CUHK Invited to Formulate Hygiene Charters for Hong Kong

At the invitation of Operation UNITE, the Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion of the University’s School of Public Health will draw up hygiene charters for different social, business, and industry sectors in Hong Kong, with the aim of promoting concepts and practices of hygiene at the personal, family, and community levels.

The Hygiene Charter is a community initiative to encourage individuals and different business and industry sectors to pledge their commitment to create a new culture of emphasizing hygiene and adopting hygienic practices in their day-to-day operations. The University has, upon the request of Operation UNITE, undertaken to set basic hygiene standards and to propose good practices for 12 different groups and industries, whose active participation and pledge of compliance are called for in order to bring about an overall improvement in public health and hygiene, and to restore community and overseas confidence.

The charter forms part of Operation UNITE’s action-oriented campaign to draw the community together in the fight against SARS.

The 12 sectors are personal and family, management, buildings, catering, education, finance and commercial, industrial, medical and health, public transportation, social welfare, sports and culture, and tourism. The Centre for Health Education and Health Promotion is also responsible for registration and the issuance of certificates to participating organizations.

Research Model for the SARS Epidemic Constructed

A research model for the SARS epidemic in Hong Kong was constructed by Prof. Wong Tze Wai and Dr. Liu Hongjie of the University’s Department of Community and Family Medicine and Dr. James Derrick of the Prince of Wales Hospital. The model can be used to explain the natural course of an epidemic — the relationship between the infected, susceptible and immune populations, and how the natural progression of an epidemic is affected by effective and timely public health measures. The model also helps to predict the likelihood of the resurgence of SARS in the community.

Major findings of the SARS epidemic model include:

- If the epidemic is allowed to die down by itself, a significant proportion of the population will have to fall victim to SARS, for only through this can sufficient herd immunity be acquired to protect the community from further epidemics.
- An epidemic will die down only when the basic reproductive number (number of people infected by a patient) is less than one. This can be achieved in two ways — when herd immunity is high enough (natural course of events), or when effective public health measures limit the spread of the epidemic. Hong Kong’s current basic reproductive number is less than one.

SARS Leads to Mood Disorders, Survey Finds

A large scale telephone survey conducted by the University’s Hong Kong Mood Disorders Centre from 2nd to 5th May revealed that the SARS outbreak continued to arouse massive anxiety in Hong Kong. 1,250 respondents aged 15 or above were randomly selected and interviewed. For the survey, mood disorder was defined as the persistent presence of at least four physical and emotional symptoms in the previous four weeks that were associated with significant distress or impairment of social functioning.

The survey showed that 19 per cent of the respondents suffered from mood disorders and that the rate was 2.5 times higher among female than male respondents. Housewives were found to be the most vulnerable to such disorders. Sixty-eight per cent of the respondents reported persistent worries about themselves or their family members becoming infected. The risk of infecting others, incurability/death, and adverse effect on job or income were the most common reasons for fearing the illness. The survey also found that SARS caused more severe psychological impact on those with mood disorders than those without. Yet, despite this, only 20 per cent of them sought professional help.

About a quarter of the respondents who learnt that their friends, neighbours or workers in the same building were infected with SARS suffered from mood disorder — a rate significantly higher than that of respondents who did not have such contact. 74.6 per cent of them feared contracting SARS. They also developed tension or inability to relax (27.9 per cent), slept poorly (21.4 per cent), and could not concentrate properly (18.8 per cent).

The survey’s findings suggested that the SARS outbreak is likely to have worsened the mental health of Hong Kong people. According to the Hong Kong Mood Disorders Centre, the suffering and productivity drop caused by mood disorders can last well after the epidemic is over. The centre thus calls for heightened awareness of mood disorders and greater access to treatment by the public as matters of urgency.

Friends and Alumni Remember

Survey Finds SARS Doctor

A memorial service was held by the CUHK Medical Alumni Association on 18th May 2003 at the Chung Chi Chapel to pay tribute to Dr. Tse Yuen-man.

Dr. Tse, a Christian, was a 1992 medical graduate of United College. She joined Tuen Mun Hospital after graduation and was a specialist respiratory physician by training. Soon after the outbreak of SARS in Hong Kong, she volunteered to work in the SARS ward and contracted the disease while looking after her patients. She passed away on 13th May 2003.

Officiating at the service was the Rev. Dr. Andrew Ng, Chaplain of Chung Chi College. Psalms were sung by Dr. Tse’s former classmates and friends, 1992 medical graduates of the University. Eulogies were delivered by Prof. Ambrose King, vice-chancellor of the University, Prof. Sydney Chung, dean of medicine, Dr. Lai Kwei-wai, adjunct professor of the CUHK Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, and representatives from Tuen Mun Hospital and the Prince of Wales Hospital. Some 500 people attended, among whom was Prof. Arthur K.C. Li, Secretary for Education and Manpower, former teacher of Dr. Tse at the CUHK Medical School.
3 Clinical and Scientific Work
- Participation of Prof. David Hui and Dr. Wan Song of the Faculty of Medicine in the Knowing Atypical Pneumonia episode (4th May 2003) of the RTHK-CUHK collaboration Healthy 40.
- Provision of online SARS course in anaesthesia and intensive care by the Department of Anaesthesiology and Intensive Care for healthcare professionals in intensive care and anaesthesia, and teaching material for those involved in training.
- Study by the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Organ Imaging and the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics of chest radiographic and high resolution computer tomography (HRCT) features as an outcome predictor for SARS and setting up of a website by the two departments to facilitate investigation of suspected cases in other regions:
http://www.droid.cuhk.edu.hk/med/aphytpneumonia/aphytpneumonia.htm

2 Community Care and Service
- Help provided by the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics in shooting an advertisement for Operation UNITE in April 2003.
- Study by Prof. Suzanne Ho of the Department of Community and Family Medicine on the psychological burden of SARS experienced by mid-life women during the SARS epidemic.
- Study by Prof. Suen Wai Zhung and Mr. Chan Kam Leung of the School of Chinese Medicine on the application of acupuncture in SARS prevention and treatment.

Education
- An international online conference on SARS, chaired by Prof. Carmel McNula of CUHK, was held from 19th to 31st May 2003 to encourage reaction among stakeholders in the field of education on the recent outbreak of SARS.
- Launch on 15th April of a system developed by staff of the Faculty of Engineering for collecting and submitting homework via the Hong Kong School Net during suspension of classes; the system has been used by over 340 schools and kindergartens and has handled some 200,000 homework assignments and submissions.

3 Expert Opinion
- Publication of letter by Prof. Anthony Yim of the Department of Surgery in the South China Morning Post on 28th April 2003 urging the community not to neglect non-SARS patients who may suffer as a result of resource diversion.
- Publication of views of staff of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Organ Imaging on the use of radiology in the diagnosis and follow-up of SARS patients in various local newspapers and magazines.

4 Publications and Research Studies
- Survey conducted by the Department of Marketing in April and May on the psychological state and behavioural response of Hong Kong's university students and professionals towards SARS.
- Publication in The Lancet on 7th May of article 'Epidemiological Determinants of Spread of Causative Agent of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in Hong Kong' penned by Prof. Edith Lau et al. of the Department of Community and Family Medicine.
- Publication of articles and letters penned by staff of the Department of Diagnostic Radiology and Organ Imaging in international journals:
  - Antonio GE, Wong KT, Hui DSC, et al., 'Pictorial Essay: Imaging of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in Hong Kong', American Journal of Roentgenology (original article, accepted)
  - Ahuja AT, 'Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome in Hong Kong', Clinical Radiology (letter, in press)
  - Ho SSY, Chan PL, Wong PK, et al., 'Eye of the Storm – the Role of a Radiology Department in the Outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)', American Journal of Roentgenology (original article, in press)
  - Wong KT, Antonio GE, Hui DSC, et al., 'RadiologicalAppearances of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome', Journal of the Hong Kong College of Radiologists (original article, in press)
  - Wong KT, Antonio GE, Hui DSC, et al., 'High Resolution Computed Tomography of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome: Evaluation of 73 Patients with the Disease or Exposure', Radiology (original article, in press)
  - Wong KT, Antonio GE, Hui DSC, et al., 'Radiographic Appearances and Pattern of Progression of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS): A Study of 136 Patients', Radiology (original article, in press)

CEO of HSBC on Leadership and the Future
Mr. Raymond Or, general manager of HSBC Ltd. spoke to students and alumni of the University’s EMBA and MBA Programmes in the CUHK-RTHK radio programme Talking to CEOs on 20th April. The topics of the show were Prof. Andrew Chan, director of the EMBA Programme, and Mr. Robert Chow of RTHK.

Architecture Exhibition Calls for Interest in Surroundings
The University’s Department of Architecture organized its M.Arch. graduation exhibition ‘Life-Architecture’ from 15th to 18th May 2003 in Pao’s Gallery, Hong Kong Arts Centre. The exhibition set out to examine the challenges of and opportunities for popularizing architectural appreciation in Hong Kong.

Anti-SARS Activities
A Quick Run-through

UC Berkeley Delegates Visit CUHK
Prof. Donald A. McQuade, vice-chancellor for university relations of UC Berkeley and Prof. Arthur L. Reitgold, professor and division head of epidemiology, School of Public Health of UC Berkeley, visited the University on 16th May.

The two visitors met with Prof. Ambrose King, vice-chancellor, the pro-vice-chancellors, as well as CUHK staff and students. Mr. Jeffrey Hui, a Year 1 Business Administration student who will be attending the coming UC Berkeley summer programme, shared his expectations of the programme with the guests and the audience. Prof. Sydney Chung, dean of medicine, presented an update on SARS in Hong Kong as well as the University’s contributions towards combating the disease. Prof. Reitgold, an expert in tuberculosis, AIDS, and infection control, then discussed the latest developments of SARS with Prof. Chung and professors from the CUHK School of Public Health.

The following day, UC Berkeley lifted enrolment restrictions that had been imposed due to SARS. Students from Hong Kong and other affected regions can continue to pursue their studies at the institution as planned.

UC Berkeley Delegates (right 4), Prof. Ambrose King (left 3) and CUHK students who attended (left 1 and 2) and will be attending (right 1 and 2) summer school in the University of California, Berkeley.

Mr. Or, whose heroes are Chinese leader Mr. Chou Enlai, former HSBC chairman William Purves, and current chairman John Bond, believes that a good leader should be well balanced. His own philosophy is to do his best without being obsessed with perceived returns. He advised that networking is also important not only for business development, but also for learning purposes as one can stumble upon crucial intelligence about an industry or specific companies this way. Of equal importance is continuous learning.

He told the students in the audience to be overly pessimistic about job prospects. His parting words of wisdom on management were: 'strive to be someone accepted and respected by both colleagues and clients, be lenient about minor mistakes, build teamwork spirit, and always have a smile on your face.'

Mr. Or began his career with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. in 1972 after graduating from the University of Hong Kong with a bachelor’s degree in economics and psychology.
General Arrangements for Typhoon and Rainstorm Warning

A circular on general arrangements during the approach of typhoons and the hoisting of rainstorm warnings, issued by the Office of the Director of Administrative Services, was sent to various units as an attachment to Event Circulars. Those who have not received the circular or who would like to obtain more copies should call the Information and Public Relations Office at Ext. 8899.

Investment Returns of Staff Superannuation Schemes and MPFS

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call for donations

The University has been given 260 cash coupons for Royal Park/Royal Plaza Hotel, with a face value of HK$100 each, by the Royal Park Hotel under a business incentive scheme. The cash coupons have a validity of around two and a half months ending on 31st August 2003. Not more than 20 coupons can be used at each visit.

Members of staff are welcome to bid for these coupons by completing an application form available from the Business Office's homepage at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/bus/couponsbidding.doc and returning it in an envelope marked "Confidential — Bidding for Hotel Cash Coupons" to the Tender Box, Business Office, G01, John Fulton Centre, before 2.30 p.m. on 12 June 2003. The result of the bidding will be released in mid-June 2003. The proceed will go to the University.

Enquiries can be directed to Ms. Jacqueline Cho of the Business Office at Ext. 7887.
Words of Gratitude on Their Winning Ways:

Nine teachers from different departments were presented the Vice-chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award 2002 by Prof. Ambrose King at a special ceremony held on 15th May 2003 in the Esther Lee Building.

After a congratulatory address by the vice-chancellor, the nine awardees were individually presented the awards. Each of them delivered a two-minute speech to share their thoughts on teaching at the University. A group photo-taking session and a tea reception wrapped up the occasion.

We have captured the gist of the awardees' speeches in this issue of the Newsletter.

Dr. Jose Lai (Faculty of Arts)

'Teaching has been my dream career since I was 12. I'm very thankful, especially to god, that I'm still living in this dream and have not yet woken to a nightmare,' said Dr. Lai at the English Language Teaching Unit, whose first and only job for the last two decades has been with the University. She joined the University soon after her graduation from Sydney University. She was then awarded a staff development grant to pursue doctoral studies at Macquarie University.

Dr. Lai admitted that while she enjoyed teaching a lot and worked very hard to make herself a more responsible and reflective educator, she never expected to receive the award. What attracted her most about teaching is its continual dynamism, which she likened to life. She expressed thanks to CUHK for giving her not only a 'lucrative job' but more importantly, the 'perfect and ideal' environment for professional growth. Her gratitude also went to her colleagues, and all the unit heads and faculty deans she has worked with, without whose support and trust, she said, she wouldn't have been able to have assumed different roles within her unit and the University, and complete her Ph.D. studies on a generous staff development grant. It was their collective blessing, she said, which made all these wonderful things happen.

Prof. Lam Kin Che (Faculty of Social Science)

Prof. Lam of the Department of Geography and Resource Management is pleased, honoured and humbled to accept the award, giving full recognition to those who have gone before him, those who have worked hard to make the University a great institution, his colleagues in the faculty and the department, and his family who inspired and supported him over the years.

Based on his experience as a teacher in the last 25 years, Prof. Lam summarized the basics of teaching into the acronym 'TEACH'. 'T' stands for 'to inspire', 'E' is 'empathy', 'A' is 'appreciation for students' efforts', 'C' is 'compassion'; and finally 'H' stands for recognition that teaching is 'hard work'. 'I say "hard" because you haven't taught until the students have learnt. Teaching is hard because we have to continually reflect and learn. ... My goal therefore is to empower students to become independent learners, to be self-directed, to be self-motivated, and to find meaning in learning and joy in learning,' Prof. Lam explained.

Prof. Fok Tai Fai (Faculty of Medicine)

For Prof. Fok of the Department of Paediatrics, there's no better reward than recognition and endorsement by one's own students. He also felt he'd been extremely fortunate to have won the award, given the great number of dedicated and talented teachers at the faculty. 'Students might have welcomed my teaching because I really didn't teach them much,' quipped Prof. Fok. The reason for this 'under-teaching', he explained, was because as a medical student, he suffered a lot from over-teaching by teachers, not because they were bad teachers but because 'some decades ago, it was a tradition, a culture for medical teachers to teach as much as possible things in their own sub-speciality without realizing that students had other things to study as well. As a result, teachers taught a lot but students learnt very little because of information indigestion, which invariably led to confusion and mental constipation.'

With the full implementation of the new medical curriculum some two years ago, Prof. Fok proposed that the award be changed to a team award, at least for the Faculty of Medicine. This, he said, would do more credit to the new curriculum, which is 'team work rather than individual performance'.

Prof. Lee Ching Chyi (Faculty of Business Administration)

Prof. Lee said he felt very lucky to have found a job which he 'e' tremendously and which he could handle well. When his students him on winning the award, he would say to them, 'I don't know what the award but if passion is one of the criteria, then I think I deserve it. I think I have passion. I do enjoy teaching very much,' said Prof. Lee. For Prof. Lee, Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics. He first, and two children for their support, and dean of the faculty, Prof. Lee Tien Shing, whose nomination he wouldn't have won the award.

Prom. Ng Cong Chi (Faculty of Engineering)

Prom. Ng, an electronics engineer and college, also expressed his sentiments, which, he said, were 'best wishes to all of us, which might be different interpretations, but I hope that all of us will continue to work hard and achieve our goals. Thank you.'

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ambrose King, said that the award was presented by the University to recognize the excellence of the awardees' work. He said that the awardees' work was an inspiration to others and that the University was proud to have such outstanding individuals as its teachers.

The Vice-Chancellor's Exemplary Teaching Award 2002 was presented to nine teachers from different departments. The awardees were: Prof. Lam Kin Che, Prof. Fok Tai Fai, Prof. Lee Ching Chyi, Prof. Ng Cong Chi, Prof. Young Fung Yu, Prof. Dr. Jose Lai, Prof. Fok Tai Fai, Prof. Lee Ching Chyi, and Prof. Ng Cong Chi.

We have captured the gist of the awardees' speeches in this issue of the Newsletter.
Prof. Ng of the Department of Mathematics thanked CUHK, his college, and his department for the support given him in the last 35 years. He also expressed gratitude to his colleagues and students, then new, for their criticism, expectations, and encouragement, which he described as the 'driving force of [his] work.' And the 'logical conclusion' of all this goodwill, he said, was for him to 'love them all in addition to [his] family.' Teaching, he explained, different from other professions, is a family affair that's meant to be passed on from generation to generation in the pursuit of knowledge and perfection.

Prof. Ng was also pleased to see that his love for science is shared by many, especially the young. 'Compared to a few years back, there're now a greater number of very good students choosing to study science. I hope this trend will continue,' he concluded.
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柏克莱加州大學高層訪中大

柏克莱加州大學校長Prof. Donald McQueen及護理學院院長Brenda B. L. Godfrey於三月六日到訪中大，就兩校的交流合作進行探討。其中三位傑出的柏克萊加州大學醫學院校友亦到訪，同時探討當中大與柏克萊加州大學在校園內相處的情況，以及柏克萊加州大學的學生交換計劃。中大副校長鄭振耀教授、理學院院長張國傑教授、藥物及化學系系主任胡偉光教授及兩校代表出席。

柏克萊加州大學亦有意向中大學生輸送當地的暑期課程，どのような目的で中大學生出張するのか。中大學生亦表示他們的期望，包括醫學合作情況、今年即將前赴柏克萊加州大學修讀的新情況，以及中大在抗炎方面的貢獻，並與在本港的最強調復習準備。

市民因非典型肺炎憂心忡忡

香港大學醫院預防及康復中心的專家指出，經受非典型肺炎衝擊後，一成九香港人出現情緒病徵狀。由五月二日至五日進行的電話調查發現，有百分之二十八點九％的市民出現情緒病徵狀，對他們的日常生活造成影響。而家庭主婦及非全職家庭助理的出現率特別高，達百分之四十二點五％。市民因非典型肺炎憂心忡忡，為家庭主婦帶來不少壓力。而面對疫情，市民知道感染的機率和死亡率。他們卻認為香港有能力對付頭號大敵，並悲觀地高估自己接近SARS的發病率和死亡率，可避免他們高估SARS的風險。若政府令市民知道SARS的風險，可避免他們高估SARS的危險。


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雅效及商業策略

教育

中大藝術系獲「香港藝術發展獎」

上月十六日於香港舉行的「香港藝術發展獎」頒獎典禮，頒發了「香港藝術發展獎」、「藝術推廣獎」及「藝術贊助獎」。其中的「藝術新進獎」由中大藝術系獲獎，由兩位藝術系副教授何俊發及管偉邦於視覺藝術組獲獎，他們均為藝術系兼任教師。劉小康勝出。劉氏亦為中大藝術系兼任建築學系第七屆碩士畢業作品展「生活／建築」展覽的嘉賓之一。他與會林國偉先生、立法會劉慧卿議員、牛棚書院和進修課程院長等出席開幕禮及研討會，探討聖forma建築的欣賞。
公共衛生學院協助制定衛生約章

公共衛生學院健康教育及促進健康中心上月協助「心連心——全城抗炎大行動」聯委會委員制定一套針對不同社群和業界需要的衛生約章，以推動全港市民注重個人、家居及社區的清潔衛生，貫徹良好衛生習慣。

該中心為十二個行業擬訂約章，內容列明應達到的基本衛生標準和必須堅持的良好衛生習慣。

於五月十三日推展衛生約章計劃(圖)，鼓勵業界人士積極參與，主動承諾，遵從約章的要求，為人為己，使香港的衛生文化邁向新里程。

香港學校網絡功課收發系統

供台北市中小學使用

訊息工程學系黃寶財教授應台北市教育局邀請，上月協助該局架設網上功課收發系統，供全市中小學使用。

台北因SARS疫情影響，許多學生接受隔離或停課，台北市教育局即推出一系列居家學習、網上教學安排，並參考許多不同的系統，最後決定採用本校香港學校網絡開發的「停課不停學」功課收發系統。該系統的優點是以學校為本，能讓學生與教師保持聯繫，互動學習。

香港學校網絡首席顧問黃寶財教授表示，香港的功課收發系統於推出的第一個月，已有逾三百家中小學使用，瀏覽人次超過一百萬，上載及下載功課次數超過二十萬。

台北版的系統於五月十九日由市長馬英九主禮啟用，他並感謝本校香港學校網絡及黃寶財教授的鼎力支持。

謝婉雯醫生追思會

本校聯合書院一九九二年醫科畢業生謝婉雯醫生，因救治非典型肺炎病人而受感染，於五月十三日逝世，成為香港首位因非典型肺炎殉職的公立醫院醫生。

香港中文大學醫學院校友會於五月十八日在崇基禮拜堂舉行「謝婉雯醫生追思會」，出席者約五百人，包括金耀基校長、醫學院院長鍾尚志教授、教育統籌局局長李國章教授和校友等。

金耀基校長在悼辭中讚揚謝婉雯的英勇風範，俠骨仁心，感動了全港：她自動請纓站上前線，履行醫生救病扶危的天職，「中大為她感到光榮」；「她令香港更加美麗」，「是香港的女兒」。

謝婉雯校友是香港中文大學聯合書院一九九二年的醫科畢業生，畢業後即投身懸壘濟世的行列，加入屯門醫院。當屯門醫院病房因非典型肺炎疫情而告急，謝校友自動請纓奮勇站上前線，照顧非典型肺炎病人。一直以來，謝校友承擔醫生救病扶危的天職，克盡己職，以自己生命為醫生的專業倫理作了最佳的詮釋。中大為她感到光榮。

謝校友在搶救非典型肺炎病人期間而不幸殉職，香港人為此深切惋悼，中大人更為此感到心連心的切膚之痛。至今她留存下來的美好回憶，英勇的事蹟，一點一滴，永遠留在我們心中。

謝婉雯如此英年早逝，令人痛惜，但她活得精彩，死得榮耀，她是香港的驕傲，她是香港的女兒。