Internationally renowned biotechnology scientists from mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan participated in the Third Cross-Straits Symposium on Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology organized by the UGC-Area-of-Excellence Centre (Plant and Fungal Biotechnology) of the University from 6th to 9th August 2001 at the Mong Man Wai Building. Sponsored by the Innovation and Technology Fund of the HKSAR and private sponsors, the symposium aimed at introducing the latest trends in plant biotechnology to local industries. The scientists, together with key policy-makers, administrators, and research associates in the field, delivered lectures on the key developments and issues related to plant biotechnology.

The declaration was signed by Prof. Zhang Qi-fa from the China Academy of Sciences and the National Key Laboratory of Crop Genetic Improvement, Prof. Jia Shi-rong of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences and the Safety Committee of Agricultural Biotechnology, China Ministry of Agriculture, Prof. Yang Shang-fa of Academia Sinica and the US Academy of Sciences, Prof. Shaw Jie-fu of the Institute of Botany, Academia Sinica, and Prof. Samuel Sun Sai-ming and Prof. Lam Hon-ming of the CUHK Department of Biology. The declaration will pool Chinese talents in this area for future cooperation and enhance the development of plant biotechnology in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

Experience Sharing with IT Entrepreneurs

Three prominent IT entrepreneurs shared their entrepreneurship experience with the audience at the IT Entrepreneurship Seminar, organized by the Information Technology Entrepreneur Programme (ITEP) and the Information Technology Entrepreneurs Association (ITEA) for 18th August 2001 at the Hong Kong Productivity Council Building in Kowloon Tong. The programme was initiated in response to the first report of the Chief Executive's Commission on Innovation and Technology and the Digital 21 IT Strategy of the HKSAR. Its objective is to provide opportunities to young graduates and IT professionals to turn their innovative ideas into prototypes with high commercial value and application.

ITEP is a joint effort of the Government of the HKSAR, the IT industry, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the University of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. It aims at providing entrepreneurial training and creating an environment conducive to technology transfer and company spin-offs for the pre-incubation stage in the development of IT products and services.

The speakers were Dr. Jack Lau Ka-chun, CEO of Perception Digital Ltd., Dr. Cliff Chan Chock-kii, CEO of TeleEye Holdings Ltd., and Mr. John Ng Ka-lang, Chief Technical Officer of SurIT System Ltd., who was also a graduate of the CUHK Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

Father of Hybrid Rice Visits CUHK

Prof. Yuan Longping, known also as the 'Father of hybrid rice', visited the University from 2nd to 5th July 2001 as Wei Lun Visiting Professor. Prof. Yuan, an academician at the Chinese Academy of Engineering and director of the China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Centre, has been using hybridization techniques to improve rice production since the 1960s. He has received many awards and prizes, including the prestigious Nikkei Asia Prize, and the China National Top Scientific Technology Award, presented for the first time last year.

During his visit, Prof. Yuan delivered public lectures to introduce the latest developments of Chinese hybrid rice. His visit also gave impetus to the research collaboration between the UGC-Area-of-Excellence Centre (Plant and Fungal Biotechnology) at the University, the China National Hybrid Rice Research and Development Centre, and Washington State University. With the help of advanced biotechnology and recent progress in the decoding of rice genome, together with traditional breeding techniques, researchers from the institutes aim at developing enhanced Chinese hybrid rice for the 21st century.

Biology Can Put More Fish in the Water, Says Marine Scientist

The decline of fish population due to over-harvesting has been observed in many areas around the world, and it has been predicted that an annual worldwide shortage of a hundred billion pounds of fish products would be experienced by 2020. To cope with the worldwide demand for fish products and the dramatic increases in fish price, many countries have turned to aquaculture to boost production of fish products.

Prof. Thomas T. Chen, professor in the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology and director of the Biotechnology Center at the University of Connecticut in the US, discussed the crucial factors for success in aquaculture in his lecture 'Contributions of Modern Biology to Aquaculture'. The lecture, a Sir Edward Youde Memorial Visiting Professorship Scheme 2000-1 Public Lecture, was delivered on 14th June 2001 in the Esther Lee Building.

Prof. Chen explained how the application of molecular biology and biotechnology in aquaculture would enhance somatic growth rates, control reproductive cycles, improve the quality of meat, produce new vaccines, and develop disease-resistant and harder genetic stocks.
CUHK Student Wins First Accounting Award

Miss Lee Kwan Tung, a first-year accounting student at the University, was awarded the first Sanford Yung Scholarship. The Sanford Yung Scholars Programme for Excellence in Accounting Studies was established earlier this year by Mr. Sanford Yung, former chairman of Coopers & Lybrand Hong Kong (now renamed PricewaterhouseCoopers). It provides one scholarship each year to the most outstanding first-year accounting student from a local university. The aim is to encourage the pursuit of accounting studies in the universities of Hong Kong and promote excellence in the accountancy field.

The awardee will receive a cash award of HK$200,000 to cover all expenses in her/his living for the two years of university studies. And upon completion of the second-year programme, the awardee will be sent to New York or another commercially comparable city overseas for an eight-week summer placement at one of the Big Five firms, with return air passage provided plus HK$30,000 for personal expenses.

A total of 23 first-year accounting students were recommended by six local universities for the 2001 award. Miss Lee Kwan Tung’s impressive academic achievements, brilliant track record in voluntary services and extra-curricular activities made her the unanimous choice of the selection panel.

More Support for CUHK Research

The following 10 research activities undertaken by the University, including research projects, a symposium, and a laboratory, attracted funding support from different quarters locally:

- Long-term Care for the Elderly in the Accountancy Field. The awardee from a local university. The aim is to encourage the pursuit of accounting studies in the universities of Hong Kong and promote excellence in the accountancy field.
- Effects of High Glycemic Index Foods on Recovery from Prolonged Exercise (HK$100,050)
- Principal investigator: Prof. Stephan Wong
- Technology Development for the Elderly in the Accountancy Field. It provides one scholarship each year to the most outstanding first-year accounting student from a local university. The aim is to encourage the pursuit of accounting studies in the universities of Hong Kong and promote excellence in the accountancy field.
- An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of a Multisensory Environment on Children with Learning Disability (HK$410,952)
- Sponsor: Health Care and Promotion Fund
- Principal investigator: Prof. Sally W.C. Chan (Department of Nursing)
- Technology Development for Assessing Chinese Medicinal Materials for Treating Alzheimer’s Disease (HK$1,292,000)
- Sponsors: Innovation and Technology Fund and BioEngine Innovations Ltd.
- Principal investigator: Prof. Shao Pang-chui (Department of Biochemistry and Institute of Chinese Medicine)
- Co-investigators: Prof. K.P. Fung, Prof. D.C.C. Wan, and Prof. R.R. Fiscus
- To Assess the Effectiveness of a Nurse-led Sexual Health Promotion Project Amongst Hong Kong Adolescents (HK$57,990)
- Sponsor: Health Care and Promotion Fund
- Principal investigator: Dr. Sheila Twinn (Department of Nursing)
- International Symposium on Cell Signal — From Diseases to Drug Discovery (HK$650,000)
- Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund
- Principal investigator: Prof. H.C. Chan (Department of Physiology)
- Co-investigators: Prof. Jun Wang, Prof. Paul But, Prof. Mary Waye, Prof. Ronald Fiscus, Prof. S.B. Chew, Prof. P.S. Leung, Prof. X.Q. Yao, Mr. Richard Eu, and Mr. Thomas Cheung
- Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund
- Principal investigator: Prof. Wai Lam, Prof. David Cheung, and Prof. Qin Lu
- Third Cross-strait Symposium on Plant Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (HK$365,000)
- Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund
- Principal investigator: Prof. Samuel Sun (Department of Biology)
- Co-investigators: Dr. H.M. Lam, Dr. L.P.S. Liu, Dr. Ning Li, Dr. Yip Wing-kin, and Dr. Jianzhu Tang
- Photonic Packaging Laboratory (HK$11,452,000)
- Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund
- Principal investigator: Prof. Frank Töng (Department of Information Engineering)
- Co-investigators: Prof. Tsang Hon, Prof. Chuandong Shi, Prof. Lian Chen, Prof. C.K. Chan, Prof. Kwok W. Cheung, Prof. K.L. Wu, Prof. K.T. Chan, Prof. S.P. Wong, Prof. Wen Li, and Prof. Michael Yu Wang
- New Initiatives for School-based Management to Promote Healthy Educational Environments in the Hong Kong Healthy Schools Award Scheme (HK$21,928,000)
- Sponsor: Quality Education Fund
- Principal investigator: Prof. Albert Lee (Department of Community and Family Medicine)
- Co-investigators: Dr. Tsang Kwong-ka, Prof. Lee Shih-hung, and Prof. To Choyee

Workshop Examines the Latest in Medical IT

How do dental surgeons predict the outcome of the reconstruction of a jaw completely smashed in an accident? How can surgeons operate on a trauma deep inside a human brain just as if it is right in front of them?

Information technology has changed medical science significantly. Advances in computer-assisted diagnosis, treatment, and training have been made possible by the merging of medical imaging and virtual reality. Researchers in computer science, electrical engineering, physics, and clinical medicine from the world over presented the latest developments in the ever growing area of medical imaging at the International Workshop on Medical Imaging and Augmented Reality held from 10th to 12th June 2001 at the Ho Sin-Hang Engineering Building.

The programme covered sessions on 'Intervention and Surgical Planning', 'Adaptive and Functional Imaging in Cardiovascular MR', 'Computational Simulation and Modelling', and 'Image Segmentation and Understanding', as well as a poster session and a student paper award presentation.

Prof. Julian Arthur John Hall Critchley

BSc, PhD, MBChB, MRCP (UK), FRCP (Edin, Lond & Glas), FHKCP, FFIKAM (Medicine)

(4th August 1950 — 13th July 2001)

Prof. Julian Arthur John Hall Critchley, born on 4th August 1950 in Kent, England, had a tragic and untimely death following a traffic accident on Thursday 13th July 2001 in Hong Kong. Prof. Critchley graduated from the University of Edinburgh holding both BSc and MBCHB degrees. He was an accredited specialist in Internal Medicine and Renal Medicine as well as in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. He had been awarded fellowships by the three Royal Colleges of Physicians in London, Edinburgh and Glasgow, and was a foundation fellow of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine and a fellow of the Hong Kong College of Physicians. He had received numerous awards during his undergraduate and postgraduate days. In 1979, he was awarded the highly prestigious Medical Research Council Training Fellowship, which was however not taken up due to his appointment as a lecturer and physician in the Department of Therapeutics and Clinical Pharmacology at the University of Edinburgh. Before he came to Hong Kong, he was working as a clinical pharmacologist and toxicologist under the guidance of Prof. L. Prescott at the renowned Regional Poisoning/Intoxication Treatment Centre at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

Prof. Critchley was a unique person with diverse talents, knowledge, and skills. Apart from his extensive experience and expertise in toxicology and clinical pharmacology, he had particular research interests in hypertension and his PhD thesis was based on the pathogenic roles of the adrenal medulla in hypertension. During his lectureship in Edinburgh, he had travelled extensively to examine the dopamine-related natriuretic responses and their relationships with hypertension in different ethnic groups. Despite his heavy clinical and research commitments, he continued his active role in the Royal Navy Reserves, returning annually to the UK for service training. He was recently promoted to Surgeon Commander, the highest civilian rank. It was through his Royal Navy Reserves duties that he paid his first visit to Hong Kong and to The Chinese University in 1988. He subsequently took up the chairmanship of the Department of Clinical Pharmacology at the then nascent Faculty of Medicine of The Chinese University in May 1989.

Thanks to his passion and hard work, his department has grown from a department of two members to the current one with more than 20 dedicated clinical scientists, molecular biologists, technicians, nurses, pharmacists and postgraduate students. When he first came to Hong Kong, he set up the first ever 24-hour Drug and Poison Information Bureau at the Prince of Wales Hospital, providing information and advice to health care professionals on poisoning and therapeutics in Hong Kong. Under his leadership, his department has contributed significantly...
to the international literature on the epidemiology of management of poisoning. Together with his colleagues, he had pioneered and co-ordinated a large number of clinical trials, sponsored by leading multinational companies, to examine the inter-ethnic pharmaco-kinetic and pharmacodynamic differences of many cardiovascular drugs and anti-obesity drugs as well as their effects in Hong Kong Chinese. In close collaboration with the pharmacists community in Hong Kong, he and his team members had examined many aspects of drug utilization and were strong advocates for the development of clinical pharmacy to improve pharmaceutical care. He had served on numerous committees of The Chinese University, the Hong Kong Government, and the Hospital Authority (HA), and had given his expert opinion in many legal cases relating to drug use and poisoning in Hong Kong. Internationally, he was the executive editor or co-editor of several leading medical and clinical pharmacy journals and frequently reviewed scientific and clinical papers.

During his 12 years of stay in Hong Kong, Prof. Critchley came to realize the magnitude of the growing epidemics of diabetes and the disease cluster of hypertension, dyslipidaemia, and obesity. He was also deeply touched by the potential impact of this epidemic on the health of the population and yet the highly preventable and treatable nature of these diseases. This massive health problem has become the mission of Prof. Critchley and his close colleagues in their pursuit of understanding these diseases to improve the care of many diabetic patients in the community. With his enthusiasm and optimism as well as unusually gifted ability to communicate, he has brought together a large network of organizations and individuals, including mass media, civil servants, lawyers, architects, industrialists, businessmen and the general public, to promote diabetes care through research, education and quality care. In these respects, Prof. Critchley was a great facilitator and had been instrumental in establishing the infrastructure and assembling the basic scientific research team to examine in detail the genotypes and phenotypes of diabetes and the metabolic syndrome in Hong Kong Chinese. As a strong advocate for disease management of chronic diseases, Prof. Critchley had recently established a diabetic nephropathy clinic at the Prince of Wales Hospital, co-ordinated by a research pharmacist, with particular emphasis on treat-to-target and stay-on therapy to improve the clinical outcomes of these high risk patients. These academic and clinical achievements have led to the award of over HK$25 million funding to Prof. Critchley and his colleagues by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, Innovation and Technology Commission, Health Services Research Committee, and many multinational pharmaceutical companies to examine the many aspects of diabetes and related diseases in Hong Kong Chinese.

Prof. Critchley was a man of vision, commitment, and dedication. He was one of the key persons in the establishment of the Hong Kong Foundation for Research and Development in Diabetes as well as the 1999 inauguration of the 'Hong Kong Diabetes and Cardiovascular Risk Factors — East Meets West Symposium'. The latter is becoming one of the important annual events in the medical and scientific community for the region. He had established important academic links with many overseas institutions and organizations including those in mainland China. In this regard, his appointment as Honorary Professor of Clinical Pharmacology at the Chinese People's Liberation Army General Hospital (301 Hospital), as a westerner, was particularly honourable and an accolade of which he was extremely proud. This prolific research work has led to the publication of more than 200 peer-reviewed articles in international medical journals and book chapters as well as more than 200 presentations at local and international conferences. These academic outputs have also firmly established The Chinese University of Hong Kong Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome Care and Research Group, as one of the leading groups in the region. In the final part of his short but highly productive life, Prof. Critchley and his colleagues had been working incessantly to raise funds and prepare the groundwork to establish a Diabetes Research and Management Institute, which aims to provide a high quality service to prevent diabetes and its devastating complications through education, state-of-the-art research, and practice of evidence-based medicine using a holistic and multidisciplinary approach.

Prof. Critchley was a man of great courage, love, and wisdom. Undoubtedly, he was an achiever, but more importantly, he accomplished by helping people and developing them achieve — a task which he greatly enjoyed and took pride in. He had the openness and principality of the West and yet the ability to appreciate the values and cultures of the East. He had the foresight and vision to create the foundation for great work, and at the same time, his caring personality, sensitivity, thoughtfulness, and attention to details were only too well known to those close to him. He was a man of strong character whose enthusiasm and charm quickly created an impression on every individual in spite of brief moments of encounter. To many of us, he was not only a mentor, teacher, colleague, friend, partner, and comrade, but also a continuous source of support, encouragement, and inspiration, which will be sadly missed by all his family members, colleagues, students, collaborators, and friends.

In loving memory of Prof. Julian Arthur John Hall Critchley, Juliana C.N. Chan, Thomas Y.K. Chan and Brian Tornbom
on behalf of the Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Hilary and Lester Critchley and Christine West Critchley
on behalf of the family.

Crossed cheques covering donations, payable to ‘The Chinese University of Hong Kong’ will be gratefully acknowledged by the Faculty of Medicine, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong (Tel no:852 2603 5000, Fax no: 852 2603 7907). Please put ‘JAJH Critchley Memorial Fund’ on the back of the cheque.

An exhibition showing some of the University’s research achievements was staged at the second last weekend of June. The research projects on display covered areas including arts, business administration, engineering, biological science, physical science, medicine, social science, and education.

University Turns New Page in E-procurement

The University has successfully developed and introduced an advanced electronic procurement system, e-jing, which operates through the Internet. The University Bursary has been using e-jing since May, placing CUHK at the forefront of electronic procurement development among local universities.

With e-jing, every step from the issuing of purchase orders to invoicing is automated on the Internet. Compared to other e-procurement systems, e-jing uses both Chinese (traditional and simplified characters) and English, costs less, and is highly flexible with more platforms. The system can help local and mainland businesses, large and small, to reduce the cost of tendering and improve efficiency. The robust functionalities of e-jing include modules such as catalogue management, collaborative purchase, purchase order management, and system administration.

(From left) Mr. Patrick Yu, senior finance manager, Mr. Terence Chan, University Bursar, Prof. Cheng Pak-chung, dean of engineering, Prof. Kenneth Young, pro-vice-chancellor, and Prof. David Yau from the Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management.
Role of Stress in Stroke and Heart Disease

Job stress leads to thickening of the inner wall of the neck artery and increases the risk of heart disease and stroke, according to a study conducted by the University.

Atherosclerosis disease (stroke and heart disease) is one of the leading killer diseases in modern societies, whose prevalence has been escalating in Asia. The study is part of the multi-centre Chinese Atherosclerosis Study in the Aged and Young, and its aim is to determine the impact of job stress, westernized diet, and other lifestyle risk factors on heart disease and stroke in asymptomatic Chinese.

Researchers used special high-resolution ultrasound to measure the inner wall thickness of the neck artery as a surrogate marker of atherosclerosis. The thickening of the neck artery is predictive of cardiovascular outcomes in the asymptomatic elderly in the next five years. The subjects were then asked to complete a food consumption questionnaire and a self-administered psychological questionnaire to assess how demanding their jobs are, how much control they have at work, and how much support they receive at work and at home.

The researchers pointed out that most Chinese have fewer atherosclerosis risk factors than most westerners and are less vulnerable to the disease. Hence stress, as an important associating factor in Chinese populations, may play an even more significant role in leading to atherosclerosis than in western populations.

Orthokeratology Linked to Upsurge in Childhood Corneal Ulcer

Cornal ulcer is a serious eye condition in which the cornea is infected with microorganisms. In severe cases, corneal perforation and infection of the entire eyeball can happen, leading to a scarred cornea, loss of vision, and possibly blindness. The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences has observed an upsurge of cases of corneal ulcer in children caused by orthokeratology — a method introduced to Hong Kong a few years ago whereby tight-fitting, flat, and rigid contact lenses are used to temporarily slow down or even arrest the progression of myopia. However, there has been no medical evidence to date that shows that orthokeratology produces its desired effects.

In view of the situation, the department introduced to the public the nature and potential complications of orthokeratology on 22nd June. Two young patients were also present to talk about their own experiences.

Industry Supports Hotel Students in Gaining Hands-on Experience

The School of Hotel Management organizes a Summer Internship Programme each year to enable its students to gain practical industry experience, and to benefit from global exposure. This summer, the school received a total of 146 internship positions, which enabled it to place all its Year 1 and Year 2 students in the programme. Among them 16 Year 2 students underwent training overseas at Disney World and famous hotels in Japan and Spain, etc. The rest of the students worked in the top hotels and hospitality and tourism organizations in Hong Kong. This year, the school also successfully placed three students in summer internship positions at the Tourism Commission, which was participating in the programme for the first time.

There has been marked improvement in the compensation packages for the internships, said Prof. Ko Wang, then director of the School of Hotel Management. This shows that the industry is being ever more supportive of the school’s endeavours in nurturing professionals for the Hong Kong tourism and hospitality industry.

Crosslinks in English Language Teaching

University language teaching professionals shared experiences and insights at the Second Regional Conference on College English Teaching organized by the University’s English Language Teaching Unit, the College English Teaching and Research Association (CETRA) of Guangdong, and the Guangdong Foreign Languages Association (GFLA) from 28th to 30th June 2001.

The conference addressed current issues in English language teaching including approaches to classroom teaching, second/foreign language pedagogy in the four language skills, and innovative curriculum development.

Keynote speakers included Prof. Gui Shichun from the Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Prof. Guo Jieke from the South China University of Technology, Prof. Amy Tsui from the University of Hong Kong, and Ms. Jean Young from the City University of Hong Kong. Apart from keynote speeches and paper presentations, the programme included workshops and demonstrations.

Prof. Kwok Siu-tung, dean of arts, Prof. Yang Shao Bei, chair of CETRA, and Prof. Liang Dong Hua, chair of GFLA, addressed the audience at the opening ceremony, which took place on 28th June at the Mong Man Wai Building.
Postgraduate Students Develop Own Health Protocols

The award presentation ceremony for the best protocols developed by the students of the Postgraduate Programme in Epidemiology and Biostatistics took place on 26th June at the Prince of Wales Hospital. For several months, the students had been working hard to develop their own protocols. The health issues they addressed included smoking relapse, pulmonary rehabilitation programmes, lower back pain and knee pain, and asthma and environmental tobacco smoke.

The awards presented were:

- **Best Presentation Award**
  'Prevention of Smoking Relapse in Postpartum Women' by Grace Cheung Ka Yan
- **Outstanding Presentation Award**
  'Randomized Controlled Trial to Compare the Effects of Added Psychosocial Intervention with Those of Conventional Regime in Pulmonary Rehabilitation Programme on the Quality of Life of Patients with COPD' by Leung Wing Sze
- **Outstanding Presentation Award**
  'Work-related Risk Factors for Low Back Pain and Knee Pain in Postmen in Hong Kong: Results of a Questionnaire Survey' by Lam Wai Yip
- **Outstanding Presentation Award**
  'Asthma and Environmental Tobacco Smoke' by Fung Yuk Mei

Microbiology Summer Course for Mainland Fellows

Young fellows specializing in microbiology from different institutions and hospitals in mainland China participated in the Summer Course 2001 in Microbiology, organized by the Department of Microbiology from 6th to 19th June 2001 at the Prince of Wales Hospital. The course not only gave the participants a chance to update their laboratory skills and techniques, but also extended research collaboration between Hong Kong and the mainland, and attracted qualified candidates to enrol in postgraduate studies at the department.

Summer Camp for Potential Business Leaders

Thirty-five outstanding sixth-formers from the territory were given a taste of the excitement of business studies at the University at the Summer Programme for Future Business Leaders. The programme was launched by the Faculty of Business Administration from 11th to 15th June 2001. The students spent five days on campus to acquaint themselves with the BA Faculty, its teachers, students, and alumni, to experience what it is like to study business at the University, and to enjoy campus life in general. They attended lectures given by Profs. Leo Sin, Dennis Fan, and Gordon Cheung from the faculty, who enlightened the participants on the principles of marketing, finance, and management. The participants were also given a chance to work on a real business proposal which they had to present to the faculty's associate deans, Prof. Michael Hui and Prof. C.F. Chan. The winning team was given the best presentation award at the closing ceremony.

Intercultural Focus on China's Future Development by Students

Forty-four students from mainland universities and three students from universities in the US joined 20 counterparts from Chung Chi College in a programme entitled 'China Today — A Study of Hong Kong and Shanghai'. Held in celebration of the 50th anniversary of Chung Chi College, the programme was organized by the Lee Shiu Centre of Intercultural Learning of the college and co-organized by Fudan University and Shenzhen University. It took place respectively in Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Shenzhen from 1st to 28th August 2001.

The aim of the programme was to enable the students to examine the strengths and qualities of the three cities that are favourable to China's opening up and development by enriching their own experience. The students were given the chance to study the five pillars of modern society, namely the rule of law, prevention of corruption, banking and finance, education and social services, as well as the roles of these five pillars in the development of Hong Kong, Shanghai, and Shenzhen. They participated in 22 seminars and 15 visits, including visits to the Independent Commission Against Corruption, the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Jenco Electric (Shenzhen) Ltd., Shenzhen Special Zone Press Group, the Shanghai Stock Exchange, and the Shanghai Prosecution Bureau. At the opening ceremony held in the Esther Lee Building on campus, Prof. Ambrose King, pro-vice-chancellor, Prof. Rance P.L. Lee, head of Chung Chi College, and Dr. Lee Shiu, founder of the Lee Shiu Centre of Intercultural Learning, addressed the delegates. Then Ms. the Honourable Margaret Ng, barrister and member of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR, spoke on Hong Kong's legal system in the opening seminar on law.

UC Students Train Body and Mind at Hebei

Close to 30 students of United College went to Hebei University on 23rd June 2001 for a 17-day intensive training camp, accompanied by Prof. Stephen Wong of the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education. Organized by United College and sponsored by the College Endowment Fund, the objective of this new Summer Putonghua and Military Training Programme was to provide students of the college with the opportunity to polish their putonghua, enhance their knowledge of Chinese culture and history, and strengthen their bodies through intensive physical training provided by the host institution.

All students completed the programme successfully.

BBA Alumni Association Annual Dinner

The CUHK BBA Alumni Association, the alumni association of the first business degree programme in the territory, held its alumni dinner this year on 19th June at the Government Secretariat Staff Club. The guest chairman. Speaking on 'Quality and Quantity of Listed Company Information', he shared with the audience the common difficulties encountered by investors in interpreting the announcements of listed companies and what can be done to improve the quality of such information. Prof. Larry Lang, professor of finance at the University, was the guest chairman.
Applications/Nominations

The annual academic staff review exercise for the academic year 2002-3 has been renamed the Centre for Learning Enhancement and Research (CLEAR) to reflect its new orientation.

The centre has been relocated from Room 315-6, Ho Tim Building to Room 425, Esther Lee Building.

University Library System Opening Hours

From 1st September 2001

University, Chung Chi, New Asia, and United Libraries

Monday to Friday
8.20 a.m. - 10.00 p.m.
9.00 a.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Saturday
8.20 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.
9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Sunday
1.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
停止開放 Closed

Opening hours for holidays including the summer vacation will be posted at the entrances of the libraries.

University Swimming Pool Notice

As in the previous years, the University swimming pool will be closed earlier at (The pool is open seven days a week including public holidays.)

- From 1st August 2001
- The shallow end of the pool will be reserved for RE. swimming classes organized by the Physical Education Unit on all weekdays from 3rd to 24th September
- The pool will be reserved for the whole day for University and college swimming meets, galas from 25th to 28th September and 5th October 2001.
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There will be a grand opening for two exhibitions entitled ‘Flower and Bird Painting of the Ming and Qing Periods’ and ‘Chinese Epigraphy: Inscribed Relics of Pre-Yuan Era’ at 4:30 p.m. on 7th September 2001 at the Art Museum. Prof. Jing Lea, deputy director of the Department of Culture and Information, Mr. Chen Jianming, director of the Hunan Provincial Museum, and Prof. Chen Jianming, director of the Hunan Provincial Museum, will officiate at the ceremony, which will be hosted by Prof. Ambrose King, vice-chancellor of the University.

‘Flower and Bird Painting of the Ming and Qing Periods’ is a joint project with the Guangdong Provincial Museum. One hundred exquisite works from the two museums’ collections are put together in this exhibition. Representative flower and bird paintings of the specific period of time are mounted so as to reconstruct the development of the genre, starting from the Court Academy style established by Lin Liang and Lai Bai of the 15th century to the ‘Shanghai School’, which came into vogue in the late 19th to the early 20th century. The paintings also registered different interpretations of the eternal theme of man and nature by Ming and Qing artists.

Chinese Epigraphy: Inscribed Relics of Pre-Yuan Era is jointly organized with the Hunan Provincial Museum. Eighty items selected from the two museums’ collections are presented, including oracle bones, bamboo or wooden slips, writings on silk, seals, bronze vessels, lacquer ware, and ceramics. These inscribed relics from the late Shang to the Southern Song dynasty are valuable sources of information for the studies of ancient Chinese culture, history, and aesthetics of calligraphy.

Two talks to take place Room 126, Institute of Chinese Studies, are arranged to accompany the exhibitions:
(1) ‘Gold and Silver Ware Excavated from Hunan Province’ by Prof. Jiang Songchang, deputy director and research associate of the Hunan Provincial Museum, at 3:30 p.m. on 25th September 2001;
(2) ‘Flower and Bird Painting of the Ming and Qing Periods’ by Prof. Xu Zhongling, research fellow of the Art Museum and former head of the Painting and Calligraphy Unit of The Palace Museum, at 2:30 p.m. on 20th October 2001.

(Forscoming Exhibitions at the Art Museum)

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大學於暑期舉辦各式活動，以擴闊中學生的視野，回饋社會。

語文及通識夏令班
大學於七月十六至二十一日舉辦語文及通識夏令班，供升讀中七的學生報名參加，培養個人對中華文化的興趣，增強中華文化的自信心。

商學體驗夏令營
大學於七月十六至二十一日舉辦商學體驗夏令營，供升讀中七的學生報名參加，培養個人的自主創新、自力更生、自給自足的素養，增強中華文化的自信心。

暑期資優課程
大學於七月十六至二十一日舉辦暑期資優課程，為初中資優學生提供富挑戰性的學習環境，擴闊視野，增強思考能力，並發展學校課程以外的興趣。學員須先由所屬中學推薦，並獲大學錄取後，方可參加。

社會專題報告比賽
大學於七月十六至二十一日舉辦社會專題報告比賽，為初中資優學生提供富挑戰性的學習環境，擴闊視野，增強思考能力，並發展學校課程以外的興趣。學員須先由所屬中學推薦，並獲大學錄取後，方可參加。

教職員球拍類比賽
由體育部舉辦的教職員球拍類比賽於六月二十一日結束，成績如下：

網球男單冠軍醫學院譚旭浩，亞軍體育部何國泰，季軍新亞圖書館李潤祖。
男雙冠軍體育部何國泰及統計學系李錫欽，亞軍日本研究學系李活雄及地理與資源管理學系李端，季軍新亞圖書館李端及新聞與傳播學院周偉宣。

兵乓球男單冠軍醫學院譚旭浩，亞軍化學系吳國光，季軍系統工程與工程管理學系李端，亞軍體育部容浩然，季軍體育部譚國衡及體育部陳龍強。
男雙冠軍體育部何國泰及保健處曾偉傑，亞軍體育部譚國衡及體育部陳龍強，季軍體育部譚國衡及體育部陳龍強，殿軍體育部譚國衡及體育部陳龍強。

壁球男單冠軍教育學院MalcolmChow，亞軍教育學院趙志成，季軍體育部陳志明，殿軍英文系陸潤棠。
男雙冠軍體育部何國泰及保健處曾偉傑，亞軍訊息工程學系盧慶祥及張晨強，季軍教育學院賴水洋及體育部譚國衡，殿軍系統工程與工程管理學系李端及體育部陳龍強。

商學本科生校友會晚宴
工商管理學院本科生校友會於六月十九日，假政府總部職員聯誼會舉行研討晚宴，由香港董事學會創會會長鄭慕智先生（圖）主講「上市公司信息披露的質與量——香港公司管治的水平」。本校財務學講座教授郎咸平教授亦出席作客席主持。
中大清華金融財務工管碩士訪港

中大工商管理學院與清華大學金融台灣研究所合辦金融財務工管碩士課程，並於十一月八日及九日為學員舉行「香港參訪團」，出席專題講座，並參觀香港交易所和中國金融通融有限公司，加深學員對香港金融的認識。

課程首次在港舉行，學員包括來自內地的金融機構和企業的中高層管理人員。課程包括理論講座和實地考察，旨在加深學員對香港金融市場的理解，並提供實際操作經驗。

香港參訪團於八月十六至二十日在香港舉行，期間學員將參觀香港交易所和中國金融通融有限公司，了解香港金融市場的運作機制和市場慣例。此外，學員還將參訪香港大學金融學院，與當地的教授和學者進行交流，深入探討金融財務領域的最新發展和趨勢。

學員基礎能力國際研究計劃

香港教育研究所兩年來參與多個國際研究計劃，包括中大清華金融財務工管碩士訪港項目。這些研究計劃旨在提升學員的基礎能力，並通過不同學科的跨界合作，促進知識的分享和應用。

學生基礎能力國際研究計劃

香港教育研究所與清華大學金融台灣研究所今次合作培訓金融財務工管碩士，並於八月十六日至二十日為學員舉行「香港參訪團」。出席專題講座，並參觀香港交易所和中國金融通融有限公司，加深學員對香港金融的認識。學員將參觀香港交易所及中國金融通融有限公司，深入了解香港金融市場的運作機制和市場慣例。此外，學員還將參訪香港大學金融學院，與當地的教授和學者進行交流，深入探討金融財務領域的最新發展和趨勢。

教育學院暑期活動

教育學院暑期活動包括一系列教學和實踐活動，簡介如下：

- 高中學生領袖交流會
- 普通話教育研究及發展中心
- 網上寫作
- 邊緣發展計劃

市民看政府施政及經濟狀況

大學在六月份進行兩項電話民意調查，探討市民對政府福利措施及經濟狀況的評價。結果顯示，市民不滿政府在社會福利政策的施政表現，尤其中產階級在解決貧窮問題及收窄貧富差距兩方面。不過，大部分受訪者對政府的社會福利政策表態樂觀。

首辦教師資訊科技教育應用課程

教育及工商管理學系與香港教育研究所上月十四日在何添樓舉行第一屆「學位教師高級教育文憑(資訊科技教育應用)」開學典禮。由課程與教學學系李芳樂教授主辦，香港教育研究所所長盧乃桂教授致辭，台灣全民教育網站「亞卓市」主持人陳德懷教授主講「亞卓市與全球華人學習網的一些構想」。

學生基礎能力國際研究計劃

香港教育研究所參與由經濟合作及發展組織策劃的「學生基礎能力國際研究計劃」，而參與評估的本地學校共一百五十間，逾五千名學生。評估結果將與全球六千間學校十五萬學生作比對分析。

該計劃的中大首席研究員何瑞珠教授表示，該研究是一項對十五歲學童的跨國評估，有四十多個國家的學者參與，目的是評估學生完成基礎教育階段之後，是否具有投身社會所需的知識和技能，同時評價學校在培養學生的效能。研究結果有助各地政府制訂教育政策。
培訓兩岸二百名精英大學生

二百名兩岸三地精英大學生於七月二十九日至八月十一日到香港中大校園,參加「新紀元行政管理精英培訓計劃」，透過共同生活、參與跨文化活動及講座、參觀等，學習領導才能和行政管理技巧。

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大中「易經」電子採購系統掀電子商貿新篇

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偉倫講座：超級雜交水稻

「超級雜交水稻」的研發，是袁隆平教授一生的追求。他以偉倫教授身分，到訪本校，落實與本校的合作研究計劃，並於七月三日在利黃瑤璧樓一號演講廳，主持偉倫講座，講題為「我國雜交水稻的現狀和展望」。

為解決中國乃至全球所面對的糧食問題，本校植物及真菌生物科技中心、中國國家雜交水稻工程技术研究中心及美國華盛頓州立大學的華裔科學家，通過將傳統育種技術及嶄新的生物科技，合作發展新一代的雜交水稻。

袁隆平教授為中國工程院院士及中國國家雜交水稻工程技術研究中心主任，對世界糧食生產與農業科學發展有巨大貢獻，獲獎無數，包括「日經亞洲大獎」，及於去年首次頒發的中國國家最高科學技術獎。

水稻是全球一半人口的主要糧食。雜交水稻可大大提高畝產量，現佔中國水稻總種植面積的百分之五十，產量佔全國的百分之五十七。袁教授預期，利用傳統技術發展的新一代超級雜交水稻，其產量將較現時的雜交水稻增加百分之十至十五。而在這基礎上，生物科技的應用將可進一步增加產量百分之十。

生物科技專家談水產養殖

美國康涅狄格大學細胞及分子生物學系教授兼生物科技中心主任陳鐵雄教授（右二），以尤德爵士紀念基金客座教授身分訪問本校，並以「現代生物學對水產養殖的貢獻」為題，主持公開講座。

全球的水產產量取決於海洋及淡水水域魚類、甲殼類及海藻的自然產量。一九九二年的全球水產產量達九千萬立方米，已是自然界的極限。之後各年，魚穫都有下降跡象。要應付人類對水產食物日增的需求及價格上升的壓力，水產養殖是唯一可行的方法。

陳教授在講座上解釋，將分子生物學及生物科技應用到水產養殖之上，可增加產量，例如透過控制水產的生長周期及繁殖週期，改善肉質，生產疫苗和發展一些抗病的品種等。

講座於六月十四日在利黃瑤璧樓二號演講廳舉行。

植物生物科技學術研討會

植物及真菌生物科技中心上月六至九日主辦第三屆海峽兩岸植物分子生物學及生物科技學術研討會，雲集有關方面的專家、政策設計人及科學家，報告及研討植物生物技術的發展及相關的政策與資金。

中國國家 água 工程技術研究中心主任袁隆平教授，被邀出席研討會，並於九月六日在北京大學舉行的「農業科學技術高峰論壇」上，就「農業科學技術的發展及應用」發表演講，受到熱烈歡迎。

為了減緩全球糧食短缺的問題，糧食生產問題成為當今世界最為重大的經濟問題之一。中國作為世界上最大的糧食生產國，糧食安全問題也受到高度關注。袁隆平教授的超級雜交水稻研發成果，為解決中國乃至全球的糧食問題提供了有力的支持。

成果巡禮

大學六月下旬舉辦「研究成果巡禮」，向公眾介紹逾百項研究項目，範圍涵蓋文、理、工、工程、教育、醫學及社會科學。大學於六月二十二日舉行記者招待會，由研究委員會主席沈祖堯教授介紹大學的研發工作和成果等。副校長楊綱凱教授則論述大學技術轉移的成績，並重點介紹七個項目，包括東亞儒家復興研究、物流網絡設計、訊息科技的網絡、多媒體系統及應用、中藥狼毒的抗癌成分及實驗療法、利用光催化劑淨化空氣、阻塞性睡眠窒息症與中風，以及香港經濟增長與綜合生產力研究。

中大生獲容永道會計學優異獎

會計學院學生李君彤小姐成為首屆「容永道會計學優異獎」得獎人，可獲總值港幣二十萬元之獎金，支付所讀課程費用，以及獲派前往紐約或香港的其中一所五大會計師事務所接受暑期實習訓練，除免費來回機票外，另獲三萬元個人津貼。

該獎項由本港會計界知名人士、前「永道會計師事務所」（已合併並易名為「羅兵咸永道會計師事務所」）主席容永道先生於本年初設立，每年提供獎學金予一名在本港大學完成第一年會計學本科課程而表現最優秀的學生。