
Master of Fine Arts	2
Master of Accountancy	19
Master of Business Administration	406
Master of Professional Accountancy	121
Master of Education	129
Master of Clinical Pharmacy	19
Master of Family Medicine	2
Master of Nursing	16
Master of Occupational Medicine	4
Master of Public Health	28
Master of Chinese Medicine	8
Master of Science	732
Master of Architecture	36
Master of Social Science	214
Master of Social Work	51
Juris Doctor	2
Master of Laws	56
	3,512

Bachelor's Degrees

Arts	437
Business Administration	541
Education	68
Engineering	363
Medical Sciences	4
Medicine and Surgery	149
Nursing	133
Pharmacy	26
Chinese Medicine	30
Science	530
Social Science	488
	2,769
Total	6,281



Prof. Dale W. Jorgenson

Prof. Dale W. Jorgenson is Samuel W. Morris University Professor of Harvard University, the former president and Distinguished Fellow of the American Economic Association, and a director of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Foundation, Inc. (USA). The University conferred upon Prof. Jorgenson the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*, in recognition of his excellent contributions to economic theory and practices, and his generous offering of expertise and advice to the Chinese University over the years.





The Most Reverend Dr. Kwong Kong-kit, Peter

The Most Reverend Dr. Kwong Kong-kit, Peter, Archbishop Emeritus of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, was the first Chinese Bishop and the first Archbishop and Primate of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. The University conferred upon Dr. Kwong the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the development of education and social services in Hong Kong, as well as generous support rendered to Chung Chi College and the Chinese University over the past decades.

Dr. the Honourable Tung Chee-hwa, GBM

Dr. the Honourable Tung Chee-hwa, GBM, the Vice-Chairman of the Political Consultative Conference of the People's Republic of China, was the first Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and former Chancellor of the Chinese University. The University conferred upon Dr. Tung the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, in recognition of his remarkable contributions to Hong Kong's smooth transition after China's resumption of sovereignty over Hong Kong, his dedicated service and able leadership as the first Chief Executive, as well as his generous support for the development of the University through his wise counsel and encouragement.





Mr. Alex K. Yasumoto

Mr. Alex K. Yasumoto is an eminent entrepreneur, property developer and philanthropist who is keen on promoting international exchange among the young people of Hong Kong, China as a whole, Japan and other places in the world. Mr. Yasumoto was conferred the degree of Doctor of Social Science, *honoris causa*, by the University in recognition of his distinguished contributions to the enhancement of academic development as well as international and cultural exchange programmes of CUHK.

(Citations in full are available at www.cuhk.edu.hk/iso/bulletin/issue/_200702/pdfs/Dec07citations_e.pdf)

Youngest Member of the College Family

Lee Woo Sing College

The CUHK Council approved on 9 October 2007 the acceptance of a major pledge of HK\$150 million for the establishment of Lee Woo Sing College. The College will accommodate 600 residential students and provide additional facilities and resources for up to 600 non-residential students.

The anonymous donor chooses to name the new College after Mr Lee Woo-sing in appreciation of and respect for Mr Lee's commitment to education. Having served for many years as a member of the Council of CUHK and the Board of Trustees of Shaw College, Mr Lee is currently the Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shaw College, and a member of the Executive Committee of the University Council.

The University has been able to obtain donations to establish new Colleges providing places and new facilities for over 3,000 additional undergraduates in 2012 when the four-year normative curriculum is implemented. The other new Colleges are Morningside College, S.H. Ho College, C.W. Chu College, and Wu Yee Sun College.

Together with the constituent Colleges, these new members of CUHK's collegiate family will offer more choices to students and continue to contribute significantly to the quality of their educational experience.



The Freshest and the Brightest

In 2007, CUHK continued to admit the very best candidates whose brilliance was at least equaled by students already enrolled at CUHK.

Local Admission

In 2007, CUHK admitted, through the Early Admissions Scheme for Secondary Six Students (EAS), a total of 182 students, the highest number among the three participating institutions. Forty-six of these students obtained 8As or above in the HKCEE, representing an increase of 70% from last year.

Through the Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS), we made 2,388 admission offers of which 98% were made to Band A choice candidates. The total number of students admitted with Grade As in HKALE 2007 was 989, the highest among the nine JUPAS participating institutions. Out of the 10 students who obtained 5As in HKALE 2007, five put CUHK as their first choice and were offered admission. Overall, CUHK continued the trend in the past few years of being the university of choice of about half the 1,000 JUPAS applicants with the best average results.

We also admitted many students who were outstanding in art, music, leadership and community services. Through the School Principal's Nomination Scheme, we admitted 76 students including all four winners in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2007. Through the Self-recommendation Scheme, 59 students were admitted, and 20 outstanding athletes were admitted through the CUHK Sports Scholarship Scheme.

Mainland and Overseas Admission

A total of 251 excellent mainland undergraduates from 25 provinces/municipalities were admitted through the National Unified Universities and Colleges Entrance Examination System. In the regions which provided ranking information, 30 students admitted by CUHK ranked among the top 10, and 171 among the top 500 in their respective regions. These included the top scorers in 15 provinces or municipalities.

In our commitment to cultural diversity, the University also admitted 60 outstanding overseas students from Canada, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Portugal, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and the US.



Rhodes Scholar

Zhang Tianyu (Integrated BBA, Chung Chi) defeated 50 contenders to become Hong Kong Rhodes Scholar 2007 — CUHK's seventh in 10 years. She is studying for an MSc in financial economics at Oriel College, Oxford University.



PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarship

Sharon Pang (Year 3, professional accountancy) (left 3) won the PricewaterhouseCoopers Scholarship 2007 — CUHK's fourth in six years.



Putonghua Debate

The Putonghua debate team beat teams from mainland China, Macau, Taiwan and Singapore to win the Fifth Intersivity Debate Competition held in Macau from 7 to 11 April 2007. The team also bagged the Best Cooperation Award and Qiu Chen (standing) was named Outstanding Debater.



From left: Zhang Dongshan, Yang Yang, Qiu Chen and Liu Ran



From left: Law Po-man Mandy, Ng Chi-yeung Richard, Chan Ching-lok Lloyd and Wong Hiu-tan Jose

Cantonese Debate

The Cantonese debate team made its eighth victory in the Inter Post-Secondary College Debate Competition on 29 April 2007. Lloyd Chan (right 2) was named Best Debater.

Tennis

The women's tennis team won two gold medals in the 12th National Universities Tennis Championships. The event, featuring 575 athletes from 65 universities in China, took place at Harbin University of Commerce from 1 to 7 August 2007.





Rowing

The rowing team clinched the overall and the women's overall championship of the 13th Hong Kong Universities Rowing Championships held in August 2007. The team also defeated HKU to win the 21st Intersarsity Rowing Championship in September. It was the seventh consecutive victory for the men's team.

Architecture Award

Four architecture students of CUHK won the Best Design Award in Summer Heritage Workshop II 'Integrating Heritage: Public Spaces', organized by Macau's Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) in July 2007, jointly with students from IFT.



Appointments |

Council Members

The Honourable Li Kwok-ying has been elected by the members of the Legislative Council, from among their own number, as a member of the Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong for a period of three years from 29 October 2007, succeeding the Honourable Kwong Chi-kin.



Dr. Vincent H.C. Cheng (top), Chairman of HSBC Bank (China) and Mr. Dick M.K. Lee (bottom), retired Commissioner of Police and a member of the Advisory Board of Continuing and Professional Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, have been nominated by the Chancellor of the University as members of the Council for a period of three years from 27 November 2007.



Mr. Charles Y.W. Leung has been elected by the Board of Trustees of New Asia College to serve as a member of the Council from 30 November 2007, succeeding the late Dr. Vincent W.H. Chou.



Ralph and Claire Landau Professor of Economics

Prof. Lawrence J. Lau has been appointed concurrently by the University Council on 22 May 2007 as Ralph and Claire Landau Professor of Economics.



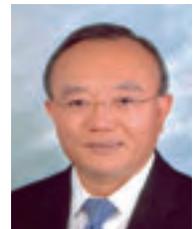
New Head of Shaw College

Prof. Joseph J.Y. Sung, Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics, has been appointed by the University Council as Head of Shaw College for a period of four years from 11 February 2008, succeeding Prof. Ching Pak-chung.



Emeritus Professors

Prof. Lau Siu Kai has been awarded by the University Council the title of Emeritus Professor of Sociology with effect from 1 July 2007.



Prof. Michael Bond has been awarded by the University Council the title of Emeritus Professor of Psychology with effect from 1 August 2007.



Professorial Appointments

Prof. Anil T. Ahuja has been appointed Professor of Diagnostic Radiology and Organ Imaging from 1 August 2007.



Prof. Hau Kit-tai has been appointed Professor of Educational Psychology from 1 August 2007.



Prof. Li Duan has been appointed Professor of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management from 1 August 2007.



Prof. Brian Tomlinson has been appointed Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics from 1 August 2007.



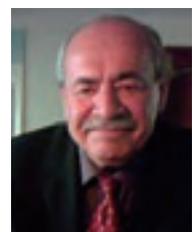
Prof. Allan D. Walker has been appointed Professor of Educational Administration and Policy from 1 August 2007.



Prof. Wang Shaoguang has been appointed Professor of Government and Public Administration from 1 August 2007.



Prof. Arif Dirlik has been appointed Professor of Chinese Studies from 1 September 2007.



Prof. Lee Tze-fan, Diana, has been appointed Professor of Nursing, the Nethersole School of Nursing, from 1 November 2007.



Honours | and Recognition



Vice-Chancellor Honoured by Waseda University

Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University and internationally acclaimed economist, was conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, by Waseda University, in recognition of his achievements in research on economic development, economic growth, and the Chinese and East Asian economies, and his contributions to promoting exchange between CUHK and Waseda, Japan's leading academic institution. In early 2007, Prof. Lau had been awarded an honorary doctorate by Soka University as a tribute to his contributions to economic studies and education.

Three Make Honours List 2007

Three CUHK members made the 2007 Honours List of the HKSAR.

- Prof. Chan Chi-fai Andrew, professor in the Department of Marketing, was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star for his contribution to the promotion of consumer protection and the development of quality tourism services initiatives.
- Prof. Joseph Man Chan, professor in the School of Journalism and Communication, was awarded the Medal of Honour for his contribution to the Independent Commission Against Corruption's Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations.
- Prof. Lam Yip-keung Peter, director of the Art Museum, was awarded the Medal of Honour for his contribution to the promotion of the study of Hong Kong's archaeology.



Inaugural Nursing Awards

Prof. Chair Sek-ying from the Nethersole School of Nursing was honoured with two 2007 Cardiac Nursing Awards — first prize in 'Excellence or Innovation in Acute or Critical Care' and third prize in 'Excellence or Innovation in Cardiac Intervention or Surgery', for her contributions to evidence-based research with the purpose of improving patient care and well-being. These inaugural awards were co-organized by the *British Journal of Cardiac Nursing* and the British Association for Nursing in Cardiovascular Care.

Recognition for Clinical Healthcare Research

Prof. Joseph S.Y. Sung and Prof. Francis Chan ka-keung (photo), both Professors of Medicine and Therapeutics, received the Most Outstanding Contribution Award (Clinical Therapeutics) at the Health Research Symposium 2007 held on 29 September. On the same occasion, Prof. Diana T.F. Lee, Professor of Nursing, was honoured with the Excellent Research Award. The awards are meant to give recognition to Hong Kong-based researchers who excel in clinical research and have cumulative outcome and impact on healthcare policy and practice.



Best Papers

Researchers at the Center for Supply Chain Management and Logistics, Li & Fung Institute of Supply Chain Management, and the Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics won the Best Paper Award at the Operations Management Division of the 2007 Annual Meeting of Academy of Management Conference held from 3 to 8 August in Philadelphia. The paper entitled 'The Impact of Power and Relationship Commitment on the Integration between Manufacturers and Customers in a Supply Chain' was co-authored by Prof. Xiande Zhao, Dr. Huo Baofeng, Dr. Jeff Yeung from CUHK, and Prof. Barbara B. Flynn from Kelley School of Business, Indiana University.

Prof. Michael Y. Wang (left) of the Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering received the Best Conference Paper Award in the 2007 International CAD Conference and Exhibition held in Honolulu, from 25 to 29 June 2007. The paper titled 'A CAD Modeling System for Heterogeneous Objects' was co-authored by Prof. Wang, Wu Xiaojun and Liu Weijun.



Teaching Prize

Prof. Chan Wai Sum, professor in the Department of Finance, was awarded the Prize for Econometrics Teaching in the 2007 Econometric Society Australasian Meeting.

Non-invasive Prenatal Testing Research Selected AoE

The project 'Centre for Research into Circulating Foetal Nucleic Acids' was one of two projects selected by the University Grants Committee for funding in the fourth round of the Areas of Excellence (AoE) scheme, as announced in September 2007. The centre was awarded HK\$29.92 million for long-term development.



In 1997, Prof. Dennis Y.M. Lo (right 1), Li Ka Shing Professor of Medicine, and his team discovered for the first time in the world the presence of cell-free foetal DNA in the blood plasma of pregnant women. The discovery opens up new possibilities in non-invasive prenatal diagnosis. By measuring the ratio of RNA molecules copied from gene copies that the foetus inherited from the parents, non-invasive prenatal detection of Down's Syndrome with a 90% rate of sensitivity was achieved.

Currently, 200,000 babies with Down's Syndrome are born each year. The revolutionary testing would theoretically half the number of invasive tests and contribute to the early diagnosis of abnormalities. It would also lower the possible risk posed to the unborn child.

The Centre for Research into Circulating Foetal Nucleic Acids, established in 2004, addresses high-profile unsolved questions in the field of circulating foetal nucleic acids. Its members including Prof. Rossa Chiu (left 1) and Prof. T.K. Lau (middle), work closely with multi-disciplinary basic scientists, clinician-scientists and clinical specialists from Hong Kong, US, UK, the Netherlands and Italy.

Pointing a New Way for Prostate Cancer Treatment

Researchers from the Departments of Anatomy and Surgery, including Prof. Anthony Ng (left) and Prof. Franky Chan (right), discovered a new cell signalling pathway that is implicated in the development of prostate cancer.



They found that stimulation of the expression of $ERR\gamma$, a particular sub-type of oestrogen receptor-related receptors (ERR), either directly or by means of the $ERR\gamma$ -specific drug DY131, can significantly suppress the growth of two prostate cancer cell lines, LNCaP and DU145. The finding, published in the leading international journal *Cancer Research*, implies the presence of a new therapeutic target for prostate cancer — the fourth most commonly diagnosed male tumour in Hong Kong. Over 700,000 new cases are diagnosed each year worldwide.

RGC Research Grants 2007–2008

A total of 167 research proposals submitted by academic and research staff of the University have been awarded HK\$107.487 million (22%) of Competitive Earmarked Research Grants from the Research Grants Council (RGC) for the year 2007–08. These projects fall into four subject disciplines: biology and medicine (45); engineering (51); physical sciences (29); and the humanities, social sciences and business studies (42). The University also received HK\$14.97 million (23%) from RGC's Direct Allocation to finance small research projects.

HK\$23 Million Research Grants for 44 Projects

Grants totalling some HK\$23 million from various local and overseas sponsors for projects undertaken by CUHK researchers were recorded during the period May to November 2007.

Sponsors	Amount Involved (HK\$)	Number of Projects Supported
AIDS Trust Fund	897,722	4
Beat Drugs Fund	406,000	1
Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Health Bureau, Macau SAR	206,832	1
Education and Youth Bureau, Macau SAR Government	338,480	2
Fiscal 2006 Grant for Japan-related Research Projects	77,821	1
Fulbright Hong Kong Senior Scholar Awards for 2007–08	295,180	2
Health and Health Services Research Fund	1,389,430	2
Health Care and Promotion Fund	251,684	1
Health Care and Promotion Fund (HCPF) — Non-Research Health Promotion Projects	212,552	1
Health, Welfare and Food Bureau (HWFB) — Research Grant for Studies in Health Services	2,771,876	4
Hong Kong Arts Development Council	1,222,160	1
Hong Kong College of Emergency Medicine Research Fund	100,000	2
Innovation and Technology Fund	2,212,025	1
Innovation and Technology Fund, Innovation and Technology Support Programme — Normal Tranche (Tier 3)	7,244,793	8
Quality Education Fund	719,300	1
Research Fund for the Control of Infectious Diseases	3,495,822	6
The Croucher Foundation	186,200	2
The Ford Foundation	778,229	1
The Hong Kong College of Family Physicians Research Fellowship 2007	100,000	1
Unrestricted Grant from SOL Limited (Hong Kong Branch)	32,000	1



Activities | and Events

Foundation Stone Laid for Fok Ying Tung Building

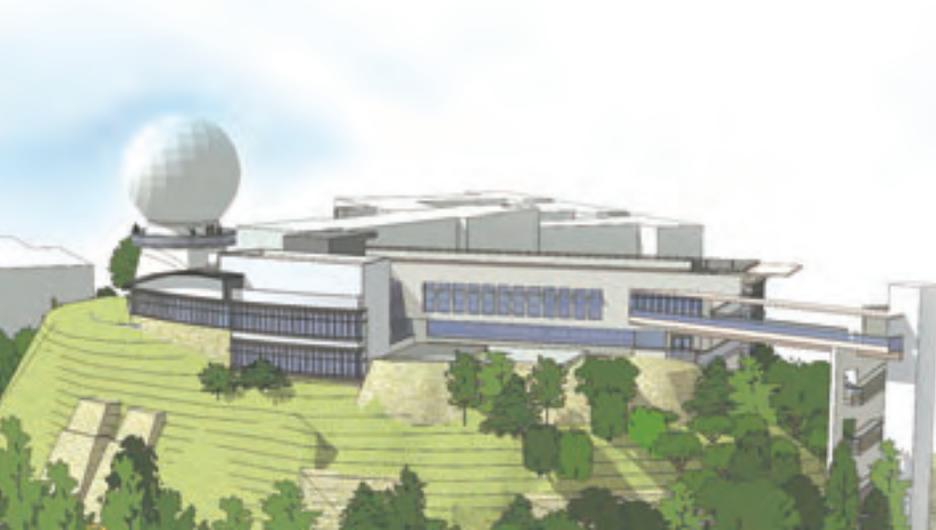
The foundation stone laying ceremony for the Fok Ying Tung Remote Sensing Science Building was held on 22 August 2007.

Supported by a generous donation of HK\$40 million from the Fok Ying Tung Foundation, the building will house a satellite antenna control room, a remote sensing data receiving, processing and application services hub and research laboratories. It will be one of the most important satellite remote sensing research facilities in Southern China and the region. Researchers based there will conduct studies on the prediction of natural disasters, exploration of natural resources, architecture and habitation study, and urban planning.



From left: Prof. Guo Huadong, Mr. Ian Fok Chun-wan, Mr. Gao Siren, Mr. Tung Chee-hwa, Mr. Lu Xinhua, Prof. Lawrence J. Lau and Prof. Lin Hui

The building will substantially boost the University's research capabilities in the geoinformation and earth sciences, one of the University's five key areas for strategic research investment.



Li Ka Shing Institute of Health Sciences Opens

Set up with a HK\$60 million donation by the Li Ka Shing Foundation, the Li Ka Shing Institute of Health Sciences, housed in a new 12-storey building at the Prince of Wales Hospital, was unveiled on 7 September 2007 by Dr. Li Ka-shing (pictured below right with Prof. Lawrence J. Lau).



Adopting an innovative and interdisciplinary approach, the institute will embark on research projects that aim at translating advances in basic and molecular sciences into tests and treatments, with particular emphasis on sickness prevention, clinical sciences and regenerative medicine.



Largest Overseas Exchange Scholarship and Yasumoto Park

The Yasumoto International Exchange Scholarship Scheme, the largest international exchange scholarship scheme ever established in CUHK, was inaugurated on 15 June 2007. Established by a magnanimous donation of HK\$100 million from Mr. Alex K. Yasumoto in 2005, the scheme sponsored 229 students from CUHK to study for a term or a year at prestigious universities in 25 countries and regions in 2006–07 alone.



Dr. Edgar Cheng (left 1), Chairman of CUHK Council, and Prof. Lawrence J. Lau (right 1), Vice-Chancellor, presenting a souvenir to Mr. and Mrs. Yasumoto

The Yasumoto International Academic Park, named on the same occasion, will provide academic venues and facilities including an international cultural exchange centre, an exhibition gallery, and open space for student activities upon completion in 2012.

Mr Yasumoto shares the aspirations of CUHK to cultivate global vision in its students and promote exchange among the young people of the world.



Topping-out of Hong Kong's First Teaching Hotel

The University's teaching hotel, developed by New World Development Company Ltd. on CUHK campus, held its topping-out ceremony on 17 October 2007. The hotel, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, comprises both hotel and teaching facilities. It will serve as a longitudinal and experimental base for education and research at the School of Hotel and Tourism Management.



From left: Mr. Stewart C. K. Leung, Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Dr. Cheng Kar-shun, Henry, Dr. Edgar W.K.Cheng, Dr. David W.K. Sin, and Prof. Liu Pak-wai

Situated next to the MTR University Station, the 50,000 m² structure features teaching facilities, over 500 guest rooms and international-class hotel facilities, to be used by the school for training purposes. It is expected to be completed by the end of 2008.



New Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

An independent Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery was formally constituted at CUHK on 1 August 2007. Centred at the Prince of Wales Hospital, the department will extend its cochlear implant programme into speech recognition and coding in Chinese and other Asian tone languages.

Being the first single unit in Hong Kong and Asia to offer a full one-stop service for people with hearing disorders, the department expects to work closely with charities to improve the quality of life of underprivileged children and elderly people in Hong Kong and mainland China who have hearing and speech communication disorders.

C.N. Yang Statue on Central Campus

A bronze statue of Prof. C.N. Yang, sculpted and donated by Prof. Wu Weishan, director of the Institute of Fine Arts of Nanjing University, has been erected on a grass lawn on the Rooftop Garden of Lady Shaw Building. A presentation ceremony of the statue was held on 22 September 2007 in celebration of Prof. Yang's 85th birthday and the 50th anniversary of his being awarded the Nobel Prize.



From left: Prof. Wu Weishan, sculptor, Prof. Yang Chen Ning, Mrs. Yang and Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Yang has been acquainted with the University for more than three decades. Currently Distinguished Professor-at-Large of CUHK, he has generously made a gift of his correspondence, manuscripts, publications, and medals to the University. Prof. Yang is pleased with the central location facing the University Mall, which enables him to 'witness several thousands of graduating students receiving their certificates in autumn' year after year.

Celebrities Share Reminiscences of Wang Daohan



A new book in memory of the late Wang Daohan, former president of the Association for Relations across the Taiwan Straits, was launched on 17 July 2007 at CUHK, in a ceremony attended by dozens of distinguished figures across the country, and Wang Jing (left 6) and Wang Ning (middle), Mr. Wang's daughters. They shared impressions and reminiscences of Mr. Wang on the occasion.



Intellectual Cross-currents



Prof. Robert J. Lefkowitz



Prof. Thomas C. Schelling



Prof. Robert A. Mundell



Prof. Edmund S. Phelps



Prof. Yang Chen Ning



Prof. Martin L. Perl



Prof. Kurt Wüthrich



Prof. Craig C. Mello

Shaw and Nobel Laureates on Campus

Renowned scholars visited the University campus to give lectures and share with tertiary and secondary students, academics and the public.

Many lectures were broadcast live to local institutions and key mainland universities, and uploaded to the Hong Kong Education City website.



Date	Speaker	Title
13 September	Prof. Robert J. Lefkowitz, 2007 Shaw Laureate in Life Science and Medicine	Seven Transmembrane Receptors
19 September	Prof. Thomas C. Schelling, 2005 Nobel Laureate in Economics	Managing Nuclear Proliferation
	Prof. Robert A. Mundell, 1999 Nobel Laureate in Economics	China's RMB Exchange Rate Policy and the International Monetary System
	Prof. Edmund S. Phelps, 2006 Nobel Laureate in Economics	Keys to Endless Economic Development
The Sun Hung Kai Properties Nobel Laureates Distinguished Lectures		
25 October	Prof. Yang Chen Ning, 1957 Nobel Laureate in Physics	The Great Excitement in 1957 about Parity Nonconservation
	Prof. Martin L. Perl, 1995 Nobel Laureate in Physics	Developing Creativity and Innovation in Engineering and Science
20 November	Prof. Kurt Wüthrich, 2002 Nobel Laureate in Chemistry	Molecular Structures in Post-genomic Research
4 December	Prof. Craig C. Mello, 2006 Nobel Laureate in Physiology	Return to the RNAi World: Rethinking Gene Expression, Evolution and Medicine



Visit by Master Philosopher

Prof. Lao Sze-kwang, one of the most respected philosophers of the Chinese speaking world, gave a lecture on 'Variations and Constancy in Philosophical Problematics' to over 200 CUHK members and guests in October 2007.

To celebrate the 80th birthday of the professor emeritus, the Department of Philosophy organized a series of academic activities, including a one-month postgraduate seminar on 'Rationality: A Defence' and a three-day conference, 'Philosophical Hermeneutics, Cultural Criticism and the Art of Poetry' at which some 30 scholars from Hong Kong and Taiwan, mostly students of Prof. Lao, presented their reflections on the master's thoughts and poetry.

Prof. Lao is a Fellow of Academia Sinica, Taiwan, and a Doctor of Literature, *honoris causa*, CUHK. His association with CUHK began in 1964, when he joined the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Chung Chi College. During his service of over a quarter of a century to the University, he nurtured several generations of academics in philosophy and other disciplines, many of whom have now become accomplished scholars.

Space Administrator on National Space Programme

Dr. Sun Laiyan, administrator of China's National Space Administration, spoke on 'China's Space Programme: Review and Outlook' on 21 September 2007 at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. The lecture attracted over 1,000 staff as well as tertiary and secondary school students.



Dr. Sun reviewed the growth, achievements and functions of China's space programme in the past 50 years and discussed its future. He also gave a brief account of the participation of Hong Kong scientists in the programme.

Canadian Former Governor General Calls for Tolerance

The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, the Hong Kong-born former Governor General of Canada (1999 to 2005), delivered a lecture titled 'From Hong Kong to Hong Kong in 65 Years' on 12 November 2007 at CUHK. She spoke about Canada as it was when she arrived there as a refugee at the age of three, as well as Canada's idea of citizenship today.



Madame Clarkson is an active promoter of tolerance and acceptance within a multi-cultural society. Since leaving the office of Governor General, she has founded the Institute for Canadian Citizenship to help acculturate new Canadian citizens into mainstream Canadian life.

Financial Secretary on Commitment

The Honourable John Tsang, Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, shared his views on 'Leadership and Commitment' with some 1,500 students at the assembly of Shaw College on 2 November 2007.

Mr. Tsang encouraged young people to learn more about society, to be socially committed, and to stand up against injustice. He expressed the desire to see university students use their intelligence and knowledge to find solutions to problems plaguing Hong Kong and the world.



Martial Art Novelist's View of Chinese History

Prof. Louis Cha (Jin Yong), honorary professor of the Faculty of Arts, delivered a lecture on 'The Main Trends in Chinese History' on 15 November 2007. The famous novelist and veteran journalist pointed out



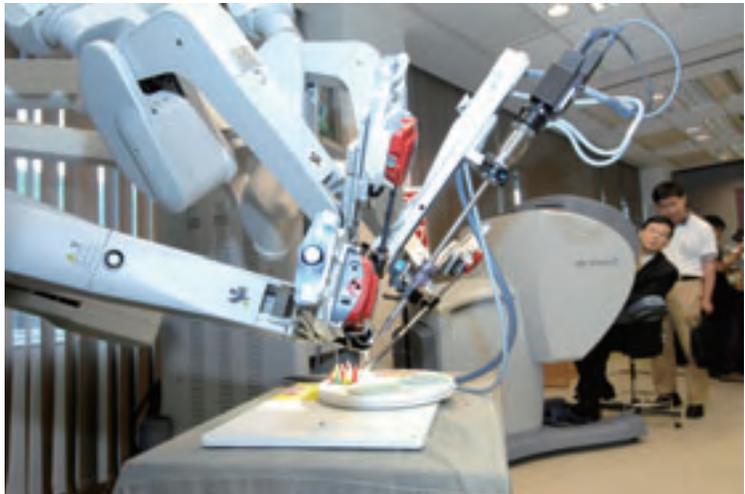
pitfalls in studies of Chinese history and explained how the development of the Chinese nation has been invigorated by ethnic conflicts and integration which often brought about a great and prosperous dynasty. The lecture attracted an audience of 500.

Experts Explore Population Issues

The Fourth International Conference on Population Geographies, organized by the Department of Geography and Resource Management, was held at the University from 10 to 13 July 2007. The conference attracted 150 participants from 36 countries and regions. One hundred and twenty-five papers were presented, covering the major contemporary themes and research frontiers of the field, such as population change and policy, international and internal migration, fertility, children population and social capital, as well as mortality and health.

East-West Exchange of Surgical Skills

The International Robotic Surgery Symposium 2007, organized by the Department of Surgery, took place from 21 to 23 June 2007 at CUHK. The multi-disciplinary forum, the first of its kind in Asia,



brought together more than 250 world experts in robotic surgery, Asian surgeons and other medical professionals, including representatives from prominent major hospitals in mainland China.

Cross-straits Dialogue on Education

The Cross-straits (Mainland — Taiwan — Macau — Hong Kong) Educational Conference, 'Enhancing Teaching and Learning: Teacher Development, Partnership and Professional Learning Community', co-organized by the Centre for University and School Partnership, the CUHK Faculty of Education, and the Education and Manpower Bureau (now Education Bureau), was held on 25 and 26 May 2007. The occasion provided a platform for discussion on the issues of quality education, partnership and professional learning. Over 600 participants were in attendance.



HK\$30M from Mr. Li Weibo

CUHK has received a generous donation of HK\$30 million from Mr. Li Weibo, chairman of Glory Harvest Group Holdings Ltd., to establish new infrastructure and facilities for long-term development.

A visionary industrialist, Mr. Li Weibo is highly supportive of community welfare, in particular, education. His belief that the future of Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta pivots on the expertise and research nurtured by higher education led him to seek collaboration with CUHK as a means of contributing to tertiary education and research.

HK\$65M from Jockey Club for Educating Hearing-impaired

The Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies of the Department of Linguistics and Modern Languages received a major donation of HK\$65 million from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to establish the Jockey Club Sign Bilingualism and Co-enrolment in Deaf Education Programme.

Launched on 5 June 2007, the seven-year programme aims at establishing an alternative model of deaf education, with a view to providing deaf students with equal opportunities in mainstream pre-school and primary education. It involves collaborative teaching of deaf and mainstream school teachers and co-enrolment of deaf and hearing students in classes where both sign and spoken language in English and Chinese are used.





HK\$88.72M from Jockey Club for Sports and Health Centre

The Chinese University of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Polytechnic University received a donation of HK\$88.72 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust to set up the Hong Kong Jockey Club Sports Medicine and Health Sciences Centre.

The virtual centre, officially established on 1 August 2007, will utilize 14 existing sport- and health sciences-related laboratories and facilities at both universities. It will provide quality clinical services to professional and amateur athletes, enhance training for professional medical staff, and promote exercise in the community. It will also render clinical support and performance enhancement services to some 3,300 elite athletes from Hong Kong and mainland China in the coming three years, including those at the 2008 Beijing Olympics and equestrian events, the 2009 East Asian Games in Hong Kong, and the 2010 Asian Games in Guangzhou.

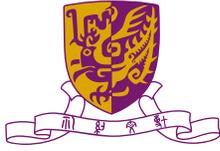
Professorship in Indian Religions and Culture Supported by ISKCON

CUHK received a generous donation of HK\$4 million from the International Society for Krishna Consciousness of Hong Kong (ISKCON-Hong Kong) to establish a professorship in Indian religions and culture,



the first of its kind in Hong Kong, at the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies. Prof. Kenneth Valpey of the University of Oxford in England has accepted the offer of the professorship. An inauguration ceremony was held on 11 October 2007.

Mr. Bhaktivinod (left 1) and Ms. Sri Radhika (right 3) from ISKCON-HK, Prof. Liu Pak-wai (centre), and Prof. Kenneth Valpey (right 2)



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