New Facilities Devoted to Research and Promotion of Philosophy and General Education

From left: Prof. Cheung Chun-fai, Prof. Kwan Tze Wan, and Prof. Liu Xiaogan

Two research centres and an archive have recently been established at the Chinese University thanks to a generous donation of HK$22.5 million by the Edwin S. L. Cheng Research Fund for General Education and Philosophy. At a ceremony held on 29th April 2005, Mr. Edwin S.L. Cheng and family presented the cheque to Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, vice-chancellor of the University. Prof. Lau praised Mr. Cheng for his philanthropic spirit and his support of humanities development at the University.

New Centre Dedicated to General Education

The Research Centre for General Education, set up under the Office of University General Education, strives to deepen discourse and reflection on general education and the idea of a university, foster exchange on general education practices in tertiary institutions in different regions, and promote general education development in Chinese communities. It will be headed by Prof. Cheung Chan-fai, director of University General Education and professor in the Department of Philosophy.

The functions of the centre include conducting research on general education, fostering links among higher education institutes in the region and the world, and developing related teaching support. It has plans to publish books under the General Education Series and monographs on research findings, organize conferences, seminars and teaching workshops, and invite renowned scholars to give lectures.

The research centre will produce a regular publication, University General Education Bulletin. The centre’s plans for 2005 include publishing three titles under the General Education Series: Introduction to Physics, Introduction to Astrology, and Gazing at Death.

To celebrate the inauguration of the centre, a conference will be held from 2nd to 4th June 2005. The conference will feature Prof. Yang Chen-ting as the keynote speaker. Senior academics and educators from mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan will discuss the possible common grounds among different knowledge domains, dialogue between scientists and scholars in the humanities, and other topics related to general education.

Research Centre for Chinese Philosophy and Culture

On 3rd May, the Research Centre for Chinese Philosophy and Culture opened at the Department of Philosophy. The new centre also held its first international conference, ‘Western Interpretations, Chinese Responses: Reflections and Inquiries on the Methodology of Chinese Philosophy’ on the same day.

The research centre has three fundamental aims: to continue the Chinese humanistic tradition established by Chu’em Mu, Tang Chun-l, and Mou Tsung-san; to explore new directions in the study of Chinese philosophy and culture; and to promote academic exchange between researchers around the world.

The centre will be headed by Prof. Liu Xiaogan, professor in the Department of Philosophy. It will initiate research in new issues, methods, and areas of study, and facilitate communication and collaboration among scholars from different regions. It will also aim at furthering the modernization and internationalization of research on Chinese thought and culture.

The centre plans to organize two or three international conferences with workshops and reading groups each year. It will also sponsor academic exchange programmes for scholars. Other activities include the publication of an academic journal, a monography series, and academic newsletters, and a website.

Archive for Phenomenology and Contemporary Philosophy

The new Archive for Phenomenology and Contemporary Philosophy of the Department of Philosophy marks a new phase in the development of phenomenology in Hong Kong, mainland China, and Asia. The archive will leverage on the department’s experience, network, and library resources on phenomenology. The archive is headed by Prof. Kwan Tze Wan, chairman of the Department of Philosophy.

The work of the archive will include setting up a working phenomenology library, building partnerships with major phenomenology archives in Europe and other regions, and incorporating major works from overseas archives. It will also work closely with the Bibliotheca Phenomenologica of Peking University and explore opportunities for collaboration with other academic institutions on the mainland. It will organize conferences with the Research Centre for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences of the CUHK Department of Philosophy and engage, jointly with major academic organizations on the mainland, in editing and translating important phenomenology literature and publishing books and journals. Besides the archive will work with the Research Centre for Humanities Computing of the CUHK Department of Philosophy to explore the possibility of setting up a web platform of phenomenology-related information.

Seven CUHK Students Receive Croucher Awards for Overseas Studies

Three postdoctoral students and four doctoral students of the Chinese University were respectively awarded fellowships and scholarships by the Croucher Foundation to pursue research studies overseas. They were among 17 postdoctoral scientists and 10 doctoral students to receive the awards — totalling HK$23 million — this year.

The 27 recipients comprised 20 students who are currently studying in universities in Hong Kong and seven Hong Kong students who are already doing their university degrees in the UK and the US. They were selected from 145 applicants after a competitive selection exercise conducted by 25 senior local and overseas scientists from various scientific disciplines.

The Croucher scholarships are full scholarships covering tuition fees, stipends, airfare and allowances for attending international conferences. The awards are restricted to doctoral and postdoctoral levels of studies in natural science, technology, and medicine. The maximum for a doctoral scholarship may be as high as HK$1.21 million each while that of a postdoctoral fellowship for two years may be HK$760,000.

The Croucher Foundation is a private endowment founded by the late Noel Croucher, who had spent his entire working life in Hong Kong at the end of which he decided to leave his entire fortune to Hong Kong for support of natural science, technology and medicine.

Croucher Recipients of Croucher Fellowship/Scholarship** 2005

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CUHK Teams up with Microsoft

The Microsoft-CUHK Joint Laboratory for Human-Centric Computing and Interface Technologies was inaugurated at the University on 4th May 2005. Officiating guests included Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, vice-chancellor of the University, Dr. Hon Hsiao-wuen, assistant managing director of Microsoft Research Asia, Prof. Andrew Yao, Turing Award winner and distinguished professor-at-large of the University, and Prof. Peter Yum, dean of the CUHK Faculty of Engineering.

CUHK and Microsoft Research Asia have had a long-standing academic and research relationship. The founding of the joint laboratory will further draw upon the research strengths of both to develop innovative human-centric computing and interface technologies that improve the quality of life. The laboratory will strive to promote collaboration between academia and the information technology industry, providing leading research infrastructure, and nurturing talent. The essence of human-centric computing and interface technologies is to enhance user-computer interaction by imitating the natural modalities of human communication. The novel technologies endow the computer with the ability to “see,” “hear” and “sense” the user. It can also generate instant multimedia messages. These technologies make computers more user-friendly, accessible, and applicable to daily life.

Prof. Andrew Yao will serve as chairman of the International Advisory Board of the new facility. Other members of the advisory board include Prof. Fred Juang, Motorola Foundation Chair Professor and Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, School of Electrical and Computing Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology; and Prof. Victor Zue, professor of electrical engineering and computer science and co-director, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, MIT. Dr. Hon Hsiao-wuen and Prof. Peter Yum will serve as managing directors of the laboratory.

New Treatment for Ischaemic Heart Disease

Ischaemic heart disease is the second top killer in Hong Kong, just after cancer. Every year, about 4,000 people die from the disease in the territory. Ischaemic heart disease is caused by atherosclerosis of the vessels in the body, a process characterized by the thickening of the arteries with deposition of ‘plaques’ inside the vessel wall. Therefore one of the main targets of treatment is to limit the amount of atherosclerotic plaque formation in arteries.

For the past decade, the Division of Cardiology of the University has been in the forefront of research on ischaemic heart disease and its therapy. One of the main strategies is drugs that limit atherosclerotic plaque formation in arteries. A recent study by the division found that this can be achieved by high dose statin therapy. Statin is a drug that can lower cholesterol level. When administered to patients with ischaemic heart disease in different regimens, it was found that a high dose regimen not only prevented atherosclerotic plaque formation in the major artery, but was able to significantly regress the plaque thickness by nearly 10 per cent. By contrast, a low dose regimen could only prevent the progression of the disease.

The findings, the first of their kind in the world, were recently confirmed by an international multicentre trial, the results of which were announced at the annual scientific meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

JLGIS Leads Effort to Map Hong Kong’s Terrestrial Habitat

The Joint Laboratory for GeoInformation Science (JLGIS) has completed a study to update Hong Kong’s terrestrial habitat mapping and ranking based on conservation value using the latest remote sensing and geospatial data and data collected from field surveys. The four-month study was commissioned by the Sustainable Development Unit (SDU) of the Administration Wing of the HKSAR government.

The research team consisted of teaching staff, technicians, surveyors, and graduate and undergraduate students from the Chinese University, and partners. The key deliverables of the study included a Digital Terrestrial Habitat Map and Conservation Assessment Map of Hong Kong based on 2004 SPOT satellite image and other geospatial data, and an expanded field database of 370 sites surveyed throughout Hong Kong land territory.

The study provides the most up-to-date information on habitat types and conversation values for Hong Kong. The habitat map allows for quantification and assessment of existing natural habitats and study of its status and trends when compared with the habitat maps developed in previous studies. The conservation map for each habitat portrays areas in detail with various levels of conservation status, and provides useful data for sustainability assessment.

The field database also contains information on plant species and communities as well as the importance of conserving various habitat types. There are also panoramic photos of each site surveyed.

UC Alumni Reunite over Tea

Forty-five United College alumni working for different units at the University attended a tea gathering organized by the college on 19th April 2005 at the UC Staff Common Room. It was a very warm occasion where many participants were reunited with their former classmates. Prof. Fung Kwock-pui (left 2), college head, briefed them on recent developments in alumni affairs of the college and appealed to them to continue supporting the college.
The word 'synergy' has its roots in the Greek word 'sýnerg' and 'sunerges' which means respectively 'co-operation' and 'working together'. A full dictionary definition is 'the interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects'. Organizations seek synergy. So do doctors. But it takes the right leader to make it happen as the line between synergy and chaos is a fine one.

Reframing the Boundaries of Medical Research
Prof. Fok Tai-fai, dean of the Faculty of Medicine and a well-known paediatrician in his own right, is a specialist in the area of alliance. Since he took over the reins of the faculty in mid-2004, it has made strides towards multidisciplinarity in both research and teaching.

'Traditionally, medical research was department-based. This tended to thin out resources, equipment and talent. Integrative research, on the other hand, involves faculty in mid-2004, it has made strides towards multi-

The New Institute of Health Sciences

The latest reward for the faculty's efforts at integrative research came in the form of a timely donation of HK$60 million from the Li Ka Shing Foundation to set up the Li Ka Shing Institute of Health Sciences.

The new institute, to be headed by Prof. Fok and Prof. Dennis Lo, associate dean (research), will be an enactment of his statement that 'scientists pooling their knowledge generate more ideas than scientists working in isolation'. Its research will be devoted to areas related to the health of individuals, with particular emphasis on the prevention, closing the gap education and regenerative medicine. Its research foci will include early detection of severe diseases such as cancers, genetic diseases, common urban health problems and infectious diseases, innovative therapeutics, and disease prevention through understanding of the molecular basis.

The government has been seriously talking about revising a four-year undergraduate curriculum. Prof. Fok is supportive of the revision which will entail, for most departments in the medical faculty, a shift to a six-year curriculum, and, for the Nethersole School of Nursing and the School of Pharmacy, that to a five-year curriculum. He believes that with extended studies, students will enjoy more clinical exposure and practice. They will also have a chance to improve their bedside manners and when a doctor has the right manners, he says, the healing is half done.

Reframing the Value of Teaching

Members of the medical faculty often wear three hats — teacher, doctor and researcher. While it is true that the three can be mutually enhancing, it is also true that medical professors often end up with a lot on their plate. Helping them strike a balance, therefore, is a task of good leadership. In research universities in general, there is a perception that teaching is less important than research and clinical service, oberves Prof. Fok. 'The "publish or perish" culture is a culprit. The other reason is the urgency of clinical service. Doctors are committed to their patients. Therefore, it is considered acceptable for a professor to rush off to a patient in the middle of class, but not the other way round.'

Prof. Fok finds his job 'challenging yet enjoyable'. Though he would still welcome more time for family, Mrs. Fok, he says, is a very understanding person and his son is a grown-up having his own career. But having come such a long way, he must have made his share of sacrifices and, in some ways, an established doctor may feel the system's demands just as keenly as someone younger. Sure, young doctors have to work hard looking after patients and doing night calls. They also have to study for multiple postgraduate examinations in order to attain specialist qualifications. Those in academia need to do both research and teaching, and this may continue until retirement. And due to the lack of time, most doctors, notes Prof. Fok, do not engage in physical exercise. This could have adverse effects on their health, which often rear its heads with age. The toll on family is just as great. 'Many colleagues, including myself, did not spend enough time with our children when they were young, and regret it only when it is too late, that is, after their children have grown up.'

His advice to young doctors is that health and family, especially young children, should always come first, no matter how busy their schedules.

An Empathetic Leader

Prof. Fok is averse to email in a timely manner but, as a man who values more personal exchange, it is definitely not his favourite means of communication. Email is so impersonal,' he remarks. 'I don't like memos either. They may save time but they are counter-productive. The phone at least allows one to hear the voice. Face to face is best.'

Guiding his leadership is a policy of transparency as he believes it is the only way to win his colleagues' trust. His preferences may have something to do with his training as a paediatrician. Paediatricians are, on the whole, more patient, gentle and accommodating than other doctors, he says, and they tend not to lose their temper even when dealing with very difficult patients.

Numbers alone do not ensure quality. It is only when strategically juxtaposed that knowledge, experience, people and faculties become greater than themselves. With the wisdom and instinct of a doctor, Prof. Fok knows that, like a human body, true synergy in an organization requires the combined healthy action of every organ of a particular system.
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Warden for Postgraduate Halls

The Postgraduate Halls are recruiting a warden. The warden will be required to participate in the administration, deal with student matters and help in organizing activities for the residents. Hotel will be provided with free accommodation in the Inter-University Hall next to the train station and a special duty allowance. Applicants should be full-time academic staff. Please send a brief CV in a sealed envelope to Master, Postgraduate Halls General Office on or before 4th June 2005. For enquiries, please call Prof. P.C. Shaw at 26098035.

Emeritus Professors

An outstanding urban geographer, Prof. Yeung Yue-man is a renowned figure in the field of geography. He has published over 160 articles and book chapters, and is a member of the editorial board of 10 international journals. Prof. Yeung was awarded OBE in 1996. He was elected as an academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences in 1998. He received the Silver Bauhinia Star from the government of the HKSAR in 2003 and became an academician of the International Eurasian Academy of Sciences in 1998.

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University Library System Summer Opening Hours

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新任大學傳訊處處長
銳意加強校內外溝通

「我的主要任務是統籌中文大學的策略性發展。現時的公共關係處和出版事務處都非常專業和成熟，稍後應該還有其他部門加入，新的組合將有利加強大學的宣傳推廣及校內外溝通。」新上任的大學傳訊處處長伍展明先生說。

回顧過去的公職生涯，伍先生表示，經歷的考验不少，難以详述。不過，他在香港政府駐美國的紐約辦事處工作時，負責策劃拓展和推廣香港的海外貿易那一段日子則較為難忘。「那時候發生了八九年六四事件，隨即引發對香港的信心危機。我們一方面要向當地傳媒解釋，香港的法制和自由不會受到影響，另外要組織各種論壇，安排香港官員和重要人物出席，傳達有關香港的訊息。」

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地球信息科學聯合實驗室
完成香港陸地棲息地調查

地球信息科學聯合實驗室利用最新遙感圖像、空間地理數據和實地考察記錄，完成了更新香港陸地棲息地分布圖及其生態保護價值的研究，為香港生態環境及生態價值提供最新資料。

研究花了四個月完成，主要成果包括以SPOT 5衛星圖像及空間地理數據製作的全港數碼化陸地棲息地類型分布圖，以及全港三百七十處經實地測量所得到的生態類型資料數據庫。棲息地分布圖可用以評估生態系統現況和未來變化；而生態價值數碼圖有助可持續性的評估。

經實地考察建立的數據庫不但包括了各地生態類型及狀況，以及有關植被種類的詳細資料，更顯示了不同生態類型保護的重要。研究人員考察時，亦為各觀測點拍攝了三百六十度全景相片，總長度達七千五千公里，並於香港大學專家指导下，進行高劑量降脂藥可舒緩冠心病的研究。

醫學院的研究發現，使用高劑量降膽固醇藥能減低粥樣硬塊在血管內積聚，有效降低膽固醇，有利於治療冠心病。

冠心病是本港第二號殺手，僅次於癌症，每年逾六萬人須入院治療，約四千人死亡；存活者亦受到併發症「心臟衰竭」的煎熬，三年內的死亡率高達百分之三十五。導致冠心病的危險因素有高血壓、糖尿病、高膽固醇和肥胖；吸煙、缺乏運動和長期生活緊張也會增加冠心病的風險；而男性和長者較易患上冠心病。

治療冠心病主要是在於控制和減少血管粥樣硬化。醫學院心臟專科展開隨機雙盲對照研究，利用藥物減低粥樣硬塊在血管內積聚。一百一十二名冠心病患者連續六個月，每日服用八十毫克（高劑量）或十毫克（低劑量）的「阿托伐他汀」（膽固清），並接受頸動脈血管超聲波檢查，以量度血管粥樣斑塊及血管內膜中層的厚度。

結果顯示，服用高劑量「阿托伐他汀」不僅有效阻止血管粥樣硬化的程度，亦減少了粥樣斑塊的厚度達百分之十；而服用低劑量者，只能令血管粥樣硬化程度不致惡化。

研究人員又為病人量度高敏度C反應蛋白血清指數，指數愈高，即心臟病發的機率愈高。結果發現，服用高劑量「阿托伐他汀」的病人，其高敏度C反應蛋白血清指數大幅降低百分之六十六，而低劑量者的指數有所增加。

研究結果已於美國心臟病學會二零零五年會議和「心臟影像新進展研討會2005」上公布，後者由本校內科及藥物治療學系心臓專科與北京清華大學於三月十九日合辦。

研究人員公布高劑量降膽固醇藥對冠心病的療效

中大與警察羽毛球隊首次交鋒

中大羽毛球隊與警察羽毛球隊於四月十九日在新亞書院體育館首度友賽，出席者包括警務處處長助理黃冠豪總警司、警察羽毛球會會長黃柏年總警司、副會長馮倍思高級警司、賽事聯絡人許鎮德總督察、新亞書院院長黃乃正教授、中大教職員羽毛球會會長任德盛教授等。

兩隊共進行十七場比賽，包括男雙、女雙和混雙。首場賽事由主隊（附圖右起）黃乃正教授和莊永港先生，與客隊黃柏年總警司和李慈添警長較勁，雙方技術發揮得淋漓盡致；其餘各場，不乏緊張精彩的攻防戰。最終由體力與技術均佔優的警隊勝出。賽後，黃乃正教授在雲起軒設宴款待兩隊成員暨嘉賓。

協助禁毒和預防禽流感

聽製作部獲禁毒基金資助五十五萬元，在中學舉行培訓課程及禁毒教育活動，並製作《啟動家長•積極投入•扶助青年•同心滅毒》資源套，以喚起各界人士，特別是家長，留意青少年濫藥的問題，以及濫用精神藥物的遺害。

資源套發布會於四月二十三日舉行，由禁毒基金會管理委員會委員、香港中文大學社會工作學系石丹理教授（上圖）主禮，出席者包括禁毒基金代表、香港警務處毒品調查科代表、大專院校教職員、中學校長和教師、前線外展社工、青少年中心和戒毒機構的代表。而專題講座「青少年濫用藥物的趨勢」和「有效親子教育的基礎」，分別由基督教香港信義會外展社會工作隊隊長盧寶星先生和該會北區青少年綜合服務中心資深社工梁玉蟾小姐主持。

該資源套可幫助家長掌握有效的親子溝通技巧，從而適切引導子女的成長；並已送贈全港中學、青少年中心及藥物治療學系心臓專科與北京清華大學於三月十九日合辦。
鄭承隆基金慨捐二千二百五十萬元
支持本校推廣通識教育和哲學研究

大學獲鄭承隆通識教育及哲學研究基金慷慨捐款二千二百五十萬元，支持大學通識教育中心（中）及哲學系成立「現象學與當代哲學資料中心」和「中國哲學與文化研究中心」。捐款儀式於四月二十九日在思孟堂舉行，出席者包括捐款人鄭承隆先生和他的家人。劉遵義校長深切感謝鄭先生熱心捐助中大發展人文學科，培養通達深思的人才。

儀式完結後，中大前任校長、社會學榮休講座教授金耀基主持公開講座，論述「香港中文大學的人文學科」。首個國際學術會議預計於本年底召開，主題是「現象學與哲學史研究」。

大學通識教育主任兼哲學教授兼任「通識教育研究中心」主任，該中心專責梳理研究中國哲學及相關文化研究成果，及推動當代哲學研究。大學通識教育主任兼哲學教授兼任「通識教育研究中心」主任，該中心專責梳理研究中國哲學及相關文化研究成果，及推動當代哲學研究。