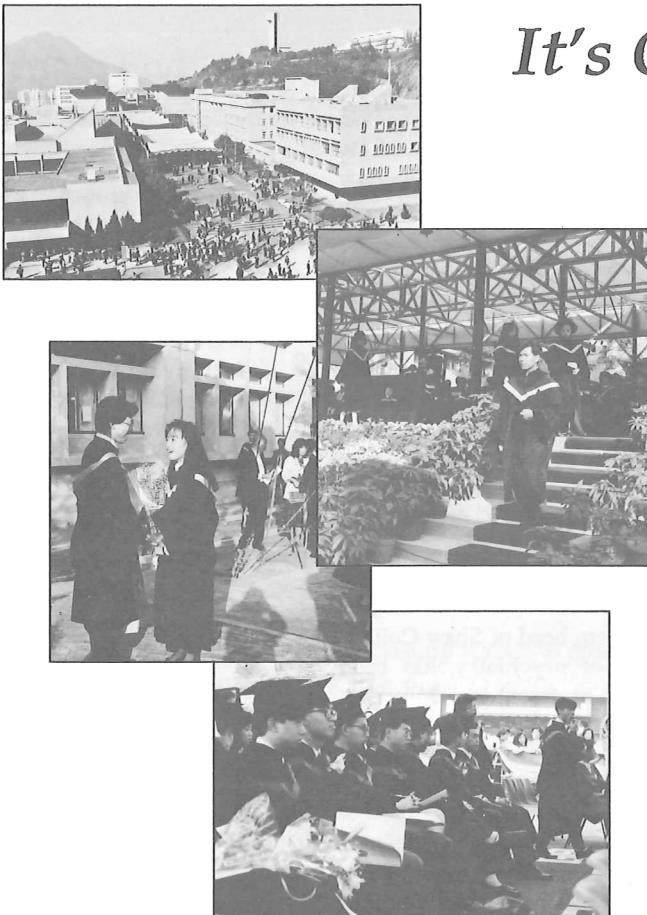




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It's Congregation Day

The University held its 39th congregation for the conferment of first degrees at the University Mall on the afternoon of 7th December, 1989. By 1.30 p.m. on that day, the mall was already crowded with graduates wearing faculty gowns and carrying colourful bouquets, posing for pictures with chirpy friends and smiling parents.

At around 3 p.m., His Excellency the Governor and Chancellor of the University, Sir David Wilson, arrived with Lady Wilson by helicopter and the graduation ceremony immediately began. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles K. Kao, addressed the congregation before the faculty deans presented candidates to the Chancellor one by one for admission to their first degrees. A total of 1,345 graduates received their degrees, including 309 Bachelors of Arts, 271 Bachelors of Business Administration, 101 Bachelors of Medicine and Bachelors of Surgery, 315 Bachelors of Science, and 349 Bachelors of Social Science. The whole ceremony ended at about 4.15 p.m.

After the ceremony, guests and parents were treated to a tea-reception and outstanding graduates were introduced to the Chancellor and Lady Wilson, who stayed on the campus until about 5 p.m. It was estimated that some 3,000 graduates, parents and guests attended the congregation.

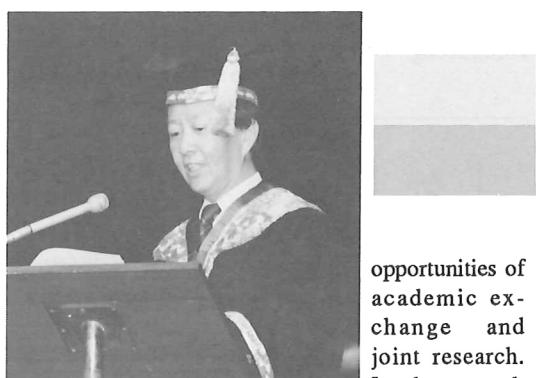
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Three Major Tasks and One Major New Policy

In his address at the 39th congregation, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the graduating class of 1989 and reminded them of the many challenges that lay ahead of them. He also indicated the University's readiness to respond positively to the Governor's call in his recent policy statement made at the Legislative Council for expansion in the tertiary education sector. Professor Kao then went on to describe three major tasks that the University had set itself to

undertake and one major new policy that had been introduced.

First, the credit-unit based curriculum would be thoroughly reviewed to improve its flexibility in accommodating a larger number of in-coming students with a probably greater spread of abilities. Secondly, linkages with local and overseas academic and other institutions would be strengthened to allow for more



opportunities of academic exchange and joint research. Lastly, research

institutions would be set up with the explicit purpose of serving as the infrastructure necessary for the promotion and operation of new industries in Hong Kong.

The major new policy concerns the recruitment and retention of

human resources. More flexible employment terms and merit-based incentives would be offered to both academic and administrative staff to increase the attraction of working at the University.

Near the end of his speech, the Vice-Chancellor also stressed the University's intention to further develop postgraduate programmes and its plans to increase the percentage of graduate students to at least

15 per cent of the student body in the next triennium.



Dr. Kelvin Chan Kam-chuen, reader in pharmacology, has been appointed a member of the Pharmacy and Poisons Appeal Tribunal by HE the Governor for a term of three years from 1st December, 1989.

Dr. Agnes Ng, senior lecturer in social work, has been reappointed an ex-officio member of the Advisory Committee on Social Work Training and Manpower Planning (in her capacity as chairman of the Board of Studies in Social Work, CUHK) by HE the Governor for two years from 1st November, 1989.

Prof. Arthur K. C. Li, professor of surgery, has been nominated to represent the University on the Preparatory Committee for the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. He has also been appointed a member of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee by HE the Governor from 1st January, 1990 to 31st March, 1993.

Prof. T. E. Oh, dean of medicine and professor of anaesthesia and intensive care, and **Prof. Arthur K. C. Li**, professor of surgery, have been nominated to represent the University on the Licentiate Committee of the Medical Council of Hong Kong.

Prof. C. Y. To, professor of education, has been invited by the Education Department to serve as a member of the newly established Private Schools Review Committee.

Services to the Community and International Organizations

Mrs. Joyce Lai Ma Lai Chong, lecturer in social work, has been invited to serve as Counselling Consultant of the PS33 of Hong Kong Christian Service from 1st September, 1989 to 31st August, 1990.

Prof. C. N. Chen, head of Shaw College and professor of psychiatry, has been re-nominated to represent the University on the Council of the Baptist College for a term of three years from 1st January, 1990.

Dr. H. C. Kuan, dean of social science and reader in government and public administration, has been nominated to represent the University on the Selection Committee of the Swire/Cathay Pacific Scholarship at St. Antony's College, Oxford and the J. K. Swire Memorial

Scholarship at Nuffield College, Oxford for the academic year 1990-91.

Dr. Leonard L. Chu, chairman of the Department of Journalism and Communication, has been invited to serve as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Asian Journal of Communication* published by the Asian Mass Communication Research and Information Centre based in Singapore.

Dr. Daniel P. L. Law, lecturer in music, served as adjudicator for the Electronic Music Competition of the Hong Kong Young Musicians' Award sponsored by the Music Office and RTHK in November 1989; and for a singing contest at St. Paul's Co-educational College on 11th November. He was also commissioned by the Hong Kong Children's Choir to compose 'Jubilate Deo' for children's choir and organ, which was premiered in the opening festival of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre.

Dr. J. A. J. H. Critchley, reader and chairman of the Department of Clinical Pharmacology, has been appointed to the Drugs Evaluation Committee of the Optometrists Board of the Supplementary Medical Professions Council for a term of three years from 13th January, 1990.

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University News

Senate Endorse the Adoption of a Flexible Credit Unit System

At a meeting held on 22nd December 1989, the University Senate resolved to drop the present promotion-by-year system and move on to a truly flexible credit unit system by September 1991. The revised curriculum with added flexibility will allow students to pace their own studies and graduate within a three-to-six year period.

In anticipation of the improvement in A-level courses under sixth form reform, the University is prepared to recognize A-level students' pre-university achievements by granting a given number of credit units to each A-level entrant. With these units, reasonably good A-level students can graduate in three years after fully satisfying major programme and general education requirements. They may however decide to benefit from a broader education taken in four years. Other students may accelerate their studies through attending summer sessions.

The University would need to change its existing statute to enable students to graduate in less than four years. It would also strengthen its counselling service to assist students to make rational course combinations, so that they may derive maximum benefit from the new scheme.

The new system is expected to facilitate inter-departmental, inter-institutional and international exchanges and there will be checks and balances to ensure that the final product, i.e. the graduates, are up to standard.

Chinese University Press and Renditions Win Awards

Three publications of The Chinese University Press have won honours in this year's Hong Kong Print Awards. They include two merit awards in the category of cover design for the books *China: Modernization in the 1980s* and *Papers in Chinese Linguistics and Epigraphy*, and the prestigious Grand Prize for the book *Dai Wangshu: The Life and Poetry of a Chinese Modernist*.

In addition to these prizes, the series of nine volumes 《近代名人手札真蹟》published by The Chinese University Press for the Institute of Chinese Studies also won one of The Best Produced Books Awards from the Urban Council.

This is the first time the Press has won four major awards in the same year and reflects the significant improvement it has made in the production and design quality of its publications.

The Croucher Foundation recently made a donation of HK\$2,000,000 in support of a research project on 'Genetic Reconstitution of High-Affinity Uptake Systems for Neurotransmitters' undertaken by Professor Dominic Man-Kit Lam, professor of biotechnology and director of the Hong Kong Institute of Biotechnology (HKIB).

First Research Grant Received by HKIB

The research team comprises staff members from HKIB and other departments in the University, and scientists from other institutions in Hong Kong and China. Their work involves the transfer of specific human genes into mouse fibroblast (skin) cells to construct specific genetic-engineered cell lines useful for elucidating the molecular mechanism of certain brain functions such as vision, learning and memory. The cell lines are also useful for the discovery of new pharmaceutical agents against certain brain and cardiovascular diseases. This is the first research programme in Hong Kong that utilizes human-mouse transgenic cell lines to study information processing in the nervous system.



Another University publication, *Vignettes from the Chinese*, published by the Research Centre for Translation as a *Renditions Paperback* has also won a merit award in the category of book printing in the Hong Kong Print Awards. This is a beautiful volume on which the editorial staff of *Renditions* and the production staff of The Chinese University Press have spent many working hours. And the result is a true winner!

The design and production team of The Chinese University Press is led by production manager Mr. Kingsley K. H. Ma and includes production supervisor Mr. Bobby C. W. Li and cover designers Mrs. Ka Yeung Mi-po, Mr. Daniel K. Y. Ng and Mr. Cheng Kam-kiu.

The editors of the four books published by The Chinese University Press are Mr. William C. C. Ho and Mrs. Chu Wong Kin-wai.

Donation of HK\$200,000 from Yung Foundation



A girl fitted with an electronic hand

The University recently received a donation of HK\$200,000 from Yung Foundation Ltd., HK\$150,000 of which is designated for the purchase of 10 electronic hand prostheses for the Children Prosthetic Clinic run by the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology at the Prince of Wales Hospital. Established in 1987, the Children Prosthetic Clinic has over the last two years fitted 15 electronic hands for needy children with upper limb deficiencies. It is also the first and only clinic in Hong Kong to provide this kind of service.

The other HK\$50,000 is earmarked for the installation of an ultra-low temperature freezer at the hospital's operating theatre for the storage of bone grafts removed from patients with fractures of the hip bone for future use.

Drug and Poisons Information Bureau — New 24-hour Service

The Department of Clinical Pharmacology has been operating a Drug and Poisons Information Bureau service to doctors in Hong Kong since January 1988 but this service was previously only available during office hours. On 5th December 1989, the



Department held a press conference to announce that a 24-hour emergency service will be provided starting from that date with the aim of assisting doctors, pharmacists, nurses, and dentists. During the day it will be manned by two information officers who are members of the nursing staff of the Clinical Pharmacology Studies Unit. They will be supported by four physicians who are specialists in clinical pharmacology and toxicology actively engaged in the practice and teaching of general internal medicine in the Prince of Wales Hospital. One physician is always on call and can be contacted day or night by means of a mobile telephone. Substantial financial support has been provided by a pharmaceutical company to run this service.

The telephone numbers of the service are 6351111 (for non-urgent general enquiries during office hours Monday through Saturday) and 054830484 (24 hours – emergencies only).

Conference on Counselling in the 21st Century

An international conference on 'Counelling in the 21st Century' was held at the Regal Meridien Hotel, Tsimshatsui East, from 29th to 30th December, 1989. The conference was jointly sponsored by the University's School of Education, the San Francisco State University, and Naruto University of Education, Japan. Professor Charles K. Kao, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, delivered the opening address.

Over 160 scholars and professionals in the fields of counselling, psychology, psychiatry and social work from different parts of the world met to discuss the emerging counselling issues in Asia and the United States, and how new developments like the improved status of women and the aging population would affect counselling in the future.

The Wilson T. S. Wang International Surgical Symposium



The Department of Surgery organized an international surgical symposium at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from 8th to 10th December, 1989 to promote surgical education. Head and neck surgery and liver and biliary surgery were the main themes. Topics for discussion included state-of-the-art management of thyroid cancer, salivary gland cancer, gall stones and pancreatic cancer, liver cancer, nasopharyngeal cancer and recurrent pyogenic cholangitis. More than 170 delegates from 26 countries including China, Singapore, Sweden, Australia, UK and USA took part in the function to share their experience in surgical practice, the training of surgeons, surgical research, and the presentation of scientific data.

The symposium was sponsored by a well-known local educationist, Mr. Wilson T. S. Wong. The University has thus named the symposium series after Mr. Wong in recognition of his generous contribution.



Prof & Mrs. Kao with the King of Sweden (right 1) and the president of IVA (right2)

The Fourth International Workshop on Therapeutic Endoscopy

Over two hundred doctors from more than 30 countries took part in the fourth International Workshop on Therapeutic Endoscopy held at the Prince of Wales Hospital from 5th to 7th December, 1989.

The workshop was jointly organized by the University and the Hong Kong Society of Digestive Endoscopy to introduce the techniques of therapeutic endoscopy. Local and overseas experts demonstrated a whole range of new techniques including state-of-the-art procedures such as endoscopic sphincterotomy and removal of bile duct stones, endoscopic stenting for malignant biliary obstruction, injection sclerotherapy for bleeding varices, intubation of oesophageal tumour, and injection treatment for bleeding ulcers. Of particular interest was the technique of shattering stones in the common bile duct using electrohydraulic forces via a 'mother and baby' endoscope system. Participants watched the demonstration through closed circuit television and took part in panel discussions to exchange views.

A Combined Endoscopy Unit set up in 1984 at the Prince of Wales Hospital has been active in researching new techniques of therapeutic endoscopy for diseases prevalent in Hong Kong. Many cases which would have required surgery in the past can now be treated successfully by endoscopy.

The Vice-Chancellor Attended International Conferences Overseas

Professor Charles K. Kao, who is an overseas member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (IVA), was invited to attend the 1989 IVA annual seminar entitled 'Development and Flow of Technology on a Global Basis' held in Stockholm, Sweden in October 1989. After the seminar, Professor and Mrs. Kao also attended the IVA annual dinner hosted by the King and Queen of Sweden.

In late November, Professor Kao at the invitation of the Tan Kah Kee Foundation Lecture delivered two lectures on 'A Consequence of Abundance – the Technical Implication in the Information Intensive Society' in Singapore. In early December, he went to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to take part in a conference on 'University Education in the 1990s' organized by the Association of Southeast Asian Institutions of Higher Learning (ASAIHL). Professor Kao is the national representative for Hong Kong on the 1989/90 ASAIHL Administrative Board.

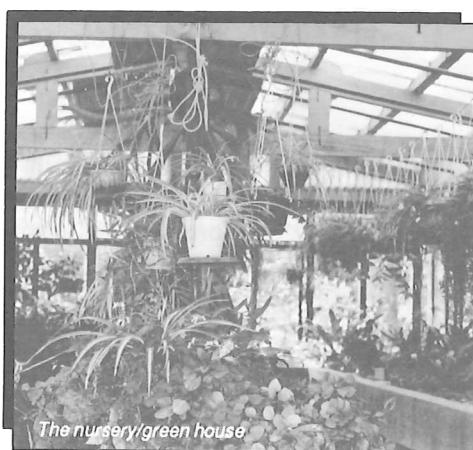
Beautifying the CUHK Campus

CUHK's picturesque campus, generously decorated with trees, flowers and grass, has long been the envy of many students from other tertiary institutions. It has also attracted a lot of local visitors, especially on holidays. Wedding parties, groups of senior citizens and children, and beaming graduates posing for graduation photos are especially common campus sights.

While the campus' various attractions are well-known, the history of its beautification is not. One person who can tell us more about the campus' horticultural features is Mr. C. K. Yau, Supervisor of the Gardening Section of the University's Buildings Office. During his 18 years at CUHK, Mr. Yau has had a hand, literally and figuratively, in the 'greening' of the campus. Now the head of a team comprising some 40 staff members, Mr. Yau's initial work involved, among other things, planting many of the young shoots which today offer cool, comfortable shade in summer.

Establishing a foundation

Previously, the home of CUHK was merely a small hill covered with wild vegetation. At the foot of this hill stood Chung Chi College. When the campus construction project was launched, shrubs and creepers were chopped down and soil was removed (and used to build the dam at Plover Cove). All that was left behind was a barren, rocky hill with



sites cleared for the buildings that followed in subsequent years.

The Gardening Section, notes Mr. Yau, began its job of beautifying the campus with a crew of a dozen workers, who sweated and toiled to plant trees and grow flowers over the entire campus area. They ran into problems immediately. The

first difficulty was an insufficient supply of topsoil. They couldn't simply cover the ground with a layer of soil and then sow seeds, because wind and rain would quickly sweep all the soil away. To solve this problem, they had to drill large holes in rocks scattered across the campus. Very rich soil was then mixed with seedlings and carefully planted inside the holes. They then had to tend the seedlings with great care until young trees gradually appeared.

The second difficulty was one that remains today: the campus environment is not very congenial to the growth of trees. The University's hill-side location leaves it exposed to very windy conditions, especially in winter. These winds often carry salt from the nearby Tolo Harbour. And salt, explains Mr. Yau, is inimical to the health of both trees and plants. The combination of wind and salt was, and still is, particularly problematic at New Asia and United Colleges, making it especially difficult to grow trees in those sections of the campus. Only a few kinds of trees can withstand such conditions. These include

pine, acacia, casuarina, and azalea. Fortunately, these types grow very fast and form little 'forests' easily, hence making it possible fairly early on to provide some greenery on the higher levels of the campus.

Ongoing challenges

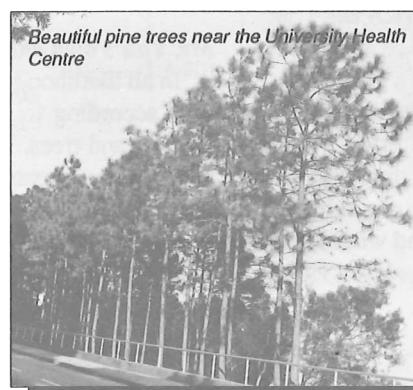
Deciding what trees to plant and where to plant them requires careful consideration of a number of factors such as the hardness of the ground, the depth of the topsoil, the gradient of the various slopes, the sources of water available and the most frequent direction of the wind. Normally, large trees are located where the soil is deep. Care is also taken to group together trees of similar shape, colour, and height..

The distribution of different kinds of trees is also subject to the judgment of campus architects. The current trend as the campus expands is for the architects to decide what kinds of horticulture will best match the style of the new buildings and where the placement of trees and flowers will best complement the ambience of the buildings.

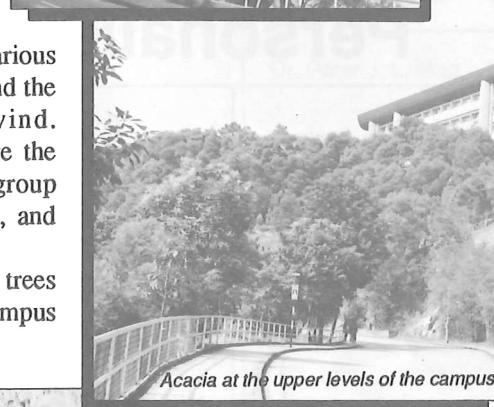
Producing lush vegetation in the New Asia College and United College areas is another ongoing challenge. Both colleges are located about 140 metres above sea level, where the water supply is limited. The altitude of the colleges coupled with the ever-present problem of insufficient staff to properly maintain a campus of over 330 acres makes it difficult to install an irrigation system, or to otherwise



Flower beds



Beautiful pine trees near the University Health Centre



Acacia at the upper levels of the campus



Bougainvillea in full bloom at Forum

service the upper level of the campus. Much therefore depends on the amount of rainfall and its natural distribution throughout the upper reaches of the University.

A current problem which greatly saddens Mr. Yau is the fact that many sturdy and beautiful pine trees are dying because of a certain parasite which has invaded Hong Kong in recent years. Not even the Agriculture and Fisheries Department has been able to rescue many of the pine trees under attack throughout the territory. As a result, the Gardening Section has stopped planting new pine trees, leaving the existing stock as the only available source of such trees.

Meeting the horticultural needs of the newly established Shaw College is the Gardening Section's latest challenge. It is an especially difficult task as the Shaw College campus is particularly windy, has little topsoil, and is relatively far from the central campus, where resources are concentrated. However, despite such unfavourable factors, Mr. Yau says that the Section will strive to create a beautiful environment for the staff and students to enjoy within a few years' time.

Who produce the potted plants and flowers?

To discharge their responsibilities, Mr. Yau's 40 or so staff members are divided into subgroups, each assigned specific aspects of campus horticultural care.

One sub-group is responsible for trimming and plant care, as well as growing potted plants and flowers. The demands they must meet are considerable. One of these is the constant

maintenance of a stock of 2,000 potted plants ready for use at any time. Supplying the necessary amounts and varieties of flowers and plants for special occasions is another. At the recent commencement exercise, for example, they had over 3,000 pots of colourful flowers prepared and distributed throughout the central campus.

To meet the large and ever-present demand for flowers, the Gardening Section has established a nursery. It is located behind the Chung Chi College student hostels and occupies a total area of 20,000 square feet. It consists of a greenhouse and five flower beds of different sizes. Seven staff members manage this area; their work involves sowing, watering, fertilizing, weeding, grafting, and transplanting plants. They are also responsible for transporting flowers about to blossom to various buildings for display, as well as for supplying new potted plants and removing old ones regularly.

Flowers are now in full bloom

The Gardening Section imports most of its seeds from abroad and distributes the potted plants and flowers on a seasonal basis. Between spring and summer, they decorate the campus with asters, begonias, geraniums, marigolds, zinnias, petunias, and sunflowers. In autumn and winter, they

make certain we have plenty of poinsettias, calendulas, dahlias, chrysanthemums and salvias.

Generally, says Mr. Yau, the kind and quantity of flowers in autumn and winter are more numerous than those in spring and summer. This is mainly because the most suitable times for sowing seeds are March-April and September-November. Given that it takes three to four months for a seed to turn into a flowering plant, the periods when we can expect to see the most flowers are June-July and December-March. While flowers do appear in June and July, summer heat is generally not conducive to sustained life for most plants. The team are now investigating new methods of combating various seasonal and environmental constraints so that the campus can be filled with flowers year-round. They are working with new species and experimenting with new sowing periods.

Mr. Yau's own choice

In all likelihood, most of us on the campus have a favourite spot according to our individual tastes and preferences for flowers and trees. What about Mr. Yau, who is familiar with each and every patch of green on the campus? He says that he prefers the Chung Chi campus, mainly because of its natural endowment of vital resources like water and good soil. ◎

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Vacancies

<i>Post</i>	<i>Unit</i>	<i>Closing Date for Application</i>
Lecturer/Assistant Lecturer (2 posts)	Dept. of Mathematics	31.1.90
Temporary Lecturer	Dept. of Mathematics	31.1.90
Lecturer/Assistant Lecturer	Dept. of Statistics	15.2.90



What if it rains on congregation day?

The short answer to the caption is that the ceremony for the conferment of first degrees will be held in the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall instead. But what about those days before 1978, when there was no Sir Run Run Shaw Hall? To answer this, the *Newsletter* has probed into the history of the University's commencement exercises.

Prior to 1976, all commencements took place in the City Hall. But very soon the number of graduates and guests outgrew the hall's capacity and the University decided to move everything back to the campus. Many possible venues were considered before the University Mall was finally chosen for its central location, its spaciousness and grandeur.

One drawback though is the mall's openness, which makes it vulnerable to the elements. The organizers of the congregation in 1976 therefore made sure that the ceremony took place only during the autumn months when the weather is cool and dry.

On 21st December, 1976, the University held its 17th congregation on the campus for the first time. Everything went smoothly as scheduled and it was a great success. The only complaint came from students and guests sitting at the back, who, because of the distance from the stage, could not see clearly how things proceeded up front. And that prompted the idea of installing closed-circuit television on the ceremonial ground for all future congregations.

The next congregation, the 18th one, was scheduled to take place on the afternoon of 3rd November, 1977. With the experience of the previous year to guide them, the organizers had everything well prepared by the end of October.

But then the weather turned unstable – it began to drizzle. The Information and Public Relations Section (now renamed the Information Office) hastened to make enquiries at the Royal Observatory, whose forecast was that the sky would clear in a few days. So things proceeded as originally planned.

On the morning of 3rd November 1977, all was ready. At about ten o'clock, however, some began to worry about the black clouds that were looming overhead.

At eleven, alas, it started to rain!

Ms. Amy Yui, Information and Public Relations Officer, lost no time in seeking instructions from the Vice-Chancellor, Professor C. M. Li, who believed that the rain would stop very soon and ruled that no change in schedule be necessary.

But it rained only harder and harder. By noon, the heavy downpour finally washed away all hopes of a clear sky for the congregation. The Vice-Chancellor had no other choice but to revoke his decision and order that everything be moved immediately to the Chung Chi Chapel, which would be used as the ceremonial ground for the 18th congregation.

With only two hours to go, everybody was in a frenzy. A van was immediately sent to broadcast this news round the campus. Staff from the Information and Public Relations Section rushed to the Chapel to make seating and other necessary arrangements. The Buildings Office hurried to dismantle all the equipment, public address systems and TV sets and have them set up again in the new venue. The Business Section of the

Bursary speedily moved all the chairs, tables, food and drinks from the central campus to Chung Chi. Roads were crammed with people and vehicles heading for different directions. In the midst of all that, graduates and guests arrived with dripping umbrellas and raincoats, all bewildered and confused. 'The commotion was unheard of on the campus,' said Mr. K. C. Young, then assistant bursar of the Business Section. 'Even the Governor's car got caught in the traffic and the security guards had to clear the way before his car could reach the Chung Chi Chapel,' he continued.

After a lot of hustle and bustle, the 18th congregation began on time in the Chung Chi Chapel. Graduates sat huddled together because there weren't enough benches. Parents and guests had to watch the ceremony through closed-circuit television in the Chung Chi College Staff Canteen. The Police Band, who had been invited by the University to provide music for the occasion, found themselves (twenty odd people in all) confined in a small room at the Chapel. Whenever they blew their trumpets and beat their drums, their ears ached with the deafening reverberation of their own music. But the greatest irony came at the end: when eventually everything was done and everybody was about to leave, the sky began to clear.

According to Ms. Amy Yui, the officer in overall charge of the 18th congregation, contingency plans for wet weather had been made as early as 1976. The problem with the 1977 congregation was that they had too little time to switch from one plan to the other and that no one

Delving into the Past

had any experience coping with similar emergent situations. But all in all, the result was something the staff concerned could pride themselves on: they managed to get everything done on time and not one single complaint had been filed against them. Some guests in fact wrote in after the congregation to congratulate them on their efficiency and team spirit.

After two consecutive congregations held on the campus, the organizers learnt from experience that it would be ex-



pedient to provide some sort of cover at the University Mall, which could offer shade when the sun was too hot and shelter if it rained in the middle of the congregation. An outside contractor was subsequently commissioned to manu-

facture eight large marquees of 54 feet by 26 feet for the purpose, which cost the University some HK\$100,000. They were put up for the first time in 1978 and their number has gradually increased to 14 by the 39th congregation in 1989.

Such marquees have now become a permanent feature of the University's congregations. Together with the Sir Run Run Shaw Hall completed in 1978, they have also made the annual congregations truly sun-proof and rain-proof. ○

ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Affiliation for Administrative/Professional/Research Staff

Administrative and professional staff at Executive Officer rank and above, and full-time research staff at Research Associate rank and above, are now invited to apply to join one of the four Colleges as full members. Applications should be sent via the respective College Secretaries: Chung Chi – Angeline Kwok 2450; New Asia – Stephen Tiong 2608; United – Tai Chiu-ming 2577; Shaw – Clara Wong 2505. Each College will have its own criteria for membership and may set a quota for admission. This will be an on-going exercise, but each College reserves the right to accept or not to accept an application. Please contact the College Secretaries for more information.

The Shaw College Tie and Scarf are now on sale at the University Bookshop in the John Fulton Centre and the Shaw College Office at Wen Lan Tang (Rm. 110). The college tie is sold at HK\$35 each and the college scarf, HK\$45.

The Chung Chi Staff Club announces that from 1st January, those who wish to book the small dining room and the guest rooms of the club must first fill in prescribed application forms. Forms are obtainable from the college office of Chung Chi College (ext. 2452).

K. C. Wong Education Foundation Ltd. invites applications for conference grants from academic staff from Hong Kong, Macau, and China who will be presenting papers at international conferences to be held in Europe or USA in 1990/91.

Each application should be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae; a brief description of the conference; an invitation to present papers; formal acknowledgement of acceptance of the paper(s) to be presented; information about possible financial assistance from the conference organizers; and a copy of the paper(s) to be presented.

All applications should be sent to the secretary, Academic Staff Review Committee via the chairman of department and dean of faculty concerned by 25th January. Please direct all enquiries to Mr. H. K. Cheung, Personnel Section (ext. 2249).

University Subsidy for Training Courses

The University will soon consider requests for reimbursement of fees to staff members on Terms of Service (B) and (C) who will attend training courses beginning at a date between January and August 1990. Unit heads who wish to make such recommendations should write to Mr. S. S. Tam, Secretary, Administrative Affairs Committee, c/o Personnel Section, Room 203, University Administration Building (Ext. 2269) with particulars of those courses on or before Wednesday, 31st January, 1990.

The Benjamin Franklin Centre and John Fulton Centre will be closed at 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 25th January and will be re-opened at 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 30th January during the Chinese New Year. The business hours of various service units will be as follows:

Units	Closing (25.1.90)	Re-opening (30.1.90)
B.F.C.		
Canteen	2.00 p.m.	7.30 a.m. (2.2.90)
Coffee Shop	2.00 p.m.	7.30 a.m. (2.2.90)
Fast Food Shop	2.00 p.m.	8.30 a.m.
Printing Services Centre	4.00 p.m.	9.15 a.m. (2.2.90)
J.F.C.		
Bank	4.00 p.m.	9.15 a.m.
Beauty Parlour	5.30 p.m. (26.1.90)	9.30 a.m.
Book Store	6.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.
Supermarket	7.00 p.m. (26.1.90)	9.00 a.m.
University Souvenir Counter	4.00 p.m.	9.00 a.m.

New Publications of The University Press

The following new books will be sold at a 20 per cent discount to staff members at the University Bookshop, John Fulton Centre:

- *A Concordance to Oracle Bone Inscriptions* (in English) edited by Jao Tsung-i, K.N. Shum and Z.Y. Shum, xxx + 190 pp., (hardcover, HK\$135).
- *Hong Kong Taxation: Law and Practice* (in Chinese) translated by Aloysius Tse, xxxii + 482 pp., (paperback, HK\$120).
- *The Other Hong Kong Report* (in English) edited by T.L. Tsim and Bernard H.K. Luk, xxxvi + 395 pp., (paperback, HK\$68).
- *Towards Open Skies and Unconquered Airports* (in Chinese) translated by Ronald N.C. Teng, xii + 82 pp., (paperback, HK\$35).

Sidelights

VC's Cup Soccer Finals Men of Letters Took the Championship

The finals of the 1989/90 VC's Cup soccer competition took place on 9th December, 1989. The Arts team defeated its Business Administration counterpart and captured the champion trophy for the first time.

Never before has the Arts soccer team demonstrated such brilliance and might. Did the players themselves expect such good results? Dr. Chan Sin Wai, team captain, points out that the Arts team was the first runner-up last year and since then the players have aimed for the championship and practised very hard, both as a team and individually, to achieve this goal. Practice not only makes perfect but also generates confidence. All these coupled with the encouragement from their colleagues have made them 'invincible' in the matches. Of course, luck has also been with the team all the time, according to

Dr. Chan. Their last three matches including the finals all ended in a draw and the winner was decided by penalty kick from nine yards.

Team members for 1989/90 include Chan Sin Wai, Chan Sau Yan, Cheung Kwong Yue, Cheng Wai Ming, Chu Yiu Wai, Gilbert Fong, Philip T. T. Fung, Ho Che Wah, Archie C. C. Lee, Li Kam Fai, and Tsang Chi Hung.



New Office for CUSA

The new office of The Chinese University Staff Association (CUSA) located at Room 314 of the John Fulton Centre was formally opened on 5th January. The honorary president of CUSA, Mr. Thomas Cheung, officiated at the ribbon-cutting and a pig ceremony before light refreshments were served.



The new office occupies an area of 30 square metres and will soon be equipped with facilities like microwave, TV, video recorders, chess games, dart boards and the like. It serves as a private clubhouse for CUSA members, who can also book the place for meetings and other group activities. Anyone interested should contact the Office of Alumni Affairs or leave messages with their telephone recorder (tel. no. 6035017).



Tea Reception for New Staff

The Vice-Chancellor and Mrs. Kao have arranged a series of tea receptions at their residence for staff members who have recently joined the University. The first reception took place on 14th December and some 40 new staff members and their spouses attended the

function. Several students were also invited to play Chinese music on the occasion.

Two more such receptions will be held in mid January and February. Through those informal gatherings, Professor and Mrs. Kao hope to get to know individual new staff members better and understand more about their aspirations.