**HUMAN NUTRITION EXPERT LECTURES ON STARVATION**

Prof. Christian Jeya Henry, professor of human nutrition at Oxford Brookes University in the UK, delivered a lecture entitled ‘The Biology of Human Starvation: Lessons for the 21st Century’ at the University on 26th September. The lecture is a Royal Society Kan Tong Po Visiting Professorship Public Lecture.

Prolonged starvation has formed a part of religious ceremonies for centuries. The history of man is in large part a chronicle of his quest for food. Hunger, or fear of it, has played a major role in shaping human destiny. From a biological perspective, the study of starvation provides great insights into the limits of human adaptation. In the lecture, Prof. Henry reviewed the various studies of human starvation over the centuries, and described the mechanisms by which the human body adapts to food deprivation. He also presented new ideas on the biology of starvation and illustrated the individuality of the response to starvation.

Prof. Henry is the Head of Food Sciences and Nutrition at Oxford Brookes University and a research fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. His major research interests are food/nutrient interactions, energy and protein metabolism, human growth, and refugee nutrition. He was instrumental in initiating a food fortification programme for refugees living in Malawi.

**Biomedical Engineers Visit CUHK**

A delegation of 20 leading biomedical engineering experts from the US, UK, and France on the People to People Ambassador Program visited the University on 18th September on their way to mainland China. A workshop on biomedical information engineering was organized on the same day by the Department of Electronic Engineering of the University. The function was sponsored by the Biomedical Division of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers, co-sponsored by the CUHK Faculty of Engineering, and technically co-sponsored by the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society. Members of the delegation discussed with Hong Kong’s biomedical engineers the latest developments in the field.

Founded in 1956 by the then US president Dwight Eisenhower, People to People Ambassador Programs aim at promoting friendly relations among all countries through scientific, professional, and technical exchange. The exchanges focus on specialized disciplines within the fields of medicine, law, agriculture, business, life science, education, sport, and the basic sciences.

**Mushroom Expert in Africa**

Prof. Chang Shu-ting, emeritus professor of biology and director of the International Centre for Mushroom Biotechnology, visited the African states of Tanzania, Zambia, Lesotho, Malawi, and Namibia in July and August. In his capacity as a consultant to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Prof. Chang has been providing these countries with the knowledge and expertise required to establish cottage- and industrial-scale cultivation facilities for mushrooms both as a high-value food source and as a feedstock for the manufacture of dietary supplements. During his stay in Namibia, Prof. Chang took part in the proceedings of the Southern Africa Development Community Summit 2000 held in Windhoek, which was attended by the heads of state and prime ministers of 14 southern African countries. He also had the chance to discuss his vision of mushroom farming in Africa with Bakili Muluzi, the president of Malawi, on his visit to that country.

**School of Journalism and Communication Celebrates 35th Anniversary**

Over 20 scholars and experts from seven overseas countries joined scores of local academicians and journalists at Cho Yiu Hall on campus from 24th to 26th for the International Conference on Communication Frontiers in the New Millennium, held in celebration of the 35th anniversary of the CUHK School of Journalism and Communication. Pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kenneth Young officiated at the opening ceremony of the conference.

Among the participants were famous figures in the field such as Everett M. Rogers, James Curran, David Weaver, Youichi Ito, and Oliver Boyd-Barrett. They presented papers and discussed important topics including journalism and communication education, impact of information technology on the media industry, impact of information technology on users, e-commerce, new media and culture, and press freedom in post-1997 Hong Kong.

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**More Support for CUHK Research Projects**

Six more research projects undertaken by staff members of the University have attracted sponsorship from the Innovation and Technology Fund and the Quality Education Fund:

- **Innovation and Technology Fund projects:**
  - A Multilingual Digital Video Content Hub (HK$5,980,000)
  - Principal investigator: Prof. Michael R. Lyu (Department of Computer Science and Engineering)
  - Co-investigators: Jerome Yen, Wong Wing-shing, and Vincent Shen

- **Hong Kong IP Multicast Initiative (HK$7,788,000)**
  - Principal investigator: Prof. Jack Lee Yin-bun (Department of Information Engineering)
  - Co-investigator: Prof. Chen Lian Kuan

- **Development of Compound Formulation Products of GMP Standard Consisting Danshen from Zhongjian, Sichuan, and Sanqi from Wenshan, Yunnan (HK$1,490,000)**
  - Principal investigator: Prof. K. P. Fung (Department of Biochemistry)

- **Open Secure Time-stamping Platform for E-commerce and Protection of Intellectual Properties (HK$4,757,000)**
  - Principal investigator: Prof. To Cho-ye (Department of Community and Family Medicine)

- **Early Childhood Environmental Education and Teacher Training (HK$228,160)**
  - Subcontractor: St. Joan of Arc Primary School
  - Principal investigator: Prof. John Lee Chi-kin (Department of Curriculum and Instruction)

- **Quality Education Fund projects:**
  - Utilization of Neuro-cognitive Science for the Improvement of Language Education of Hong Kong (HK$22,783,900)
  - Principal investigator: Prof. To Cho-ye (Department of Community and Family Medicine)

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Chinese Language Centre Presents Outstanding Teaching Award 2000

Mrs. Hsi-ching Chou Dolfin was the recipient of the 1999-2000 Outstanding Teaching Award of the New Asia-Yale-in-China Chinese Language Centre.

The award has been established by the centre to give recognition to distinguished instruction. Criteria for nomination include course evaluation results, contribution to teaching, participation in community services, and professional conduct. The winner has to receive at least half of the votes cast by all teaching staff.

The award presentation ceremony was held on 2nd September in Fong Yun Wah Hall, with Prof. Ambrose King, pro-vice-chancellor, as the officiating guest. Mrs. Dolfin has been a member of the centre for nearly 30 years, eight as head of the Putonghua Division.

A Canadian Summer for Student Teachers

Fifteen second-year B.Ed. (Language Education) students took part in a five-week summer immersion programme at Brandon University, Canada in June. The programme is run by Brandon University to provide student teachers of English an opportunity to understand the cultures of English-speaking countries and the educational practices in Canada, and to promote their competence in using English as a means of communication. Apart from workshops, lectures, and presentations, there were visits to schools and cultural and scenic spots as well as home-stay with Canadian families. The students also had the opportunity to visit a Hutterite Colony and a Canadian native community.

New Department Heads Series

Capitalizing on Regional Connections to Achieve International Standing

New Chairman of Department of Finance Unfolds Plans and Ambitions

Somewhere in the humble vinyl-tiled offices of the Leung Kau Kui Building is housed one of the top departments of finance in Asia. Well known in local and overseas academic circles for its expertise in Hong Kong, China, and Asian issues, the department's research output is published in the top academic journals, and its curriculum, which covers practically every particular specialism in the financial services industry, never fails to attract the best students in each year's intake.

Interface with the Community

Prof. Paul McGuinness, who has just returned to the University after a three-month stint as Head of Research at the Securities and Futures Commission on approved leave from the University, is the new chairman of that department. He said his predecessors had done a great job in building up a strong base in terms of teaching and research, and the next critical venture would be to improve the department's interface with the community by enhancing the applied aspect of its research so that it can serve as a resource centre for diverse parties. The ambition is that the various regulatory bodies, the exchanges, and the government will turn to The Chinese University first for advice and help when handling key financial issues.

Research Orientation

The department has always performed well in research and in the last few years or so, there has been a trend to focus on Hong Kong, mainland China, and Asia. This orientation is what distinguishes the department from its counterparts in the territory, and in fact, Prof. McGuinness remarked, the department can justly claim to be an expert group on China and Asian issues.

"Many finance academics in Hong Kong simply focus on North America, London, or Europe because those are perceived to be the bigger markets. That's a mistaken policy I think. We in Hong Kong cannot compete with the Americans in their own markets because there are so many top class universities that are actually in the US dealing face to face with these issues. The same goes for Europe. We should prime ourselves for the local, Chinese, and Asian markets where we have contacts and good networks, and let that infuse the research we do," he said.

New Elements in the Curriculum

On the teaching front, the department will expand its curriculum to cover the whole spectrum of financial services. A new undergraduate programme in insurance will be launched in the 2001-2 academic year. Insurance is a very big area that needs large amounts of new blood with the right training, but as Prof. McGuinness pointed out, it has hitherto been neglected by the universities in the territory. At the same time, further developments will be made in the direction of quantitative finance especially financial engineering, with contributions from the Faculty of Science. Prof. McGuinness said employers in the territory are demanding more graduates with a strong quantitative orientation.

Another key development which is at the faculty level is the new part-time MBA programme run by the Chinese University's Faculty of Business Administration at Tsinghua University, for mainland Chinese students, which will have a very strong finance concentration. Prof. McGuinness believes it will help to consolidate the University's, the faculty's, and the department's position in mainland China.

E-commerce has been one of the hottest topics in town over the past year, affecting every aspect of finance. It will certainly be integrated into the department's curriculum. However Prof. McGuinness warned that critical judgment must be exercised when teaching the subject because many of the models that are used for an e-commerce company are radically different from the traditional models. He believes it is a 'great mistake' to depart from the fundamentals because the new valuation models for e-commerce are not yet backed by theory. He said, 'Though e-commerce is a major trend in the market, one shouldn't get too carried away. The essentials of finance remain the same; it's the mode of delivery and presentation of business that have changed. Financial and business risks still need to be measured properly.'

Prof. McGuinness would like to see the department's undergraduates focus more on the financial markets, and read more widely the financial press to balance out classroom teaching, which can be a little textbook-oriented. However he admitted that it is hard to encourage them to explore their minds when they are over-burdened with assignments, projects, and exams.

Training and Consultancy Services

Besides teaching and research, another key issue at the department is executive training and consultancy, which are effectively done through the Asia-Pacific Institute of Business (APIB) under the faculty. Many staff of the department are involved in programmes under the APIB which essentially has many connections with the outside world. Since 1994, the department has run a diploma programme on Advanced Securities Markets Analysis for business executives. Starting out as a joint venture between the APIB and the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, the programme will become a partnership project between the APIB and the Hong Kong Securities Institute in the year 2001. And Prof. McGuinness has been the director of this successful programme since its inception.

In Need of a Facelift

Having served as acting chairman of the department last year, Prof. McGuinness said that was good preparation for the challenges he will face in the year ahead as chairman. He is grateful for the support of his colleagues, and feels lucky to have a department that has a good atmosphere and excellent morale. There is one thing, however, that he wants to see changed, and that is the appearance of the BA Faculty's building. "Our facilities at the moment belie our standard. Top class departments of finance around the world look very impressive. If we want to compete with the top departments, we've got to at least enjoy surroundings that reflect this. If you go into an organization that claims to be something, the first thing you'll see on the floor is a carpet. It is difficult to promote ourselves particularly in the community when the appearance of our furnishings fails to match the standard of the teaching, research, and the training we provide," he said.

The department may be relocated to new premises over the next few years, by the end of which it will have looks that are more telling of the essential fittings: the first-class faculty it houses.

Piera Chen
Though Chinese glass made its first appearance around the Zhou period, it was not until the early Qing dynasty that development of this medium proceeded in earnest. Throughout the three consecutive reigns of Kangxi, Yongzheng, and Qianlong,朝,是中國玻璃製造的高峰時期,由清宮造辦處玻璃廠製作的玻璃器水平極高,數

A web-based teaching platform consisting of the following three interrelated tools was launched in late August. These tools should render the application of advanced information technologies in teaching and learning easier.

**A Web-based Teaching Platform Awaits You**

- **A Web-based Teaching Platform**—A University-wide Index Page Listing Web-based Courses
  - This tool provides a University-wide index page listing all available web-based courses at the University and the links to their online course materials. Teachers can publicize the URL links of their courses here so that their students can quickly locate the course materials. To find out how to use it, visit http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/itsc/learning/webteaching/

- **CU Forum**—A Tool for Hosting Discussion Forums and Sharing of Files and URL Links
  - CU Forum is developed by the Information Technology Services Centre for teachers looking for a simple web-based teaching tool. With CU Forum, teachers can specify topics to be discussed, post course materials for the class to download, and share websites with the class. To open a forum for your class, visit http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/itsc/learning/cuforum.

  For more information and enquiries, contact the Web-based Teaching and Learning Support Team by e-mail (learning-help@cuhk.edu.hk) or visit their central web page (http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/web/).

**Corrigendum**

In the news article “More Care for Children of Divorcing Parents”, carried in the 4th September issue (No. 168) of this Newsletter, the principal investigator of the study on the impact of marital well-being on children’s psycho-social well-being should have been “Prof. Miranda Chung.”
Information in this section can only be accessed with CWEM password.

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新聞及傳播學院慶祝創院廿五周年，於七月廿五及廿六日在澳門舉行「新紀元傳播新領域」國際學術會議。二十餘名外國著名學者和專家應邀出席，與本地學者及新聞工作者交流研討。閉幕儀式由副校長楊國良教授主持。在會上發表論文的國際著名學者有Everett Rogers, James Curran, David Weaver, Oliver Boyd-Barrett, Ito Youichi。

會議研討的重要課題包括未來的傳播學研究、傳播教育的新方向，全球化、多元文化社會中的傳播學教育及研究等。這些課題將為將來的傳播學教育和研究提供參考。

初級高級文青年文學獎

由文學院主辦的第一屆「新紀元全球華文青年文學獎」評審結果已於九月十八日公布，本校五名學生獲獎。比賽於本年五月截稿，經過嚴謹的初審及複審程序，再由文壇及譯壇名家余秋雨、林林(散文組);王蒙、白先勇、齊邦媛(短篇小說組);余光中、高克毅、楊憲益(文學翻譯組)所組成的決審團作最後評審，定出得獎名單。本校中國語言及文學系及翻譯系五名學生獲獎，其中中國語言及文學系吳克勤獲短篇小說組季軍，同系黃燕萍獲散文組一等優秀獎，翻譯系葉向榮和林慧瑩獲文學翻譯組鼓勵獎。

頒獎禮於本年十二月十六日在彧內舉行，大會將邀請決審團的八位名家為頒獎嘉賓，並出席文學講座及工作坊。

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新雅中國語文研習所第一屆優秀教師獎由鐸周西京女士獲得，頒獎儀式於九月二日在方潤華堂舉行，並由副校長金耀基教授頒發獎狀及獎品。鐸女士在該所任教近三十年，其中八年擔任普通話組組長，一直獲得學生極高的評價。她除了在教學和行政工作有優異表現外，還參與編寫教材，並代表該所積極參與大學和社會服務。研習所設立優秀教師獎，為嘉獎在教學和行政工作表現優異的教師。