University Members Honoured

Three members of the University were honoured in the Queen’s Birthday Honours List announced on 10th June 1994. Dr. James Z. M. Kung, vice-chairman of the University Council, and Prof. S. T. Chang, professor of biology, have been made Officers of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (OBE), while Mr. David A. Gilkes, University bursar, has been made a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE).

Two days earlier on 8th June 1994, both Prof. C. N. Yang, distinguished professor-at-large, and Prof. Yau Shing-tung, professor of mathematics, were elected foreign academicians of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Prof. Yang was also recently awarded the prestigious Benjamin Franklin Medal by the American Philosophical Society for his tremendous contribution to theoretical physics.

New Pro-Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Kenneth Young, professor of physics, has been appointed by the University Council as Pro-Vice-Chancellor for two years from 1st August 1994.

Aged 46, Prof. Young graduated from the California Institute of Technology and obtained his Ph.D. in 1972. He worked for one year at Princeton University, and joined The Chinese University in 1973, becoming professor of physics in 1989.

Prof. Young has ample administrative experience and was chairman of the Physics Department from August 1989 to December 1991. He was elected dean of science in October 1991 and appointed dean of the Graduate School in March 1993.

Prof. Young is a member of the University and Polytechnic Grants Committee and its Hong Kong Research Grants Council. He also serves on a number of other advisory committees for the government, including the Technology Committee of the Industry and Technology Development Council, the Radiation Board and the Radiological Protection Advisory Group.

HK$50 Million from the RGC for 91 Research Projects

Ninety-one research proposals submitted by academic and research staff of this university have succeeded in obtaining earmarked grants totalling HK$49,947,000 from the Research Grants Council (RGC) this year. Last year’s figures were 57 projects and HK$29,614,000.

For 1994-95 the government has made available a total of $260 million to seven UPGC-funded local tertiary institutions for research proposes: $57.6 million for direct allocation to the institutions to finance small projects; $9.4 million for central allocation to strengthen the research

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base of these institutions; and $192.8 million for 371 selected research proposals submitted by the academic and research personnel in the seven institutions.

A research project to create a computerized database of the entire body of extant traditional Chinese texts of the Wei-Jin and the Northern and Southern Dynasties proposed by Prof. D. C. Lau and Dr. F. C. Chen of the University's Institute of Chinese Studies has been granted $2.1 million, the highest allocation figure this year for a single project.

The 91 CUHK proposals fall into nine different areas: administrative, business and social studies (17); arts and languages (4); biological sciences (11); computer science, information technology and mathematics (17); education (2); electrical and electronic engineering (10); medicine (13); physical sciences (12); and pure mathematics (5). Further details about these projects will be given in the August issue of the CUHK Newsletter.

The Research Committee of the University has announced that applications for RGC research grants for 1995-96 are now invited. The internal deadline is 5th September 1994. Details and application forms are obtainable from the Research Administration Office (Ext. 7865).

Expert Analysis of US Trade Policy

The United States had not taken any protectionist trade step under the Clinton administration, said Dr. C. F. Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics at Washington D. C., in a public lecture entitled 'The Trade Policy of the United States Towards East Asia and the World'.

According to Dr. Bergsten, it was the United States who took the initiative to liberalize and globalize the world trading system in 1993. Congressional ratification of the NAFTA, the Seattle Summit, and the successful conclusion of the Uruguay round of negotiation in the GATT were all efforts in this direction. While there had been disputes with Japan and China in early 1994, by June trade negotiations with Japan had restarted, and President Clinton had decided to continue the Most Favoured Nation treatment for China and delink the trade and human rights issues. Dr. Bergsten believed that this policy to open markets through multilateral, regional, and bilateral mechanisms would continue and that Asian countries would play a crucial role in future trade talks. He also hoped to see China rejoin the GATT very soon and contribute its share towards global trade liberalization.

Dr. Bergsten is also chairman of the Competitiveness Policy Council which advises the US President and Congress on issues pertaining to the competitiveness of the American economy. He was invited by the University's MBA Programmes to talk about US trade policy in the seventh Li & Fung Lecture on Commerce and Industry held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 1st June 1994.

The Li & Fung Lecture Programme was first established in 1981 under the auspices of the MBA Programmes and is sponsored by the Li & Fung Group of Companies.

Centre for Financial Research on China Established

A Centre for Financial Research on China (CFRC) was recently established under the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business to launch research on China's financial markets and to provide related consultancy services. It will also promote interaction among academics and practitioners in the field and serve as a clearinghouse for data on financial markets in China.

One of the centre's immediate plans is the creation of a Financial Markets Database to support academic and applied research. The database will consist of two parts: the 'China & Hong Kong Stock Market Database' which records daily stock trading figures, financial and accounting statistics, and publicly-listed companies in China and Hong Kong; and the 'China & Hong Kong Financial Derivatives Database' which contains data on futures, options and mutual funds in China and Hong Kong.

The centre will also promote interdisciplinary, comparative and applied research on the capital markets in the area, publish research findings, develop consultancy and training programmes for the securities industries in China and Hong Kong, and organize international conferences.
Success Stories of the Four Little Dragons

An international conference to study the economic development and transformation of the ‘Four Little Dragons’ was held on 4th and 5th June at the Regal Riverside Hotel in Sha Tin. Jointly organized by the Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics and the School of Continuing Studies, the two-day meeting attracted some 30 scholars and experts from the USA, Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Taiwan and Hong Kong, including H. Beladi, editor of the International Review of Economics and Finance; K. Choi, editor of the Review of International Economics; B. R. Hazari and P. M. Sgro, editors of the Journal of International Trade and Economic Development; and Ali Khan, Abram Hutzler Professor of the John Hopkins University.

In the discussion sessions, the economic success of the four little dragons was analysed in great detail. Participants examined the relationship between free trade and environment, and the various factors of growth including cultural factors. They also studied issues brought about by economic transformation, such as the need for industrial upgrading and its impact on workers.

Economic Development Across the Taiwan Strait and Economic Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region

The Japan and Asia-Pacific Development Research Programme of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies organized a conference on 9th and 10th June on the latest economic development across the Taiwan Strait and the prospect of economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region. Some 20 scholars and experts from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong attended the function and presented papers on relevant issues, including the influx of Taiwan’s investment to China, economic interaction between mainland China and Taiwan, and how their relationship would influence economic cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The two-day conference was held at the University’s Cho Yiu Conference Hall and sponsored by the Ming-yu Culture Foundation (Taipei), The Chinese Economic and Trade Association (Hong Kong) and The Hong Kong and Macau Association (Taipei).

Business, Economics and Finance in the Pacific Basin


Sponsored by National Taiwan University, the Hong Kong Futures Exchange, the Hong Kong Economic Times, the Hong Kong – America Center, and the University's Faculty of Business Administration, the conference was held at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall from 27th to 28th May.

Academics, government senior officials, chief executives of stock and futures exchanges, directors of research institutes, and practitioners in the financial industry gathered to discuss the economic relations among Pacific Basin countries, business and finance in the area, the banking industry, international investment and portfolio management, futures markets in the region and investment opportunities in China. Among the guest speakers were Mr. Leong Ka Chai, chairman of the Hong Kong Futures Exchange; Mr. Andrew Sheng, deputy chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority; Mr. Ivers Riley, chief executive of the Hong Kong Futures Exchange; Mr. Paul Chow, chief executive of the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong; and Rong-I Wu, director of the Taiwan Institute of Economic Research.
Demonstrations of Cataract Surgery Techniques

Cataract is a major cause of blindness in the territory and two new techniques were introduced to Hong Kong a few years ago to treat patients: phacoemulsification and scleral fixation of the intraocular lens. The former uses an ultrasonic machine to melt the nucleus of the patient’s lens before removing it from the eyeball. The latter enables the implantation of the intraocular lens by sewing it directly to the sclera (the white of the eye) with a special needle and suture.

To promote these two techniques and to provide an opportunity for eye specialists to exchange information on cataract surgeries in Asia, the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences hosted the Third Far East Cataract Surgery Symposium at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from 4th to 7th June.

The symposium was attended by more than 200 experts from 20 countries, who watched demonstrations of cataract surgery televised live to them at the symposium venue. They also practised the new techniques on pigs’ eyes in a hands-on wet lab session.

Autonomy in Language Learning

Over 200 scholars from different parts of the world attended an international conference on autonomy in language learning from 23rd to 25th June. The function was held on the campuses of The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

Sixty-six papers were presented during the three-day conference. Discussion topics were all related to learner autonomy — from multimedia to learner culture, and from directed self-access learning at university to autonomous learning in the secondary school classroom and beyond.

Six experts in the field gave plenary lectures. They were Edith Esch from Cambridge University, David Little from Trinity College in Dublin, Philip Riley of the University of Nancy, Barbara Sinclair of the University of Nottingham, Ken Willing from Macquarie University, and David Nunan from the University of Hong Kong. Themes of their presentations covered the promotion of autonomous learning through materials design and the use of information systems and technologies, selection criteria for appropriate methods, quantifying self-access, and appraising the autonomous learner as researcher, discourse analyst and experimenter.

Chinese Behaviour Under Examination

An international conference on Chinese psychology was organized by the Department of Psychology on campus from 31st May to 2nd June.

Thirty-two leading scholars from seven countries attended the conference, which was probably the largest and most comprehensive of its kind. A total of 27 papers were presented, covering a wide range of topics such as neurolinguistics, visual perception, personality, achievement motivation, learning processes, socialization, consumer psychology, and psychopathology. These papers contained the most up-to-date information and theories about Chinese behaviour, and would certainly help set directions for future research in the subject. A number of major findings were also reported, and they were expected to lead to significant advances in theories about human behaviour in general and the behaviour of the Chinese in particular.

The papers will be included in the Handbook of Chinese Psychology, to be published by the Oxford University Press in 1995.
Sex Role Stereotyping Affects Adolescents

A workshop entitled "'Little Women' and 'Little Men' — Sex Role Stereotyping and Its Ambivalence in the Development of Adolescents" was held on campus on 28th May.

Organized by the Gender Research Programme of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, the workshop set out to examine how sex discrimination could be reinforced and intensified in schools and at home as teachers and parents subconsciously pass onto the younger generation concepts about certain behavioural 'norms' for boys and girls and sex role stereotypes, and how the development of adolescents could be hampered by such concepts.

The function was attended by women groups, academics, and government policy-makers, who actively discussed how adolescents should be taught in an environment free from sex discrimination. Officiating at the opening ceremony was Mr. Lam Woon Kwong, Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower. Speakers included Dr. David Wu, Ms. Lau Wing-man, Mr. Lau Chun-kwok, and Ms. Chan Po-king.

New Academic Programmes

The University Senate has recently approved the establishment of a Department of Mechanical Engineering under the Faculty of Engineering from 1st August 1994 to offer a new programme in mechanical engineering.

The Senate has also approved the introduction of the following new academic programmes:

- Master of Philosophy Programme in Industrial-Organizational Psychology from 1995-96 or 1996-97
- Diploma Course in Management and Business for Bank Officers jointly offered by the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business and the Faculty of Business Administration from 1994-95
- Diploma Course in Advanced Securities Market Analysis offered by the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business from 1994-95, in conjunction with the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong.

421 Awarded Diplomas in Education

The Faculty of Education organized a graduation ceremony for students of the Diploma in Education programmes on 25th June 1994 at the Chung Chi College Chapel. This year a total of 421 graduates received their diplomas from Ms. Poon Suk Han, a winner of the 1993 Outstanding Educator's Awards and guest of honour at the ceremony. Sixty-five of the graduates were one-year full-time students. The others were two-year part-time students.

Staff Tennis Team Proves Invincible

The staff tennis team captured the championship of this year's Shell Cup Staff-Student Tennis Tournament, which took place on 2nd June at the University Sports Centre.

The student team of 1994 boasted an impressive track record: they won the championship of the Hong Kong Post-secondary Colleges Tennis Competition 1994 and the tennis match in the CU-HKU intervarsity competition. One of their team members was also the 1994 champion of the men's singles in the Hong Kong Post-secondary Colleges Tennis Competition.

Undaunted in the face of strong opponents, the staff team put up a heroic fight and surprised all spectators by defeating the students 9:0 in the nine-game match. Dr. K. K. Mark, captain of the staff team, received the Shell Cup from Prof. Joseph Lee, associate dean of medicine, after the competition, and the team celebrated their fifth victory in five years. Team members included Dr. Michael Tam (Physiology), Dr. Augustin Cheng (Microbiology), Dr. Pak-leong Lim (Clinical Immunology), Mr. Yuk-ho Tam (Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care) and Mr. Michael Chan (Information Management Unit).
In Bygone Days of Long Ago

As a continuation of our report in June on recipients of the long service award 1993-94, we now share with you the reminiscences of eight more honorees.

A Little Village Becomes A Metropolitan Community

Rance P. L. Lee,
Sociology Department

Counting in my four years as an undergraduate at Chung Chi, I have spent close to three decades on the Sha Tin campus. Looking back, Ma Liu Shui was a quiet, small, agrarian village with a small and friendly population. Now the campus is full of tall buildings and busy vehicular traffic, and relationships between staff and students and among colleagues have also become more rationalized. As I collect my long service award I cannot help thinking of people and events of the past, especially my mentors Prof. S. L. Wong and Prof. C. K. Yang. Their loving care and guidance have made me cherish the warmth of human relations in a small village all the more. (Translation)

Twenty-fifth Anniversary Sentiments

Lew Kin-keung, University Library System

Flowers bloom and flowers wither, but how much of the past do we remember? It’s been 25 years and our hair is turning grey, yet the time has been well spent.

The automation of the libraries took years, and what fun it was to see old and new facilities interplay! Work was heavy and manuals had to be read at night, and staff had to be retrained. Planning was important too, but the fruit of all these labours was sweet.

As in a river old hands are replaced by new, and there is no end to training. Cooperation has always been happy and there are smiles all around in the libraries. The solidarity among library staff is strong, and Christmas cards from former colleagues now abroad invariably add to our joy.

These are my recollections of 25 years with the ULS, and I rank job satisfaction and great friendship as my greatest rewards. (Translation)
Somewhere My Love

Barbara Boozer,
English Language Teaching Unit

Thinking back to the flight that brought me to Hong Kong on St. Valentine’s day, 1968, to take up my duties at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, I remember that ‘Somewhere My Love’ (“Lara’s Theme” from Dr. Zhivago) was being played on the intercom as the plane circled to land.

I looked down at the islands scattered below as the plane zeroed in on the one built up area — Central District and Kowloon flanking the sides of the narrow harbour. I had visited Hong Kong several times before and been infected by the excitement the ‘colony’ (as it was then referred to) generates. The stirring music prompted me to wonder if this would indeed be the ‘somewhere’ for me.

Now, 26 years later, I feel that even if I eventually leave Hong Kong, it will always be the most important place on earth to me because no other place has ever affected me so deeply. This may simply be because I have spent almost half my life here — and, of course, the most recent half — but I think it is also because of the uniqueness of Hong Kong. Its precariousness, which stimulates the changes needed for survival, also seems to create a special energy that results not only in survival, but also in growth.

In 1968, The Chinese University, which was only five years old, was just about as scattered as the islands. My college, United, was on Bonham Road on Hong Kong side and — there being no MTR or Cross Harbour Tunnel — it was months before I ever visited New Asia College, on Kowloon side, for a Board of Studies meeting, and longer yet before I made the long journey to Ma Liu Shui to find out what was going on at Chung Chi College.

Thinking back to those days, I realize just how much The Chinese University has grown — both in size and stature — and feel very privileged to have been a part of this metamorphosis.

I wish The Chinese University equal growth in the coming quarter of a century and hope that I will be around to see the result.

The Chinese University — My Home

Ling Tat-hung, United College Office

It has been 25 years since I joined United College in 1968. I have always lived on campus, and so the University is my home. As I receive the award I feel greatly encouraged, and I am also grateful for all its kindness to the staff. I hope everyone will play his part in making the University an academic institution of the first rank. (Translation)
An Only Son's Choice
Tam Ping-kwan, Mathematics Department

I am my parents' only child and when I graduated from The Chinese University they were already getting on in years. So I chose to stay with the University and, in these years, have been much pleased by the achievements of many of our graduates. (Translation)

The Wire that Binds Us Together
Kwok Shung-chi, Central Office Support Service

There is this teeming sense of satisfaction every time I put a caller through, or help them to locate the person they want to talk to. (Translation)

Students, Source of My Joy and Worries
Hui Kwan-yu, Chemistry Department

Time flies! It seems just a moment since I started teaching here, and teaching has been my life-long passion! In recent years, I have noticed that the earlier generation of Chinese University students tended to be more hardworking and had a greater desire for knowledge. They would seek opportunities for postgraduate education abroad and indeed many are now successfully holding key positions in various organizations. Students nowadays, I am sorry to say, are not what they used to be, and many of them simply spend too much time on part-time jobs. (Translation)

Lau Oi-wah, Chemistry Department

Chemistry students at the Chung Chi College Foundation Day dinner in 1986. I (wearing dark clothes, in the middle) shall never forget their radiant smiles.
New Head of Chung Chi College
Prof. Rance P. L. Lee, professor of sociology, has been appointed by the University Council as Head of Chung Chi College for four years from 1st August 1994, succeeding Dr. Philip Shen.

Professorial Appointment
Prof. Wing-hung Wong has been appointed professor of statistics from 15th June 1994.

Upon graduation, Prof. Wong joined the University of Chicago as assistant professor of statistics. He was promoted to associate professor in 1985, and chair professor in 1988. He had worked at the University of Chicago for 14 years before joining The Chinese University this summer. Between May and July 1993 he was visiting professor in statistics at CUHK.

Prof. Wong is a member of Sigma Xi, the American Statistical Association and the Royal Statistical Society. He is also a fellow of the Institute of Mathematical Statistics (USA).

Wei Lun Lecture
Dr. Kary B. Mullis, 1993 Nobel Laureate in chemistry, has been invited to visit this university as Wei Lun Visiting Professor. Dr. Mullis will give a lecture on 'Nucleic Acids: From Long Stringy Molecules to the Polymerase Chain Reaction' on Tuesday, 19th July at 4.00 p.m. in lecture theatre L1, Science Centre. All are welcome.

Certificate Courses in Theology
The Theology Division and the School of Continuing Studies will jointly offer one-year elementary, intermediate and advanced certificate courses in theology this October.

Elementary Course
Course contents will include introduction to theology, introduction to New and Old Testaments, Christian history, Christian education, and pastoral care and counselling.

Intermediate Course
Course contents will include theology and society, major themes in New and Old Testaments, Chinese church history, Christian ethics, and counselling and growth.

Advanced Course
Course contents will include New Testament exposition, actualization of Christian faith, God's word in Chinese cultural terms, recent history of Chinese statements of faith.

Those who are interested should apply before 20th August 1994. For further information, please contact the Theology Division (Ext. 6711) or the School of Continuing Studies.

Systems Engineering Department Renamed
Effective from the 1994-95 academic year, the Department of Systems Engineering will be renamed as the Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management to better reflect its curriculum.

Identity Proof at BFC Staff Canteen
To ensure proper usage of the BFC Staff Canteen, the BFC Canteen Management Sub-committee has authorized the caterer to, from 1st July 1994, inspect the staff identity cards (or other valid identity documents) of diners when necessary. Diners are thus reminded to bring their staff ID cards with them to the canteen and be cooperative when requested to prove their identity.

Temporary Closure of BMSB Snack Bar
The Basic Medical Sciences Building Snack Bar will be closed from 18th to 25th July for annual maintenance. It will re-open for service from 26th July.

Places for Resident Tutors at Postgraduate Hall
Applications are invited from single full-time university staff (preference will be given to Executive Officers) for up to two free hostel places (single rooms) in the Postgraduate Hall Complex for the next academic year (September 1994 to mid-June 1995). Successful applicants are expected to take part in the organization and promotion of hostel activities.

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

- The Broken Seals: Part One of The Marshes of Mount Liang, translated by John and Alex Dent-Young, 448 pages, paperback, HK$160.
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Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Mr. Andrew W. F. Wong, lecturer in government and public administration, has been appointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Police Complaints Committee for a period up to 31st December 1995.

- Prof. Yeung Yue-man of the Department of Geography has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Town Planning Board and a member of the Metro Planning Committee of the Town Planning Board from 8th April 1994.

- Prof. Tzong-biau Lin of the Department of Economics has been reappointed by HE the Governor as a member of the Air Transport Licensing Authority for two years from 15th May 1994.

- Prof. Charles K. Kao, vice-chancellor of the University, has been reappointed as a member of the Hong Kong Industrial Technology Centre Corporation for one year from 1st June 1994.

- Dr. Leslie Lo, dean of education, has been nominated by the University to serve as a member of the Hong Kong Examinations Authority from 1st August 1994.

- Prof. John A. Gosling of the Department of Anatomy has been reappointed by the University to serve as a member of the Nursing Board of Hong Kong for three years from 8th September 1994.

- Dr. Cynthia S. Y. Chan, lecturer in community and family medicine, has been appointed by the Hong Kong College of General Practitioners as (a) an honorary clinical supervisor for one year, and (b) an examiner for three years.

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