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CUHK Pioneers Improved Treatments to Save Eyesight

Glaucoma is the number one cause of blindness in Hong Kong. Angle-closure glaucoma, a common type of the disease in the Far East, including Hong Kong, is usually manifested in a sudden rise of eye pressure up to two to four times the normal range. Patients experience a sudden blurring of vision, severe eye pain or even headache, and nausea. Besides the optic nerve, the cornea, and the lens may also be damaged.

Conventional treatment of the condition is far from perfect. The medication takes time to work and often causes annoying side-effects that may even become life-threatening in some rare cases. The Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences of the University has pioneered the use of argon laser peripheral iridoplasty (ALPI) and paracentesis as a first-stage treatment for acute angle-closure glaucoma. ALPI involves using laser to produce contractile burns over the peripheral part of the iris so as to reopen the drainage angle. In paracentesis, a small knife is used to drain out small amounts of fluid from the anterior compartment of the eye. Both methods can result in speedy normalization of eye pressure.

The efficacy and safety of ALPI and paracentesis have been studied with very encouraging results. The clinical features of acute angle-closure glaucoma and the new treatments were presented by Prof. Dennis Lam, Dr. Jimmy Lai, and Dr. Clement Tham of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at a press conference held on 25th February 2003 at the Prince of Wales Hospital.

Major Cancer Workshop on Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma

Close to 500 experts from 20 countries attended the 4th International UICC (International Union Against Cancer) Symposium on Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma (NPC) held in conjunction with the 8th Scientific Symposium of the Hong Kong Cancer Foundation Lecture entitled ‘The Oncogenic γ-Herpesviruses’. A wide range of topics were discussed at the meeting, including the Epstein-Barr virus and NPC, molecular pathogenesis and molecular monitoring, diagnostic imaging, IMRT and boost techniques, and chemoradiation strategies.

Officiating at the opening ceremony of the workshop were Dr. E.K. Yeeh, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food of the HKSAR government; Prof. Ambrose King, vice-chancellor of the University; Dr. Lilian Leong, president of the Hong Kong College of Radiologists; and Dr. Brian O’Sullivan, Princess Margaret Hospital at the University of Toronto, who was also representative of the UICC.
Unacceptable Mercury Levels Found in Hong Kong Newborns

Mercury poisoning is a severe health hazard. Chronic mercury poisoning is characterized by neuropsychiatric manifestations, such as personality changes, irritability, fatigue, insomnia, headache, memory deterioration, peripheral neuropathy, and renal failure. Excessive mercury deposits in the foetus and newborns may lead to stillbirth, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, salivation, and poor control of mastication.

In a two-year study conducted by the Departments of Paediatrics, Chemical Pathology, and Obstetrics and Gynaecology on 1,057 full-term newborns delivered, 25 per cent had a blood mercury level higher than acceptable. There was also a significant association between that and maternal fish intake.

The researchers also found that the mercury levels of a variety of commonly seen fishes in the market were within the safety limit. But to avoid exposing their unborn babies to too much mercury, pregnant women should not consume excessive dietary fish.

The results of the study were released at a press conference held at the Prince of Wales Hospital on 27th February.

PCCW CEO Shows Road Map to Success

The inaugural show of Talking to CEOs, a 10-title episode co-organized by the Executive MBA Programme of the University of RTHK, featuring Mr. Francis Yuen, deputy chairman of PCCW Ltd., took place on 2nd March. Mr. Yuen spoke to an audience consisting of students and alumni of the University’s EMBA, MBA, and OneMBA Programmes. The show, co-hosted by Prof. Andrew C.F. Chan, director of the EMBA Programme, and Mr. Chow Yun of RTHK, was broadcast on RTHK Radio 1 and simultaneously online on the RTHK website (http://www.rthk.org.hk), and will be replayed on Cable TV News Channel 1 on 28th April from 9.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

On the show Mr. Yuen told the audience that the three fundamental skills that would sustain them throughout their lives were communication skills, quantitative skills, and faith. He also urged them to identify and develop their strengths.

Mr. Yuen is a member of PCCW’s Executive Committee and chairman of Pacific Century Insurance Holdings Ltd. He was previously chief executive of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and managing director of Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers Hong Kong Ltd. and of Wardley.

Engineering Students Win IEEE Paper Contest

Mr. Victor T.S. Wong (right) and Mr. Alan H.F. Lam (left) of the Centre for Micro and Nano Systems have won the first prize in the Hong Kong Section Student Paper Contest 2002 organized by the IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers). Both students are currently supervised by Prof. Wen J. Li (middle) of the Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering.

Mr. Wong beat 14 other participants to win the undergraduate division of the contest for his work on using Carbon Nanotubes as micro circuit elements and sensors, while Mr. Lam’s paper on using MEMS and wireless technology to create next-generation computer input devices beat 21 submissions to win the first prize in the graduate division. Mr. Wong’s work on the manipulation of Carbon Nanotubes for practical applications was also awarded the first prize by the HKEIE (Hong Kong Institution of Engineers) as the 2002 best paper on materials.

Faculty of Social Science Honours Outstanding Teachers and Students

Three teachers in the Faculty of Social Science were honoured with the faculty’s Exemplary Teaching Award on 22nd February. They were Prof. Lam Kin-che of the Department of Geography and Resource Management, Prof. Chan Wai of the Department of Psychology, and Prof. Daniel T.L. Shook of the Department of Social Work.

The award presentation ceremony took place in the Ho Tim Building with Mr. P.C. Luk (seated right), postmaster general of the HKESAR government, and Prof. Jack C.Y. Cheng (seated left), pro-vice-chancellor, as the guests of honour. The ceremony was hosted by Prof. Leung Yee (standing), dean of the faculty.

On the same occasion, Dean’s List certificates were presented to undergraduate and graduate students of the faculty who had achieved outstanding academic results.

Three More Research Projects Receive Sponsorship

The following three projects undertaken by University staff have succeeded in attracting funding from different quarters:

- Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation (HKSTP; HK$5,000,000): Project Leader: Prof. V. Tran (School of Engineering); Sponsor: Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation
- Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST; HK$1,000,000): Project Leader: Prof. C.C. Lau (School of Engineering); Sponsor: Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- University of Hong Kong (HK$3,000,000): Project Leader: Prof. K.W. Au (School of Business); Sponsor: University of Hong Kong

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University Presidents' Global Forum 2003 —
UNIVERSITIES IN THE 21ST CENTURY
23rd-25th March 2003
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Opening Ceremony
24th March 2003 • 0900—0930 • T.Y. Wong Hall
Officiating Party

Guest of Honour
The Honourable TUNG Chee Hwa, Chief Executive, The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, People’s Republic of China

Dr. Alice LAM, Chairman, University Grants Committee, The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

Dr. LEE Hon-chiu, Chairman of the Council, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Ambrose Y.C. KING, Vice-Chancellor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Professor Gavin BROWN, The University of Sydney

Professor Sir Colin CAMPBELL, The University of Nottingham

Professor R.F. BOUCHER, The University of Sheffield

Professor Sir Alec BROERS, The University of Cambridge

Professor CHANG Chun-yen, Chiao Tung University (Hsinchu)

List of Participants
(in alphabetical order)

A Gathering of the Best Minds and the Most Experienced Hands from Important Seats of Learning

Four years ago in 1999, the heads of 47 prestigious universities from different parts of the world gathered on CUHK campus to explore the developments of global tertiary education at the Vice-Chancellors’ and Presidents’ Forum sponsored by the Association of University Presidents of China and organized by The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The forum was one of the largest of its kind ever held in Hong Kong.

This year, a similar international conference will be hosted by the University from 23rd to 25th March for 51 university presidents from around the world.

Sponsored by the University Grants Committee of Hong Kong, the Croucher Foundation, and the K. C. Wong Education Foundation, the University Presidents' Global Forum 2003 provides a unique opportunity for experience-sharing among leaders of the higher education sector in Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States, Mainland China, Taiwan, and Hong Kong. They come from some of the world’s mightiest seats of learning.
The presidents and vice-chancellors of 51 major universities from five continents will discuss critical issues facing universities in the new century. All discussion sessions will be held in English and putonghua at Cho Yiu Hall on CUHK campus. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

Special Lecture
24th March 2003 • 1030–1100 • Cho Yiu Hall
Incentives and the Universities: The Impact of Performance Measurement
Professor Sir James A. MIRRLEES
Nobel Laureate in Economics; Professor of Political Economy, The University of Cambridge; Distinguished Professor-at-Large, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Session 1
24th March 2003 • 1115–1245 • Cho Yiu Hall
How Will New Developments in IT Impact Research and Teaching in the 21st Century?
Chairpersons
• Professor Paul C.W. CHU
• Dr. Dave FROHNMAKER
Speakers
• Professor Sir Alec BROERS
• Professor Wyatt R. HUME
• Dr. Mark S. WRIGHTON

Session 2
24th March 2003 • 1415–1545 • Cho Yiu Hall
Lessons from Technology Transfer: Experience of Research Universities
Chairpersons
• Dr. Roderick D. FRASER
• Professor Frank SHU
Speakers
• Professor R.F. BOUCHER
• Professor Gavin BROWN
• Sir Colin LUCAS
Session 3
24th March 2003 • 1600–1730 • Cho Yiu Hall

Global Competition versus International Cooperation: Effects on the Research University

Chairpersons
• Professor Sir Colin CAMPBELL
• Professor PAN Yunhe

Speakers
• Professor James Drummond BONE
• Dr. Paul CAPPO
• Professor Alan D. GILBERT

Session 4
25th March 2003 • 0900–1030 • Cho Yiu Hall

Improvement of Research University — Where and How?

Chairpersons
• Professor John HAY
• Dr. Robert LACROIX

Speakers
• Professor James Drummond BONE
• Dr. Paul CAPPO
• Professor Alan D. GILBERT

Session 5
25th March 2003 • 1045–1215 • Cho Yiu Hall

Is There a Role for Teaching Ethics and Values in Research Universities?

Chairpersons
• Professor Arthur LUCAS
• Professor Lap-Chee TSUI

Speakers
• Dr. Gordon GEE
• Dr. Peter GEORGE
• Professor W.A. WAKEHAM

Different aspects of global higher education are addressed in seven sessions involving some 20 speakers. Special presentations will be made by Nobel laureate Prof. Sir James A. Mirrlees and Secretary for Education and Manpower of the HKSAR Government, Prof. Arthur K.C. Li.
Celebrate
As Friends Cross Oceans to Visit us
on the University's 40th Anniversary

The forum is a major highlight of the University's year-long 40th anniversary celebrations. We welcome all participants to this prestigious gathering, hoping that they will savour our picturesque campus and enjoy their stay in Hong Kong.

Session 6
25th March 2003 • 1345—1515 • Cho Yiu Hall
How Should the Liberal Arts Interact with Professional Schools in the Research University: New 21st Century Paradigms?
Chairperson
• Professor Edward K.Y. CHEN
Speakers
• Dr. Wei-Jao CHEN
• Professor John NILAND
• Dr. Judith RODIN

Session 7
25th March 2003 • 1530-1700 • Cho Yiu Hall
Future of Tertiary Education
Chairpersons
• Professor David VANDELINDE
• Professor WANG Dazhong
Speakers
• Professor Ian CHUBB
• Dr. Francis L. LAWRENCE
• Professor Gareth WILLIAMS
A total of 32 colleagues received the Long Service Award 2002 on 17th March 2003. Recipients of the award are:

Name
Prof. Sung Yun-wing
Prof. Tsang Sau-cheuk, David
Prof. Lee Sik-yum
Prof. Woo Ying-shiu, Norman
Prof. Tuan Chyau
Prof. Robert Elliot Allinson
Prof. Kwok Siu-tong

Department/Unit
Department of Philosophy
Department of Religion
Department of Chinese Language
Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics
Department of Biochemistry
Department of Biology
Department of Statistics
Department of Economics
Department of Geography and Resource Management
Department of Information Technology
Office of Academic Links

Further enquiries may be directed to the Personnel Office (2609 7197/2738).

The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) invites applications from staff members of the University for various fellowships/awards tenable for 2003-4. Applications extended by department chairmen and faculty deans or unit heads concerned should be forwarded to Mrs. Betty Lo, personnel manager, or on before the deadline for submission to the relevant University Committees for consideration. Staff members interested in applying for the fellowships/awards may obtain detailed information and relevant application forms from their faculty/unit or visit the Personnel Office's website at www.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel/res/webtrinf/external.htm. Further enquiries may be directed to the Personnel Office (2609 7197/2738).

Library Opening Hours on Easter and Ching Ming Holidays

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新亞七二年畢業校友茶聚

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出席聚會的校友畢業時，新亞仍未遷到現址，院方特別安排各人參觀校園，更重點遊覽剛落成的合一亭及紫霞樓學生宿舍。

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成立中藥標準化和研發聯合實驗室

為促進粵港合作和利用兩地在中醫藥研發的互補優勢，中藥中醫研究所和國家中藥現代化工程技術研究中心上月二十一日協議成立中藥標準化和研發聯合實驗室，由該所中藥標準與安全研究組召集人邵鵬柱教授及畢培曦教授、國家中藥現代化工程技術研究中心曹暉博士及劉然總經理出任實驗室的共同主任及副主任。

本校在中藥學研究已有近三十年經驗，率先利用生化科技鑒定乾藥材並取得美國專利；又與工業支援基金撥款成立的中大中藥品質控制化學實驗室，亦屢次協助警方及消費者委員會分析問題中藥，又與本地中草藥業及健康食品生產商合作測試二百多種中藥產品，以監控其品質及安全。中藥中醫研究所中藥標準與安全硏究組的宗旨是於鑑證、品質

保護、監控、標準化及安全四大範疇上，推動中藥中藥現代化。

國家中藥現代化工程技術研究中心為國家科技部規劃及由珠海市麗珠集團成立的中藥行業骨幹研究中心，設有各種實驗室、中試車間、中藥提取生産基地等設施，承攬國家、省市多項重點攻關科技項目。

聯合實驗室正收集東亞中醫藥學者的第一手研究資料，編著《中藥分子鑑定概論》，交由復旦大學出版社出版。實驗室亦同時申請國家重大專項，以開發應用基因芯片鑑定中藥材和測試藥理的平台。

签约仪式由中藥中醫研究所管理委員會主席梁秉中教授及國家中藥現代化工程技術研究中心名譽主任甘師俊教授主持。

社會科學院表揚優異師生

社會科學院上月二十二日在何添樓B6室舉行「二零零二年模範教學獎暨院長榮譽錄頒獎典禮」，由香港郵政署長陸炳泉先生及副校長鄭振耀教授主禮，出席者逾二百人，包括模範教學獎得主地理與資源管理學系林健枝教授、心理學系陳衛教授和社會工作學系石丹理教授，以及學系代表和名列院長榮譽錄的學生及他們的親友。

該院院長梁怡教授表示，教與學密不可分，所以他安排兩個獎項在同一場合頒發。

鄭振耀教授列舉醫學院在二零零一年開展以學生為本的課程改革經驗，供社會科學院參考，以期攜手進步。

陸炳泉先生是社會科學院校友，並為崇基學院校友會會長。他認為用心去聽、去觀察是應有的工作態度。命途上遇上沙石，要拿出勇氣，積極面對——這是香港人一貫的拼搏精神，也是香港走出經濟低谷的不二法門。

鄭振耀教授在典禮上講話，旁為陸炳泉先生(左)和梁怡教授(中)。

中學通識教育科支援計劃

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為應對香港通識教育科的課題，社會學系上月十五日在逸夫校園舉辦「社會研究入門」學生講座系列之「質性研究之深入訪談」，以及「擬題技巧工作坊」，支援中學高級補充程度通識教育科的教學。

講座由社會學系陳小珊小姐主講，向三百多名中六學生講解質性研究的設計和理論等；工作坊由社會學系盧秀芳小姐、政府課程發展處高級課程發展主任黃志堅先生、考評局科目主任盧家耀先生及廖國雄先生主講，與三十多名中學通識教育科教師探討資料回應題的擬定過程，詳細資料已上載「通識教育資源網」。

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心理學系的調查顯示，參與義務工作的長者各方面的健康狀況比沒有參與者為佳，對生活亦較感滿意。研究由心理學系鄧素琴教授聯同研究生甄秋慧、胡文詩及張宇樂於二零零二年進行，調查結果於上月二十四日在信和樓公布。

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中大創校四十年，一直積極發展成為一所國際大學。為了踐行這種世界精神，特別舉辦傑出學人學術講座，以推動學術發展和普及知識文化，並慶祝大學創校四十周年。講座由香港電台網站（www.rthk.org.hk）直播，員生也可到該網站重看。

饒宗頤教授談「詩」與古史

第一講由國學泰斗、本校偉倫榮譽講座教授饒宗頤教授主持，講題為「詩」與古史——從新出土楚簡談玄鳥傳說與早期殷史」，於三月一日在利黃瑤璧樓一號演講廳舉行。

饒教授將最近十年大量的出土文獻與傳世文獻互證，指出玄鳥在北方地區的代表信仰，從而論述他對玄鳥的古史觀。

演講後，饒教授更將親書的對聯「蘊真愜所遇，振藻若有神」贈予大學，祝賀大學四十周年，由金耀基校長代收。

饒教授屢獲獎譽及榮譽博士銜，二零零零年獲國家文物局和甘肅省人民政府頒發「敦煌文物保護研究特殊貢獻獎」，以及香港特區政府頒授大紫荊勳章。

李遠哲教授論全球教育改革趨勢

第二講於三月四日在邵逸夫堂舉行，由一九八六年諾貝爾化學獎得獎人、台灣中央研究院院長李遠哲教授主持，以英語主講「全球教育改革趨勢」。

李教授在台灣新竹出生，於台灣大學及新竹清華大學先後取得化學學士及碩士學位，一九六五年獲柏克萊加州大學頒授化學博士學位，其後專注研究反應重力態學。

李教授是舉世知名的「化學動態學」專家，他在分子束交錯實驗的貢獻最為人推崇。一九八六年，他和哈佛大學的Prof. Dudley R. Herschbach及多倫多大學的Prof. John Polanyi共同獲頒諾貝爾化學獎，並因此開始善長於處理物理及化學的問題，例如在分子碰撞的過程，以及在分子束的交錯等。

李教授特別提到，分子束交錯的研究領域是極其複雜的，需要精密的實驗技術和理論分析。他強調，教育改革在今後科學發展中起著重要的作用，因為科學需要的不僅是知識，也需要有素質的學生和訓練有素的教授。

全球首創急性青光眼「即時」療法

眼科及視覺科學學系全球首創以氬激光眼前房內角擴闊術，或以眼前房穿刺術「即時」治療急性原發閉角型青光眼，使病人眼壓迅速回復正常，效果令人滿意。前者是利用激光在瞳孔周邊產生收縮環，重新打開眼前房內角；後者是利用小手術刀切割眼前房內角，使房水排出。

青光眼是香港人致盲的頭號成因。急性原發閉角型青光眼是東南亞地區包括香港其中一種最嚴重的眼病，因是紅腫突然急性躍動內壓，令前房水不斷排出，視力因而減升至超出正常範圍，患者在數小時至數日內視力大減，紅腫，角膜水腫及混濁，眼睛劇痛，甚至有頭痛、噁心及嘔吐等。

校慶活動預告

三月二十二日（星期六）

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詳見英文版第三至第六頁。