The 40th Anniversary Concert

Harmony and joy resounded at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on the evening of 11th January 2004 when the 40th Anniversary Concert was staged by the Department of Music. Titled ‘The Sound of Harmony, the Voices of Joy’, the concert featured the Chung Chi Choir, the CUHK Student Choir, the Hong Kong Oratorio Society, the Hong Kong Sinfonietta, and a number of outstanding soloists.

The concert opened with the world premiere of the Menahah Uterature by Prof. Daniel Law, CUHK alumnus and current dean of the Faculty of Arts. This was followed by artist-in-residence Dr. Mary Wu at the piano with Rachmaninoff’s Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony ‘Ode to Joy’ brought the evening to a climax. It was performed by over 200 singers from the Chung Chi Choir, the CUHK Student Choir, and the Hong Kong Oratorio Society.

The conductors of the evening were Prof. Chan Wing-wah, CUHK alumnus and chairman of the Department of Music, and Ms. Carmen Koon, another CUHK alumnus. The Hong Kong Sinfonietta has enjoyed a long and close relationship with The Chinese University. Many of its players and administrative staff are alumni and teachers of the Department of Music.

CUHK Biologist Honoured by Chinese Academy of Engineering

Prof. Samuel Sun, chairman of the Department of Biology and professor of biology, has been elected a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.

Prof. Sun is the first scientist in the world to clone a plant gene, which he did with plusisin in 1980. In 1989, he made history when he succeeded, using genetic transfer, in raising the level of amino acid in seed protein. In 1988 he and his team cloned a pest-resistant gene Arcelin.

Prof. Sun headed an Area of Excellence project with a research team spanning 20 laboratories and funding support worth a total of HK$38.8 million over a five-year period.

‘I’m particularly pleased because I didn’t enter the election myself but was nominated by my mainland colleagues. And receiving this honour in this stage of my career when I’m about to retire makes it especially meaningful,’ Prof. Sun says.

‘If I had been working overseas all this time, I might not have been given the honour. It was because I returned to Hong Kong to serve my alma mater that I’ve been able to maintain a close working relationship with academia on the mainland, which made the recognition I now receive possible.’

Anniversary Celebration

Exhibition: Objects for the Scholar’s Desk

Venue: West-wing galleries, Art Museum

For the men of letters in traditional China, objects for the scholar’s desk were a reflection of artistic ideals, taste, and academic leanings. This exhibition features a great variety of studio objects, ranging from brushes, ink, ink stone, brush holders, paper weights and table screens, to tablet, rock and bronze, from both private and Art Museum collections. Please visit http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/40thanniversary for the latest information.

Experts Examine Different Facets of Contemporary China

Notable scholars in the study of contemporary China from the world over convened at the 40th anniversary conference ‘The State of Contemporary China’ organized by the Universities Service Centre for China Studies from 6th to 7th January 2004 in the Esther Lee Building. The conference, co-sponsored by the South China Program of the Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies of the University, and the Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation for International Scholarly Exchange, evaluated the state of research and knowledge about contemporary China, mainly of the last two decades.

Thirteen themes were addressed in panel discussion sessions: the Cultural Revolution, the rule of law, China in transition, political development, family and society, the economy, labour, the rural economy, regional development, cross-straits relations, education and science, rural politics and society, and China and the world.

Welcoming remarks were delivered by Prof. Ambrose King. The keynote speech was given by Prof. Ezra Vogel, famed sociologist and Henry Ford II Research Professor in the Social Sciences of Harvard University.

Then on 8th January, there was a screening of Morning Sun, the latest work of documentarist Carma Hinton on the Cultural Revolution in China at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall.

The Universities Service Centre was established in 1963 to assist Western scholars to pursue research into contemporary China. It became part of The Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1988. Since then, the centre’s service has expanded to include local scholars and those from both sides of the Taiwan Strait. Today the centre is a vibrant, forward-looking institution renowned for its extensive collection of research materials, professional competence, and academic atmosphere. The centre was renamed The Universities Services Centre for China Studies in 2001.

CUHK Mathematician 48th Most Frequently Cited

Prof. Wei Juncheng, professor in the Department of Mathematics, is one of two mathematicians from Asian universities who have been ranked among the top 50 of the world’s most frequently cited mathematicians during 1993–2003.

The ranking was reflected by the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-E) which is compiled by the Institute for Science Information and covers 5,900 of the world’s leading scholarly science and technical journals covering more than 150 disciplines. SCI-E is not only a reference tool for research but also an indicator of research achievement. Prof. Wei was ranked 48th among mathematicians worldwide.

Prof. Wei joined CUHK in 1995 and his primary research interest is nonlinear partial differential equations, in particular equations arising from the physical and biological sciences.
Exploring Strategic Management Issues in Emerging Economies

Seventy leading scholars from 49 top business schools in 16 countries exchanged views on key issues affecting strategic management in emerging economies at the Mini Conference of the Strategic Management Society (SMS) organized by the CUHK Department of Management on 15th and 16th December 2003 at Hotel Nikko. Entitled "Strategic Management in Emerging Economies: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom" and co-sponsored by the Asia Academy of Management, the conference was a celebratory event of the 40th anniversary of the University. It was also the first time an SMS conference had been held in Asia.

Emerging economies such as Hong Kong and Taiwan are expected to assume an increasingly prominent role in the world economy. However, the theories and research methodologies currently being used for mature, developed market economies are not applicable to the social, political, and economic contexts of emerging economies. The objective of the conference was therefore to open up new theoretical perspectives and draw up a roadmap on strategies for these economies.

Close to 40 research papers were presented in 13 concurrent sessions, covering the applicability and limitations of established theories, strategic management theories between emerging and developed economies, and specific strategic management problems such as corporate governance, foreign direct investment, venture capital, and networking in emerging economies in Asia, Europe, and North America.

The welcoming address was delivered by Prof. Ambrose King, vice-chancellor of the University. Renowned academics attending the conference included keynote speaker Prof. Michael A. Hitt, distinguished professor and Joseph Foseir Chair in Business Leadership at Texas A&M University; Prof. Robert E. Hoskisson of the University of Oklahoma's Price College of Business; and Prof. Mike Wright of the Nottingham University Business School.

Support for Five Research Projects

The following five research projects undertaken by faculty members of the University have attracted funding support from different quarters:

- A Study of Transabdominal Pressure Effect on Foeto-Maternal Haemorrhage During External Cephalic Version (HK$41,000)
  Sponsor: Prof. Lui Chu-ping, Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
  Principal investigator: Dr. Leung Tak-yueng (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology)

- Quality Schools in Action (HK$5,000,000)
  Sponsor: Quality Education Fund
  Principal investigator: Prof. Leslie Lo (Hong Kong Institute of Educational Research)
  Others investigator: Mr. Chiu Chi-shing

- A Supplementary Drug Abuse Monitoring System (HK$60,000)
  Sponsor: Best Drugs Fund
  Principal investigator: Prof. Dominic Lee (Department of Psychiatry)

- Investigation of the Effectiveness of Psychosocial Intervention for Women with Breast Cancer in Hong Kong (HK$155,250)
  Sponsor: Suen Chi Sun Charitable Foundation
  Principal investigator: Dr. Xu Lying (Centre for Clinical Trials)

- Development of a Quality of Life (QOL) Module for Nasopharyngeal Cancer and Assessing the Impact on QOL by Intensity-modulated Radiation Therapy versus Conventional Radiation Therapy (HK$143,750)
  Sponsor: Suen Chi Sun Charitable Foundation
  Principal investigator: Prof. Benny Zee (Centre for Clinical Trials)

Scientists Meet to Promote Technology at IEEE Conference

A total of 152 papers were presented in 34 sessions at the 2003 IEEE Intelligent Automation Conference (IAC 2003), held from 15th to 17th December 2003 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club and The Chinese University. There were also nine plenary talks by speakers from the US, Switzerland, mainland China, and Hong Kong. The conference, organized by the Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering and the Chinese Automation Association, was one of the University's 40th anniversary celebration programmes.

The conference provided a forum for scientists and engineers from the world over to meet and exchange their views on the promotion of science and technology. It was also important for enhancing research and development and promoting collaboration between mainland China and overseas scientists. Topics covered included artificial neural networks, robotics, intelligent transportation systems, system identification and pattern recognition, intelligent information processing and optimization methods, intelligent decision and control, genetic algorithms, biomedical engineering and artificial life, multimedia and simulation technologies, fault diagnosis, chaos and wavelets, and Internet and network technologies.

Renditions 30th Anniversary Book Exhibition

Renditions celebrated its 30th anniversary and the University's 40th anniversary with a book exhibition at Joint Publishing Bookstore in Central from 15th to 18th December 2003. Prof. Ambrose King and Prof. Ma Lin officiated at the opening ceremony, and, together with Renditions' editor Dr. Eva Hong and advisory editor Prof. David E. Pollard, cut the birthday cake. They were then presented with the latest Renditions publications.

On display were all Renditions titles published over three decades, as well as cover designs and signatures of authors and translators who have contributed to the celebrated publication.

International Discussion on Virtual Geographic Environments

Some 60 scholars from across the world attended 20 paper presentations at the International Advanced Workshop on Virtual Geographic Environments and Geocollaboration, hosted by the Joint Laboratory for Geoinformation Science (JLGIS) of the University on 15th and 16th December 2003. The workshop was sponsored by the K.C. Wong Education Foundation, Sze Chong Investment Co. Ltd., the Hong Kong Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, the International Association of Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Science, and the IEEE Hong Kong Section Computer Chapter. Topics addressed included research and applications in virtual geographic environments, spatial cognition, and advanced virtual reconstruction methods.

Shanghai and Hong Kong in the Limelight

Eighteen scholars from Hong Kong and Shanghai presented papers at the conference 'Cultural Relations Between Shanghai and Hong Kong: Connections and Interactions,' co-hosted by the Shanghai-Hong Kong Development Institute and the Research Centre for Comparative City Culture of the Research Institute for the Humanities from 18th to 20th December 2003 at the Cho Yiu Conference Hall.

The previous annual meeting of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Development Institute was held in December 2002 with the development of western China as its focus.
Survey Reveals SARS-related Psychosocial Problems

The Hong Kong Mood Disorders Centre of the University examined the psychosocial impact of SARS on residents of Amoy Gardens in a study conducted from June to August 2003.

A total of 4,896 self-report questionnaires were distributed to all households of Amoy Gardens, among which 803 were validly analyzed. The survey showed that the daily lives of nearly 90 per cent of the respondents were deeply affected in terms of social relationships, work, and family lives. Close to 41 per cent said their requests to dine with friends were rejected in April, 25 per cent reported having distanced neighbours who were infected. Over 30 per cent were turned down when they requested household maintenance services or home delivery, and more than 20 per cent were rejected for hotel service or received unfair treatment at clinics.

In the workplace, nearly half of those at work in April perceived unfair treatment or unpleasant experiences. Those being asked to work at home and to produce health bills in order to resume work, being requested to wear masks, and being avoided. Many had to conceal their identity as Amoy Gardens residents when seeking jobs during the outbreak.

Close to 90 per cent reported having felt distressed and anxious since the outbreak of SARS. Symptoms of bad mood, irritability, insomnia, headache, and chest discomfort were common.

The researchers at the centre recommended that the government pay more attention to the psychosocial health of the public and adopt a proactive mode of intervention for individuals who are affected or will be affected in future SARS outbreaks. An accurate mode of assessing risks is also important for reducing panic and socio-economic losses.

China’s Tourism Gems on Display

The China National Tourism Administration has designated ‘The Lifestyle of Chinese People’ as the country’s tourism theme for 2004, with the aim of introducing the unique lifestyles of the Chinese to tourists.

In line with the theme, the University’s School of Hotel and Tourism Management organized the Exhibition on Cultural Tourism in China in collaboration with Asia Tourism Exchange Centre Ltd. at the Cultural Square on CUHK campus from 5th to 9th January 2004 to promote heritage tourism in China. On display were 160 photos of some of China’s most scenic and historic sites. Ten thousand copies of a book on cultural tourism in China were also distributed for free.

The Asia Tourism Exchange Centre Ltd. is a locally registered, non-profit agency under the China Tourism Association, which plays an active role in promoting tourism development in mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau.

Top-tier Scientists Gather for Protein Sciences

Local speech therapists, audiologists, and school teachers listened to addresses by US experts in communicative research and watched demonstrations of the latest clinical instruments at the seminar on the Development of Speech and Hearing Assessment Tools organized by the Cooperative Centre for Communicative Research of the University on 12th December 2003.

Commonly used speech and hearing assessment tools were also introduced at the seminar. The aim of the seminar was to acquaint the health care industry and the public with the latest advances in the development of speech and hearing assessment tools.
Service to the Community and International Organizations

- Prof. Fanny Cheung, professor of psychology, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a member of the Women’s Commission for two years from 15th January 2004.
- Prof. Leung Ping Chung, professor of orthopaedics and traumatology, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a member of the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee for two years from 1st January 2004.
- Prof. Dennis Lo, professor of chemical pathology, has been appointed by the Secretary for Commerce, Industry and Technology, on an ad personam basis, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation from 15th December 2003 to 30th June 2005.
- Prof. Xu Yangsheng, professor in the Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering, has been appointed by the Secretary for Economic Development and Labour as a member of the Appeal Board Panel (Toys and Children’s Products Safety) for two years from 1st January 2004.
- Prof. Jeffrey William Cody, professor in the Department of Architecture, has been appointed by the Deputy Secretary for Housing, Planning and Lands as a member of the Appeal Tribunal Panel for three years from 1st December 2003.
- Mr. David Lam, director of the Campus Development Office, has been appointed as a member of the Structural Engineers Registration Committee Panel for two years from 3rd January 2004.
- Prof. Michael Lyu, professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has been elected by the Board of Directors of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc. (IEEE) as an IEEE fellow for contributions to software reliability engineering and software fault tolerance from 1st January 2004.
- Prof. Joseph Lau, professor of surgery, has been elected honorary fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.
- Prof. Jack Chung, professor of orthopaedics and traumatology, has been appointed as a visiting professor of the Second Affiliated Hospital of China Medical University from 26th December 2003.
- Prof. Tracey Lu, assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology, has been re-appointed as an honorary research fellow of the South China Archaeological Centre in Zhongshan University for three years from 2003.
- Prof. Anthony Yim, professor of surgery, has been invited to serve as a member of the Editorial Board of the World Journal of Surgery for four years from 24th November 2003.

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Chinese University Press
Later Mohist Logic, Ethics and Science
by A.C. Graham

The book begins with a general account of the school of Mo-tzu, its social basis as a movement of craftsmen, its isolated place in Chinese tradition, and the nature of its later contributions to logic, ethics, and science. The relation of Mohist thinking to the structure of the Chinese language is also discussed. The textual problems of the later writings, the grammar and style, the technical terminology, the significance of stock examples, and the overall organization of the documents, are then explored in detail. With the investigation of these preliminary questions, the possibilities of interpretation are confined within controllable limits. The edited and annotated Chinese text follows, with an English translation and commentary, a glossary, and a photographic reproduction of the unemended text from the Taoist Patrology.

The author, A.C. Graham, is Professor Emeritus of Classical Chinese at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University. He is an eminent scholar, an authority in classical Chinese, and the author of many books. He has also published many articles in sinological journals on the thought, the textual criticism and the grammar of Chinese philosophical literature.

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Obituary

The University records with deep sadness the passing away of Prof. Lau Oi Wah, former professor in the Department of Chemistry and former dean of the Faculty of Science, on 15th January 2004. She was 63.

Prof. Lau joined the Department of Chemistry of Chung Chi College in 1968 and retired from University service on 1st August 2003. During the period, she had served as dean of the Faculty of Science for three terms from 1994 to 2003 (and in that capacity, also as member of the University Council), member of the Chung Chi College Assembly of Fellows from 1980 to 2003, and member of the Chung Chi College Board of Trustees from 1986 to 1995.

After her retirement, Prof. Lau continued to render her service to the University as adjunct professor in the Department of Chemistry and the School of Chinese Medicine, and senior college tutor of Chung Chi College.

Prof. Lau’s dedication to higher education and loyal service to the University will be long remembered by her students and colleagues.
新任逸夫書院院長

New Head of Shaw College

大學校內的教授會及師生會均對新任院長表示歡迎及感謝。新任院長將於下學年開學後，接替現任院長，為書院帶來新的發展機遇。

新任院長為曾在加州大學、哈佛大學等多間頂級學府任教的美籍華人學者，擁有深厚的學術造詣和豐富的管理經驗。他/她將在新學年伊始，展開書院的規劃和管理工作，為書院的未來定下新的方向。

宣佈事項

ANNOUNCEMENTS

新任院長已於九月一日起正式履新，他/她將在新學年伊始，展開書院的規劃和管理工作，為書院的未來定下新的方向。
新亞合一亭開幕典禮

新亞書院上月十二日舉行「合一亭」開幕典禮，由「合一亭」捐贈人伍宗琳女士、金耀基校長、新亞書院院長黃乃正教授，以及「合一亭」建築師陳惠基教授主禮，新亞國樂會成員並以古箏彈奏《高山流水》助興。

出席之校內外嘉賓約一百人。

「合一亭」位於新亞學思樓和知行樓之間，前臨吐露港，遙對八仙嶺，水天相接；亭園建構配合自然環境，人處其中，猶如天人合一之景。金耀基校長譽之為「香港第二景」。

遊人除可領略何謂水連天、天連水，水天一色，天人合一的景色外，也可欣賞鑲刻亭內，藝術系李潤桓教授的「錢穆先生論天人合一」墨寶及唐錦濤教授的「天人合一」印章。

香港教育學院、香港專業人員協會、香港亞洲出版社有限公司及陳啟泰運動及教育組織亦頒發獎項。

比賽成績及相片可於體育部網頁（http://www.peu.cuhk.edu.hk）瀏覽。

非典對淘大居民的影響

香港健康情緒中心上月十八日在醫學院深造中心公布「非典型肺炎為淘大居民帶來生活及情緒上的困難」問卷調查結果，由中心主任李誠教授介紹。淘大居民及校舍主任聯席會及香港健康情緒中心亦出席發表意見。

推廣中國旅遊業

酒店及旅遊管理學院為協助推廣中國的旅遊業發展，本月五至九日與亞洲旅遊交流中心合作，在校內文化廣場舉辦「中國旅遊圖片展」，展出一百六十多張中國旅遊景點的圖片並播放精彩的旅遊片段，又免費派發香港旅遊局最新出版的中國旅遊書籍。

亞洲旅遊交流中心是中國旅遊局在香港註冊的非牟利機構，主要職責是對港澳地區及中國大陸旅遊業的宣傳和推廣，促進兩地旅遊業的發展。中國國家旅遊局今年的旅遊主題為「中國百姓生活遊」，旨在讓海外旅遊者能深入中國社會，體會平民的生活，認識中國文化。

中大教職員足球隊奪首届兩大校長盃

大學去年初舉辦四十周年校慶大會教職員足球邀請賽以來，各大專院校教職員足球隊均積極參加，為校內足球活動掀起熱潮。本校與香港大學教職員足球會，得到兩校校長的支持及贊助，早前籌組了首屆「校長盃—兩大教職員足球賽」，並定為一年一度的友誼賽。賽事採主客制，分別於去年十一月三十日及十二月十四日舉行，結果中大隊先後以二比零及二比一勝出，奪得首屆兩大校長盃。
新興經濟體系的策略管理

來自十六個國家、四十九家商學院的七十多名策略管理學者,上月十八至十九日出席由管理學系舉辦的策略管理學會會議,探討「發展中經濟的策略管理」。會議假香港日航酒店召開,獲亞洲管理學學會贊助,是中大四十周年校慶活動之一,亦是策略管理學會在亞洲的首次會議,由金耀基校長在開幕禮上致歡迎辭。

大會設十三個小組會議,內容廣泛深入。與會者發表近四十篇研究論文,題材包括重新研究現有理論的適切性和局限性,比較和對照新興經濟體系和已發展經濟體系的策略管理理論,歐亞和北美新興經濟體系的公司管理,網絡和聯盟等特定策略管理問題。展示者為前管理學院主席、美國德州A&M大學的Prof. Michael A. Hitt,與會的著名學者還包括奧克拉荷馬大學的Prof. Robert E. Hoskisson和諾丁漢大學的Prof. Michael Wright。

滬港文化交流與互動

由滬港發展聯合研究所主辦,人文研究所比較城市文化研究中心協辦的「滬港雙城之文化交流與互動」學術研討會,於上月十八至二十日在祖堯堂舉行,由金耀基校長和香港上海總會會長李和聲先生任開幕禮主禮嘉賓,滬港發展聯合研究所所長楊汝萬教授發表主題演講。

會議按議題分為六節,包括「西方文化的進入和衝擊」、「雙城的文學與電影」、「移民社會與文化特色」等。十八位來自港、滬兩地的學者發表不同專題的演講,並交流兩地的文化研究成果,吸引眾多大專院校師生參與。這會議是滬港發展聯合研究所舉辦的第三屆學術研討會。

中國智能自動化會議

自動化與計算機輔助工程學系與中國自動化學會上月十五至十七日在校及香港賽馬會沙田馬場舉辦二零零三年中國智能自動化會議,慶祝大學成立四十周年,亦是反映中國自動化學術盛會,多位國際知名科學家應邀出席,促進了海內外專家學者的交流,以至技術轉移。

會議論題包括人工神經網絡、機器人、先進控制方式與技術、系統辨識與模式識別、混沌、分形等,吸引眾多參展商及專業人士。年底 Seahawk研究院會公布中國智能自動化學術盛會的最新相關研究項目。

《譯叢》三十周年書展

為慶祝大學成立四十周年及《譯叢》創刊三十周年,翻譯研究中心上月十五至十八日假中環三聯書店舉行書展,展出《譯叢》三十年來的期刊和書籍系列,以及百多位《譯叢》作者及譯者的簽名。金耀基校長(左二)與前校長馬臨教授(右二)主持書展開幕酒會,右一為《譯叢》編輯孔慧怡博士,左一為顧問編輯卜立德教授。

中醫中藥研究所科研計劃

中醫中藥研究所上月公布與業界合作的科研計劃,致力預防流感和治療癌症。研究所糅合了防治流感的著名古方「桑菊飲」及「玉屏風散」,並加添其他中藥製成創新的中藥沖劑。測試效果顯示,服用沖劑者普遍感到心境及體力明顯優化,而原有之不良感覺如頭痛、肌肉痛、身熱等,以至睡眠和大便習慣亦同樣有明顯改善。根據血液檢查,服用者的免疫指數顯著提升。中醫中藥研究所及泰山公德會上月三十日召開新聞發佈會,公布合作開展中藥治癌的研究項目。泰山公德會會長陳英傑先生(左二)主持書展開幕酒會,右一為《譯叢》編輯孔慧怡博士,左一為顧問編輯卜立德教授。
四十周年校慶音樂會
騰歡聲徹・眾樂諧和

四十周年校慶重點
節目「騰歡聲徹 • 眾樂諧和」校慶音樂會,本月十一日晚上八時假香港文化中心音樂廳舉行,由校內外出色音樂家和合唱團攜手以音樂慶賀大學成立四十周年。

音樂會以羅炳良教授的《康靖前奏曲》世界首演揭開序幕,接著由駐校藝術家吳美樂博士鋼琴獨奏《柏格里尼主題狂想曲》。貝多芬舉世知名的《快樂頌》令音樂會推向高潮,逾二百人的歌詠團由中大學生會學生合唱團、崇基合唱團及香港聖樂團組成,擔任獨唱的女低音史韶韻及男高音譚宇良為本校音樂系畢業生,而女高音徐慧及男低音戴志誠（Derek Anthony）則為該系聲樂導師。

中國現況國際學術研討會
中國研究服務中心本月六至七日在黃鸝樓舉行「中國現況」國際學術研討會,慶祝大學四十周年。這是近數十年來規模最龐大的中國研究會議,與會者逾六十人,來自十七個國家與地區,代表了四十年來三代的中國研究者。他們在會上就中國二十年來各領域的發展提出真知灼見。

校慶活動

中國研究服務中心原稱大學服務中心,於一九六三年成立,為研究中國的西方學者服務,一九八八年併入本校,服務對象亦擴展至兩岸三地和亞洲的學者。

辛世文教授當選中工院院士
生物講座教授辛世文教授當選中國工程院院士,為本校首名中工院院士。辛教授對獲選感到「非常高興。因為這不是自己主動參選的,而是由內地同行提名的。還有,我已接近退休年齡,在事業末段時,仍獲榮譽,特別值得珍惜,對中大來說,有成員獲此榮譽也是一樁美事。」

辛教授在拓展農業生物技術上成就輝煌,早於一九八零年便成功克隆菜豆儲藏蛋白phaseolin基因並發現其含有內含子,其後率先利用基因導入技術,把蘆筍蛋白質中必需氨基酸(甲硫氨酸)含量顯著提高三成,更克隆了與Bt toxin有不同抗蟲機制的基因Arcelin,為植物生物育種提供了新的抗蟲基因。而他的巴西豆蛋白基因研究,引起世界對轉基因食物的認識及關切。

辛教授曾任夏威夷大學植物分子生理學系正教授,一九九五年加入本校服務。他說:「如果自己長時間在外國工作,未必會獲此榮譽。正因回到母校從事教研,能與內地學術界建立密切的關係,自己的研究才獲廣泛的認識和認同。」

辛教授一九九九年獲教育資助委員會卓越學科領域研究撥款三千八百八十萬元,領導一支擁有二十個實驗室的跨院校研究隊伍,鑽研「植物與真菌生物科技」。

中國工程院院士是國家設立的工程科學技術最高稱號,每兩年增選一次,二零零三年的選舉結果於本月五日公布,香港只有兩名科學家當選。全港合計只有三名中工院院士。

魏軍城教授居論文引用榜前列
數學系魏軍城教授位列一九九三至二零零三年世界數學家論文引用次數最高的前五十名之內。除魏教授外,榜上只有另一名學者是來自亞洲區的大學。這項排名是根據美國科學信息研究所的科學引用文獻索引及五千九百份世界權威科學技術刊物設定。魏教授的主要研究是非線性偏微分方程,特別是由物理和生物科學衍生的方程式。生物學的一個重要課題是如何用數學模式去解釋自然界的各種圖案,例如斑蝶的黑斑圖案。魏教授的理論研究則與應用精密細緻的非線性偏微分方程,有系統地處理非線性問題,並圓滿解釋了一、兩個空間的非線性問題。魏教授的應用研究則與應用精密細緻的非線性偏微分方程,有系統地處理非線性問題,並圓滿解釋了一、兩個空間的非線性問題。魏教授的應用研究則與應用精密細緻的非線性偏微分方程,有系統地處理非線性問題,並圓滿解釋了一、兩個空間的非線性問題。