Groundbreaking Ceremony for School of Public Health

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new School of Public Health took place on 2nd May 1999.

Located at the Prince of Wales Hospital and to be ready by the end of the year 2000, the building of the School of Public Health was made possible by a generous donation of $51 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club. It will have a total floor area of 5,600 square metres, providing academic, computer and laboratory facilities for teaching and research in public health.

The school will strive to improve Hong Kong’s health care system to meet the challenges brought about by ageing and escalating health care costs, and to facilitate the control of communicable and chronic diseases, and the maintenance of occupational and environmental health.

Healthy Ageing Enabled by New Centre

The Orthopaedic Learning Centre of the Faculty of Medicine was officially opened on 26th April.

The centre, located at the Prince of Wales Hospital, is the first of its kind in Hong Kong to train professionals to utilize new technology in the management of various musculoskeletal conditions. It was established with generous donations from Li Ka Shing Foundation Ltd., the estate of Mr. Tang Yuk Wai, and Stryker-Howmedica International.

Equipped with the latest information technology and a bioskill laboratory, this innovative and comprehensive training centre provides hands-on bioskill training for orthopaedic surgeons in specialty areas such as joint replacement, trauma, arthroscopic surgery, microsurgery, spinal surgery, and other essential orthopaedic procedures. It has a closed-circuit video connection to the operation theatre allowing trainee doctors to observe surgery live. It also provides telemedicine facilities for orthopaedic learning to be linked with and delivered to other international centres.

1999 has been designated as the International Year of the Older Person and ageing is often associated with orthopaedic problems such as osteoporosis which lead to fractures, degenerative arthritis, and spinal disorder. With the advent of new technology such as that provided in the centre, however, advanced orthopaedic care is available and ageing in the musculoskeletal system should no longer be a deterrent to an active lifestyle.

Fair Showcases University's Engineering Strength

The Faculty of Engineering organized an Innovation and Technology Fair from 30th April to 1st May to promote better understanding and foster greater collaboration between the faculty and industry.

The fair highlighted the research expertise and accomplishments of the faculty in six areas, namely communication, Chinese computing, internet technology, multimedia, speech and image processing, and intelligent automation. Demonstrations were staged on novel products and processes developed by faculty members. Visitors also had the opportunity to try their hands on some of the innovative systems on display.

Nine to Receive Support from Germany/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme

The following is the list of successful applications by staff of the University for funding support from the Germany/Hong Kong Joint Research Scheme 1999-99:

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Conference Examines Role of German in Asia

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the German Studies Programme at the University, the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies and Goethe-Institut Hong Kong organized a symposium on ‘German as a Second Foreign Language in East Asia — New Horizons’ from 27th to 30th April. The conference was co-sponsored by Chung Chi College, Lufthansa German Airlines, and Bayem Gourmet Food.

The conference covered a wide range of topics including curriculum and course materials, methodology, examinations, learners' motivation, region-specific problems, intercultural learning, and German for specific purposes.

Officiating at the opening ceremony, on the morning of 27th April, were Prof. S.T. Kwok, dean of arts, Mr. Wolfgang Gerez, Consul-General of the Federal Republic of Germany, Dr. Ulrich Sacker, Director of Goethe-Institut Hong Kong, and Prof. Rance P.L. Lee, head of Chung Chi College.
A delegation from the University's Faculty of Arts visited Beijing and Shanghai for academic exchange from 20th to 24th April. The delegation is the largest academic delegation in the arts from Hong Kong to visit mainland institutions since the reversion of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty.

Led by dean of the faculty, Prof. S.T. Kwok, and the three sub-deans, Profs. Archie Lee, Serena Jin, and Chan Wing-wah, it comprised the chairs of several departments in the faculty including Chinese Language and Literature, English, Japanese Studies, Religion, Fine Arts, Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies. The dean and two sub-deans — Prof. S.T. Kwok, Serena Jin and Chan Wing-wah — also represented their respective academic departments, namely History, Translation, and Music.

They visited central government institutions such as the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences; regional institutions such as the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences; major universities such as Peking University, Tsinghua University, East China Normal University, Fudan University; professional or specialized institutions such as Beijing Administrative College, Foreign Affairs College, Central Conservatory of Music, Chinese Academy of Arts, and the Shanghai Administrative Institute. Their itinerary also covered Shanghai Museum and the Ministry of Education.

The trip was, in the words of Prof. S.T. Kwok, a 'preliminary conclusive visit', one which makes an introductory summary of all the existing and previous interfaculty and interdepartmental links of the faculty with the mainland.

The delegates also tried to work out the details and the ways in which 'overall comprehensive interdisciplinary exchange and cooperation' can take place or be enhanced.

The visit to Peking University, with whom the faculty has had many previous exchanges, was in fact an iron out negotiations begun by Prof. Arthur K.C. Li, vice-chancellor of the University, during his Beijing visit in October 1998. Building on this sound foundation the two institutions engaged in more focussed discussion about conducting smaller joint projects that come under the area of Cultural Encounters and Exchange, which has been designated an area of excellence in the Faculty of Arts. A new area for cooperation has also been opened up. Entitled 'Chinese Culture in the New Century', it will not only examine Chinese culture from the viewpoint of the Chinese but also review interpretations of China by foreigners.

An agreement was reached with Fudan University and Tsinghua University to begin a major collaborative research scheme entitled 'Culture, Environment, Business and Human Resources'. Members of the University's Centre for Environmental Studies also participated in the planning of this interdisciplinary research programme as well as part of the visit.

With the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, the faculty explored possibilities of cooperation in three areas. The first is graduate studies — the faculty will act as the academy's facilitator when it eventually recruits students from Hong Kong, and will also help to promote the academy's graduate programmes. The second is faculty journals — the academy has been asked to sponsor the faculty's two journals, one in Chinese and one in English, and its senior academics will serve as advisers as well as

With the Foreign Affairs College, the only institution devoted to the training of diplomats in China, of which Prof. Kwok is the adviser to its Hong Kong Development Research Centre, links began a year and a half ago were confirmed.

With Beijing Administrative College and Shanghai Administrative College, which provide teaching in the humanities and cross-cultural training to civil-servants-to-be on the mainland, discussions were made concerning the joint organization of teaching and special training programmes for their students.

Many agreements were reached with the Chinese Academy of Arts, the most comprehensive institution in China for the study of the Chinese arts. It covers areas including literature, music, and the performing arts from antiquity to present times. At the departmental level, there will be academic visits, lectures, and joint publications between the academy and the CUHK Department of Chinese Language and Literature and the Department of Music. At the faculty level, there will be a major conference on 'Reflections on Chinese Art', the details of which have yet to be worked out. The faculty will also help the academy develop their research resources.

Preliminary discussions have been made and agreement reached on a comparative study of the cultural ecology of Kunming, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Beijing to be conducted by the Department of Modern Languages and Intercultural Studies jointly with Tsinghua University and Fudan University. The study will come under another area of excellence of the faculty, namely, Locality/Globalism. The faculty will lend its expertise to the Central Conservatory of Music in its development of humanities and general education. Regular visits and lectures between the conservatory and the Department of Music were confirmed.

The faculty also met with officials from the Ministry of Education. Prof. Kwok reported that they were delighted to find that the ministry's directions for tertiary education reform were much the same as the faculty's. Its three broad directions were: to broaden the curriculum, promote interdisciplinary study, tailor programmes and courses to better fulfill social and cultural needs.

This fruitful visit to Beijing and Shanghai is in line with the faculty's goals and strategies for the new century. These include developing faculty-based interdisciplinary core courses, revamping of curriculum to keep up with societal changes and cater to the diverse interests of students, concentrating on specific areas of excellence (i.e. localism and globalism; tradition and modernity; culture, environment, business and human resources), and consolidating links with leading academic institutions on the mainland and overseas.
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滋蘭樹蕙答謝會

本校兼全港首批內地本科生共廿八人自去年六月出席答謝會，跟獎學金捐贈者分享他們在中大校園生活的點滴，並向捐贈者致送紀念品，以表謝意。

此外，在答謝會上，中大校長吳恩華教授亦親自向捐贈者表示感謝，感謝他們的慷慨捐贈，使得內地本科生得以順利在中大學習。

建築碩士畢業展

建築學系上月三十日至本月二日在太古廣場大堂舉行建築碩士畢業展，五十四名學生透過各式模型、圖畫和設計作品，展示了他們的學習成果和想像力。

建築學系主任亦表示，建築系的學生會繼續努力，不斷創新，為建築業貢獻力量。

外牆損耗嚴重 不得不維修

大學的建築物在清水牆設計下，外觀美觀，但長期受風雨侵蝕，導致外牆損耗嚴重。為確保校園的安全，校方決定將外牆損耗嚴重的建築物進行修葺。

修葺方法首先測試外牆的素質，如有水泥剝落，則需鑿去該部分的水泥，使露出鋼筋，再加以打磨、防銹，然後修補水泥。頂部懸臂樑則要額外鋪上玻璃纖維網，防止石屎墜下，傷及途人。修葺後，外牆修妥後，才能把含有花崗岩碎的混合飾面塗料噴塗上去。最後再噴上一層透明的硅酮保護層，成為新的外牆飾面，營造一種粗糙、樸實的質感，力求接近清水牆的原貌。

至於顏色方面，委員會認為科學館原來的黑色頂部，吸熱力太強，故改用了灰麻色。

竣工後，委員會和校園計劃及建設委員會對效果表示滿意，後者也同意其餘的清水牆樓宇都可採用類似的修葺方法。換言之，隨後動工的碧秋樓、兆龍樓和中國文化研究所也採用噴石法，色調也選擇了跟科學館相近的灰麻石系列。

科學樓外大翻新

科學樓的翻新工程包括更換地漥、鋪設新的地磚和粉刷等。工程耗資約一千七百萬元，工程於本年年初開始，並於本年七月完成。

科學樓的翻新工程對學生和教職員來說是一大進展，他們表示對翻新工程的結果感到非常滿意。
醫學院新建設

公共衛生學院大樓動土

醫學院公共衛生學院大樓已經動工興建，標誌香港醫療衛生教育及服務將會着重服務素質、公共衛生及疾病預防三方面。

由於人口老化及醫療成本急劇上升，香港的醫療服務面對融資、傳染疾病控制、環境及職業健康等多種挑戰，而預防勝於治療，況且預防疾病所需的資源遠比治療的為少。本校設立公共衛生學院，便可透過提供公共衛生和相關科學的學位課程，人才培訓和諮詢服務，從而改善香港的醫療服務水平。

公共衛生學院大樓位於威爾斯親王醫院，由香港賽馬會慈善信託基金慷慨捐助五千一百多萬港元建造，共有樓面面積五千六百平方公尺，將於明年落成。動土儀式於本月二日舉行，出席嘉賓有衛生署署長陳馮富珍醫生、醫院管理局行政總裁楊永強醫生、香港賽馬會董事艾爾頓先生和李國章校長。

矯形外科及創傷學進修培訓中心開幕

醫學院上月廿六日在威爾斯親王醫院設立全港首個矯形外科及創傷學進修培訓中心，每年可訓練五百名東南亞醫護人員利用最新的科技，處理各種有關矯形外科（骨科）及創傷的疾患。

香港六十歲以上老人佔全港人口的一成，而這個比例正逐漸增加。年齡漸長，人體會出現許多骨骼疾患，如骨質疏鬆引致骨折、關節退化和脊椎退化等。威爾斯親王醫院去年的住院骨科病人當中，便有兩成七是六十歲或以上的老人。

隨著科技及專科的發展，不少骨患現在都可以治療。矯形外科及創傷學進修培訓中心配備最先進的資訊科技及手術技藝訓練室，為骨科醫護人員提供全面而富啟發性的培訓，並讓受訓醫生熟習使用各種先進儀器，減低真正施手術時出錯的可能性。該中心是全球第三個具規模的同類培訓機構，耗資一千五百萬港元成立，由李嘉誠基金會、鄧煜懷家族及 Stryker-Howmedica International 贊助。

工程學院創新科技展覽

為了加深工業界對大學科研的認識，推動雙方的合作，工程學院於四月三十日及五月一日在新 horr 1 樓工程學院舉辦創新科技展覽，展示該院在通訊、中文計算機技術、互聯網技術、多媒體技術、語言及圖像處理、以及智能自動化六大領域的科研成果。

李國章校長在開幕儀式上表示，工業界可利用大學的科研成果獨樹一幟，中大樂意與工業界加強各種形式的合作，推廣科研的應用。

工程學院院長郭少棠教授表示，該院創新科技中心，設立創新科技中心，加強與工業界的聯繫，推動學院與工業界在科研的進一步合作，中心亦有發展為科研成果的商業化中心，以市場为导向，與本地工業合作開發有關高科技技術的產品，並會加強與內地在高科技領域的合作。

設計於可融跨學科的新科技開發合約，並以全港首個矯形外科及創傷學進修培訓中心為基礎，為骨科醫護人員提供全面而富啟發性的培訓，並讓受訓醫生熟習使用各種先進儀器，減低真正施手術時出錯的可能性。

該中心是全球第三個具規模的同類培訓機構，耗資一千五百萬港元成立，由李嘉誠基金會、鄧煜懷家族及 Stryker-Howmedica International 贊助。

國家科技部副部長蒞校訪問

國家科技部副部長徐冠華三月廿五日應李國章校長邀請，在新華社香港分社教科部部長初志農陪同下，蒞校訪問，與李校長會晤，並參觀了地球信息科學聯合實驗室、香港生物科技研究院，以及工程學院的媒體世界實驗室、微型機器人與智能材料實驗室等。

徐冠華副部長是地球信息科學聯合實驗室的特邀顧問，此行是他的第一次到實驗室參觀指導，他並向實驗室主任林琿教授了解該實驗室年多以來的發展和工作方向。

基礎教育研討會

香港教育研究所和教育學院本月一日合辦基礎教育年研討會，以提高教學的素質及推動教育的研究與發展。這項活動是教育學士課程的重要組成部分。

會後，香港教育局官員表示，將會考慮將該實驗室的成果應用於基礎教育，以提高學生的學習效果。