HK$18 MILLION FOR SIX RESEARCH PROJECTS

Six research projects launched by staff of the University have recently attracted grants totalling $18.4 million from the Industrial Support Fund. They are:

- Development of Plasma DNA-based Diagnostic Technology (HK$3,617,000)
  Principal investigator: Prof. Dennis Lo, Department of Chemical Pathology

- OCF - Open Component Foundation (HK$3,715,000)
  Principal investigator: Prof. Wong Kam Fai, Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management

- Chinese Speech Recognition Infrastructure for Hong Kong's Technology (HK$2,230,000)
  Principal investigator: Prof. Ching Pak Chung, Department of Electronic Engineering

- A Smart Wireless Telemetry Systems for Remote Metering Application (HK$1,170,000)
  Principal investigator: Prof. Chan Kam Tai, Department of Electronic Engineering

- Development of Two Potent Novel Antiviral Drugs from Traditional Chinese Medicines (HK$3,280,000)
  Principal investigator: Prof. Vincent Ooi, Department of Biology

- Smart Antenna Technologies for Wireless Communication Systems (HK$4,418,000)
  Principal investigator: Prof. Albert Lau, Department of Electronic Engineering


Top Chemist Lectures on Drug Discovery from Chinese Medicine

Leading expert in traditional Chinese medicine, Prof. Lee Kuo Hoing, gave a Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund Public Lecture entitled 'Structural Modification of Active Principles from Chinese Medicine' on 25th August in the Choi Yiu Conference Hall.

In his lecture, Prof. Lee explained how Chinese medicine provided a broad and profound base for the discovery of new drugs. He shared his experience in applying design-based modification to improve active compounds from Chinese medicine and to generate synthetic analogues with increased drug activity and decreased toxicity.

Prof. Lee is currently Kenan Professor of Medicinal Chemistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the US. He is also director of the Natural Products Laboratory and chair of the Medicinal Chemistry and Natural Products Division of the University of North Carolina, as well as an academician of Academia Sinica.

East Meets West to Discuss Obesity-related Disorders

Being too fat is not just a cosmetic issue. Obesity is a major factor predisposing one to diabetes, high blood pressure, and high blood cholesterol levels—a cluster of diseases called the 'metabolic syndrome'.

In Hong Kong these disorders are rapidly increasing in prevalence with approximately eight per cent of the adult population being diabetic. Research indicates that the overweight criteria for Westerners are too lax for the Chinese. The risk of metabolic syndrome diseases is more than twice as likely in Chinese subjects with the same excessive body fat levels as in Westerners.

The Department of Medicine and Therapeutics brought together local and international experts to discuss related issues at the First Hong Kong Diabetes and Cardiovascular Risk Factors: East Meets West Symposium held on 21st August at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The seriousness of the growing epidemic of diabetes and cardiovascular risk factor-related diseases in Hong Kong and similar affluent Asian communities was highlighted and the key role of obesity emphasized. In keeping with the East meets West theme, the latest high-tech advances in molecular biology were debated side by side by the benefits of traditional Chinese therapies. Over 500 delegates attended despite Typhoon Sam.

Mainland, HK, and Taiwan Students Meet for Cultural Exchange

 Forty-eight students from five 'jiaotong' universities in Taiwan and mainland China visited Chung Chi College from 23rd August to 1st September as part of the student visitor programme organized by the Teaching Development Unit (TDU) on 27th and 28th August.

Starting off with welcoming speeches by Prof. C.B. Harlent, new head of TDU, and Prof. Kenneth Young, pro-vice-chancellor, the programme featured an experience sharing session, during which staff representing the spectrum of faculties spoke to the newcomers on teaching. This was followed by a question and answer session, and group discussions led by experienced faculty members on teaching methods. Visits to the Computer Services Centre and the University Library were arranged for the participants, where they were briefed on the University's service centres, personnel functions, and occupational safety policy.

A separate orientation for 79 new teaching assistants and postgraduate students was also organized on 1st September to prepare them for their new duties.

Nine Chung Chi students visited Peking University from 19th to 26th August to reciprocate the visit paid by mainland students to Chung Chi at the end of last year. These activities were organized under the Beijing/Hong Kong cultural exchange programme. A forum entitled 'Beijing Hong Kong Cultural Exchange at the Turn of the Century' was arranged for the students. There were also visits to famous scenic spots such as the Great Wall and Yibi-Yuan.
Thinking World a Global Trend

Prof. Japhet Law, new Dean of Business Administration, said that going global will definitely be a major direction of the faculty. ‘Our faculty is unique in that we don’t just concern ourselves with Hong Kong, but with the whole world. Our operation depends very much on what other business schools around the world are doing and vice versa whereas other faculties may only have their counterparts across town to consider. Business schools all over the world are thinking globally. We need to do that too. We have to build more permanent working relationships with institutions overseas and perhaps also consider expanding our operating arena,’ he said, adding that definitive plans, however, were still in the making.

China Factor Becomes All the More Relevant

Similarly the faculty will also solidify its links with business schools in mainland China. The Chinese University’s connection with business administration and management training on the mainland dates back to 1980, in the early days of China’s Open Door Policy. It was then that the Chinese government began sending potential business teachers abroad to study so that they could set up business schools upon return to China. Before that time, business administration was little heard of in China. Due to the convenience of proximity, most of them were sent to Hong Kong. And most of those sent to Hong Kong came to the CUHK business school, the oldest in the territory. ‘We’ve always had a close relation with business schools on the mainland just as Hong Kong’s always had a close relation with China. But Hong Kong is now not only close to China, but part of China. The relationship has been formalized. From that perspective, as a business school in China, what responsibility do we have towards our country’s development? We will need to turn our link with China into a more practical collaborative effort in the next few years,’ said Prof. Law.

Open Door Policy for Student Admission Advocated

Prof. Law feels very strongly that business students should cultivate global perspectives and the way to give them more exposure to the world is by letting the world in, so to speak. However the faculty has to work under limitations in this regard, because of the government’s policy of keeping the number of undergraduate students coming from outside Hong Kong at four per cent of the total student population. Prof. Law advocates an ‘Open Door Policy’ and giving free rein to the market. ‘Education should not be done behind closed doors. We don’t have to subsidize international students as much as we do Hong Kong students since they don’t pay taxes here. By levying appropriate tuition fees, we may even be able to recover our costs. Hong Kong students cannot think globally because they interact only with Hong Kong people. It has also affected their contacts which are very important to a business career,’ he said.

The policy also applies to students coming to study from the rest of China. So although the mainland has a great demand for undergraduate and graduate training in business administration and the faculty is in a good position to provide it, it cannot do much because its hands are tied. The faculty’s M.Phil. and Ph.D. programmes operate under a quota of about one non-local for every two local students. Another problem is that as Hong Kong students tend to opt for the more practical MBA route, the enrolment of non-local students has been further limited. Prof. Law said the government is making moves to ameliorate the situation but ‘relatively slowly’.

Past Laurels and Future Challenges

The faculty is the oldest business school in the territory as well as a top one in Asia. Prof. Law believes the major reasons for its success over the last three decades have been its hard work, and dedication. The faculty has had a strong American orientation right from its beginning. The first vice-chancellor of the
University, Dr. Choh-ming Li, previously a business professor at UC Berkeley, recruited people who were familiar with the operation of American business schools to start the faculty. It has developed in that direction ever since. The faculty's early start also meant that it had more working alumni who can support the faculty in various ways. With the emergence of other business schools in the territory, the faculty's success has been less dependent on natural advantage and more on hard work and effort. It has a team of 'genuinely dedicated' staff who are committed to serving not only the faculty and the University but also Hong Kong. Yet running a business school can be tricky. 'Business' and 'school' have very different, if not contradictory, connotations. Some people run business schools like a business and some run it like a school. We have to strike a balance between the two. We are not simply salesmen bluffing our way through. But on the other hand, we shouldn't be overly modest either.' Prof. Law remarked.

Yet why not 30? How did they come up with the magic number 8? 'He queried. To emphasize Collaboration Rather than Competition

The faculty does not have a single competitor in Hong Kong, according to Prof. Law, because, to use his analogy, the schools are simply 'eight brothers using the same granddad's money.' They should collaborate, not compete. So whenever he comes up with an initiative, he tries to get as many 'brothers' involved as he can. He added that if one day, the faculty is surpassed by other business schools in Hong Kong, he would only see it as an opportunity for him to learn. However he feels that at present the government is perhaps not deploying resources in the most effective way by having eight business schools all having similar functions. 'Are there eight different things the government wants us to achieve? How can it segment the needs of Hong Kong society into eight? If it can't, what should it do? One can't just say, "Oh, competition is always healthy."'

Reflections on Road to Deanship

Prof. Law was recruited to help start the Integrated BBA Programme in 1987 after returning to Hong Kong from the US. In 1989, he helped found the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business, which he said was the first of the University's self-financed research institutes with external linkages. He then helped launch the Executive MBA Programme and supervised the undergraduate programme as associate dean, later becoming associate dean of the graduate programme and now faculty dean. During this time, he has followed the faculty's development very closely and, in fact, has grown with the faculty. 'Since my return from the US where I had been in university administration for a long time, my perspective has undergone a great change. Initially I used a very American way of doing things and may have caused some unnecessary conflict at CUHK. [..] As I progressed through the different roles at the faculty, I slowly began to learn how to strike a balance between the Western emphasis on efficiency and the Asian one on effectiveness.'

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• Prof. C.S. Cockram, professor of medicine, has been admitted as a fellow of The Royal Australian College of Physicians from 7th April 1999.

• Prof. Gabor S. Ungvari, associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry, has been admitted as a member of The Royal College of Psychiatrists from 20th April 1999.

• Prof. Yeung Yue-man, professor of geography, has been invited to serve as a member of the Panel on Urban Population Dynamics, formed under the Committee on Population of the US National Research Council, for two years from 1st May 1999.

• Prof. Cynthia Chan, associate professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine, has been invited to serve as an external examiner for the Conjoint Master in Family Medicine Examination of the National University of Malaysia (Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia) and the University of Malaya from 9th to 15th May 1999.

• Prof. Rance R.L. Lee, professor of sociology, has been appointed as visiting professor to the Academy of Social Sciences in Jilin Province from May 1998.

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• Prof. Anne Marie Chang, associate professor in the Department of Nursing, has been appointed as a member of the Expert Subcommittee on Grant Applications and Award (ESGAA) under the Health Services Research Committee (HSRC) from May 1999.

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**1. 本科生於九月十六日出刊。**

2. **中國香港大學的本年度春季正式開學儀式及頒獎典禮（中大迎新）**

3. **春節期間停止開放，九月廿六日回復正常開放時間。**

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锺尚志教授七月一日接替李川军教授出任医学院院长，开列的连串工作计划，都是以促进教学为目的。无论是课程改革、教师教学评估、开展研究，或是建立公共卫生学院和推动远程医疗，都是为了培育优秀的医生服务社会，而这也是锺教授多年来的志向。他十分希望医生仍是中大学生最向往的专科之一、医生专业仍是受港人尊敬的行业。

出任院长，当有更大的发展空间，实践个人的心愿。

锺教授获知当选的即时感觉却是战战兢兢，因为院长不但要对学院和大学负责，更要维持中大医学院是医疗界的良心重任。「中大医学院院长的重任重大，尤其在今日，政府公布了医疗改革顾问报告之后，以及政府正缩减对大学教育拨款之时候。」

学识水平

锺教授表示，政府缩减对大学教育的资助，必然会显著影响医学院的规模。在学院会面临收紧的环境下，教师的学识水平、教师的教学态度，都会受到相当大的影响。

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新亞書院創校五十周年慶祝活動進入高潮。打頭陣的是九月五日在威爾斯親王醫院演講廳舉行的「脊柱裂兒童護理新進展研討會」，由外科學系主辦。

脊柱裂是一種常見的先天性疾病，成因是胎兒脊柱骨在生長初期已閉合不全而引致脊髓神經發育不良。部分病童下肢更會癱瘓和變形，以及出現不同程度的大小便失禁、膀胱功能失控和繼發性腎功能受損等問題。

本校醫學院早前成立了脊柱裂綜合專科診所，集合了相關的專科醫護人員，包括兒童骨科及矯形科、小兒外科、泌尿科和腦外科的醫生，脊柱裂兒童護理專科護士，物理治療師，職業治療師與義肢矯形師等，一起為病童會診，大大提高了護理的效率和素質；而由病童家人組成的家長會，積極參與和投入醫護活動，進一步肯定了社區參與醫護服務的價值。是次研討會則集合兩岸三地的專家，就脊柱裂病童的治療和護理交流最新的發展。

院慶大典：歷代師生同慶
院慶典禮於九月十日下午舉行，舞獅表演後，由新亞書院院長梁秉中教授、輔導主任陳新安教授及院慶主席丘愛平同學致辭，然後是剪綵、切燒豬及祝酒儀式。接著，連串的院慶活動包括千人宴、論壇、歷任院長盃比賽、徵文比賽及環校跑等，紛紛展開，至十月底才結束。

新亞金禧紀念活動早於去年十二月開始，由蜚聲國際的鋼琴家傅聰的演奏會揭開序幕。梁秉中教授說︰「我們籌辦了三十八項活動，為期長達十八個月，橫跨兩個世紀。這次大事慶祝，乃因五十周年有十分重要的紀念意義，最難得的是書院創辦迄今的歷代師生一同參與，到了一百周年，就未必可以歷代齊聚了。」

金禧講座：展現中國文化
梁教授又說，金禧講座是重點的紀念活動，將會舉辦四講。首講將於九月廿四日舉行，由諾貝爾化學獎得獎人李遠哲教授主講「中國文化與教育」；其餘三個金禧講座則會在十、十一及十二月舉行，講者分別是新加坡文化部長楊榮文先生、中大副校長金耀基教授和諾貝爾物理學獎得獎人楊振寧教授，講題環繞中國文化與政治、社會和科學的關係。他指出，四位講者中有兩位是諾貝爾獎得主，另外兩位是舉足輕重的政界人士和學者，而講題以中國文化為中心，大學同人萬勿錯過。

百花齊放：顯現新亞精神
「弘揚中國文化，溝通東西」是新亞書院的創院宗旨，也是金禧誌慶的主題。梁教授希望藉各種紀念活動，讓書院成員體驗新亞精神，把優良的傳統運用於當今情勢。慶祝活動分別由書院、學系/部門/校友會，以及學生三個層面籌辦，共有二十多個研討會，課題包括醫學、安全、文學、圖書館學、生物、藝術、護理等等。

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糖尿病成因及治療研討會

本校的研究發現，西方肥胖或超重的標準並不適用於華人。若體重相同，超重的華人較超重的洋人患上代謝綜合症的機會多兩倍。即使採用西方現行的指標，香港仍有三分一人過重。醫學界把糖尿病、高血壓、高血脂以及癡肥統稱為代謝綜合症。近年來，香港代謝綜合症的發病率急升，百分之八成年人有糖尿病。糖尿病會引發許多併發症，包括中風、心臟病、脾力受損、腎病、陽萎和腎病等，不僅嚴重影響病人的日常生活，也給社會醫療服務帶來很大的負擔。糖尿病患者若同時患有高血壓或高血脂，病情會更加嚴重。而事實上，這種現象在社會中很普遍。

內科及藥物治療學系於上月廿一至廿二日，在香港會議展覽中心新翼召開首屆「糖尿病及心血管疾病危險因素——東西方共同關注」研討會，集合各地專家，一起探討代謝綜合症的中西治療方法。會上述及的課題有糖尿病成因、心血管疾病的危險因素、與糖尿病成因相關的新發現基因、基因突變與代謝綜合症、中醫及西方醫學治療糖尿病的最新進展，以及中藥在現代藥物治療學上的角色。

腐基與兩岸大學生交流

北方交通大學、上海交通大學、西南交通大學、西安交通大學及台灣新竹交通大學共同於八月廿三日至九月一日來港，與廿六名崇基學生交流。這項崇基學院與兩岸交通大學的學生訪問交流計劃，首次讓各所交通大學的學生代表齊聚香港，並就交流主題「訊息交通與擁抱未來」探討資訊科技的發展及其對華人社會、經濟及文化的影响。

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「綠君子活動計劃」獲獎

由崇基學院校園環境委員會學生代表所籌劃的「綠君子活動計劃」，獲得環保署頒發的「學生環保活動獎」，崇基學生代表梁韻姿和伍尚珮分別獲得「環保大使」和「環保大使」的稱號。活動包括六項活動，計為大學生環保意識調查、展覽、戶外工作坊和示範自製再造紙。活動內容包括環境保護意識、社區參與和實踐環保活動。

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