Academic Dishonesty Won’t Be Tolerated

In a statement issued verbally on 13th April at the Senate meeting, the vice-chancellor stressed the University’s determination to stem any form of academic dishonesty on campus, if it did exist. ‘Professional integrity is as important as excellence in research,’ Prof. Charles Kao said.

The statement was made in response to recent reports in the local press about academic malpractice in some other institutions of higher education. There have been allegations about plagiarism, and about senior academics taking undue credit for research work done by junior lecturers, mainland academics, and postgraduate students.

‘If members of this university should suffer from similar acts of dishonesty, or happen to know of such academic abuses, they can use established channels to report such cases, which will then be handled according to established procedure,’ the vice-chancellor told the senators.

Aggrieved parties can lodge their complaints with department heads, faculty deans, and the vice-chancellor himself.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Charles Kao will soon receive an honorary Doctor of Science degree from the University of Durham, UK.

Durham’s vice-chancellor Prof. Evelyn Ebsworth will come to Hong Kong to present the honorary degree on 21st May at a special ceremony. On the same occasion Master of Business Administration degrees will be awarded to Hong Kong students who have taken the Durham course by open distance learning.

Prof. Kao is credited with heralding a new era in communications with the introduction of optical fibre for communication applications. His research has made possible much faster communication between individuals and peoples, and stimulated the growth of a multi-billion dollar telecommunications market.

‘Department’ to Become the Basic Academic Unit

Ever since the founding of the University, both ‘boards of studies’ and ‘departments’ have existed. A board of studies is headed by a director of studies and is defined by ‘The Chinese University of Hong Kong Ordinance’ as the University’s basic academic unit. A department is part of the administrative structure within a faculty and is headed by a department chairman.

Broadly speaking, the duties of boards of studies are academically oriented whereas those of the departments are administratively oriented.

After a major review of the functions and roles of the two bodies, the Senate recently proposed to the University Council that the ‘department’ be formally made the basic academic unit in the University. This will avoid confusion and streamline the academic structure. The Council has endorsed the proposal. Subject to the amendments of the relevant statutes of the University Ordinance, the plan to revise the academic
University to Award First DSc Degree

Prof. P. C. Leung of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology will be conferred the University's first Doctor of Science degree later this year.

According to University regulations, the D.Sc. degree may be awarded for an original and distinguished contribution which adds substantially to knowledge or the understanding of any branch of science. A candidate has to produce evidence from published work that he or she has made such a contribution.

A special board of examiners was formed in late 1993 to assess published works submitted by Prof. Leung, and members of the board unanimously recommended the award of a D.Sc. degree. The University Senate subsequently approved the recommendation in its meeting on 13th April.

Doctors at the Prince of Wales Hospital have devised a new technique to increase the success rate of test-tube fertilization. The first baby produced locally as a result of such a technique was delivered on 9th April by caesarean section.

In standard in vitro-fertilization (IVF), human eggs and sperms are mixed in a dish or a test tube, and the sperms are expected to make their own way into the egg to achieve fertilization. But when the sperms are too few or too weak to break through the egg's protective 'shell', then IVF will fail.

To make life easier for these sperms, doctors now introduce 'subzonal insemination': a fine glass tube thinner than a human hair is used to break through the shell of the egg and inject chosen sperms into the fluid between the shell and the cell membrane. If the egg is successfully fertilized by any sperm thus brought near, it will be replanted to the human uterus.

Such micro-manipulation of human eggs and sperms will require very sophisticated and expensive equipment and the success rate is only 10 per cent at the moment. Doctors at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology will continue with their research to improve the technique and increase the success rate.

New Hope for Infertile Men to Become Fathers
A World-class Endoscopy Centre

With the opening of the Shaw Endoscopy Centre at the Prince of Wales Hospital on 22nd April, more patients suffering from gastrointestinal diseases can be treated without major operations.

'Endoscopy plays an increasingly important role in modern medicine. Many diseases that required open surgery in the past can now be treated by endoscopy,' said Dr. Sydney Chung, director of the new centre.

Endoscopy involves the use of sophisticated 'endoscopes' carrying tiny video cameras to probe the inside of the patient's abdomen. Doctors can make accurate diagnosis by looking at images transmitted onto television screens, and perform treatment by inserting surgical instruments through small puncture holes in the abdomen. Endoscopy can minimize the risks and trauma of operation. And as post-operative discomfort is reduced and patients will recover much faster, a lot of hospital costs will be saved.

Officially opened by Mr. Zhang Junsheng, deputy director of the Xinhua News Agency, the centre was established through generous donations from the Shaw Foundation and the Olympus Optical Company. One of the most advanced units of its type in the world, it has a floor area of 500 square metres, and houses five endoscopy rooms, a waiting area, an eight-bed recovery ward, and a ward for cleaning and disinfection. Besides state-of-the-art video endoscopes, special features include digital x-ray equipment, a computerized image storage and reporting system, and a closed-circuit TV system for all endoscopy rooms.

The centre will provide better services for patients and facilitate training of doctors and nurses in new endoscopic techniques. A training programme for doctors from China and Southeast Asia is already underway.

New Postgraduate and Certificate Programmes

The University Senate recently approved the introduction of seven new programmes in the academic years 1994-95 and 1995-96.

1994-95
Master of Philosophy Programme in Social Work
Master of Philosophy Programme in Sports Science and Physical Education
Certificate Course in English Proficiency for Business Communication
Certificate Course in Advanced Information Systems
Certificate Course in Advanced Practical Computing

1995-96
Doctor of Philosophy Programme in History
(replacing the existing Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Chinese History)
Doctor of Philosophy Programme in Translation

APIB Helps Train American Business Executives

The University's Asia-Pacific Institute of Business (APIB) organized a week-long Asia Advanced Management Programme for 33 business executives from the States last month.

Entitled 'Asia-Pacific Challenge: Hong Kong and China', the programme marks the sixth-year cooperation between CUHK and the University of Pittsburgh to train the latter's executive MBA students. To enable trainees to understand better business operations in the Asia-Pacific region and China's economic reform and business environment, lectures and panel discussions were held at the University's MBA Town Centre from 18th to 21st April, and a field trip to a joint-venture factory in Shenzhen was organized. The programme was conducted by academics from the University's Faculty of Business Administration, and key executives from the local business community and the government.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation to Adopt New Format
In view of the increasing number of students graduating each year, and the need to devise a graduation ceremony to enable all graduates to be presented for conferment of degrees by the Chancellor, the University Council has, after due consultation, given approval for the University to introduce a new format for the congregation from 1994.

The October congregation for the conferment of honorary and higher degrees, and the December ceremony for the conferment of first degrees will be combined under the new format. One whole day will be devoted to the graduation event. In the morning, all graduates will attend one big ceremony presided over by the Chancellor and held at the University Mall. Honorary and higher degree graduates will be presented individually while first degree graduates will be presented in groups by degree.

In the afternoon, first degree graduates will have their turn in being presented individually on stage, before their family, faculty and friends, in separate graduation ceremonies organized by their respective colleges and, in the case of the part-time degree graduates, by the relevant programme office.

The new arrangement will enable all graduates to share a common graduation event. First degree graduates will continue to enjoy personal attention at the college/PDP graduation ceremony.

The forthcoming congregation is scheduled for 1st December and staff members will be invited to join both morning and afternoon ceremonies.

Staff Review - Non-teaching Staff Members on Terms of Service (A), (B) & (C)
Circulars have just been sent out to department chairmen/unit heads to invite nominations and recommendations concerning the promotion of non-teaching staff members on Terms of Service (A), (B) and (C).

All nominations and recommendations should reach Mr. S. S. Tam, secretary of the Administrative Affairs Committee, c/o Personnel Office, 2/F, University Administration Building (Ext. 7269), on or before 30th June 1994. The Administrative Affairs Committee and the Sub-Committee on Junior Staff Affairs will in due course deliberate on the nominations.

This is the second review exercise this year and results of the review will become effective on 1st January 1995 or after.

Applications for RGC Research Grants
Applications for earmarked research grants 1995-96 from the Research Grants Council (RGC) are now invited. The internal deadline is 5th September 1994.

Applications should be made on prescribed forms and conform to a stipulated format. Completed applications should be forwarded to the Research Administration Office at Room 306, John Fulton Centre. Please contact Ms. Shirley Hui (Ext. 7865) for application forms and format guidelines.

New Medical Department Renamed
The new Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science was recently renamed the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Non-fee-charging Bus Service for Staff in Summer
The University will provide a non-fee-charging bus service during the months of June, July and August (except on Sundays and public holidays) to facilitate those staff members who travel to and from work by train. To tie in with University working hours, the bus will run on the following schedule from 1st June to 31st August:

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Please direct all enquiries to the Transport Unit (Ext. 7990 or 7992).

Wei Lun Lecture
Prof. Dani Rodrik, professor of economics and international affairs of Columbia University, USA, has been invited to visit this university as Wei Lun Visiting Professor. Prof. Rodrik will give a lecture on 'Un-
ravelling the Mysteries of East Asia's Economic Growth' on Tuesday, 17th May at 4.00 p.m. in lecture theatre 3, Lady Shaw Building. All are welcome.

Chung Chi Graduation Ceremony

Chung Chi College will hold its 40th Valedictory Service on Sunday, 5th June 1994 at 3.30 p.m. in its Chapel. Prof. D. C. Lau, honorary professor of the Institute of Chinese Studies, will be the officiating guest. A tea reception will be held at the Chapel Lounge immediately after the service.

Conference on Chinese Psychology

The Department of Psychology will host an International Conference on Chinese Psychology from 31st May to 2nd June 1994. Scholars and experts in the field will present papers on Chinese behaviour and discuss topics such as learning styles, socialization, social interaction, personality, and psychopathology. Relevant papers will be published in the Handbook of Chinese Psychology. Staff members who wish to attend the conference please contact the Department of Psychology (Ext. 6578).

IMS Management Board

The Board of Management of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences (IMS) was recently established. Board members have been appointed and will serve for two years from 1st March 1994.
Convener: Prof. S. Y. Cheng
Members: Directors of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences
Associate Directors of the Institute of Mathematical Sciences
Dean of Engineering or his representative
Dean of Science or his representative
Chairman of the Department of Mathematics or his representative
Chairman of the Department of Physics or his representative
Chairman of the Department of Statistics or his representative
Secretary: Dr. K. W. Leung, Department of Mathematics

Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Prof. Charles K. Kao, vice-chancellor, has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Steering Committee on the British Nationality Scheme for two years from 1st January 1994.
- Prof. P. C. Leung of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Council of the City Polytechnic of Hong Kong for one year from 1st January 1994.
- Prof. K. M. Chan of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology and Prof. T. E. Oh of the Department of Anaesthesia and Intensive Care have been appointed by HE the Governor as members of the Health and Medical Development and Advisory Committee for two years from 1st March 1994.
- Mr. Andrew W. F. Wong, lecturer in government and public administration, has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Bilingual Laws Advisory Committee from 4th March 1994 to 31st August 1995.
- Prof. Leslie Young of the Department of Finance has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Committee on Management and Supervisory Training of the Vocational Training Council from 18th March 1994 to 31st March 1995.
- Prof. Yeung Yue Man of the Department of Geography has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Hong Kong Housing Authority for two years from 1st April 1994.
- Dr. Chan Wing Wah, senior lecturer in music, has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council from 15th April 1994. Dr. Chan has also been reappointed by the Urban Council as honorary adviser to the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra for two years from 1st April 1994.
- Dr. Fanny M. C. Cheung, reader in psychology, has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Police Complaints Committee for the period up to 31st December 1994.
- Prof. S. J. Oppenheimer of the Department of Paediatrics has been invited to serve as visiting professor of paediatrics of the Sun Yat-sen University of Medical Sciences for two years from November 1993.

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The Story of the University Swimming Pool

Since it was opened in 1973, the University Swimming Pool has been the favourite haunt of both staff and students during the summer months. The pool is annually closed in winter for renovations, and it was not reopened until 22nd April this year, a little later than usual. The delay was due to improvement and expansion works, and indeed many swimmers may have noticed that the toilets are now much larger and better equipped.

The changing rooms, however, are crowded as before, and many may have asked questions about why these rooms were not taken into account.

Inadequate Changing Rooms

Inadequate changing rooms have been a cause for concern since the early eighties, and the University has received many complaints about the limited number of the rooms and their spartan shower facilities. As a temporary measure the Buildings Office, aware that the pool toilets has been under-utilized, abolished some of these toilets to make room for more changing rooms. This conversion provided much needed relief for some time.

A Long-term Solution

With the great boom in staff and student numbers as a result of the University’s rapid expansion in recent years, the changing rooms were soon found to be too small again. On the other hand, when pool facilities were inspected by officers of the Regional Services Department last year, the provision of toilets was found to have fallen short of requirements of legislation. The University was thus required, on pain of discontinuation of its pool licence, to expand the toilets. At this point the University felt that it would be expedient to carry out a relatively comprehensive improvement programme so as to meet demands from both the government and pool users. However construction work was to take time, and not only the swimming activities of staff and students would be in jeopardy, but swimming classes of the Faculty of Education would also be unduly affected, if improvement works could not be completed in

A plan of the expanded pool pavilion: the shaded areas mark the extensions already built or which are due to be completed.

The lower storey of the expanded pavilion, with toilets and changing rooms for men and women at either ends.
time for this year's licence to be granted.

Fortunately, the Regional Services Department agreed that the University might carry out improvement works in stages. The first stage was an expansion of the southern portion of the pool pavilion (by the slope) and an increase in the number of toilet cubicles to comply with government regulations. The new licence was duly issued in April, and this explains why swimmers have, so far, found the toilets improved but not the changing rooms.

Improvement Programme Due for Completion in 1995

The second stage will commence right after the winter closing in late 1994. This time the northern end of the pavilion (the BFC side) will be expanded. A new storey will be added and the admission turnstiles will be relocated there. With an extension of the pavilion building at both ends and the relocation of the turnstiles, there will be a much larger lower storey to accommodate more and bigger changing rooms.

The whole programme will not be completed until late 1995 on account of the complexity of the work involved and the fact that it may be carried out only when the pool is out of season.

High Standard of Hygiene

For members of the University, the pool has been one splendid place to fend off summer heat for over 20 years. It may not be as well equipped as some newer pools, but its utility rate remains constantly high, and that is not just because it is the only swimming facility available on campus.

The Chinese University pool is well-known for the cleanliness of its water. According to Mr. Fung Kai On of the Buildings Office, who is in charge of water supply to the pool, 'Water quality at the Chinese University pool has been characteristically high. When the amoeba scare was all the rage last year, government inspectors took samples from the pool and found nothing harmful. This proves that a high standard of cleanliness, one that can stand up to stringent tests, is consistently maintained in our pool.'

The Filtration Process

The cleanliness of the water depends entirely on the purification plant, which is set to work an hour before admission each morning and shut off after the pool is closed in the evening. Purification is a continuous process. First of all a water pump draws pool water through suction slots on the sides of the pool into a large filtration tank, where the water is filtered through layers of fine sand. Then the water is treated with chlorine and soda powder to eliminate any health threatening bacteria or microbes. The water, now

Water quality being tested

Pool attendants have to wear protective masks when applying chlorine to the water.

The purification plant
cleaned to the required standard, is then pumped back into the pool.

The government has strict stipulations about the pH value and chlorine content of swimming pool water. At the same time water quality is liable to fluctuate as weather and the number of swimmers change (for instance, strong sunlight is responsible for the accelerated evaporation of chlorine in the water). To ensure compliance with government regulations and the safety of swimmers, samples of pool water are taken and tested every hour by pool staff and the amount of chlorine and soda powder applied to the purification process adjusted accordingly. Occasionally garbage such as leaves from trees nearby may be sighted in the pool and these are removed by the life-guards on duty.

Pool Maintenance

Maintenance work is also important as it has direct bearing on water quality.

As the purification plant functions, a fair amount of dirt

![Image: The sides and bottom of the pool are given a good scrub each year and missing tiles are replaced.](image1)

The pool is constructed according to Olympics standards. It measures 50 metres by 18 metres and its depth ranges from 1.2 to 4.6 metres. There is a springboard at 1 metre, and three diving platforms at 3, 5, and 10 metres.
invariably accumulates in the sand tank, and it is the responsibility of pool staff to remove sediments in the sand tank, and to replenish the fine sand, which is essential for effective filtering, from time to time. During the annual closing, staff members involved will give all the pipes, pressure-gauges, the pumps and other parts of the water recirculation system, right down to the electric lights at the bottom of the pool, a thorough check-up. All defects will be rectified as soon as found to ensure that there will be no leakage and that the pipes are not blocked.

The United States Swimming National Team conducted training sessions at the Chinese University pool last August in preparation for the Pan-Pacific Championships.

China's Olympic Diving Team visited the University in 1992 and gave a performance of high platform diving.

New Publications

The Chinese University Press

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


Art Gallery

The following books will be sold at a 20 per cent discount to staff members at the Art Gallery.

- Japanese Art Treasures from the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum Collection, edited by Mayching Kao, 167 pages including 96 colour plates, in Chinese and English, hardcover, HK$300.
- Works by Fine Arts Students in Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong, 80 pages including 52 colour plates, paperback, HK$120.
- Seals of Ye Zhai, by Qiu Siming, 144 pages including 130 plates, paperback, HK$150.
Information in this section can only be accessed with **CWEM password**.
Ninth April 1994 was just an ordinary Saturday, but a very special fun day for the Faculty of Arts.

Its specialness lay in the keeping up of a good tradition of the faculty — holding annually the Humanities Fun Day, which is now in its fourth year of existence. With the full support of Dr. Ho Hsiu-hwang, dean of arts, colleagues of the Faculty of Arts and other units can have an enjoyable time on a Saturday afternoon in March or April every year. They can try their luck at the game stalls at the University Sports Centre carpark or take part in the sports events inside the gymnasium. All are there for a good time — no one cares much about winning or losing, or what prizes one gets for his or her efforts. What we do care about is the solidarity of the Faculty of Arts, the participation of our colleagues, the happiness of togetherness, and the smiles on people’s faces. The Humanities Fun Day is a day of fun for the entire university.

This year the event was cosponsored by the Faculty of Arts and seven other units. Some 300 people came to play at the nine game stalls or take part in the five sporting events. To organize an event which everybody can enjoy is no easy task. The prizes and money donated by Dr. Ho Hsiu-hwang, the support of the department chairmen and unit heads, the assistance of the colleagues of the University Sports Centre, and the efforts of all those who helped to organize the event, all contributed to the success of the Fun Day. Of no less importance were the lion-dance by students from the International Asian Studies Programme and the performance by the Chinese Orchestra of the Department of Music, both of which created a festive atmosphere for the day.

This year, a Fun Day Dinner was held for the first time. Those who stayed for the meal took up 10 tables, and honourable guests included Prof. Charles K. Kao, Prof. Chao Bian Rulan, Prof. Leo Lee Ou-fan, Miss Barbara Fei, and Prof. and Mrs. Baysung Hsu. Prof. Hsu, who will retire this summer, was presented with a photo album containing the signatures of all those who came to the Fun Day. We wish him a happy retirement. We must also thank other honourable guests who came but could not have dinner with us: Mr. T. L. Tsim and his family, Mrs. Nancy A. Koh Lee (Xu Yuebai) and her family, and Mr. Dennis Law and his fiancée Dr. Chailina Teng.

Hope to see you at the next Humanities Fun Day.

by Chan Sin Wai
Department of Translation
A Report on 'Symposium on Tertiary Art Education in Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong'

The 'Symposium on Tertiary Art Education in Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong', co-organized by the Department of Fine Arts and the Art Gallery, CUHK, was successfully held from 13th to 15th April at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall.

An integral part of the 'Project on Tertiary Art Education in Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong', the symposium aimed at examining the past, present and future developments of tertiary art education in the three places. It was the first of its kind in the region and provided a valuable opportunity for scholars and experts in the tertiary art circles to exchange ideas and information.

Participants came from major tertiary art institutes, including the Central Institute of Fine Arts, Nanjing College of Arts, China National Academy of Fine Arts, Sichuan Fine Arts Institute, Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts, the Fine Arts Department of National Taiwan Normal University, the Fine Arts Department of Chinese Culture University, the Department of Fine Arts of the University of Hong Kong, the Swire School of Design of the Hong Kong Polytechnic, and the Department of Fine Arts of The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

On the first day, representatives from different institutes gave reports to introduce the development and characteristics of their institutes. On the second day, some 20 experts presented papers on special areas, including historical development, the theory and the teaching of Chinese painting. Presentations on the third day dealt mainly with fundamental training and the teaching of specialized subjects. Individual presentations were supplemented by slide shows and followed by open discussions.

A wide range of subjects were covered in three days but the major concerns seemed to be the teaching of Chinese painting, fundamental training, and the relationship between traditional techniques and creativity. Participants were not confined to teachers and students of the various art institutes. Scholars from Tokyo, representatives of the Education Department and the Hong Kong Museum of Art, and many artists and art educators also participated in the function. All hoped that similar symposiums on specialized topics would continue to be held in the future to promote the development of tertiary art education in the three areas.

by Harold Mok
Department of Fine Arts

We welcome your contributions

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