Dr. Lee Hon-chiu Becomes Life Member of the Council

Dr. Lee Hon-chiu, chairman of the University Council, has been appointed Life Member of the Council from 11th September 2002.

Dr. Lee Hon-chiu and the Lee Family have been staunch supporters and generous benefactors of The Chinese University of Hong Kong since its inception. He was elected Council Member in 1992 and has rendered excellent service to the Council since then. He assumed a leadership role on several Council committees and was subsequently elected vice-chairman of the Council. In October 1997, upon the retirement of Dr. the Honourable Lee Quo-wei, Dr. Lee Hon-chiu was appointed chairman of the Council by the chancellor with the unanimous support of the Council.

The phenomenal growth of the University and its well recognized accomplishments in the last five years bear witness to Dr. Lee Hon-chiu's excellent leadership and generous support.

Dr. Lee Hon-chiu is also an outstanding leader in the business sector and the community at large. His long and illustrious career and the distinguished public and professional services he has rendered are greatly appreciated in Hong Kong, on the mainland and abroad.

More Victories for the CU Rowing Team

Rowers from the University outshone their counterparts from the University of Hong Kong in the 16th Intervarsity Rowing Championship held on 15th September on Shing Mun River. The CU team came out of the five races with three gold trophies and two silver.

In the focus event of the day—the men's coxed eight race, they beat the HKU team two years in a row to clinch their eleventh championship title in 16 years.

The CU team was also the overall champion in the Eighth Hong Kong Universities Rowing Championship held two weeks earlier on 1st September 2002.

Naming of University Facilities

Five major facilities of the University have recently been christened with new names.

Postgraduate Hall No. 1 has been named Jockey Club Postgraduate Hall in recognition of the generous donation by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust towards the development of the University's student hostels.

The Marine Science Laboratory is now called the Simon F.S. Li Marine Science Laboratory, and the only building of that laboratory has been named the Simon F.S. Li Building to give permanent recognition to the generous donation by Dr. and Mrs. Simon F.S. Li and their family for the development of the University.

The lecture theatre and the attached lobby on the fifth floor of the Ho Sin-Hang Engineering Building has been named T.Y. Wong Hall in appreciation of the generous support given by The T.Y. Wong Foundation Inc. to establish the Mr. and Mrs. T.Y. Wong Endowment Fund.

A new student hostel on New Asia campus has been named Daisy Li Hall after Dr. Daisy Li, who has made a generous donation towards the construction costs of the hostel.

Support for Four More Research Projects

The following research projects undertaken by staff members of the University have succeeded in obtaining funding support from various sources:

Promotion of Putonghua (HK$2,499,470)
Sponsor: The Language Fund
Principal investigator: Prof. Ho Wai-kit (Centre for Research and Development of Putonghua Education)

Development of a Service Robot with Lift Interface (HK$130,000)
Sponsor: Chinese Academy of Sciences
Principal investigator: Prof. Liu Yunhui (Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering)

Intelligent e-Diagnosis of Plastic Injection Moulding Machines (HK$700,000)
Sponsors: Innovation and Technology Fund, Po Yuen (To's) Machine Factory Ltd.
Principal investigator: Prof. Du Ruxu (Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering)
Co-investigators: Xu Yangsheng and Kevin C.H. Lo

Detection of Aberrantly Methylated DNA in Blood and Faeces: A Novel Non-invasive Screening Method for Gastrointestinal Cancer (HK$3,440,280)
Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund
Principal investigator: Prof. Leung Wai-keung (Department of Medicine and Therapeutics)
Co-investigators: Prof. To Ka-fai, Prof. Francis K.L. Chan, and Prof. Joseph Sung
Centre for Clinical Trials on Chinese Medicine Receives Donation

The Centre for Clinical Trials on Chinese Medicine (CCTCM) received a donation of HK$2,580,000 from the Oriental Press Charitable Fund Association to subsidize the acquisition of research equipment and materials, and to support a new project on elderly health. A cheque presentation ceremony was held on 16th September 2002 at the CCTCM in the School of Public Health Building at the Prince of Wales Hospital, with Mrs. Michelle Leung, wife of the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, and Prof. Liu Pak Wai, pro-vice-chancellor, as guests of honour. Prof. Leung Ping Chung, chairman of the Management Committee, the Institute of Chinese Medicine (ICM), and section convenors of the institute introduced the facilities and the latest development of the CCTCM to the guests before the ceremony.

The CCTCM is an executive arm of the Clinical Trials Section of the ICM.

Site-specific Drug Delivery System Gives New Hope to Uveitis Sufferers

Uveitis, a kind of eye inflammation, is classified mainly into anterior and posterior types. Anterior uveitis refers to inflammation in the front part of the eye while posterior uveitis refers to that in the back part. A serious and sight threatening condition, posterior uveitis is conventionally treated with oral steroid or immunosuppressants. Dr. Chan Wai-man of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences points out that orally prescribed steroid could cause a lot of undesirable side-effects including weight gain, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, gastritis, and osteoporosis. Similarly immuno-suppressants are potentially harmful to internal organs. Worse still, some patients cannot tolerate either form of treatment.

Researchers in the US have recently developed a device to be secured inside the eyeball, which will release drugs for years. The CUHK Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences is one of 40 leading sites in the US to receive the US$150,000 eye implant produced by researchers from the University of South Florida.

The University is the only centre in Hong Kong that provides the new treatment for uveitis.

Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Prof. Lam Mong Chow, Amy, professor in the Department of Social Work, has been appointed by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food as a member of the Social Work Training Fund Committee for two years from 1st October 2002.
- Prof. Tang Ho Suk Chung, professor in the Department of Marketing, has been appointed as a member of the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS for three years from 1st August 2002.
- Prof. Ching Pak-chung, professor of electronic engineering, has been appointed as a co-opted member of the council of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers for the 2002-3 session. He has also been elected to serve as an ordinary member of the council of the Institution of Electrical Engineers for three years from 1st October 2002.
- Prof. Fok Tai Fai, professor of paediatrics, has been appointed as a member of the Health Services Research Committee of the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau from 9th September 2002 to 19th August 2003.
- Prof. Chan Yan Keung, Thomas, associate professor in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, has been appointed as a member of the Licensiate Committee of the Medical Council of Hong Kong for three years from 11th November 2002.
- Prof. Diana Lee, professor in the Nethersole School of Nursing, has been appointed by the Nursing Council of Hong Kong as a co-opted member of the Education Committee for two years from 1st August 2002.
- Prof. Lam Kin-kee, professor in the Department of Geography and Resource Management, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a Justice of the Peace on 30th June 2002.
- Prof. Chiu Fung-kum, Helen, reader in the Department of Psychiatry, has been appointed by the University of Rochester Medical Centre as an adjunct professor of psychiatry in the School of Medicine and Dentistry for one year from 1st August 2002.

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Lend Him Your Ears

Prof. Ambrose King on His New Appointment as VC, Plans for the Coming Year, University Mergers, and a Lot More

students in the entire student population has to be reviewed. The University’s hands will be tied if mechanisms governing the recruitment of research students remain unchanged.

But in the last inning, it is teaching, he says, that should be a university’s primary mission. ‘The most valuable fruits of our labour,’ he remarks, ‘are our students and what they make of what they have learnt at this university. Research is important but 20 years down the line, a university that is only good at research can only be another success.

There are four other issues that weigh heavily on Prof. King’s mind.

The first is the establishment of a law school at CUHK. Prof. King intends to submit the proposal in the University’s Academic Development Plans for the triennium 2004–7. ‘I think it was a big mistake of the UGC to turn down our proposal more than a decade ago. No comprehensive university can do without a law school. Modern society cannot function without legal expertise, and Hong Kong has to rely on its own universities to nurture quality legal expertise,’ he says. He also points out that all of the University’s professional schools — business administration, medicine, and engineering, — have fared extremely well. There is no reason why its law school should not be another success.

A second matter in which Prof. King would like to engage the thoughts of members of the University is the extension of the undergraduate curriculum from three to four years. Now that the worth of the system is recognized by the government, its implementation is put on hold only because of the lack of resources. Under such circumstances, how eagerly do we want it and in what form? Will its implementation be across the board or limited? Both the curriculum and the way it is delivered and assessed need careful rethinking. Prof. King believes it is time for the University to devise more concrete plans to turn the four-year system into a reality by phases.

In anticipation of the government’s new policy objectives and funding strategies in relation to higher education, the University also needs to overhaul its governance system to cope with challenges in the new context. The matter can’t wait until the arrival of the next vice-chancellor, says Prof. King. As the University has begun its review early, even before the formal release of the Sutherland Report, ideas are already taking shape and solid plans are expected to emerge within a year’s time. Implementing them, however, will take some time.

Then there is the talk in the press about the possibility of a merger between CUHK and HKUST. About it Prof. King has this to say: ‘Let’s not forget that integration has been a unique feature of the University’s founding and development. We are always open-minded about it. With the forces of globalization operating on us in almost every aspect of life, we may well start thinking about integrating with other institutions to acquire the size and the critical mass to become a truly world-class university.’ According to him, this is one way for local universities to revitalize themselves to achieve world-class status. Of course, it involves issues of quantity and quality and will only be possible if the integration benefits both parties, resulting in a win-win situation. But I don’t see why we should refrain from considering the possibility. The Chinese University will certainly not go for it passively. I would like to involve parties concerned in the University to actively think about the pros and cons, to consider the feasibility in both the near and distant future,’ he concludes.

Being a sociologist who has been with the University for over three decades, Prof. King believes that the right man to head this academic institution in the new century should be someone with deep respect for learning and knowledge, someone who believes not only in the value of the sciences and technology but equally in that of the arts and humanities. Among the educators he admires are Mr. Cai Yuanpei, China’s leading liberal educator of the early 20th century and former president of Peking University, and Dr. Clark Kerr, a sociologist and former chancellor of U.C. Berkeley who, in Prof. King’s words, has turned Berkeley into the Harvard of the West Coast. ‘The University should aspire not just after a world-class status but also to be a “great university”.

To be one, it should never forget the importance of the humanities. But Prof. King, ‘Many universities such as Peking University have had great impact on the cultural and intellectual life of the Chinese society mainly because of their contribution to the humanities. Science is more important now than ever before simply because it couldn’t have been otherwise.

The ideal candidate must also have both international perspective as well as local commitment. Any university worth its name must be international in nature,’ says Prof. King, ‘as a university is always situated in a global academic community. But globalization also makes having a local identity all the more important.

As the university is a complex organization, the person running it should have a high level of managerial competence, although Prof. King concedes that certain practices in the commercial sector may have given ‘management’ negative connotations. He explains that by good management, he is not referring to what he calls a ‘cheap authoritarian style’ or a ‘cheap democratic style’, but a thorough understanding of how the organization operates and the ability to lead it.

Although many heads of significant universities are famous academicians or respected authorities in their own field, fame and profile as qualities of a vice-chancellor are sweet but not necessarily of first importance, Prof. King believes. ‘We are not looking for a Superman, just a good individual who possesses the kinds of qualities I have mentioned. A job can make a person great too, not only in the other way round,’ he says.

Similarly a great university should be able to bring out the best qualities in its students — intellectually and morally. Perhaps that is why despite his view that such acts were ‘extremely tasteless’ interpretations of popular culture, Prof. King is not intent on punishing the new entrants who shouted vulgar slogans at the recent orientation camp. Punishment is easy, he says, but the large issue is how to cultivate taste. He points out that the cultural paradigm of scientific knowledge in modern society has led to the marginalization of ethical or moral education in the tertiary education sector. Given this and the indulgence in sensationalism of Hong Kong’s media culture, there is an impending need to cultivate taste. He argues that the cultural education can help turn what is ugly and tasteless into something decent and beautiful, ‘We do think aesthetic education can encourage development of more sublime emotions and elimination of baser ones. People may hold different ideas on what is moral or immoral; issues such as relativism come into the argument. But judgment of beauty or the lack of it falls into the realm of aesthetics. I do think aesthetic education can help turn what is ugly and tasteless into something decent and beautiful,’ he concludes.

Prof. King is confident that the University will find an excellent new vice-chancellor in time. But in the coming year, he has much on his plate and he hopes members of the University will work as a team to support him. And for the time being, playing with his grandson and musings on passing clouds may just have to take a backseat.©
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會計學院要發展成為
亞洲一流的教研中心

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會計學院帶來新的挑戰，我們必須重新釐定發展
目標及分配資源。」謝教授所指的挑戰是，近年亞
太地區經歷了金融風暴，香港經濟持續不振，在
政府資助不斷削減的情況下，大學教師的待遇也
不比前年，該院很難聘得優秀人才。

另外，中國加入世界貿易組織後，對會計人
才的需求大大增加，國家主席江澤民曾表示全國
需要培養三十萬名註冊會計師，這原是中大會計
學院發展的好機會，唯北美和亞太地區院校為了
爭相在內地舉辦會計課程，而內地會計院校的研
學水準又發展迅速，本科課程素質正逐漸趕上。

再加上現今市場對會計人員的要求愈來愈
高，他們除了要熟悉一般的會計理論，更須善用
最新的資訊科技，例如在互聯網應用會計知識，
這些都是傳統的會計課程所沒有的。

維持優質教研水準

雖然前路挑戰重重，但謝教授樂觀地表示：
「挑戰也帶來機遇，我們會以亞洲地區一流的會計
學院教研中心為發展目標。」

謝教授認為，香港大學的會計學院的優勢，他們必
須擁有一流的水準的教研隊伍和優秀的學生，並須
不斷革新課程。

剛畢業的會計學博士如取得北美大學的學位，
會計學院為新大學保留一份榮譽，香港只能付出七至八萬
美元，較昂貴吸引北美人才來港，他說：「幸而中大
向有人才遠望，本港外向學者也肯，很多
人會願意犧牲一些利益，以成為中大的一分子。院
方也會盡量將他們對教師的要求，吸引他們加入
中大行列。」中大於十月新增政府資助，也會
不斷吸引教師來港。謝教授認為確需幅度不大，
大家是可以接受的，「事實上，院方同人士氣高
漲，每個人都願意多作貢獻，譬如主動建議多教
一門課，以減輕學院的財政負擔。總的來說，情
勢還是樂觀的。」

重組課程內容

該院將會盡快更新課程內容，加入新的元素如資
訊科技的應用及電子貿易等。「最近美國企業爆發
連串會計醜聞，顯示會計教育須著重從業人員的品
格和修養。所以，我們也會加強這方面的培訓。這
正好是一個全新的發展方向，也就是我所說的機
遇。」

確保學生素質

謝教授亦指出，學院一直都致力培養精英學生入
學，「中大學生是第一流的，這也是我喜歡和願意留在中大
的原因，我心目中會計學系的學生，是那些用功和
有用的人。然而，中大學生都擁有這兩項特質，
我給三題作業，他們往往另外多做五
題，當然他必須要做得對，不然他們無法在業界
發展。」

現時會計學院每年收生約一百五十人，當中五
十人在學期間可到會計師行實習四個月。為了加強
學生的競爭力，謝教授計劃在實習名額增至七十
個。

由於本港其他大學亦積極宣傳他們的會計
課程，競爭激烈，所以「院方絕不能鬆懈，我們
會致力保持教研和課程素質，又會到中學推
廣。」

與内地合辦高級課程

謝教授了解到內地會計教育有足長的進
步，也有能力培養本科生，但香港研究院課程的
教研水準仍然不足，他建議合辦新的課程空間。「我
們與上海國家會計學院合辦的『專業會計學碩士』
課程，已於六月正式開課。上海國家會計學院在
內地顯赫有名，雙方合作，可互惠互利。」對香港
學生來說，修讀該課程不但可增進專業知識，更
有利他們在香港、內地及亞太地區的發展。該課
程十分受歡迎，首批招收的六十名學生，是從一百多
名申请人中嚴格篩選出來，平均工作經驗更有十年。由於反應熱烈，兩院現積極考慮增
開新班，以滿足更多學員。

任重道遠

謝教授為上海交通大學理學碩士，加拿大多
倫多大學會計博士，畢業後於羅馬利多大學任
教，一九九七年到香港科技大學任客座敎授一
年，後來受科技大學挽留，於香港大學任教，後
改在中大任敎。

他的研究興趣是以經濟模型解释會計現象，
並於一九九九年獲美國會計學會年獎。該獎每年
只頒給一人，表揚其建立的理論獲最多論文引
用。

「大學委任我為院長，是希望我建校的變化帶
來新的挑戰，學院責任很重，我會盡力為院內同人同
同人建立最好的教研環境。」
新雅中國語文研習所優秀教師獎

新雅中國語文研習所普通話組組長王浩勃先生獲得該所二零零一至二零零二年度優秀教師獎。王先生是中大校友，在該所任教近十三年，去年開始擔任普通話組組長，他的教學法和教學素質不僅獲得學生高度讚賞，在教學和行政工作又有優異表現，更代表該所積極服務中大和社會。

頒獎儀式於八月三十一日在方潤華堂舉行，由該所所長吳偉平博士主持，頒發經金耀基校長簽署的獎狀及該所送出的獎品，出席者包括該所全體教師。

該所於三年前設立此獎項，目的是嘉獎表現突出的教師。提名標準包括在最近兩年的科目評核得到高分，對教學有貢獻，具專業操守，積極參加該所活動及代表該所參與大學和社會服務。獲提名者須經全體教師投票，獲過半數贊成票才能當選。

鑽研眼疾新療法

科及視覺科學學系現與全球四十多所先進的眼科中心，共同研究嶄新的藥物定位療法，利用眼內類固醇植入劑醫治葡萄膜炎。研究至今，效果令人滿意。

葡萄膜炎是一種可以致盲的眼疾，由眼球內葡萄膜組織發炎所致。傳統的治療方法是使用口服的免疫系統抑制劑抑制其發炎，最常用的是類固醇，但其副作用甚多，可引致體重上升，臉部肥腫，過胖，糖尿病，高血壓，胃炎，骨質疏鬆等，其他抑制劑則可能傷害腎臟或肝臟，並導致不育。

眼科及視覺科學學系上月十二日在醫學院深造中心舉行新聞發布會，由該系林順潮教授（左）和陳偉民教授（右）講解葡萄膜炎的病變及傳統療法，並介紹最新定位療法。該方法是把微細的類固醇植入劑，牢固地植入病人眼球內，手術過程約需三十分鐘。植入劑會在三年內不停地自動釋出類固醇藥物。

培訓軟體部件開發專才

本校公開軟體部件總匯（www.open-components.com）與貝恩斯軟件公司於十月至十一月合辦一系列軟體部件開發培訓課程，培訓軟件開發、系統分析和項目管理的人員。

該系列培訓由四個課程組成，以理論解說、導師示範、例子及練習、小組討論、系統設計及個案分析等，使學員掌握最新的電腦技術。貝恩斯軟件有限公司是亞洲的組件應用技術先鋒，以EJB為基礎，建立企業級組件應用方案，並將複雜的商業流程轉化成各個組塊，滿足電子商務的基本需

中國科技期刊展香港博覽會上月十至十二日在香港中央圖書館舉行，學術交流處協調校內的醫學院、理學院、中醫中藥研究所、研究及科技事務處和大學出版社參展，合共提供三十五種科技書籍、期刊及電子讀物供展出，數量為香港各參展單位之冠。中大為博覽會的支持機構之一，金耀基校長更應邀出任博覽會顧問委員會委員。

博覽會由中國科學技術協會、京港學術交流中心及香港各界文化促進會主辦，展示全國理、工、農、醫、基礎科學、高新技術科技期刊及科普期刊近五百種，包括為數眾多的獲獎及優秀科技圖書與音像製品；又特設「香港廳」，集中展示香港各科硏單位所出版的科技期刊、圖書、電子讀物和音像製品。

博覽會有助促進香港和內地科技界、學術界、出版界的交流合作，加深市民對創新科技的認識，推動內地科技期刊與國際接軌。全國政協副主席、中國科學技術協會名譽主席朱光亞，率領由內地官員、專家、學者組成的逾百人代表團出席博覽會。

推廣普通話

普通話教育硏究及發展中心、新雅中國語文研習所及中文大學出版社視聽製作部獲語文基金贊助約二百五十萬港元，於「普通話月」在全港舉辦一分鐘普通話活動、Q版普通話水平測試、名人談普通話和學生普通話大使培訓計劃。

「普通話月」由語文教育及硏究常務委員會和香港推廣普通話大聯盟於上月中至本月中舉行。普通話教育硏究及發展中心主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主任何偉傑教授上月二十二及二十九日在何添樓B6室主持普通話講座，講解「普通話的標準」和「怎樣提升普通話水平」。中心副主何
利漢釗博士獲委為終身校董

大學校董會委任校董會主席利漢釗博士為終身校董,任期由二零零二年九月十一日起生效,以表揚利博士多年來領導大學發展,以及對大學校董會和大學的卓著貢獻,並望在未来的日子,大學能繼續不斷地獲得利博士的支持與貴寶意見。

利漢釗博士及利氏家族自香港中文大學創校以來一直愛護大學,慷慨捐贈支持。利博士自一九九二年當選大學校董以來,積極參與校董會事務,並主領多個委員會;及後,獲委委任為大學校董會副主席。一九九七年十月,利漢釗博士經大學校董會一致支持並獲提名,由大學監督委任,繼榮休的利國偉博士出任大學校董會主席。仰賴利漢釗博士的傑出領導和鼎力支持,大學在過去五年的發展成績卓著,聲譽日增。

建築及設施命名

大學為誌念各方友好及愛護大學,惠予慷慨捐贈,並經大學校董會上月議決,為五項建築物及設施命名如下:

(一) 研究生宿舍一座命名為「賽馬會研究生宿舍」,以誌念香港賽馬會慈善信託基金對大學學生宿舍興建計劃的慷慨捐助。

(二) 海洋科學研究中心命名為「李福善海洋科學研究中心」,而其大樓命名為「李福善樓」,以銘記李福善博士伉儷暨家人對大學發展的慷慨捐贈。

(三) 何善衡工程學大樓五樓演講廳及附連大堂命名為「王統元堂」,以紀念王統元基金慷慨捐款,在大學設立王統元先生教育基金。

(四) 新亞書院新學生宿舍命名為「紫霞樓」,以紀念李胡紫霞博士慷慨捐贈,支持新亞書院發展。

(五) 位於醫學院深造中心地下的培訓設施命名為「繼昌堂臨床技術培訓中心」,以紀念繼昌堂信託基金慷慨捐款支持臨床技術培訓中心的活動。

聯合會計生將代表香港參加國際電聯青年論壇

聯合會計生陳國麟獲選於今年十二月初代表香港出席國際電信聯盟二零零二年亞洲電信展的青年論壇,與逾百名亞太區青年領袖討論並優先接觸資訊及通訊科技業的最新發展。

生物系推出香港植物和植被網站

生物系上月十四日舉行香港植物和植被網站啟動儀式,由畢培曦教授、朱利民教授和胡秀英教授介紹網站內容,以及優質教育基金與大學的合作進展。

該網站由優質教育基金贊助,設置了快捷簡易鑑定植物的電腦庫,只需按植物可見的特徵,挑選網頁上的圖示,電腦即可指出植物的名稱,並列出有關描述和用途。該計劃的二期將把香港大戟科中的一百二十個品種,及其他植物加進資料庫。

啟動儀式在利黃瑤璧樓三號演講室舉行,部分曾參與計劃的中學教師亦出席,講述他們的經驗和心得。