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In the early 1970s, there was only one public museum in Hong Kong — the City Museum and Art Gallery located at the high block of the Hong Kong City Hall. The Museum evolved into two separate units — the art and the history — and in 1991, the Museum of Art took over its present premises in Tsimshatsui. The other museum at the time, the Han Tomb Museum in Lei Cheng Uk, specialized in items excavated from the Han tomb discovered in Lei Cheng Uk.
In 1967, not long after the founding of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) was formed. The Institute, completed and fully operational in January 1971, was donated to the University by the Lee Hysan Foundation in memory of the late Mr. Lee Hysan. In September the same year, an exhibition of Chinese art treasures was held in the Art Gallery of the Institute to mark the official opening of the venue. At the opening reception, the plaque of the Institute was unveiled.

The institute, a two-storey building with a floor space of 2,600 square metres, is modelled after a *siheyuan*, the Chinese quadrangle. The building’s courtyard is decorated with willows, ornamental rocks, and, in the centre, a pond where water lilies and gold fish thrive. The ICS was expanded in 1988 and a new wing annexed. Its courtyard was also renovated in 2004. But the basic layout remains unchanged. The Art Gallery is located at the back of the courtyard facing the main entrance of the Institute.

The building of the ICS adopted a modern architectural style, which is given stronger expression in the Art Gallery, renamed the Art Museum on 1 August 1995. With a total floor area of over 400 square metres, the exhibition hall comprises four levels. The predominant geometric form is the rectangle and the lines are clean and simple. The low concrete walls and ceiling beams are stripped of all superfluous decoration. This unvarnished style is timeless and carries the Zen overtones of Chinese aesthetics. While the ground level of the exhibition hall has the largest floor space, the other levels zig-zag upward around the periphery of the hall, creating diversity in layers and maximizing the effect of space and continuity in the hall. The floor of each level is paved with cream-coloured marble and the walls are plain and elegant. With the natural light coming through the glass door of the main entrance and the northern paned windows near the ceiling, the hall looks bright and spacious. During the expansion of the ICS, an east wing was annexed to the museum. The
During the expansion of ICS, an east wing was annexed to the museum. Prof. Charles K. Kao (left 1) officiated at the opening ceremony in October 1988.

new exhibition hall, in the clean and stylish tones of black and white, houses selections from the museum collections.

**Upholding Tradition and Ushering in the Future**

The inaugural exhibition of the Art Gallery was an important cultural event in Hong Kong. Due to public demand, the original 15-day event was extended to become an event of one month and four days. Preparation for the exhibition began in December of 1970. Chaired by Dr. J.S. Lee, member of the University Council, a committee was set up to plan the programme. But the Art Gallery did not have any hoardings of its own, not a single piece. The founding director of the Art Gallery was Prof. James C.Y. Watt, who now heads the Asiatic Art Department of the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. He had also been the assistant curator of the Hong Kong City Museum and Art Gallery before joining The Chinese University. He recalled, ‘I arrived at a beautiful and empty shell. There was not one article in the museum — neither furniture nor work of art. The staff consisted of two people, a technician and myself. But I felt it a great challenge and I was full of enthusiasm for building up an institution that was to be an important part of the University.’

It was the efforts of Dr. J.S. Lee, himself a serious collector of Chinese art treasures, that friends of the University, and local collectors, in particular members of the highly esteemed Min Chiu Society, offered help to and loaned the University a large number of precious articles for the exhibition. The event attracted a large audience with its over 400 pieces of artefacts, including ceramics, paintings and calligraphy, seals, inkstones, archaic jades and rare books. Dr. Li Choh-Ming, the founding Vice-Chancellor of the University, said in his speech at the opening ceremony, ‘When we speak of Chinese culture, we must think of the saying, “Inherit the past and pioneer the future”. Respect for tradition does not mean blind or timid adherence to what has been handed down to us. Without awareness of contemporaneity and the development of culture as a living process, tradition is devoid of meaning. Chinese culture is often likened to a long stream with a distant source. This means that Chinese culture not only has a glorious past, but also a brilliant future. Being contemporaries, we must be conscious of our tremendous responsibility: to enrich our cultural heritage, to refine it further, and to pave the way for future advancement. The opening of the Art Gallery is but a partial realization of this conviction.’

**Collecting Art Treasures and Supporting Teaching and Research**

After the opening of the Art Gallery, the University set up a management committee to make recommendations to the Vice-Chancellor, who was also director of the ICS, on the formulation and implementation of policies and the planning of exhibitions. The Art Gallery managed to borrow art gems from supportive local collectors and held exhibitions. But the ultimate aim of the Art Gallery was to have its own collections for research and teaching purposes. In early 1973, it set up a committee to raise funds and to oversee the acquisition of its collection.

It is impractical for a university museum to compete with private collectors or to purchase expensive artefacts indiscriminately, given its limited resources. The Art Museum has an annual budget for the acquisition of art objects.
Purchases are made carefully and along the following guidelines: first, the item should supplement the existing collection, if possible; second, it must be rare and not available on loan from private collectors; and third, it must serve a purpose in either the teaching or research programme of the Museum and the Fine Arts Department. James Watt explained, ‘A university art museum is different from a public museum. The latter serves the interest of the general population. It has an educational function and also serves recreational and social purposes. But a university museum exists primarily to support teaching and research projects at the university.’

At present the Art Museum has garnered a collection of over 12,000 art objects, over 90 per cent of which were donated by local benefactors and institutions, the Bei Shan Tang and the B.Y. Lam Foundation in particular. Objects collected must first be recorded and conserved before entering the hoard. The work is partly the responsibility of the annex, the technical support unit of the Museum, which opened in 1978. Built beside the Museum with a generous donation from the Lee Hysan Foundation, the annex houses a laboratory for the restoration and conservation of art works, a workroom for the mounting and restoration of Chinese painting and calligraphy, a photography and design studio, and a carpentry workshop. The annex provides technical support for the Museum’s exhibitions. Authentication and dating of ancient art objects are jointly conducted by the Museum and the relevant department of the science faculty. Artefacts that have been recorded and conserved are properly mounted in exhibitions and used as specimens in research projects. Most importantly, they are made available to undergraduate courses and postgraduate research on Chinese ancient art forms and art history.

The Art Museum and the Fine Arts Department exist in a relationship of complementarity. One example of their successful collaboration is the summer work-study programme launched in 1987. Funded by the Friends of the Art Museum and renamed summer internships later, the programme sponsors two fine arts students to work at the Art Museum to familiarize themselves with the structure and environment of a museum and gain practical curatorial experience. Over the years the internship have nurtured quite a number of talents and many of them have chosen to pursue a career in the field after graduation, serving museum and art galleries in Hong Kong and overseas. Retired Prof. Mayching Kao served as director of the Art Museum and chairman of the Fine Arts department concurrently since 1981. Her dual capacity played a significant role in the long-standing collaboration of the two. She recalled, ‘I feel privileged. My dual capacity allowed me to integrate teaching, research, publication, curatorial practice and public service. I have a profound belief in the great achievements of Chinese art and culture in the past and their importance in today’s modern world. Only through education and scholarship would our next generation come to understand and appreciate the significance of their heritage and to contribute creatively to its contemporary developments. I think the Art Museum has done a very good job.’

Exhibitions and Scholarship

The establishment of the Friends of the Art Gallery (renamed Friends of the Art Museum accordingly) is pivotal to the growth of the Art Museum. It was thanks to the initiative and
foresight of Dr. J.S. Lee, the founder of the Art Museum, that the society, the first of its kind in Hong Kong, was founded in 1981. In a quarter of a century, members of the Friends provide steadfast support to the Museum not only through donations, grants and scholarships, but also by volunteering as docents, researchers and editors, and assisting in the preparation for exhibitions. Their efforts have furthered the public reach of the Art Museum. The Friends has also been an ambassador for the Museum, bringing people together and making the Museum known not only in Hong Kong but worldwide. Over the years, the society has endowed the Art Museum with a substantial amount of cash donations, with which an acquisition fund has been set up. The 800 odd art objects purchased by the fund has become an integral part of the Museum Collection.

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Friends in 2006, the Museum published a pictorial album titled Friendship And Scholarship — The First 25 Years, which catalogues the art objects donated by the Friends alongside a brief history and chronology of the society’s activities since its birth.

In these 35 years, the Art Museum has held about 200 exhibitions, including the graduation exhibition jointly organized with the Fine Arts Department in May and June every year. To complement an exhibition, a catalogue is published. Jointly with other research titles, the Museum has published almost 100 books. Art objects were loaned from private collectors for exhibitions in the 1970s when the Art Museum was trying to acquire its own collections. ‘The Paintings and Calligraphy by Ming I-min from the Chih Lo Lou Collection’ and the ‘Trade Pottery in East and Southeast Asia’ exhibitions, respectively held in 1975 and 1978, were large-scale events that attracted much attention. An international symposium was also held for each exhibition to promote research on the subject. From the 1980s onwards, the Art Museum began to introduce collections of mainland China’s museums to the Hong Kong public. It is also the first local museum to join hands with museums in mainland China in holding exhibitions. The earliest partners of the Art Museum were the Guangdong Provincial Museum and the Guangzhou Art Gallery. This was partly due to the Art Museum’s collection of Guangdong paintings and calligraphy, and partly, the proximity of Guangzhou. The Art Museum also held three exhibitions with the Beijing Palace Museum, including ‘Paintings of the Ming Dynasty’ which turned out to be a huge success. Other partners have included the Shanghai Museum, Hubei Provincial Museum, Nanjing Museum, Liangzhu Cultural Museum, Zhejiang Provincial Museum, the Beijing University Library, Jiangsu Provincial Museum, Jingdezhen Ceramic Museum, and Hunan Provincial Museum.

‘The many exhibitions presented with these museums have brought magnificent art resources and the latest archeological finds to Hong Kong for the appreciation and study of the university community and the general public. They have also helped to establish the Art Museum as a hub for exhibition, publication
Art Museum Celebrates 35th Anniversary

and research in the international museum community,’ said Prof. Kao. ‘The academic links thus forged facilitate exchange between eminent museum professionals and scholars in Mainland China and local and international academic community. We would like to think that the CUHK Art Museum has played a small part in the modernization of Chinese museums with which we have worked over the years.’

Promoting Culture and Art, Staying Abreast of the Times

University museums are mostly small establishments incomparable with state or provincial museums in terms of resources, facilities, setting and collections. As the 21st century unfolds, nevertheless, new technologies burgeon, hastening the pace of social change. Ideas, systems, hierarchy and values of the last century are re-examined and critically re-assessed so that they can be discerningly preserved and implemented. Inevitably museums are challenged by new ideologies and need to infuse new thoughts into their form, content and management. Prof. Peter Y.K. Lam, Director of the Art Museum, said, ‘University museums must actively stay abreast of the times and bring their functions and features into full play in this new era. Over the past 35 years, the Art Museum of The Chinese University has established a style and speciality. It has become a world-renowned research centre of Chinese art history. We will continue to develop on this basis to tackle the challenges of the new century.’

Since the 1970s, the museum community in Hong Kong has developed rapidly. Today there are over 20 museums of different kinds. The international definition of the functions of museums is to collect, preserve, study, exhibit and educate people about the cultural relics and heritage of humankind. Among the many public and private museums in Hong Kong, the Chinese University Art Museum is the only one that has the ability to conduct academic and scientific research independently. In recent years various research projects of the Museum on subjects including calligraphy and painting, seal carving, ink rubbing, ceramics and authentication of ancient relics with sophisticated instruments have received sponsorships from competitive outside grants. Over the years the grants secured have amounted to millions of dollars. Publications produced by the Art Museum are of great reputation in the academia. The Museum and the Fine Arts Department will continue to synergize, with teachers and students of the department taking part in the preparation of exhibitions like the ‘Nobel Riders from Pines and Deserts: The Artistic Legacy of the Qidan’ in 2004 and the forthcoming ‘Double Beauty II: Qing Dynasty Couplets from the Lechangzhai Xuan Collection.’ Prof. Lam said, ‘The Art Museum must position itself appropriately in order to sustain progress. The strategy we have chosen is to ground our development in academic research and expand our connections through cultural exchange. We should free ourselves from the ivory tower and reach out to the public by popularizing traditional Chinese art and culture. It is our responsibility to enhance the recognition and preservation of Chinese culture. I hope to see more precious art objects assembled at The Chinese University. It would allow us to appreciate the arts of the past and the present.’

(From left) Prof. Arthur Li, Prof. Jenny So, Mrs. Diana Li, Mrs. Victoria Firth, Mrs. Jennifer Sullivan, Friends Chair 1998–2001, Prof. Lawrence Lau and Prof. Peter Lam celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Friends of the Art Museum on 4 June 2006
At the University’s Fifth Honorary Fellowship Conferment Ceremony held on 15 May 2006 at Lee Hysan Concert Hall, Esther Lee Building, honorary fellowships were conferred on eight distinguished persons who are closely associated with the University, in recognition of their significant contributions to the University and the community. Dr. Edgar Cheng, chairman of the University Council, presided at the ceremony.
Dr. Chen Fong Ching is a distinguished scholar and university administrator who has rendered four decades of outstanding service to The Chinese University. He is currently honorary senior research fellow of the Institute of Chinese Studies, senior college tutor of United College, and honorary professor of the Department of Physics. Dr. Chen was awarded the Zhu Kezhen History of Science Visiting Professorship by the Institute of History of Natural Science of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in 2004.

Dr. Chen obtained his Bachelor of Arts in Physics from Harvard University and Ph.D. in physics from Brandeis University. He joined the Department of Physics of The Chinese University as lecturer in 1966 and was promoted to senior lecturer in 1977. He was made University Secretary in 1980 and director of the Institute of Chinese Studies in 1986. Since his retirement in July 2002, Dr. Chen has continued to offer his service to CUHK as honorary senior research fellow.

As Secretary of the University for six years, Dr. Chen helped to reform the administrative system, and contributed to the University in academic policies and institutional management. To improve the quality of student intake, he took a leading part in the formulation and implementation of the Provisional Acceptance Scheme, which has had far-reaching impact on the development of the University.

A conscientious scholar, Dr. Chen has worked on both science and Chinese studies. During his directorship of the Institute of Chinese Studies from 1986 to 2002, he worked hard to live up to the motto ‘to combine tradition with modernity and to bring together China and the West’. He established the Research Centre for Contemporary Chinese Culture, founded the journal Twenty-First Century in collaboration with Profs. Jin Guantao and Liu Qingfeng, serving as the convener of the editorial board and taking part in its editorial work. Starting in 1988, Dr. Chen collaborated with Prof. Lau Din Cheuk, Prof. Jao Tsung-I and other young colleagues in building a computerized database of Chinese ancient texts, which now contains some 60 million words of over 100 texts spanning over 3,000 years, and is available on the web to scholars.

In 2004 Dr. Chen donated a statue of Dr. Choh-Ming Li to the University in commemoration of his role as the founding Vice-Chancellor of the University, and also as the founding director of the Institute of Chinese Studies.
An eminent business leader in Hong Kong, Mr. Cheng Ming Fun, Paul is chairman of the board of directors of The Link Management Limited, and non-executive director of several listed companies in Hong Kong.

Mr. Cheng obtained his MBA from the Wharton Graduate Business School, University of Pennsylvania, and his Bachelor of Arts from Lake Forest College in Illinois. Mr. Cheng’s extensive business and political experience include chairmanship of Inchcape Pacific and N.M. Rothschild & Sons (Hong Kong) Ltd., as well as membership of the Legislative Council and the Provisional Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Government.

Mr. Cheng is dedicated to community service and has served in numerous statutory bodies. He is the only businessman who has chaired both the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce and the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. He has been steward of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, member of the Preparatory Committee, Preliminary Working Committee for the Preparatory Committee, and Selection Committee for the First Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region; and a Hong Kong Affairs Advisor. He is a founding member of the Court of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and an adjunct professor of its School of Business and Management.

Over the years, Mr. Cheng has contributed significantly to the development of The Chinese University. He has been a member of the University Council since 1992; he has also served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council, a member of the Task Force on the Development and Financing of the University in the Next Decade and Beyond, chairman of the Career Development Board, and a member of the Search Committee for the Appointment of the New Vice-Chancellor in 2002. In 2003, Mr. Cheng chaired the 40th Anniversary Celebration Organizing Committee and the 40th Anniversary Fund Raising Committee of The Chinese University. Under his capable leadership, the University’s achievements over the past 40 years were put on full display for the benefit of the community.

In recognition of his valuable contribution, Mr. Cheng was knighted by the King of Belgium in 1991, appointed an honorary citizen of Nanjing in 1994, made an non-official Justice of the Peace in 1997, and conferred an honorary fellowship by The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 2004.
A luminous business leader in Hong Kong, Mr. Ian Chun Wan Fok is the managing director of Henry Y.T. Fok Group and Yau Wing Co. Ltd., the chairman of The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the chairman of the Standing Committee of Hong Kong Pei Hua Education Foundation and a member of Standing Committee of the 9th Guangdong Provincial Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference.

Mr. Fok obtained his Bachelor of Science and MBA from the University of British Columbia in Canada. He has been in the forefront of welfare promotion for the business sector. Besides serving as the chairman of The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, he is also the vice-chairman of China Overseas Friendship Association, a member of the Standing Committee of All China Federation of Industry and Commerce, and the vice-chairman of Guangdong Overseas Friendship Association.

Mr. Fok is highly supportive of business and trade development in Hong Kong and the region. He has served as a council member of the Hong Kong Trade and Development Council, a member of the Council and Executive Committee of The Hong Kong Management Association, and a member of the Board of Directors of Boao Forum for Asia.

Mr. Fok is dedicated to service for the community and participates in many important committees of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. He is a member of the Commission on Poverty, a member of the Partnership Fund for the Disadvantaged, a member of the Elite Sports Committee, a member of the Greater Pearl River Delta Business Council, and a member of the Award Council of the Hong Kong Award for Young People. He has also been an ardent supporter of educational enterprises in Hong Kong, having served as a member of the Council and Court of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, and a member of the Council of The Open University of Hong Kong. Besides Mr. Fok is an active promoter of Chinese martial arts to the world; he has served as the president of the Hong Kong Wushu Union, the vice-chairman of Wushu Federation of Asia, and a member of the Executive Committee and the chairman of the Marketing and Development Committee of the International Wushu Federation.

As director of Fok Ying Tung Foundation Ltd., Mr. Fok has made magnanimous donations through the Foundation to support the development of science, culture, education, medicine, sports, tourism, transport, infrastructure, in mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and the world over. In 2005, the Foundation made a munificent donation of $40 million to CUHK to support the construction of an academic and research building for the Satellite Remote Sensing Receiving Station. This act of generosity has contributed significantly to the furtherance of scientific research at the University. From 1996 to 2005, Mr. Fok also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University’s United College.

In recognition of Mr. Fok’s illustrious contributions to the community, the HKSAR Government made him an unofficial Justice of the Peace in 2003, and awarded him the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2005. Mr. Fok is also an honorary university fellow of The Open University of Hong Kong, and an honorary citizen of Panyu and Guangzhou.
Mr. Ho Man Sum, a renowned educationalist and publisher, is currently the executive director of Mill & Dales Press Limited, The Success Publisher and Chi Wai Publishing Company Limited and director of the Education Foundation of the Federation of the Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Limited and the Dominic Savio Education Organization Limited. Mr. Ho is also an outstanding alumnus of United College, CUHK, having served on the College Board of Trustees for many years, and a staunch supporter of his alma mater.

Mr. Ho graduated from the Economics Department of United College in 1957. As a member of the College’s first graduating class, he was instrumental in forming the Alumni Association of the College, of which he is now vice-president. In 1993, Mr. Ho became a member of the College Board of Trustees; he was later appointed a member of the College’s Endowment Fund Committee; and he has served as the convener of the Committee’s fundraising sub-committee since 2002. Mr. Ho has been generous with his support of the College’s students, as evidenced by his establishment of various scholarships and bursaries, including the Ho Man Sum Distinguished College Service Award, Ho Man Sum Prize, Lo Wong Kit Wah Memorial Prize, the Ho Man Sum Outstanding GEU 0411 Project Award and the Ho Man Sum Ming De Xin Min Alumni Scholarship. Mr. Ho is also a member of the Coordinating Committee of the College’s Mentorship Programme.

Mr. Ho played a crucial role in the formation of the Federation of Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK FAA). Since the Federation’s inception in 1978, he has served for 19 consecutive terms as the principal representative of the Alumni Association of United College at the Federation. Currently, he is a representative of the Representative Council and a member of the Federation’s Student Activity Fund.

In 1982 when the Education Foundation of the Federation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association Limited (later renamed The Education Foundation of the Federation of the Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Limited) was established, Mr. Ho served on its Board of Directors, and was actively involved in the founding of CUHK FAA schools and kindergartens, including Thomas Cheung School, Thomas Cheung Secondary School, Thomas Cheung Kindergarten, Chan Chun Ha Secondary School, and Chan Chun Ha Kindergarten. He also served as manager of Chan Chun Ha Secondary School, Thomas Cheung School and Thomas Cheung Kindergarten, as well as emeritus manager of Thomas Cheung Secondary School and Chan Chun Ha Kindergarten. He joined the Standing Committee of the CUHK Convocation upon its founding in 1993 and has since been actively involved in its Education Sub-Committee and Fund-Raising Sub-Committee.

Through his capacity as the chief editor of the quarterly magazine United College Alumni, Mr. Ho strengthened ties among alumni in the United States and Canada. He played a pivotal role in promoting Xiaobiandan (小扁擔), a campaign launched by the University’s alumni to further the educational opportunities of children in the rural areas of Mainland China. In 2000 and 2006, he published two books, Our New York Experience — Voices from the CUHK Alumni and The CUHK Alumni in San Francisco Bay Area, and donated all the proceeds to Xiaobiandan.
A distinguished urologist by profession, Dr. Ho Tzu-leung is a director of the S.H. Ho Foundation Limited and a director of the Board of the Bethlehem Management Limited. The Chinese University of Hong Kong has enjoyed the support of Dr. Ho and his family for decades.

Dr. Ho obtained his medical doctorate from the Chicago Medical School in 1966, became a member of the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Manitoba in 1968. He did his post doctoral Urological Surgery training at the Stanford University Medical School from 1968 to 1972. He received his Board Certificate from the American Board of Urology, USA, in 1976. Subsequently he was awarded a fellowship by the American College of Surgeons in 1977. He has been for many years a medical practitioner in the United States, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Dr. Ho and his family are very committed to community service, in particular, to local tertiary education and medical services. Dr. Ho is a director of the S.H. Ho Foundation Limited and a trustee of the Ho Sin Hang Education Endowment Fund of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Through the S.H. Ho Foundation Limited, of which Dr. Ho is a director, the University has benefited by way of the Ho Sin-Hang Engineering Building, student hostels at the three founding Colleges, a non-residential hall for students at New Asia College, as well as the building of the Madam S.H. Ho Hostel for Medical Students and its extension at the Prince of Wales Hospital. The Foundation also donated funds towards the establishment of the C.N. Yang Visiting Professorship Fund. More recently, the Foundation has supported the setting up of two innovative and superbly equipped research centres: the S.H. Ho Cardiovascular Disease and Stroke Centre, and the S.H. Ho Centre for Geriatrics and Gerontology.

Through these highly strategic investments in the University’s medical research capacity, the Foundation is ultimately making important contributions to the delivery of patient care in Hong Kong and well beyond.
Mr. Hui Hon Chung, Stanley

Mr. Hui Hon Chung, Stanley is currently director and chief executive officer of Dragonair. He is an outstanding leader in the local aviation business, a distinguished alumnus of Chung Chi College of CUHK, and a staunch supporter of his alma mater.

After obtaining his Bachelor of Science in Biology from CUHK in 1974, Mr. Hui joined the Hong Kong Government as an executive officer. A year later, he became a management trainee at Cathay Pacific Airways and went on to serve the aviation industry for over 30 years. During his long and dedicated service, he was also stationed in the airline’s overseas offices in Singapore, Taiwan and Malaysia. In 1986, he was appointed manager for International Affairs, handling traffic rights issues and China affairs; he also represented the airline in negotiations with the Hong Kong Government and various other countries with regard to Air Service Agreements. In 1990, Mr. Hui was seconded to Dragonair as general manager, Planning and International Affairs. Two years later, he was appointed the chief representative in Beijing of the Swire Group. In 1994, Mr. Hui became the chief operating officer of AHK Air Hong Kong, the Hong Kong-based all-cargo airline. Since 1997, he has been the chief executive officer of Dragonair.

Mr. Hui is not only a key player in the aviation industry, he is also active in community service. He has been a member of the Court of Lingnan University, council member of the Vocational Training Council, and a member of the Board of Directors, Hong Kong Education City. He has been a member of the General Committee of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, chairman of its China Committee, being involved primarily in the economic affairs of Mainland China, and vice-chairman of the Hong Kong — Taipei Business Cooperation Committee of the same body. In the aviation sector, Mr. Hui is an active member of the Aviation Development Advisory Committee of the HKSAR Government, and the Vetting Committee of the Professional Services Development Assistance Scheme. He is a visiting professor of CAAC’s Aviation School. Mr. Hui also holds membership of the Immigration Department User’s Committee and the P-logistics Project Group of the Hong Kong Logistics Development Council.

Mr. Hui is a distinguished alumnus who has made generous contributions to the University and Chung Chi College. He was formerly chairman of the Chung Chi College Alumni Association and a member of the Board of Trustees of Chung Chi College. Currently, he is a member of the Advisory Committee on Hotel and Tourism Management and an adjunct professor of the School of Hotel and Tourism Management. Mr. Hui has been an active participant of the mentorship programme of Chung Chi College since 1999 and, as such, has given his valuable advice and guidance to students of the College. He has also supported students of the College through his magnanimous donations to the College’s Scholarships for Excellence.
An illustrious certified public accountant, Mr. Lau Sai Yung is the executive chairman of Union Alpha CPA Limited and the Founder of Lau S.Y. & Co. He is an outstanding alumnus of Chung Chi College, CUHK, and a member of the University Council.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Chung Chi College in 1971, Mr. Lau assumed various important positions in multinational corporations. In 1983, he founded Lau S.Y. & Co. and in 2004 Union Alpha CPA Limited. He is the executive director of JDB Group, the independent non-executive director of Road King Infrastructure Limited, non-executive director of Xinjiang Tianshan Wooltex Stock Co., Ltd.; he also holds directorship of a number of local and overseas companies.


Mr. Lau has been very supportive of the development of Chung Chi College, his alma mater; he has continuously donated to the Chung Chi Alumni Scholarship for Excellence and has rendered steadfast support to the College Mentorship Programme.

He was president of the Alumni Association of Chung Chi College from 1983 to 1985, during which he also served on the Board of Trustees of the College. From 1984 to 1985, he was president of the CUHK Federation of Alumni Associations (CUHK FAA). Since the founding of the CUHK Convocation in 1993, Mr. Lau has served as member of the Standing Committee. At present, he is convenor of the Alum eObserver Network sub-committee. Mr. Lau has been a member of the CUHK Council since 1994.

Mr. Lau is strongly committed to alumni services. He was director and honorary treasurer of The Education Foundation of the Federation of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association Limited (later renamed The Education Foundation of the Federation of the Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong Limited); and he has played a significant role in the operation of the schools and kindergarten founded by the CUHK FAA. Currently, he is supervisor and chairman of School Management Committee of Chan Chun Ha Secondary School, manager of Thomas Cheung Secondary School and Thomas Cheung School, as well as emeritus manager of Thomas Cheung Kindergarten.

In 1995, Mr. Lau launched and directed the Xiaobiandan Operation (小扁擔勵學行動), a major service programme of CUHK alumni aimed at raising funds for the education and overall benefit of rural children on mainland China. Since its inception, over HK$14 million has been raised to fund the renovation of 30 school campuses on the mainland and support the schooling of children at 56 schools by means of scholarships and bursaries.
Chairman of Hysan Development Company Limited, Mr. Peter Ting Chang Lee is an outstanding entrepreneur of great renown.

Mr. Lee obtained his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering at the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom; he also qualified as a solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales. In 1988, Mr. Lee joined the Board of Directors of Hysan Development Company Limited, becoming managing director in 1999 and chairman in 2001. Under his excellent leadership, Hysan Development Company grew from strength to strength. The Company has also received various awards for good corporate governance over the past few years.

A valuable contributor to Hong Kong’s economic development, Mr. Lee is currently a non-executive director of a number of companies, including Lee Hysan Estate Company, Cathay Pacific Airways, South China Morning Post, Hang Seng Bank, and Maersk (China). Mr. Lee is the vice-president of the Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong, a council member of the Employees’ Federation of Hong Kong, advisory board member of The Salvation Army Hong Kong and Macau Command, and chairman of its Administration Committee. He has served twice as part-time member of the Hong Kong Government’s Central Policy Unit both before and after 1997. Mr. Lee has been a staunch promoter of education: he has been a member of the Education Commission in Hong Kong and a founding council member and treasurer of the Hong Kong Institute of Education, and is currently international council member of INSEAD.

The Chinese University has, since its inception, benefited from the staunch munificence of the Lee Family. As a Governor of the Lee Hysan Foundation, Mr. Lee has proven his magnanimity to the University time and again by means of sustained support for scholarships, academic conferences and seminars, professorships, acquisition funds, promotion of Chinese studies, archaeology and art. The Foundation has made a very generous donation towards the construction of the Lee Hysan Concert Hall, an innovative facility celebrated for its excellent acoustics. The hall is an ideal venue for the performances of the University’s Music Department. Recently, the Foundation rendered handsome financial support to the construction of a new annex to the Art Museum, which will be used to display archaeological finds.

An illustrious entrepreneur and a dedicated philanthropist, Mr. Lee was made an unofficial Justice of the Peace in 1996.
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The Council of The Chinese University of Hong Kong decided on 23 May 2006 to establish two new colleges, and will proceed to make plans for their development.

Prof. Lawrence J. Lau affirmed his commitment to develop and strengthen the college system soon after he was installed as Vice-Chancellor. To cater for the increase in student enrolment in 2012, CUHK had proposed to establish new colleges in its Strategic Plan in October 2005. This was adopted by the University Council in January 2006 after many rounds of discussions. Extensive consultation on new colleges was conducted through 18 briefings and forums. The University Council approved a set of guidelines for moving towards this goal: the University should plan for one to two small colleges (300–600 students each) that are fully residential with communal dining arrangements, and one or two medium-sized colleges (1,200 students each) that would be partially residential.

To accommodate about 3,000 more undergraduates upon reversion to a four-year curriculum, more colleges will have to be established. The University is of the view that relatively small colleges are more conducive to intimate interaction among students and staff, and capable of providing pastoral care and an environment for whole-person education. It was also noted that in many successful examples of college systems, such as Oxford, Cambridge and Yale, colleges are typically small, with say 400–500 students each — much lower than the average enrolment of existing colleges on campus. Hence, these universities also have more colleges compared to CUHK.

Two New Colleges

The University is pleased that benefactors committed to quality higher-education share its vision, and have offered donations to help bring these plans to reality. The University Council approved on 23 May 2006:

- the acceptance of a donation of HK$100 million from The Morningside Foundation and Morningside Education Foundation to establish Morningside College, which will cater for 300 students on a fully residential and communal dining basis.
- the acceptance of a donation of HK$170 million from The S.H. Ho Foundation to establish S.H. Ho College, which will cater for 600 students on a fully residential and communal dining basis.
The mission of the new colleges is to foster an intimate and collegial community where students and academic staff learn, share and grow intellectually; to provide an environment for congenial college life and learning for students; to provide pastoral care and whole-person education including general education for students; to broaden and to internationalize the students’ perspective through college formal and non-formal education programmes. In particular, Morningside College will seek to cultivate among students a commitment to serve the community of Hong Kong, China and the world. S.H. Ho College will seek to cultivate among its students a commitment to personal responsibility and integrity which will lay the foundation for contributions to society and an enriching life. Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor, said ‘The Chinese University of Hong Kong takes great pride in its college system, which with its intimate environment for interaction and learning, has contributed in very significant ways to the quality of the students through general education and informal learning. The University is very pleased that its vision to create such a supportive environment for young people to learn and grow together has won the enthusiastic and generous endorsement of benefactors. I am very encouraged by the overwhelming support, and wish to express the University’s gratitude to The Morningside Foundation and Morningside Education Foundation, as well as The S.H. Ho Foundation for their munificent donations. I hope that the intimate environment of these new and relatively small colleges will foster close relationship among students and staff, and help students to learn and grow. Together with the four existing colleges, there will be a spectrum of choices for students to select the type of experience that they prefer.’

The Chan family has long been a benefactor of higher education. Dr. Gerald Chan, director of The Morningside Foundation and Morningside Education Foundation, and a CUHK Council member, said, ‘Education is the key to the future development of any society. I encourage today’s young people to apply themselves to excel in their studies, broaden their intellectual horizon, acquire a global perspective, and affirm a commitment to serve the community. In the future, whether they live in Hong Kong, mainland China or abroad, they would become positive contributors to society.’

The S.H. Ho Foundation has also been a generous benefactor of CUHK over the years. The S.H. Ho Foundation was established by the late Dr. S.H. Ho. Dr. David Tzu Cho Ho, chairman of The S. H. Ho Foundation, and the Ho family said, ‘Dr. S.H. Ho has always been keen to give back to society. The foundation shares the educational vision of CUHK in establishing S.H. Ho College, and the donation fulfils the wish of Dr. Ho to contribute to the education of young people in a way that would mould their character for the benefit of society.’

Planning Committees
The University Council has also approved the establishment of planning committees, one for each new college, to take charge of the detailed planning in order to be ready for full operation before 2012. The planning committees will, through a variety of channels, solicit advice from members of the University.

The University has established a task force to coordinate among the colleges and the University, so that all parties will be able to work together most effectively for the benefit of students.


**Council News**

**Appointment of Pro-Vice-Chancellor**

The University Council has appointed Prof. Ching Pak Chung, professor of electronic engineering and head of Shaw College, as Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, for two years from 1 August 2006.

**Reappointment of College Heads**

Prof. Henry Wong and Prof. Fung Kwok Pui have been reappointed as heads of New Asia College and United College respectively for three years from 1 August 2006.

**New Dean of Science**

Prof. Kwan Hoi-shan of the Department of Biology has been elected dean of science for a term of office of three years from 1 August 2006 to 31 July 2009.

**University Members Honoured**

- Prof. Clive Cockram, professor of medicine, received the Insignia or Memorabilia of People’s Health from the Ministry of Health, Vietnam, on 21 February 2006. The award was given for services to the health of people in Vietnam spanning a period of five years and in relation to diabetes.

- Three research academics from the University were presented the prestigious Senior Research Fellowships of The Croucher Foundation on 28 March 2006, in recognition of their outstanding achievements in the international scientific community. They were Prof. Hak-fun Chow (Department of Chemistry), Prof. Jie Huang (Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering), and...
Prof. Dennis Y.M. Lo (Department of Chemical Pathology) who was awarded the Medical Research Fellowship. The awards were presented by Prof. Zhou Guangzhao, chairman of the China Association for Science and Technology.

- Prof. Joseph J.Y. Sung, chairman of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, CUHK, was conferred the 2005 Cheung Kong Achievement Award, being the only Hong Kong scholar to have won the honour. The presentation of the Cheung Kong Achievement Awards and the appointment of Cheung Kong Scholars took place in a ceremony held on 29 March in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. Prof. Jia Jiamin of the Department of Marketing and Prof. Joseph Chan of the School of Journalism and Communication, were also appointed as Cheung Kong Chair Professors at the same ceremony.

The Cheung Kong Scholars Programme was jointly established by China’s Ministry of Education and the Li Ka Shing Foundation in 1998. The application and selection process of the award takes place twice a year, and the professors receive a special stipend of RMB100,000 in addition to the regular remuneration package offered by the University in accordance with state guidelines. Professors of outstanding academic distinction or with commendable contributions have a chance to win the annual Cheung Kong Achievement Award and up to RMB 1 million.

This year, Prof. Joseph J.Y. Sung was bestowed the second prize and awarded RMB500,000.

- Prof. Samuel Sun, professor of biology, has been named one of the 2005 Leaders of the Year (education/research) by the Singtao Group. Attending the awards ceremony on 28th March at the Grand Hyatt were Donald Tsang, Chief Executive of the HKSAR, Rafael Hui, Chief Secretary for Administration, Henry Tang, Financial Secretary, and Michael Suen, Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands.

Prof. Samuel Sun (left) and Dr. Alice Lam, chairman of University Grants Committee

Wisers Knowledge Management and Content Service System (Wisers System), developed by Prof. William Wong Kam-fai, professor in the Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, has received the Innovation Award of the China Computer Federation. The Chinese University is the only university outside mainland China to win the award.

The Innovation Award is set up by the China Computer Federation on behalf of the Ministry of Science and Technology to recognize important technological discoveries and breakthroughs in basic and applied research in computer engineering.
University Members Honoured

- Prof. Edward Ng, professor in the Department of Architecture of The Chinese University, has recently won two awards in the Hong Kong Institute of Architects (HKIA) 50th Anniversary Annual Awards 2005. They are:
  - Award for Members’ Work Outside of Hong Kong for ‘A Bridge Too Far, A Dream Come True’; and
  - Special Architectural Award—Architectural Research for ‘Feasibility Study for the Establishment of Air Ventilation Assessment Systems’.

The New CUHK–Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies

Some 30 guests attended the opening ceremony of The Chinese University of Hong Kong–Chiang Ching Kuo Foundation Asia-Pacific Centre for Chinese Studies (APC) on 28 April 2006 at the Institute of Chinese Studies. Officiating at the ceremony were Prof. Lawrence J. Lau (left 2), Vice-Chancellor of the University; Prof. Hsu Cho-yun (right 3), director, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange (CCKF); Prof. Ambrose Y.C. King (right 2), chairman, APC Steering Committee; Prof. Billy K.L. So (right 1), APC director; and Prof. Jenny So (left 1), director, Institute of Chinese Studies.

The APC is funded by a generous donation from the CCKF, and a matching grant from the University. It is the third overseas Chinese studies centre of the CCKF, and also its first centre in the Asia-Pacific region. The APC is founded to promote Chinese Studies within and beyond the Asia-Pacific region.
Tomson Group Donates HK$3.5 Million to CUHK

The University received a generous donation of HK$3.5 million from the Tomson Group at a ceremony held on 16 January 2006 at the University Administration Building. HK$2.5 million will be used to support Tomson Group Scholarships for non-local students and HK$1 million to support the Hong Kong Mood Disorders Centre of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mr. Albert Tong (right), executive director of Tomson Group, presenting a cheque to Prof. Lawrence J. Lau

Shenzhen Government and CUHK Sign Memorandum to Promote Shenzhen-Hong Kong Collaboration

Mr. Liu Yingli, executive vice-mayor of the Shenzhen Municipal Government, led a delegation of around 70 to visit The Chinese University on 5 June 2006. The delegation includes Shenzhen officials of industry, trade, education, technology, manpower and finance, as well as representatives from the advanced technology sector, higher education sector, and enterprises.

On behalf of the Shenzhen Government and CUHK respectively, Mr. Liu Yingli and Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, signed a memorandum of cooperation to promote collaboration between Shenzhen and Hong Kong in education, science research, training of talents, and the establishment of the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Innovation Zone.

The contents of the memorandum include:

- The Shenzhen Government will provide CUHK with physical space and other facilitations to set up a permanent organization in the Shenzhen Virtual University Science Park.
- CUHK will cooperate with Shenzhen’s institutions of higher education, including mutual visits of teachers and student exchange.
- The Shenzhen Government will promote CUHK’s research in Shenzhen through technology transfer and encourage Shenzhen enterprises to collaborate with CUHK in research and development.
- Shenzhen and CUHK will cooperate to take part in key technology research projects of the nation. They will share research facilities and resources.
- A committee with members from both sides will be set up to coordinate and implement the relevant tasks.

On the same occasion, Mr. Liu Yingli delivered a lecture on ‘The Shenzhen-Hong Kong Innovation Zone’ while Prof. Lawrence Lau spoke on the ‘Opportunities for Hong Kong-Shenzhen Cooperation’. They analysed how Shenzhen and Hong Kong can advance and mutually benefit through further cooperation.
The Chinese University of Hong Kong announced on 8 June several new double-degree options for students entering the University. The Faculty of Business Administration and the Department of Translation will join the new School of Law to offer a total of four double-degree options.

Law students will have the opportunity to earn a four-year undergraduate degree in law and, after one additional year, a second undergraduate degree in either business or translation (the ‘4+1’ model). Business and translation students will have the opportunity to complete a three-year undergraduate degree in business or translation, followed by a two-year graduate degree, the Juris Doctor (JD), in law (the ‘3+2’ model). In either case, the first degree will be covered by the usual funding from the University Grants Committee, with four years of funding in the case of the 4+1 model and three years in the case of the 3+2 model.

The double-degree options have been designed to give students maximum flexibility. Both models prepare students to qualify as practising lawyers while still leaving the door open to other career choices along the way. Students who decide not to pursue the second degree will have the opportunity to gain a minor in the second subject, and students who need time to pursue other career options after completion of the first degree will be allowed to defer the second degree for up to three years. Students will be held to the same standards and requirements for each degree in combination that they would have had to meet for the same degree independently.

The Faculty of Business Administration will reserve 50 places for Bachelor of Laws (LLB) students to earn Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degrees. The Department of Translation will reserve another 15 places for LLB students to earn Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees. The School of Law will set aside five places in its highly competitive JD programme for double-degree students from the Department of Translation and, starting one year later, 15 places for double-degree students from the Faculty of Business Administration. Students who meet specified objective standards during the completion of their first degree are guaranteed eligibility for the JD programme.
Jointly organized by The Chinese University and Sun Hung Kai Properties (SHKP), the Sun Hung Kai Properties Nobel Laureates Distinguished Lectures were held in February and May 2006.


Prof. Scholes is widely known for his seminal work on options pricing, capital markets, tax policies and the financial services industry. He co-developed the Black-Scholes options pricing model, which is the basis of pricing and risk-management technology used around the world to evaluate financial instruments.

On 22 and 23 May, four Nobel laureates gathered in the grand ballroom of the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong and shared their insight with an audience of a thousand. The four distinguished speakers are:

- Prof. Robert J. Aumann — 2005 laureate in economic sciences and expert in analyzing conflict and cooperation using game theory, on ‘War and Peace’.
- Prof. Robert A. Mundell — 1999 laureate in economic sciences, also known as ‘Father of the Euro’ for his work on currencies and monetary policy, on ‘Chinese Macroeconomic Strategies and the International Monetary System’.
- Prof. Samuel C.C. Ting — 1976 laureate in physics and discoverer of the J-particle, on ‘Encounters with Modern Physics’.
- Prof. Kurt Wührich — 2002 laureate in chemistry for having developed magnetic resonance spectroscopy to analyze the structure of macromolecules, on ‘Structural Biology and Structural Genomics — an Interdisciplinary Field for Physicists, Chemists and Biologists’.

Dr. Raymond P.L. Kwok, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of SHKP and Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor of CUHK officiated at the opening ceremony. For the first time, the lectures including the opening ceremony were broadcast live at Peking University in Beijing which enabled teachers and students on the mainland to enjoy the inspiration and charisma of the Nobel laureates.
Law School News

Appointment of Three Honorary Professors to the School of Law

The University has appointed three top experts in the common law world as honorary professors of the CUHK School of Law. They are Lord Woolf of Barnes, former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, and Non-Permanent Judge of the HKSAR Court of Final Appeal; Dr. the Honorable Sir T.L. Yang, GMB, JP, former Chief Justice of Hong Kong and chairman of the Executive Committee of the CUHK School of Law; and Sir David Williams, Q.C., D.L., a leading public lawyer in the common law world and former vice-chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

Lord Woolf of Barnes

As former Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales from 2000 to October 2005 and former Master of the Rolls between 1996 and 2000, Lord Woolf of Barnes is one of the most respected and foremost lawyers in the world today. Of his many contributions to the administration of justice, Lord Woolf was responsible for a major inquiry into prisons following disturbances among inmates and, most importantly, the reform of the whole of the civil justice system in England and Wales. He is the person responsible for modernizing and revolutionizing how civil actions involving, for example, personal injury are handled by lawyers and the courts.

Dr. the Honorable Sir T.L. Yang

Dr. the Honorable Sir T.L. Yang was Chief Justice of Hong Kong from 1988 to 1996. He is one of the most respected lawyers in Hong Kong. As Chief Justice he played a pivotal role in the creation of Hong Kong’s post-1997 legal landscape and the relationship between the Basic Law and the PRC Constitution. As early as 1985 he initiated important academic and judicial links between the legal systems of Hong Kong and China, with a particular focus on the importance of separation of powers and judicial independence as the foundation for the rule of law after the handover. Sir T.L. Yang also changed the course of 152 years of legal tradition by introducing the use of Chinese language into the courts of Hong Kong in 1995. Another of his achievements was the modernization of the Hong Kong legal system involving the recruitment of judges and the administration of the judicial system.

Sir David Williams

Sir David Williams is an outstanding public law professor in the common law world. He is Chairman of the Law Academic Advisory Committee of the CUHK School of Law, Vice-Chancellor Emeritus of the University of Cambridge and Emeritus Rouse Ball Professor of English Law. Sir David was Vice-Chancellor of The University of Cambridge from 1989 to 1996 and is one of the world’s leading academics in constitutional and administrative law. He is an honorary Queen’s Counsel and has been an adviser to governments throughout the world.
Graduate Law Centre Established in Commercial Hub

The CUHK Graduate Law Centre of the School of Law begins operations in the summer of 2006. The new 35,000 sq. ft. centre occupies the entire second floor of the Bank of America Tower in Central. Equipped with state-of-the-art teaching facilities such as a moot court, it serves members of the community and legal professionals who wish to further their legal education at CUHK.

The prime location of the centre reinforces the bonds between the school, the legal profession and the community, and create unrivalled opportunities for legal and law-related research. It also enables students to participate in activities such as roundtable discussions on topics of importance, seminars and lectures delivered by legal practitioners, court visits, and formal and informal meetings with representatives of the profession.

University College London Visited the School of Law

Prof. Malcolm Grant, President and Provost of University College London, and Lord Woolf of Barnes, University College London’s Chair of Council, visited the School of Law at The Chinese University of Hong Kong on 4 April 2006. Their visit is a landmark in the establishment of a global network as Hong Kong’s newest School of Law positions itself internationally as a key centre of legal research and scholarship. The establishment of this strong intellectual and academic partnership between the School of Law and University College London will benefit the future of legal education in Hong Kong and enhance the School’s contribution to the wider community by providing important international links for Hong Kong students and scholars.

Prof. Grant and Lord Woolf’s visit is expected to strengthen existing links between University College London and The Chinese University and provide the School of Law with the foundation for extensive international scholarly and student links.
Ph.D. from CUHK Improves Tamiflu Supply and Production Cost

Ph.D. chemistry graduate of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr. Yeung Ying-yeung discovered a new organic synthesis that would substantially reduce the cost of production and improve the supply of Tamiflu. The discovery was made under the guidance of Prof. Elias James Corey, 1990 Nobel laureate in chemistry. Dr. Yeung is a post-doctoral fellow at Prof. Corey’s laboratory at Harvard University. The breakthrough was reported in the influential *Journal of American Chemical Society*.

Fear of an avian flu pandemic has prompted governments around the world to stockpile the antiviral drug oseltamivir phosphate, better known as Tamiflu. However the natural compound for its synthesis is rare and the synthetic pathway is long, making it difficult to ramp up production. At present Tamiflu is made in a 14-stage process by first extracting shikimic acid from the Chinese star anise fruit. Chinese star anise is expensive and limited in supply. Besides the drug can only be made in small quantities at a time because the process involves a highly explosive chemical.

Under Prof. Corey’s guidance, Dr. Yeung and his research co-workers replaced the use of shikimic acid by an asymmetric catalytic step early in the synthesis to create a key building block. ‘Our synthetic pathway has several advantages over the current production method,’ said Dr. Yeung. ‘Our method is more efficient. It takes only 11 steps and uses inexpensive and readily available starting materials — 1,3-butadiene and 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl acrylate. We also avoided using the highly explosive chemical azides which is dangerous and slows down the synthesis process.’

This new synthesis process was reported in the influential *Journal of American Chemical Society*. Dr. Yeung hopes that his experience will encourage others to work on different ways of synthesizing Tamiflu. ‘Although the current supply of Tamiflu has grown, it is still expensive. We hope to reduce the drug’s price and increase its supply further so lives can be saved, especially in poor countries.’

Dr. Yeung obtained his BS in chemistry from CUHK. His keen interest in research was evident when he had a paper published in *Journal of Organic Chemistry* (2001, 66, 1910) as an undergraduate research assistant under Prof. Chow Hak-Fun. Dr. Yeung went on to pursue a Ph.D. in anti-cancer natural molecule synthesis under Prof. Tony Kung-ming Shing.

Bridgetech-CUHK Agreement to Found Clinical Research Organization

Bridgetech Holdings International Inc., a company focused on maximizing the potential of emerging healthcare products and services in the US and Asian markets, and The Chinese University have set up Bridgetech Medical Technology Research and Development to manage clinical trials performed in Hong Kong and China. This new entity will oversee the State Food and Drug Administration application process and the requisite trials necessary to obtain this regulatory approval for Bridgetech’s products.

Chairman and CEO of Bridgetech Mr. Michael Chermak (right) and director of CUHK’s Centre for Clinical Trial Prof. Benny Zee signing the agreement to set up a clinical research organization for studying new products of cancer therapeutics.
Hi-Tech Products Developed by CUHK Win Hong Kong Awards for Industries

A Bluetooth system module, a photo-editing software for mobile phones, and an advanced Sense-and-Respond® supply chain management system developed by teachers and students of CUHK have received the Hong Kong Awards for Industries 2005.

The Hong Kong Awards for Industries was officially incepted in 2005. It aims to recognize the outstanding achievements of Hong Kong enterprises in their move towards higher technology and higher value-added activities. The Hon. Donald Tsang, Chief Executive of the HKSAR, officiated at this year's award presentation which was held on 27 February 2006.

The world’s smallest compact LTCC Bluetooth System Module developed by Prof. Wu Keli of the Department of Electronic Engineering and his team won the Consumer Product Design Certificate of Merit. This integrated module is based on the Low Temperature Co-fired Ceramic (LTCC) technology and is less than half the size of commercial modules available in the market. It can be applied to any Bluetooth-enabled consumer wireless products including mobile phone headset, laptop computer, MP3 players and digital cameras. A company in Hong Kong Science Park plans to produce the Bluetooth system module, while a well-known Hong Kong producer will make headsets with it.

Zenesis Limited, founded by Jason Ho and Picco Chu, graduates of the Department of Information Engineering, received the Technological Achievement Award for its development of the world’s first photo-editing software for mobile phones. Taking up little memory, it can be applied to different operating systems such as mobile phones, digital cameras and personal computers. It is the first automatic digital photo-editing software in the world that can be applied to mobile phones. It is now used by many companies.

e-Jing Technologies Limited, a spin-off company of the University, was awarded the Technological Achievement Certificate of Merit. The innovative technology, the Sense-and-Respond®, has already been implemented by Forbes Global 1000 companies and various enterprises in Greater China. The Supply Chain Management System which includes features such as Lead-time Optimizer, Dynamic Pegging, Alternative Part Handler, Demand Source Adaptor, and Capacity Collaborator, was developed by Prof. Houmin Yan and Prof. David Yao of the Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management. The Sense-and-Respond® Supply Chain Management system has been assisting OEM & ODM manufacturers in achieving high production efficiency and on-demand adaptive manufacturing.
The Chinese University won the gold award, the highest honour in the Schools (Tertiary) Category of the First Hong Kong Energy Efficiency Awards. The award is a recognition of its achievements in raising energy efficiency, renewing resources and promoting energy saving practices. The awards ceremony took place on 9 May; it was officiated by Dr. Sarah Liao, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works. The University will have the honour of using the award logo for promotional and publicity purposes for one year from the date of the award presentation.

The Energy Efficiency Awards are organized by the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) of the HKSAR Government to promote best practices, to enhance awareness, and to honour success and innovation in energy conservation for Hong Kong’s private and education sector. The event comprises two main categories: buildings (commercial and residential) and schools (kindergartens/primary, secondary, and tertiary academic institutions). Some 200 private and educational bodies took part in this year’s contest. The participants were judged on their performance in enhancing energy efficiency in the period from December 2004 to November 2005. The criteria adopted included leadership and organization, processes, actual performance, and sustainability. The judging panel consisted of senior government officials, professionals and academics.

The University has a high energy demand owing to its extensive campus housing a multitude of facilities. However, even before the awards, it has spared no effort to conserve energy. In 1999, the Energy Saving Task Force was set up to consolidate campus-wide energy saving efforts. The University also encourages the use of renewable energy. CUHK was the first among local tertiary institutions to install the evacuated tube solar hot water system in showering facilities; a hydraulic ram pump has also been installed in streams for irrigation and flushing.

In terms of promotion, over a hundred Energy Coordinators have been appointed to promote energy saving awareness. Departments and units are urged to set their indoor temperature at 25.5 degrees Celsius and to install occupancy sensors to power off idle electrical devices. The University has also formulated an energy policy and guidelines, organized energy saving contests and energy consumption guessing games to raise consciousness of green practices on campus.

Mr. Terence Chan, bursar (left 3), Prof. Liu Pak-wai, Pro-Vice-Chancellor (left 4), Mr. Benny Tam, director of Estates Management Office (middle), and colleagues of the Estates Management Office at the ceremony.
**Eventful CUHK Green Week**

'Think Globally, Act Locally, Respond Individually’ was the theme of the University’s Environmental Protection Week which opened on 28 February 2006 to raise environmental awareness among CUHK staff and students.

Dr. Sarah Liao, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works, and Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, vice-chancellor of the University, officiated at the opening ceremony held on 28 February in Cho Yiu Hall. Dr. Liao and Prof. Lau presented appointment certificates to energy conservation coordinators from different departments of the University. These coordinators are responsible for promoting energy conservation on campus.

Events of the special week included an energy-wise workshop, an exhibition, a visit to the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, and a flea market selling environmentally friendly and used products.

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**Friendship and Scholarship: The First 25 Years Launch Ceremony**

The newly published book, *Friendship and Scholarship: The First 25 Years* is jointly published by the Friends and the Art Museum to mark the Friends’ 25th anniversary which coincides with the museum’s 35th. It focuses on museum acquisitions funded by the Friends during the latter’s first quarter centenary.

In this beautiful book, 44 of the 800 Friends-funded museum acquisitions are represented with full colour plates and detailed descriptions by members of the Friends. Publication has been made possible by a generous donation from Barclays. Barclays is also the sponsor of the book launch held on 26 April at the Island Club.

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**Encouraging Figures in CUHK 2005 Employment Survey**

According to an employment survey conducted by the University released on 18 May, both the employment rate and salary level of CUHK graduates in 2005 are highly satisfactory. The survey shows, as at the end of 2005, 97.9% of graduates are either employed or pursuing further studies. The average monthly salary for those employed is HK$14,263. Among the graduates, the highest salary earner is a medical graduate who earned HK$70,000 per month. On average, every individual graduate has received 2.4 job offers.

The survey was conducted by the Career Planning and Development Centre of the Office of Student Affairs of the University from November to December 2005 by means of questionnaires and telephone interviews. It covered full-time first-degree graduates of 2005 and M.B. Ch.B. graduates of 2004. 95.9% of respondents were given their first job offers by the end of September 2005, showing a 0.3% increase from 2004.

Most graduates joined the commerce and industry sector (73.5%), followed by social and public organizations (13.3%), education (10.9%), and government (2.4%).

The top seven career fields of CUHK graduates are: computer engineering and information technology (10.6%), accounting/auditing (9.9%), administration/management (8.6%), sales and marketing (8.2%), medical and health care (8.1%), teaching (6.7%), and banking and finance (6.3%). In terms of job satisfaction, up to 94.1% indicates satisfaction with their current jobs.
Vice-Chancellor Prof. Lawrence J. Lau led a delegation to Paris from 19 to 24 January 2006 to further the University’s partnerships with French teaching and research institutions.

The delegation was received by presidents and other senior leaders of the top Parisian institutions, including University Paris I — Panthéon-Sorbonne, Université Paris IV — Sorbonne, HEC School of Management Paris, École Nationale Supérieure de Mines de Paris, and Sciences Po (Paris).

A Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation between CUHK and the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) was signed to promote research cooperation and scientific cooperation between CNRS laboratories and departments at CUHK. The first of such projects was initiated through an agreement for a joint research project on traditional Chinese medicine between CUHK’s Institute of Chinese Medicine and the CNRS laboratory located at the École Nationale Supérieure de Chimie de Paris.

The delegation also visited the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and EduFrance to explore how interactions between French institutions and CUHK could be further intensified. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Jack Cheng visited INSERM to start discussions that will lead to research collaboration in medicine. During the visit, the Vice-Chancellor also met with alumni, outbound exchange students, and friends of CUHK.

The delegation included Prof. Jack Cheng, Prof. Fung Kwok Pui, head of United College, Prof. Ho Pui Yin of the Department of History, and Mr. Thomas Wu, director of academic links.

Williams and United Celebrate Fourth Decade of Exchange

Prof. Catharine Hill, Provost of Williams College, visited United College from 22 to 27 February to mark the 40th anniversary of the student exchange programme between the two colleges. During her stay, Prof. Hill delivered a talk entitled ‘The College System in University Education’ at the United College Annual Workshop on 24 February. She also met with college and University representatives to discuss ways of enhancing exchange and collaboration between the two institutions.
Twelve undergraduate and graduate students of The Chinese University have received full fellowships/studentships from top universities in North America and Europe to further their studies. The institutions include Stanford University, Princeton University, U.C. Berkeley, University of Chicago, the University of British Columbia and Tinbergen Institute in Netherlands. Prof. Yau Shing-tung, Fields Medalist and distinguished professor-at-large of the University, attended the celebration held by the Department of Mathematics on 29 May.

'It really is a feat. Tuition and living expenses for a year of study in the US amount to about USD50,000. Even for well-off institutions such as Harvard, full scholarships are a financial burden. The competition is extremely keen for students within the US, not to mention overseas students. Clearly, CUHK has the capability to produce world-class mathematics graduates and is well positioned to compete with the best universities,’ said Prof. Yau.

The students with Prof. Yau Shing-tung, distinguished professor-at-large of the University (left 1, back row) and Prof. Lau Ka-sing, chairman of the Department of Mathematics (right 1, back row)

CUHK Commends Young Researchers

The Chinese University of Hong Kong is a distinguished comprehensive research university in the region. The ‘Young Researcher Award’ and the ‘Award for the Best Research Output by Research Postgraduate Students’ have been established to further promote research development and nurture the next generation of research talents. These annual awards recognize academic staff under 40 and postgraduate students with exemplary research achievements, encouraging originality and innovation as they strive to create new knowledge and contribute to society.

Recipients of the Young Researcher Award 2005 are Prof. Tsang Hon Ki (Department of Electronic Engineering), Prof. Rossa Chiu Wai Kwun (Department of Chemical Pathology), Prof. Dennis Ng Kee Pui (Department of Chemistry), and Prof. Wong Kam Chau (Department of Economics).

Recipients of the Award for the Best Research Output by Research Postgraduate Students 2005 are Mr. Yang Xiang Yin (Department of History), Mr. Joe Wenjie Jiang (Department of Computer Science and Engineering), Dr. Petti Pang (Department of Physiology), Mr. Deng Liang (Department of Chemistry), and Miss Chow Wing Yin (Department of Psychology).

Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor, presided at the prize presentation ceremony on 8 May 2006.
Student Achievements

Champions of Business Paper Contest

A four-student team from the Faculty of Business Administration secured the championship of the Business Administration Paper of the Year Award for the second year in a row on 18 February with their business paper, their unique perspectives, and their outstanding analytical and presentation skills. The team comprised three Integrated BBA undergraduates — Lilian Chan (right 2), Joyce Ho (left 3) and Vivian Wong (left 2), and one professional accountancy undergraduate — Hallas Cheung (right 3). Vivian also won the Best Presenter Award.

Now in its 20th year, the competition is organized by the Hong Kong Federation of Business Students. This year’s event saw the participation of over 200 teams of business students from eight local tertiary institutions.

Third Place in International Internet Strategic Competition

Full-time MBA students Peter Liu, Phoebus Ng, and Caly Xiao, won the championship of both the Hong Kong Division and the Geographical Zone Division (covering mainland China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong) of the MBA Category of the L’ORÉAL e-Strat 6 Challenge. The students then went on to compete with the winners of the other seven zones in the international finals held on 12 April 2006, at the Eiffel Tower in Paris, coming third place.

The L’ORÉAL e-Strat 6 Challenge is the world’s largest Internet strategic competition. Since L’ORÉAL launched its e-Strat Challenge in 2000, applications have risen thirteen-fold. This year, the 40,000 participants from 125 countries are divided into eight geographical zones to compete in the MBA and the Undergraduate Categories. There were six rounds of competition. The students formed teams of three each; each team was required to assume the role of General Manager in an international cosmetics firm.

The participants came from world-renowned universities including London Business School, Indiana University, Yale University, The Kellogg School of Management, Stanford Business School, MIT School of Management and Peking University. The 16 international finalists had to present their business plans to a jury of L’ORÉAL’s top management and strategic experts.
Hong Kong Public Policy Innovation Award

Two CUHK teams were the 2nd runners-up (Youth Sector) of the Hong Kong Public Policy Innovation Award 2005-06:
- ‘Medical Service Concern Group’, formed by undergraduate students, Lee Ho-kei, Kong Tin-chun, Si Bailing, and Tina Chan Yee-ching, with project ‘Medical Service up North’; and
- ‘Evidence-based Traditional Chinese Medicine’, formed by Ph.D. student Vincent Chung (School of Public Health) and HKU M.Phil. student Wendy Wong (Family Medicine Unit).

The awards presentation ceremony was held on 6 May 2006.

The Hong Kong Public Policy Innovation Award is jointly organized by the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups and the Hong Kong Policy Research Institute, and sponsored by the Sustainable Development Fund.

The competition comprised two categories: secondary school students and young adults under 35. The participating teams researched on topics including Town Planning Policy and Development in the Pan-Pearl River Delta, Medical, Food and Healthcare Policy, Youth Participation and Cultural Policy. Each team was required to prepare and submit a written report in either Chinese or English and to present the content of their reports.

2005 Leader of The Year

Ms. Yu Chui-yee, freshman in the Department of Geography and Resource Management of Chung Chi College, has been awarded 2005 Leader of the Year (sports/culture/performing arts) by the Singtao Group on 28 March.

Ms. Yu Chui-yee, Paralympics Wheelchair Fencing gold medallist, underwent left shin amputation at 13 after she was diagnosed as suffering from bone cancer. She began learning wheelchair fencing in 2000 and in 2001, represented Hong Kong for the first time in the Lonato Wheelchair Fencing World Cup from which she came away with two silver medals. Later in the year, she won one gold and one silver in the Fifth Budapest International Wheelchair Fencing Competition. She was Scholarship Athlete of Hong Kong Sports Institute in 2002.

Ms. Yu went on to win some 20 more gold or silver medals in her career, including four gold in the 2004 Athens Paralympic Games, and two gold and one silver in the Wheelchair Fencing World Cup in 2006. She is currently ranked No. 1 for Women’s Individual Epee and No. 2 for Women’s Individual Foil.
New Treatment

• **CUHK Pioneers Use of Cardiac Contractility Modulation**

Heart failure has a mortality rate of close to 50 per cent in three years. Patients suffer from a weakening of the heart muscle’s pumping function. In a late stage, the heart enlarges progressively, making contraction and blood pumping difficult. Organ failure may result.

Conventional treatment for heart failure includes medications to control symptoms and prevent disease progression. However there has been no effective treatment that directly enhances the heart’s pumping and contractility.

The Division of Cardiology of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics has been in the forefront of clinical research to develop new and effective therapies for heart failure. Since July 2005, it has been using a new therapy called Cardiac Contractility Modulation (CCM) on heart failure cases — the first and only centre in Asia to implant this device. CCM therapy involves planting a device that delivers intermittent electrical impulses to increase the contractility of the heart during native muscle contraction. Patients having received the implants all reported improvement of symptoms, a better quality of life, and increased capacity for exercise.

• **Cure for Vesicoureteral Reflux in Children**

Vesicoureteral reflux (VUR) is a common condition affecting one to two per cent of all children in whom there is an abnormal retrograde flow of urine from the bladder back into the kidneys. Refluxing urine can transport bacteria from the bladder towards the kidneys, inflicting pyelonephritis and kidney damage. This can lead to renal scarring, reduced kidney function, and hypertension. VUR is one of the commonest causes for urinary tract infections (UTI) and end-stage renal failure in children.

The Division of Paediatric Surgery and Paediatric Urology of the Faculty of Medicine has pioneered a completely new management algorithm with minimally invasive treatment of VUR that provides complete cure for all grades of reflux and yet involves only endoscopic treatment. Since 2000, the division has successfully applied this pneumovesical technique for severe grade reflux on close to a hundred patients with a 99 per cent cure rate. This technique allows anti-reflux surgery to be performed without opening up the bladder and does not necessitate any in-dwelling ureteric catheter. Patients are up and about within a few hours after surgery and can be discharged in 24 hours with minimal pain and discomfort.

The new treatment algorithm provides definitive surgical treatment that aims at an early cure and higher success rate. There is far less trauma to the child and the high cure rate alleviates the need for long-term follow-up with radiological investigations and antibiotic treatment.

• **‘A Tooth for an Eye’ — New Hope for Corneal Blindness**

Osteo-Odonto Keratoprosthesis (OOKP) or ‘Tooth-in-Eye’, pioneered by Prof. Benedetto Strampelli in Italy in the 1960s, is a procedure which aims at restoring sight to patients with the most severe type of corneal and ocular surface diseases, for whom other treatments would not be useful. It involves creating a support for an artificial cornea from the patient’s own tooth and
the surrounding bone. Prof. Giancarlo Falcinelli of Italy, a student of Prof. Strampelli, has refined and improved the procedure. The results have been encouraging and many patients can still keep their vision since their operations more than 20 years ago.

Due to its complexity, the procedure is at present performed by fewer than 10 centres in the world. The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences of The Chinese University has started this procedure in Hong Kong and in Shantou at the Joint Shantou International Eye Centre of Shantou University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong (JSIEC) in April 2005, with the help of Prof. Falcinelli and his son Dr. Johnny Falcinelli.

Like the lens of a camera, the cornea is transparent and can focus light rays on the retina. Degeneration, trauma, chemical burn, infection, inflammation, and allergy are some of the common conditions that can affect the cornea, resulting in scarring and opacities, which result in poor vision.

In some situations, medical treatments (e.g. with eye-drops) are enough to clear cloudy vision. However, in certain cases where medical treatments fail, surgery is the next step — corneal transplantation. Yet, in some eyes, the damage is so severe that corneal transplantation does not work.

To provide the patient with useful vision, an artificial cornea or ‘keratoprosthesis’ is used. The artificial cornea is made of hard plastic. To fix the plastic prosthesis in place, tissues from the patient’s own body are used. The tooth is ideal because it has a hard part to which the cylinder can be fixed and also it resides in the mouth where it co-exists with soft tissues, as in the eye. OOKP has a success rate of 80–90%.

Since April 2005, five patients have completed both the stage-one and stage-two procedures. ‘We estimate that the list of patients would be more than a hundred in Hong Kong and thousands in China,’ said Prof. Dennis Lam, chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Silver Jubilee of the Faculty of Medicine

Year 2006 marks the Silver Jubilee of the Faculty of Medicine. The highlight of the Silver Jubilee celebrations was the Silver Jubilee Dinner, held 10 June at the Grand Hall of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Over 1,500 guests including government officials, social dignitaries, as well as friends, benefactors, alumni, staff and students graced their presence. The Honourable Henry Tang, Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government was the Guest of Honour.

The theme of the Silver Jubilee Dinner is Knowledge for Life. The Silver Jubilee celebrates a history of teaching excellence and knowledge advancement. As students embark on a professional medical career, the knowledge they have acquired, which continues to grow through innovation and compassion, will serve both patients and the wider community as they dedicate their own lives to preserving and enriching life.

For the past 25 years, the Faculty of Medicine has made great advances in teaching and research, gaining international recognition as a medical centre of excellence and producing over 3,500 medical professionals including doctors, nurses and pharmacists for the community.
Corporate social responsibility is increasingly on the mission statements of companies in Hong Kong and worldwide. Since 2004, Booz Allen Hamilton (BAH) has joined forces with The Chinese University to run the first social venture business plan competition in Hong Kong. The purpose is to instil in students the spirit of social responsibility and the capacity for entrepreneurial action. The students have to solve social problems in the real world using an entrepreneurial approach.

Unlike other events where corporate sponsorship is about advertising and promotion, the BAH Social Venture Challenge invites businesses and community organizations to be involved in a unique and meaningful programme with constructive outcomes for the community. This year, five teams of 23 full-time MBA and social sciences students presented their business plans to help the needy. The winning business plan, ‘Kids Tour’, builds on the work of the Salvation Army in the Tai Po by coordinating and expanding community-based tourism, and adding a framework of Multiple Intelligence Training for participants. Team members Benny Zhong, Peter Liu, Caly Xiao, Phoebus Ng and Map Tang received a certificate and HK$8,000 from Dr. Edward Tse, managing director of Greater China, BAH. ‘Kids Tour’ also took the award for ‘Outstanding Presentation’.

‘Dr. Radio’, a plan to deliver highly targeted therapeutic edutainment to hospital patients, won the second prize and HK$3,000. Overcoming communication and cultural challenges, the team comprised students exclusively from mainland China: two MBA candidates Rain Wang and Andrew Zhang, and a student from the Social Work Department, Wendy Wu.

The Outstanding Written Plan award went to ‘Bridge Garden’, a venture designed to recapture society’s investment in retired teachers and add value to existing children’s programmes. It was presented by Victor Leung, Billy Ma, Allen Shen, Grace Wu and Isabella Zhang.

The judges were representatives from industry, finance and government sectors.

Seven teachers from different faculties of the University were awarded the Vice-Chancellor’s Exemplary Teaching Award 2005 by Prof. Lawrence J. Lau at a ceremony held on 9 June 2006.

The Vice-Chancellor with winners of the award: (from left) Prof. Ella K.C. Leung, Prof. Flora F.T. Chiang, Prof. Patrick S.Y. Lau, Prof. Jimmy Lee, Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Dr. Tiffany Wong, representative of Prof. Gregory Cheng, Prof. Li Wai-kee and Prof. Wong Suk-ying
On 22, 23 and 24 May, 12 teams from universities in mainland China, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong took part in the performance finals of the Second Chinese Universities Shakespeare Festival held in Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. Each team, consisting of three actors and a director, was given up to 20 minutes on stage to perform a short scene from a Shakespeare play. The aim was to impress the panel of international judges with the quality of their understanding of Shakespeare’s dramatic art, their acting and English ability, as well as the creativity of their interpretation. The performances were watched by almost 3,000 Hong Kong secondary students, who were thrilled to see Shakespeare’s plays on stage, most of them for the first time.

The winning team was from the University of International Business and Economics (UIBE) in Beijing, which gave a striking performance of the tragedy Julius Caesar. The scene was memorable for its incorporation of stylized movements and sound effects from Peking opera and Chinese martial arts. Members of the UIBE team enjoyed their first prize in August — a week watching Shakespeare performances in London and Stratford. Other prize-winners included Nanjing University (Measure for Measure), Wuhan University (King Lear) and the University of Macau (The Tempest).

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Research Grants Totalling HK$105 Million for 35 Projects

Grants totalling some HK$105 million from various local and overseas sponsors for projects undertaken by CUHK researchers were recorded during the period January to June 2006:

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Exhibitions

Art Museum Exhibitions

Shanghai Artists : The Yu Garden Collection

‘Shanghai Artists : The Yu Garden Collection’ ran from 22 April to 2 June 2006 at the East-wing Galleries.

The Yu Garden, located in the Southeast of Shanghai City, is a classical Chinese garden of the South. The construction of the garden took place in the Jiajing reign (1522–1566) of the Ming dynasty. Since then it had become the birthplace of the Shanghai Painting School and a meeting place for painters, calligraphers and epigraphists. The Management Office of the Yu Garden has acquired more than a thousand pieces of painting and calligraphy by renowned Qing to modern Shanghai artists over years. Fifty pieces have been selected for this exhibition, including 30 paintings and 20 works of calligraphy. Among the distinctive paintings are landscapes by Feng Chaoran, Huang Shanshou, Wu Qinmu, Pu Hua and Wu Qingyun; bird-and-flower paintings by Ren Yi, Zhao Yunhe, Wang Yachen and Zhang Dazhuan; and portraits by Feng Zikai, Qian Huian and Wang Zhen. In calligraphy, equally significant works are shown, including seal script by Huang Binhong and Tong Danian; clerical script by Zeng Xi and Ma Gongyu; regular script by Pan Boying; running script by He Shaoji, Shen Yunmo and Wu Hufan; and also cursive script by Xie Zhiliu. The exhibition is organized with an aim to feature eminent Shanghai artists and their unique styles of the late Qing to modern periods so as to enhance cultural exchange between Hong Kong and Shanghai.

The Art of the Chinese Potter: Selections from the Art Museum Collection

Exhibition on ‘The Art of the Chinese Potter: Selections from the Art Museum Collection’ is held from 15 June to 29 October.

Chinese ceramics has a long history of production, spanning from the Neolithic period to the present. The different functions of ceramics include sacrificial ceremony, burial, architecture, trade, decorative display, aesthetic appreciation and collection. Ceramics is so closely related to society that its content is extraordinary rich. The Art Museum is proud to have a comprehensive collection on ceramics, thanks to the generous contributions of the B.Y. Lam Foundation, the Zande Lou, the Bei Shan Tang, the Taoshi Zhai, the Friends of the Art Museum, Dr. Simon Kwan, Mr. Anthony Chung, and Prof. and Mrs. Cheng Te-kun. In celebration of its 35th anniversary, the Art Museum presents this exhibition that highlights the artistic attainment of the Chinese potter and pays tribute to the donors for their support over the years.
**ULS Exhibition to Honour World-renowned Botanist**

The University Library System hosted an exhibition from 10 February to 26 March 2006 in recognition of the outstanding contributions of Prof. Hu Shiuying, honorary professor of Chinese medicine at the University, to plant taxonomy for over seven decades, as well as to promote interest in plant taxonomy and Chinese medicinal herbs in Hong Kong. The exhibition took place in the exhibition hall of the University Library. Exhibits include Prof. Hu’s publications, research materials, plant specimens, letters, manuscripts and photos.

**A Banker’s Photographs on Display at Chung Chi College**

‘A Passion for Landscapes’ photographic exhibition by Joseph Y.W. Pang was being staged in the lobby, Chung Chi College Administration Building from 27 April to 26 May 2006. This special visual art event was presented in celebration of the 55th anniversary of Chung Chi College.

Joseph Y.W. Pang, a 1973 Chung Chi graduate, is currently executive director and deputy chief executive of the Bank of East Asia. A self-made photographer, Pang has displayed unique styles and characteristics of his own. The works featured in this exhibition largely portray landscapes of peace and tranquility. Simple and harmonious in terms of both composition and colour, the works mark the blending of a banker’s wisdom with nature.

**The Art of CUHK 2006**

‘The Art of CUHK 2006’ took place from 27 May to 25 June, the event jointly presented by the Department of Fine Arts and the Art Museum, included the following exhibitions:

- Graduation Exhibition: *Pas+ry*
- Annual Exhibition
- Postgraduate Exhibition:
  - Lau Sau Ching — *The Days in the Mountain*
  - Chow Chun Fai — *Academy*, Renaissance Trilogy III
- Invitational Exhibition:
  - Pak Sheung-chuen and Kong Kee — *No Return*
Conferences/Workshops/Seminars

- International Symposium on ‘New Horizon in Theoretical Translation Studies’, 19 and 20 January, by the Department of Translation, co-sponsored by Chung Chi College, New Asia College, Shaw College, United College and the Faculty of Arts;
- Workshop on Hybrid and Embedded Systems: Technologies and Applications, 21 and 22 February 2006, by the Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering, and Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation, supported by the Center for Hybrid and Embedded Software Systems, U.C. Berkeley; Institute for Software Integrated Systems, Vanderbilt University; ESCHER Research Institute; and Embedded Systems Institute and Department of Computer Science, HKUST;
- The China Research Conference, 24 and 25 February 2006, by the Centre for Institutions and Governance and the School of Accountancy;
- ‘Ming Taizu and His Times’ International Conference, 28 to 30 March, by the Centre for Chinese History, Department of History, CUHK; co-organized by the Center for Early Modern History, Department of History, University of Minnesota, USA; and sponsored by James P. Geiss Foundation, United College, CUHK Department of History, and CCK Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange;
- The Seminar on ‘China Human Development Report: Development with Equity’, 3 April, jointly organized by CUHK and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- The International Conference on Tertiary/College English Language Teaching (TCELT) 2006, 1 to 2, and 5 to 6 June, jointly hosted by the CUHK English Teaching Unit and the Foreign Studies College of Northeastern University.

Visiting Scholars

- Prof. Anthony C. Yu, Carl Darling Buck Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus in the Humanities and Professor Emeritus of Religion and Literature in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, visited Chung Chi College from 5 to 18 February 2006 as its Siu Lien Ling Wong Visiting Fellow 2005–06.
- Mr. Mui Chong-ki, a renowned printmaker, visited Chung Chi College as Visiting Artist 2005–06 from 1 to 15 March.
- Prof. Charles K. Kao, former Vice-Chancellor of The Chinese University and ‘Father of Optical Fibre Communications’, delivered a lecture entitled ‘A Journey of Discovery’ on 2 March in Shaw College. Prof. Kao was Sir Run Run Shaw Distinguished Visiting Scholar 2005–06 to the college.
- Prof. Peter C. Ordeshook, Professor of Political Science, California Institute of Technology, visited United College, from 20 to 31 March 2006 as the its Distinguished Visiting Scholar. During his visit, Prof. Ordeshook delivered two public lectures entitled ‘Theoretical Underpinnings of Constitutional Design for New Democracies’ and ‘The Uses and Misuses of Game Theory in Political Science’.
**Lectures**

**Wei Lun Lectures**
- Prof. Mona Baker, professor of translation studies at the University of Manchester, delivered a lecture entitled ‘Framing Narratives in Translation’ on 24 March 2006.
- Prof. Jenefer Blackwell, Glaxo Professor for Molecular Parasitology of the Cambridge Institute for Medical Research, University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine, spoke on ‘Genetic and Infectious Diseases: Candidate Genes and Genome Scans’ on 27 April 2006.

**Other Lectures**
- The Department of History and Asia-Pacific Institute of Business of the CUHK, and Hong Kong Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department jointly organized the Public Lectures on History and Business in China 2005–06 in January 2006. The lectures were sponsored by the Lee Hysan Foundation.
- Mr. Takanori Kitamura, consul-general of Japan in Hong Kong, spoke on ‘Japan’s Diplomacy: Consistency and Evolution’ on 18 January.
- Dr. Volker Stanzel, ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to China, delivered a lecture entitled ‘Global Challenges Need Global Answers: Tasks for Germany, Tasks for China’ on 1 March 2006.
- The Faculty of Business Administration organized the Distinguished Speakers’ Series to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the MBA Programmes. Dr. David Li Kwok-po, chairman and chief executive of the Bank of East Asia, Dr. Vincent Cheng, chairman of HSBC, and Dr. Joseph Yam Chi-kwong, chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority were invited to host lectures on 15 March, and 6 and 20 April respectively.
- Prof. Wu Jinglian, senior research fellow at the Development Research Centre of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, delivered a lecture titled ‘Transformation of the Growth Pattern and China’s Industrialization’ on 16 March.
- Prof. Max Boisot, adjunct professor at INSEAD, Fontainebleau, France, and associate fellow at Templeton College, University of Oxford, delivered a lecture on ‘China and the Globalization Process: Alternative Interpretations’ on 6 April 2006. The event was sponsored by the Li Ka Shing Foundation Exchange Programme.
- Mr. Raymond Burghardt, director of the Seminars Program, East-West Center in Hawaii, and retired US Ambassador to Vietnam, gave a lecture on ‘US-Asia Relations, Focusing on China’ on 19 April.
- Sir Muir Gray, director of the National Electronic Library for Health and director of clinical knowledge, process and safety for the National Programme for IT in the UK, spoke on ‘How to Get Better Value Healthcare?’ on 18 April.

**Obituary**

The University records with deep sadness the passing of Prof. John Espy on 24 April in Kansas City, USA, at the age of 84. Prof. Espy first joined Chung Chi College in the early 1960s as a lecturer in chemistry and was bursar of the College. He was later admitted to Harvard Business School in the US where he obtained his doctorate in 1970. He then returned to the Chinese University and played an active role in the establishment of the University’s MBA Programmes. He was the associate director of the Programmes until his retirement in 1988. Well liked by his colleagues and students, Prof. Espy had made distinguished contributions to the development of the Programmes as well as the University in general. He was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor of International Business in 1989.