**SIX MORE RESEARCH PROJECTS RECEIVE SUPPORT**

Six research projects initiated by staff members of the University have attracted funding support from different quarters:

- **The Cloning of Two Rat Epididymis-specific Novel mRNAs and Their Potential Roles in Sperm Maturation (US$9,999)**
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Michael S. Rogers (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology)
  
  Sponsor: Rockefeller Foundation (CONRAD Program)

- **Randomized Double-Blind Comparison of Obstetric Outcome after Epidural Labour Analgesia Using Ropivacaine or Bupivacaine (HK$538,171)**
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Agnes S. Y. Chan (Department of Psychology)
  
  Sponsor: Health Services Research Fund

  
  Principal investigator: Dr. Angela Y.M. Wang (Department of Medicine and Therapeutics)
  
  Sponsor: Health Care and Promotion Fund

- **To Assess the Predictive Value of Ultrasonic Assessment of Umbilical Cord Morphology for Intrapartum Foetal Distress (HK$591,996)**
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Michael S. Rogers (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology)
  
  Sponsor: Health Services Research Fund

- **Using Ropivacaine or Bupivacaine in the Early Diagnoses and Cognitive Interventions in Patients with Alzheimer’s Disease (HK$38,171)**
  
  Sponsor: Health Services Research Fund

- **Novel Technologies for High-Performance Vibration Damping and Compact Motion-Stages for Electronics Manufacturing Equipment (HK$520,000)**
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Liao Wei Hsin (Department of Mechanical and Automation Engineering)
  
  Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund

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**GLOBAL WORKPLACE™**

**CUMBA Alumni Enjoy Exclusive Job Opportunities**

The University’s MBA Programme is now a member of Global Workplace (www.global-workplace.com), an online senior executive appointment service available exclusively to the MBA alumni of the participating business schools in the Global Workplace alliance.

Originating from Workplace launched by the London Business School in 1997, Global Workplace aims at globalizing the job market for business graduates. The service provides recruiters and applicants with access to their counterparts across the globe via the Internet, thus bridging the world’s most qualified business brains and the best opportunities available. The Faculty of Business Administration at The Chinese University is the only business school in Hong Kong invited to join the alliance.

The vision of Global Workplace is to provide an exclusive appointment network to the alumni of the world’s premier business schools, contribute to the advancement of their professional careers, and reinforce the relationship between alumni and their schools. The service is run from a password-protected website, accessible only by alumni and corporate contacts of the partner business schools. The site allows users to search from different quarters:

- To find the alumni pool of 150,000 and put them directly in touch with the companies.
- To find the 400 employers worldwide who have registered as the users of the site, including Arthur Andersen, Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi, Coca-Cola, and Hewlett-Packard.

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**MBA Programmes Strong as Ever**

**Number One in Hong Kong and Among Top Six in Asia**

The 5th May 2000 issue of Asiascope carries a survey of the best MBA Schools in Asia (including Australia and New Zealand). MBA programmes offered by The Chinese University have attained extremely high rankings in the survey: all three programmes ranked first in their respective categories for Hong Kong; the Part-time and Executive MBA Programmes came second in their categories for Asia, while the Full-time MBA Programme came sixth.

The ranking criteria adopted by Asiascope included student selectivity, faculty resources, graduate outcome, school academic reputation and linkages etc. The schools in Asia were asked to rate one another. Top international MBA institutions such as the Wharton School in the US and some 130 top corporations in Asia were also asked to grade the schools. Extra points were awarded to those that require students to have working experience, and-to those with teachers serving as consultants or as former corporate executives in big companies.

The CUHK Faculty of Business Administration established the first MBA programme in Hong Kong in 1966. It is one of the first two Asian business schools to have been accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business — the International Association for Management Education (AACSB-IAME) in 1999. It is also a member of the Programme in International Management (PIM), a consortium of leading business schools around the world in the pursuit of student exchanges and other collaboration.

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**New Hotel School Amasses Support from Industry**

An advisory committee for the University’s School of Hotel Management was inaugurated on 5th May at The Regent Hong Kong. The committee’s membership boasts some of the top players in the tourism, hospitality, and real estate industries, including representatives from Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts, The Peninsula Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Tourist Association, Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, and The Federation of Hong Kong Hotel Owners Ltd. It is chaired by Mr. Randolph F. Guthrie, chief executive of Ocean Park Hong Kong, and will provide valuable guidance to the School in the course of its development into a regional centre of excellence in hotel management.

On the same occasion, the School of Hotel Management announced the launch of its summer internship programme for its undergraduate students, and its plans to organize an executive training programme in collaboration with the Hong Kong Hotels Association. Both projects have been fully supported by the local tourism and hospitality industry.

The School of Hotel Management was established in 1997 and admitted its first batch of undergraduate students in 1999.
The Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award 1999

Six teachers from different disciplines were presented with the Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award 1999 by none other than Prof. Arthur K. C. Li, the vice-chancellor himself, at an award presentation ceremony held on 26th May in Lecture Theatre 1 of the Mong Man Wai Building. Held for the first time in the University, the award is set up specifically to reiterate the University's firm commitment to quality teaching and to give open recognition to outstanding teachers. In his message in the programme of the event, Prof. Li described the six honorees as 'some of the best loved and most respected teachers on our campus...[who] have stood the test of peer reviews, course evaluations, and other forms of assessment; they have won the admiration of their colleagues and the hearts of their students; they teach by example and are an example to other teachers; they have been highly outstanding in a profession that requires commitment, patience, dedication, and a lot of love.'

At the presentation ceremony, Prof. Li also pointed out that teaching is integral to the life of a university. He called for continued support from all quarters to help identify outstanding teachers who deserve open recognition and to introduce more measures to encourage excellence in teaching at The Chinese University.

Each awardee received a gold medal and a certificate of merit, and all six were invited to give a short speech after receiving their awards. Here's what they said on the occasion about teaching and being teachers.

Prof. David Christopher AHLSTROM
Faculty of Business Administration (Management)

Thank you for this award. I greatly enjoy teaching at The Chinese University. I have been teaching at CU for four years. Before that I taught at Rutgers University and New York University, and tutored students from some of the Ivy League universities. I can honestly say that students here at CU are among the best I have ever taught. They are very hard-working and seldom complain about the workload or marks. I think there is always a good feeling in my class due to the students' willingness to learn, their excellent efforts, and their good sense of humour. My students make the teaching job easy for me. I have learned a lot from them too — every day I learn something new about Hong Kong or China, and I am grateful for that opportunity. I dedicate this award to my students, and to my wife Serene, who is a great help to me in everything. Thank you.

Prof. LEE Chi Kin, John
Faculty of Education (Curriculum and Instruction)

I honestly say that students here at CU are the best and most important writer in Chinese literature. She was a popular writer with enduring appeal, whose work has inspired successive generations. As a young woman in her mid-twenties, she wrote her most acclaimed stories in Japanese-occupied Shanghai. The popularity of these works has seen major revivals in Taiwan and Hong Kong, and since the 1980s, in the Chinese mainland where her work had been banned. When she died in 1995, she had achieved near-cult status. Thank you for this award. I greatly enjoy teaching at The Chinese University. I have been teaching at CU for four years. Before that I taught at Rutgers University and New York University, and tutored students from some of the Ivy League universities. I can honestly say that students here at CU are among the best I have ever taught. They are very hard-working and seldom complain about the workload or marks. I think there is always a good feeling in my class due to the students' willingness to learn, their excellent efforts, and their good sense of humour. My students make the teaching job easy for me. I have learned a lot from them too — every day I learn something new about Hong Kong or China, and I am grateful for that opportunity. I dedicate this award to my students, and to my wife Serene, who is a great help to me in everything. Thank you.

Workshop on the Development of Ecological Villages

About 40 environmental scientists, water and soil conservationists, and government officials from various parts of mainland China and Taiwan attended an intensive workshop entitled 'Ecological Village 2000' from 9th to 13th May at the University. The event was jointly organized by the Centre for Environmental Studies and the Department of Geography to discuss rural sustainable development and ecologically-sound agricultural practices.

New Asia 50th Anniversary Symposium on Care for Cancer Patients

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Doctors, nurses, therapists, social workers, and other personnel involved in the care of cancer patients were affected by cancer of the bones and soft tissues participated in the symposium on 'Hospice Care and Palliative Management', jointly organized by New Asia College and the Society for Promotion of Hospice Care on 2nd May at New Asia College. The event was part of the programme of the Third Asia Pacific Musculoskeletal Tumour Society Meeting and marked the first time the society had extended the realm of care beyond the hospital to include patients who are dying and may need hospice care and support. The symposium was also part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of New Asia College.
Prof. LIEW Soung Chang  
Faculty of Engineering (Information Engineering)  

Prof. Liew Soung Chang believes that effective teaching is similar to effective leadership. Teachers should decide what students should learn, but since it is impossible for anyone to learn everything there is to learn, teachers have to maintain a fine balance between teaching fundamental versus practical materials. Students may not always be naturally motivated, so teachers must try to convince them that the materials they teach are worth learning, and to arouse their interest by making the contents interesting and relevant to their lives. Teachers should also empathize with their students and respect their feedback. Pitfalls to avoid include overestimating students' abilities and trying to please every individual in the class. To ensure that students reach preset teaching and learning targets together with them, teachers can devise a course of action to closely monitor their progress and elicit feedback. Although there is a lot to teach, teachers should try not to overload the course. Most importantly they should instill in their students the spirit and habit of continuous learning. Learning should not be confined to courses and semesters but should be a lifelong process.

Prof. LEUNG Sing Fai  
Faculty of Medicine (Clinical Oncology)  

I must say that I cannot take all the credit for this award, because teaching in the Faculty of Medicine is the collective effort of all colleagues and I only contribute a very small part in the teaching. But I would like to share with you some thoughts and feelings about being a clinical teacher of medicine in the year 2000. There are several important new issues in the current-day practice of medicine. The first is the explosion of information, the second is the cutback of resources for medical service, and the third is the distrust between the health care professional and the patient. Sufficient attention should be paid to address these issues. We need to train our students' ability to set priorities, to distinguish between the more important and the less important. We need to teach them how to respect human dignity and how to foster a trusting relationship between the doctor and the patient. Since dignity cannot be digitized to become an objective result, we need to train our students to apply what they have learnt to life outside the medical field. As for teaching, the greatest reward of all is the chance to teach. I would like to take this award as a constant reminder of this privilege and my inadequacy in this regard.

Healthy Schools Programme  
WINS AWARD AT EXPOSITION  

The University’s Healthy Schools Programme took part in an exposition organized by the Quality Education Fund from 7th to 10th April. The Programme’s booth was visited by the Acting Chief Executive of the HKSSR, Mrs. Anson Chan, who was briefed on the latest activities of the programme for health promotion. The booth also came second in the exposition’s Best Booth Award.
HKIAPS New Publications

Occasional Paper No. 108
Re-visiting Hong Kong Paradise: A Study of Japanese Net Surfers

Written by Sidney C.H. Cheung and Mitsuo Kawaguchi, this paper investigates some of the changes occurring among Japanese net surfers who are interested in Hong Kong society. For authors, the significance of studying a computer-mediated virtual community located on the net lies in the challenge it poses to understanding the meaning of culture from distant tribes to transnational settings, and also the social relations among middle-class youths in Asian countries who have borderless lifestyles brought about by globalization. The authors examine a bulletin board called HonPara that was popular among the Japanese, and find that as time passed, there were obvious changes in subscriber behaviour: subscribers began to establish formal associations with one another rather than maintaining the virtual community on the net.

ISBN 962-441-108-5, paperback, 26 pages, HK$15

Occasional Paper No. 109
Globalization and the New Urban Challenge

At the beginning of a new century, several major urban trends can be noted, along with several tendencies that are likely to shape the urban future. Written by Yeung Yue-man, this paper examines the emergence of a new global economy, in which the role of cities has heightened and cities are differentiated by their success or failure in capitalizing on new opportunities. Under the forces of globalization, cities all over the world have displayed a certain degree of convergence; their roles — cultural, political, and economic — have also changed. As the world prepares for a more urbanized and globalization future, knowledge and the ability to generate and disseminate knowledge are what thriving cities aspire to acquire.

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粵語的研究、教育及文藝創作

粵語的重要不容忽視

由於種種原因，香港有一部分家長總認為講好英語比粵語重要。其實，若他們的子女粵語發音不準而不知自覺要改善，便難以掌握正確的英語發音。

粵語研究中心

該中心的粵語研究、教育及文藝創作計劃前三年成果豐碩，並獲政府與民間團體推動大學粵語普話語以十三個同期交流，但須增強粵語。因為香港粵語區大，大部分居民以粵語為母語，而粵語根據本人生及上下文，加上母語發音，便是個體認同的基礎。

粵語發音的問題，及粵語發音不準 INSERTED: 參觀者及通過虛擬現實的手套、可讓人感覚到「力」的電腦遊戲操縱桿，以及互動機器人等。該系師生負责任示範和講解，並跟參觀者分享他們的教研經驗。

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粵港跨境水質保護研討會

環境研究中心與廣東省環境科學學會上月五至六日在大學行政樓祖堯堂合辦「粵港跨境水污染控制與水質保護研討會」，集合兩地六十多名水質專家、政府官員、綠色團體代表和議員，商討解決跨境水質污染的方法。

粵港跨境的重要水體包括珠江口、大鵬灣、後海灣和東深供水系統，二十多名兩地在會上介紹各自在跨境水污染控制與水質保護的研究成果、管理經驗和政策意見，涉及兩地水域動力模擬與水質模型、水體營養與濕地、保護紅樹林、水生態與毒性學，以及環境及法律環境保護模擬與政策。

在環境保護方面，粵港兩地政府有正式的反應渠道。是次研討會獲裘槎基金會贊助，以學術機構和民間專業團體的名義舉辦，方便各方人士就如何保護跨境水質自由發表意見，增強彼此的了解，達至充分交流的目的。

會上達成最重要的一點共識是：香港與珠江三角洲唇齒相依，就環境和水資源方面本來就是一個不可分割的整體，兩地加強協調和統一管理是解決環境問題的根本出路。

中藥優良生產管理規範研討會

傳統中藥要進行大規模生產及開拓國際市場，須依從優良生產管理規範（GMP）。中醫中藥研究所及香港生物科技研究院上月五日在逸夫書院大講堂合辦「中藥的優良生產管理規範實際經驗研討會」，集合政府官員、學界及業界人士，探討中藥如何達至優良生產管理規範。

中醫中藥研究所管理委員會主席梁秉中教授和政府工業署科技發展部高級生物科技主任利德裕博士在會上致辭，台灣財團法人製藥工業技術發展中心企劃處經理林嘉明先生論述「台灣中藥GMP的執行及實例」，保心安藥廠有限公司董事梁自迅先生及技術顧問郭文茵博士探討如何「解決澳洲TGA的部分問題」，香港生物科技研究院署理院長鄺志威博士則分析「執行中藥GMP的困難」。

市民滿意「一國兩制」的實踐

香港亞太研究所兩年前開始每半年調查香港市民對「一國兩制」實踐的意見，最新一次於四月下旬進行，結果與對上一次的相若。市民仍較相信「一國兩制」在香港得到落實，以及「一國兩制」的經驗對兩岸和平統一有正面作用。另有越來越多人表示自己是中國人多於香港人，比率上升至百分之卅七，而表示自己是香港人多於中國人的仍過半數，但已下降為百分之五十三。

較多市民滿意特區政府處理言論和集會自由的表現，對其在經濟、大陸與香港關係、香港與台灣關係和民主政治發展方面則不滿者多，最不滿的三個施政範疇為房屋、教育和福利。這部分的調查結果與上次的十分相似，顯示過去半年來，香港市民對特區政府各項施政的滿意度仍在低位徘徊。

廉政公署的表現仍令市民最感滿意，特區政府的整體表現及特首董建華的表現則令市民最不滿，惟市民對八項調查指標的不滿情緒較半年前稍微減退，反映特區政府各個機構的表現有所改善。

市民對香港的經濟前景較半年前審慎，而對政治前景的看法則變化不大。受訪者對中國政治前景和經濟前景信心略減，整體仍頗為樂觀，尤其於經濟方面，並滿意中央政府在處理經濟發展表現。

四月份消費信心急降

根據經濟學系關焯煒教授的四月份「市民對香港經濟現況評價」調查，市民的消費情緒及信心均下滑，並波及本地零售及地產行業。四月份的消費者信心指數急降至97.8，為今年低位，比三月份下降了7.5，說明股市下挫明顯減弱市民對家庭財務及未來經濟發展的信心；而消費者情緒指數也下降至99.1，比三月份下降了4.2，顯示市民對經濟情況及整體經濟前景轉趨悲觀。
六名教師獲首屆校長模範教學獎

六名教師因教學表現卓越而獲李國章校長嘉許，並奪得首次頒發的校長模範教學獎。

一九九九年度校長模範教學獎頒授典禮，於上月二十六日在蒙民偉樓一號演講廳舉行，由校長主持。獲獎者為工商管理學院管理學系教授David C. Ahlstrom、工程學院資訊工程學系教授Giovanni B. Moneta、教育學院課程與教學學系教授李子健、社會科學院心理學系教授Giovanni B. Moneta、醫學院腫瘤學系教授梁承暉、理學院化學系教授李偉基。

他們各獲足金金牌一面和獎狀一張，並於頒獎禮上表述得獎感受，詳情見本期英文版第二及第三頁。

全日制本科生就業率高
平均月薪約一萬三千元

本校一九九九年度全日制本科畢業生（不包括醫科及護理學畢業生）就業調查結果顯示，截至去年底，已就業的學生為百分之七十七點九，繼續升學者百分之十八點五，只有百分之三點四仍在尋找合適工作，這比率較一九九八年的百分之六點九為低。

調查於去年十一月至今年一月進行，回應率為百分之七十五點一。根據調查結果，畢業生加入工商界的比率最高，達百分之六十九，大部分就職於本地的中小型企業；而加入教育界的有百分之十八點八，社會及公共服務界的百分之九點三，政府部門為百分之三。

五個最多畢業生服務的行業為教育（百分之十五點二）、電腦工程及程式設計（百分之十四點五）、市場推廣（百分之十二點八）、行政管理（百分之八）及會計（百分之七）。

他們的月薪介乎五千元至三萬五千二百八十五元，平均月薪為一萬二千七百三十九元，月薪中位數則為一萬一千七百元。而受聘於渴求甚殷的電腦工程學術領域者，最高月薪為二萬三千一百四十元，較上一年增加逾百分之八。

繼續升學的比率由一九九七年起便持續上升，九八年有百分之十三點六，九九年為百分之十八點五，顯示更多畢業生希望取得更高的學歷。

另，會計學院調查發現其應屆畢業生平均每人獲三大會計師行職位的聘書一點七份，反映該院畢業生維持優異的競爭力。

商管管理碩士課程與世界頂尖的商學院組成Global Workplace聯盟，為聯盟內各商學院共十五萬名校友提供網絡求職服務。中大是參與聯盟的唯一本地大學。

這個聯盟旨在聯繫世界各地優秀的商學院，協助畢業生尋覓合適工作。中大加入聯盟後，工商管理碩士課程校友得以擴闊求職領域，免費從四百多家知名跨國公司的職位中尋覓能盡展所長的職位。

Global Workplace源自於英國倫敦商業學院一九九七年所創立的Workplace，現則由全球十六所著名商學院聯合製作，主要提供高級行政人員空缺的資料。網址為www.global-workplace.com。