CU’s EMBA Programme: Number One in Asia

The Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) programme offered by the University’s Faculty of Business Administration has been ranked number one in Asia by BusinessWeek, a leading business magazine in the US, and Financial Times, the leading financial newspaper in the UK. This is the first time the Financial Times and BusinessWeek have undertaken a global survey of this sort.

In the BusinessWeek survey, which published only the top 35 EMBA programmes in the world, the CUHK programme is ranked 33 globally and number one in the Asia Pacific region, which includes Australia.

Eighty-two schools with EMBA programmes which met the basic criteria for inclusion were first identified. Then a survey of over 3,000 recent graduates of the programmes and a poll done by the directors of the 82 programmes were used to develop a ranked list.

The survey focused on the students’ experience at their schools, teaching quality, quality of support services, and curriculum flexibility. For the poll, the programme directors were asked to choose 10 schools that offered programmes of the highest quality. Topping the list in the BusinessWeek survey is the EMBA programme of Northwestern University (Kellogg).

In the Financial Times survey, 72 top-tier international business schools participated in the EMBA programme comparison. The University’s programme was again ranked number one in Asia and number 18 globally. It was given high ratings in three areas — working experience of its participants, aims achieved, and the high number of doctors among its faculty.

The top three programmes in the Financial Times survey are offered respectively by the University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, and London Business School.

Prof. Mun Kin-chok, director of the EMBA Programme, was excited about the results. He said it was most encouraging to find the University’s EMBA programme on the ranked lists prepared by the two independent, authoritative publications. It not only reaffirms the quality of the programme but also brings greater prestige to the University’s business school. He attributed the success of the programme to the uniting efforts of all faculty members and supporting staff.

Prof. Mun also pointed out that a unique feature of the University’s EMBA programme is the collaboration among teachers, students, and alumni in the development of the curriculum and the organization of activities for life-long learning. Students and teachers work as partners and learn from each other.

Established in 1993, the University’s EMBA programme is a two-year course of study specially designed for senior business executives. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent professional qualification and at least seven years of working experience, including five years in a managerial position. The objective of the programme is to develop in its participants essential skills and knowledge in modern management, and to prepare them for general management responsibilities at the senior executive level.

Promoting Women’s Health

Women comprise approximately half the population of Hong Kong, and at least 60 per cent of the geriatric population.

Until recently, most studies on women’s health have been focused on their reproductive health. Given that a third of a woman’s life is spent in postmenopausal years, more and more attention is now being given to the health effects of hormonal changes, and conditions such as heart disease, female cancers, osteoporosis, disability, causes of death, and quality of life in older women. At The Chinese University, a Centre of Research and Promotion of Women’s Health (CRPWH) was set up in January this year to coordinate efforts in this direction.

On 20th October, a Resource Centre for Women’s Health was jointly established by the CRPWH and the Hong Kong Federation of Women to serve as an informational centre for academics, medical and allied health workers, administrators, students, and the general public on a wide range of topics relating to the health and well-being of women.

The centre was made possible by a generous donation from Dr. Annie Wong of the Hong Kong Federation of Women.

Officiating at the opening ceremony of the centre were Dr. Margaret Chan, director of the Department of Health of the HKSAR, Prof. Liu Pak-wai, acting-vice-chancellor, and Dr. Annie Wong.

A scientific symposium entitled ‘Research in Women’s Health: from Knowledge to Practice’ was also held on 21st October to address topics ranging from reproductive health, postnatal depression, screening practices in female cancers, weight management, to the physical and economic consequences of smoking, mental health in different women sub-populations in Hong Kong, and the costs and benefits of intervention programmes. Prof. Jennifer L. Kelsoy, the Department of Health Research and Policy of Stanford University gave a keynote address on ‘Enhancing Evidence-based Policy and Services in Women’s Health’.

Symposium Paves Way from Research to Drug Discovery

World-renowned scientists and experts in the highly competitive field of cell signalling, including a Nobel Laureate, Dr. Ferid Murad, gathered in Hong Kong from 15th to 17th October for the International Symposium of Cell Signalling: From Diseases to Drug Discovery, organized by the Epithelial Cell Biology Research Centre. The centre was jointly established by The Chinese University and the Academy of Military Medical Sciences in Beijing.

Officiating at the opening ceremony of the symposium, which took place in the Shaw College Lecture Theatre, were Prof. Liu Pak-wai, acting-vice-chancellor, Mr. Francis Ho, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology of the HKSAR, and representatives from the Academy of Military Medical Sciences and the Beijing Science and Technology Commission. Guests of honour included Prof. Ye Xin Sheng, director of the Life Sciences Division of the National Natural Science Foundation of China; Prof. Denys Wheatley, editor-in-chief, Cell Biology International; and Profs. Xing Ying and Xie Jun Xia, vice-presidents of Zhengzhou University and Qingdao University respectively.

As part of the Beijing-Hong Kong Forum on Life Sciences series, the symposium aimed at promoting exchanges between Hong Kong and the mainland and enhancing the competitiveness of biotechnology/TCM-related industries. It was supported by the Innovation and Technology Commission of the HKSAR, the Beijing Science and Technology Commission, the International Federation of Cell Biology, and local industries.

Over 150 research papers dealing with various aspects of cell signalling were presented with over 200 participants from different parts of the world and different disciplines in the life sciences.
Calling for Better Development of Parenthood

The promotion of parent education under the current educational reforms was the subject of discussion in a conference co-hosted by the University, the Education Department, and the Board of Education on 20th October at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

At the conference, the findings of a large-scale survey on parent education conducted by CUHK researchers were released. The researchers surveyed over 8,000 parents, interviewed service providers and service users, observed parents’ groups and programmes, and paid visits to neighboring regions, including mainland China, Taiwan, Singapore, and Australia to examine their policies, systems, and practices. Recommendations proposed by the study included reformation of the current provision of parent education, enhancement of professional training, collaboration between organizations, and the setting up of an independent institution to conduct research related to family and parent education.

New Asia’s Happy Run and Mentorship Programme

To celebrate its 52nd anniversary, New Asia College organized ‘The Happy Run’ for the first time on 13th October 2001. Over 200 alumni, staff, and students ran the 7.56 km-route from New Asia to Happy Run for the first time on 13th November 2001.

Three Decades of Acquisition at the Art Museum

The grand opening of the exhibition ‘Three Decades of Acquisition at the Art Museum’ will take place at 4.30 p.m. on 16th November 2001 at the Art Museum. Prof. James C.Y. Watt, founding director of the Art Museum, and Mrs. Keiko Packard, chairperson of the Friends of the Art Museum, will officiate at the opening ceremony, which is to be hosted by Prof. Arthur K.C. Li, vice-chancellor of the University. The exhibition will continue till 24th February 2002. All are welcome.

As a university museum, the Art Museum orientates itself as a cultural and academic institution for the promotion of Chinese culture and art to both the University community and the general public. It organizes not only thematic exhibitions for the appreciation of art and cultural relics, but also talks and symposia to encourage academic research and exchange. Many of the exhibitions have been mounted in collaboration with museums on the mainland or with the support of local collectors and organizations. To give recognition to the continuous support of its benefactors, the Art Museum has organized this retrospective show ‘Three Decades of Acquisition at the Art Museum’.

The Art Museum collection includes paintings, calligraphy, epigraphy, rubbings, ceramics, bronze, jade, literati accoutrements, and sculpture. The painting and calligraphy collection, consisting mainly of representative works of diverse regional schools of the Ming and Qing periods, has been enriched in recent years by a certain amount of important Song and Yuan pieces. Artefacts of Chinese epigraphy, in particular wood and bamboo slips of Qin and Han times, tomb stelae of the Jin and Tang periods, and stele rubbings of the Song dynasty, have been the focus for acquisition of the Art Museum since its inception. Its comprehensive collection of ceramics, relatively rich in Ming and Qing pieces with studio marks, zisha ware from Yixing, and Shangwen ware from Guangdong, allows a systematic display that reveals the development of the craft. Although the acquisitions of Shang and Zhou bronzes are small in number, over a thousand pieces of ancient seals have been amassed. In addition, the most remarkable pieces of Neolithic jade, jade flowers of the Ming and Qing eras, lacquer ware, ivories, wood, and bamboo sculpture from the Art Museum holdings will be on display.

The Friends of the Art Museum have been a munificent companion. Their constant donations are put on show in the East-wing Gallery. To coincide with this special exhibition in celebration of the 50th and the 20th anniversary of the Art Museum and the Friends respectively, a joint seminar will be held on 24th November 2001 (Saturday) at the Ladies Recreation Club in Central. Six speakers are invited to discuss the history and collection of the Art Museum. The programme will be conducted in English. For registration, please call 2609 7416.

Three Decades of Acquisition at the Art Museum

United College Celebrates 45th Anniversary

United College officially celebrated its 45th anniversary at a ceremony held on the morning of 19th October at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall. Mr. Sham Chiu-sang, chairman of the College Board of Trustees, and Dr. Edgar Cheng Wai-kin, head of the Central Policy Unit of the HKSAR government, officiated at the ceremony and presented academic prizes to students.

The ceremony was immediately followed by a grand birthday party on the college campus, featuring the cutting of a 40-pound birthday cake. The day’s highlights were the anniversary luncheon held at the college staff common room, and the Feast-for-Thousands organized by the United College Student Union in the evening.

Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Prof. Richard M.W. Ho, registrar, has been re-appointed by the Secretary for Education and Manpower as a member of the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation for three years from 1st October 2001.
- Prof. Edith Loo Ming Chee, professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine, has been appointed by the Secretary for Health and Welfare as a member of the Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health for two years from 1st October 2001.
- Dr. Anthony Edward Jones, director of Laboratory Animal Services Centre, has been re-appointed by the Secretary for Environment and Food as a member of the Animal Welfare Advisory Group for two years from 1st May 2001.
- Prof. Chau Ching, director of the School of Chinese Medicine, has been re-appointed by the Secretary for Environment and Food as a member of the Endangered Species Advisory Committee for one year from 1st October 2001.
- Prof. Shing Peng, professor in the Department of Biochemistry, has been appointed by the Secretary for the Environment and Food as a member of the Endangered Species Advisory Committee from 1st October 2001 to 30th September 2002.
- Prof. Lindo Lam Chih Wai, associate professor in the Department of Psychiatry, has been appointed by the Secretary for Security as an adjudicator of the Immigration Tribunal for two years from 1st October 2001.
- Prof. Dennis Lo Yuk Ming, associate professor in the Department of Chemical Pathology, has been appointed by the Secretary for Security as an adjudicator of the Immigration Tribunal for two years from 1st October 2001.
- Prof. Helen Chiu Fung Kum, professor in the Department of Psychiatry, has been elected as President of the Pacific Rim College of Psychiatrists for two years from October 2001.

Honours and Awards

- Prof. Leung Ping Chung, professor of orthopaedics and traumatology, was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Social Sciences by The University of Hong Kong on 20th March 2001.

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CUHK's Second Bookstore

Giving the Written Word Its Rightful Place

Mr. Tse On, manager of the bookstore and one of the owners, said, ‘We decided to pool some money and give the idea a try. We all like reading, so it is natural for us to want others to like reading too. We want to attract more like minds.’

The owners hope the bookstore will be a truly university bookstore in the vein of such bookstores in the US or UK — something they believe is lacking in Hong Kong. ‘Most Hong Kong people when they travel like to go shopping for clothing and souvenirs. We like to visit universities the world over and their bookstores. We feel there aren’t bookstores like that in Hong Kong — ones that sell quality books on the arts, history, philosophy, politics, economics, sociology, and popular science in both English and Chinese,’ Mr. Tse continued.

A retired businessman in air-conditioning engineering, Mr. Tse was planning to go abroad to study when his friends proposed the idea of the bookstore to him. As the other investors all have very busy jobs, he decided to stay in Hong Kong and manage the store full-time. The planning of the bookstore began in February this year. A young interior designer was recruited to give the space a clean and modern feel so that it would appeal to students and teachers alike. The shelves were manufactured in mainland China, and the rest of the furniture acquired from Ikea.

The bookstore was opened on 15th June for a trial period of four months before its official opening in October. It also has a website at http://www.2ndbookstore.com, which will be in operation in a month or two.

Do the owners have any ambition for the bookstore? According to Mr. Tse, its primary and immediate objective is to serve the staff and students of the University. Eventually it would like to build up a reputation in Hong Kong as a bilingual university bookstore selling quality books. In fact bilingualism is an important feature of the business.

Chinese and English books are put side by side on the shelves. While it may make more sense to put the Chinese and English versions of The Communist Manifesto together, this arrangement is also symbolic of the importance of both languages and the cultures embedding the languages, Mr. Tse said. He also pointed out that students in Hong Kong are privileged in that they enjoy exposure to both languages and, more importantly, both cultures, yet they often fail to capitalize fully on such a privilege. ‘University students in Shanghai do not have as easy access to English books as their counterparts in Hong Kong, because such books are very expensive and are subject to censorship. There aren’t even bookstores like Swindon’s in Shanghai,’ he remarked.

And, to him, reading is not only the answer to the problems of many of Hong Kong’s students, many of whom are considered neither proficient in English and Chinese, nor conversant with the history and culture behind the two languages. The solution to the ennuie and other problems of modern life also lie between the covers of a book. In this age, the written word is often replaced by the image, and books by the cinema. Yet Mr. Tse believes that Pride and Prejudice on film can never reach the same depth of sensitivity nor offer the same space for imagination as the novel. Besides one can live many lives in the world of books. The HKSAR government has been calling for a knowledge-based economy, yet Mr. Tse believes this ‘knowledge’ should not be limited to IT. It should include knowledge of literature, philosophy, and history — things good for the soul, so to speak. ‘It is a pity to see knowledge limited to a software manual and education to mean vocational training. You may be able to make a few million with just a phone call, but when you encounter problems with your marriage, health, or finance, what are you going to do? Our society does not equip us to solve these problems. That’s why we have so much frustration and so many suicides. Yet there are solutions to these problems in history. Books tell you how our ancestors solved their problems,’ Mr. Tse said.

The bookstore also holds monthly lectures. Last September, Mr. Leung Cheuk-yun, one of the store’s owners and a CUHK alumnus, spoke on Chinese writer Hu Shih. Topics for the coming months include C.S. Lewis and Eric Fromm. In the line of promotion, the bookstore has been distributing flyers and bookmarks at the KCR University Station. As the venue of the bookstore is a bit off the way (located on G05 of Li Wai Chan Building, next to the cafeteria), a brief map is included in the bookmarks.

When asked if he thinks the bookstore will fulfill its owners’ ambitions, Mr. Tse replied, ‘Changing the reading culture in Hong Kong is a mission impossible, but we hope to succeed.’

Piera Chen
Temporary Closure of Car Park Opposite to Sir Run Run Shaw Hall

The car park opposite to Sir Run Run Shaw Hall, to be used as a seating area for graduates, will be temporarily closed from 16th November to 4th December for the erection of a canopy for the ceremony.

Suspension of Classes

Classes for Medical Years 1 and 2, the Intercalated Degree Programme in Medical Sciences, and postgraduate programmes will be suspended for the day.

Temporary Closure of BFC Canteens

The Benjamin Franklin Centre staff canteen and student canteen will be closed on the day from 7.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m., as they will be used for reception after Part I of the ceremony. The Fast Food Shop will also be closed from 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. for the hutch gathering of graduates of the Part-time Degree Programmes and their families.

Wet Weather

In case of wet weather, Part I of the ceremony will be held at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall while the New Asia College Graduation Ceremony and the Master's Degree Graduation Ceremony will take place in the New Asia Gymnasium.

公積金及強積金計劃投資成績

Investment Returns of Staff Superannuation Schemes and MPFS

The investment returns of September 2001 and the cumulative returns of the third quarter of 2001 in the Designated Investment Funds of the 1995 and 1983 Schemes and the Mandatory Provident Fund Scheme (MPFS) are as follows:

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Located at the University of Hong Kong (HKU), the university has a strong focus on research and academic excellence.

The university offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programs in fields such as sciences, arts, humanities, business, law, medicine, engineering, and more.

The library of the University of Hong Kong is one of the largest in Asia, with over 6 million printed books and more than 140,000 subscribed electronic resources.

The university has a strong international reputation and is consistently ranked among the top universities in the world, especially in fields such as medicine, business, and law.

The campus is located in the heart of Hong Kong, with easy access to public transportation and a vibrant cultural and social scene.

The university is committed to excellence in teaching and research, and is actively engaged in community service and outreach.

The university is a member of the Association of Asian Universities, a network of leading universities in Asia.

The university offers a variety of extracurricular activities, including sports, clubs, and societies, to promote the holistic development of its students.

The university is committed to sustainability and has implemented various initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint and promote environmental consciousness.

The university is proud of its diverse and inclusive community, attracting students from all over the world and fostering a welcoming environment for all.

The university is well-known for its strong partnerships with industries and governmental bodies, offering students practical learning experiences and opportunities for professional development.

The university is a leader in innovation and technology, with a strong focus on research and development, and has successfully commercialized several technologies developed at the University of Hong Kong.

The university is committed to the well-being of its students, providing a range of support services and facilities, including counseling, health care, and sports facilities.

The university is an important hub for cultural and artistic activities, hosting numerous events and exhibitions throughout the year.

The university is a proud member of the International University Network, a global network of universities committed to excellence, innovation, and international cooperation.
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聯合書院四十五周年院慶

聯合書院上月十九日在邵逸夫堂舉行四十五周年院慶典禮，由該院校董會主席岑才生先生及香港特別行政區政府中央政策組顧問鄭維健博士擔任主禮嘉賓，並負責頒授書院學術優異獎予得獎學生。典禮後，書院於聯合校園舉行膳會及院慶日會及院慶午餐，並獲書院教職員聯誼會贈送四十五磅重蛋糕致賀。聯合書院學生會於同日晚上舉行慶典。書院、校友會及教職員聯誼會亦按五年一度的傳統，於院慶翌夜合辦「四十五周年院慶餐舞會」，出席之書院友好、校友和學子逾四百人。書院內設置基礎資料展覽，介紹書院四十五年來的難忘片段。書院亦在會上頒發長期服務獎予服務超過二十年的聯合書院教職員。

新亞健步跑及學長計劃

新亞書院今年五十二周年院慶，首辦「健步跑」，於十月十三日舉行，逾二百名員生及校友跑畢全程，最佳紀錄為二十八分五十七秒。賽事起點為新亞圓形廣場，終點為沙田威爾斯親王醫院，全長七千六百五十米。新亞書院希望透過這項比賽加強學生的「新亞精神」，建立健康校園的風氣，並為員生及校友提供富挑戰性的體育活動。新亞書院院長梁秉中教授、醫學院副院長霍泰輝教授和新亞學術主任呂培斌教授出任頒獎嘉賓，頒發各項賽事的個人及團體獎項，以及「最高籌款獎」。新亞書院同日舉行第二屆學長計劃的成立典禮，有逾百位學長及學生出席，在雲起軒作初次認識。梁教授表示，該計劃去年初辦，得到校友及學生的大力支持，非常成功。今年續辦，是希望其他學生亦能取得學長的借鑑，學習處世之道。新亞書院校友會主席黃建平先生致辭時，亦鼓勵學弟學妹多參與學長計劃的活動，以擴闊視野，從中得益。
行政人員工商管理碩士課程
接連獲評為亞洲第一

行政人員工商管理碩士(EMBA)課程上月連接獲美國《商業週刊》和英國《金融時報》評選為亞洲第一,課程主任閔建蜀教授感到十分鼓舞,認為是各位教師及行政人員共同努力的結果。

中大EMBA課程在《商業週刊》的EMBA世界排名榜中名列三十三,亞洲第一,也是亞洲及澳洲區內唯一上榜的EMBA課程;在《金融時報》的排名榜則位居全球十八,亞洲第一。該兩份著名報刊皆是首次編製環球EMBA課程排名榜。

中大於一九九三年開設EMBA課程,為商界培訓具備現代管理技巧及知識的高級行政人員,提高學員的分析和決策能力。學員必須持有學士學位或同等專業資格,並須在取得該等資格後具有七年之工作經驗,其中五年為高層管理經驗。

閔教授指出,中大EMBA課程的特色是團隊精神,強調教授和學員之間的夥伴關係,並以學員為中心,這與《商業週刊》榜首的西北大學的課程特色相近。而《金融時報》的評選準則較重視學員的「成就」,例如目前的年薪、過去三年的薪金增長、工作經驗、期望目標已達到多少等。高踞該報排名榜首三位的分別是賓夕法尼亞大學華頓商學院、哥倫比亞大學商學院,以及倫敦商學院。閔教授說:「中大的課程得以與該等享負盛名的商學課程同列一榜,不但大大增加了本校行政人員工商管理碩士課程的認受性,更提高了中大商學院的國際聲譽。」

新設資源中心 促進婦女健康

香港中文大學婦女健康促進及研究中心獲香港各界婦女聯合協進會王梁潔華博士慷慨捐款,上月二十日與該會共同成立「聯合資源中心」,供學術界、醫護界、學生等使用,以促進婦女健康。

「聯合資源中心」設於婦女健康促進及研究中心內,啟用儀式於沙田威爾斯親王醫院公共衛生學院地下繼昌堂舉行,由衛生署署長陳馮富珍醫生、中大署理校長廖柏偉教授和「聯合資源中心」贊助人王梁潔華博士主持。

報告指出,婦女一生中有三分之一時間是處於更年期及更年期後,故近年已有越來愈多的研究關注荷爾蒙變化對婦女健康的影响,年長婦女心臟疾、癌病(尤其中乳癌)、骨質疏鬆、行動不良、致命原因,甚至生活水平等。女性佔全港人口約一半,更佔七十五歲或以上年齡組別的六成以上,一般也比同年齡組別的男性多病痛,對醫療服務需求很大。

婦女健康促進及研究中心上月二十日召開「婦女健康研究——理論至實踐」研討會,探討婦女健康,包括生育健康、產後抑鬱、婦女患癌病的走勢及檢測方法、體重管理、吸煙對婦女生理及經濟的影響、婦女社群的心理健康;又探討多項預防政策的實際效益,例如防範婦女免受暴力對待。

會議獲崇基學院贊助,以志慶該院五十周年紀念,開幕禮由婦女事務委員會主席梁劉柔芬女士及崇基院長李沛良教授主持,美國史丹福大學健康研究及政策所Prof. Jennifer L. Kelsey在會上發表專題演講,講題為「加強實證為本的婦女健康政策及服務」。