Nine Recognized for Teaching Excellence

Nine outstanding teachers of the University were presented the Vice-Chancellor’s Exemplary Teaching Award 2004 by Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, vice-chancellor of the University, at a ceremony on 24th May 2005.

Among them, Prof. Leung Sing-fai was a second-time honouree, having been bestowed the award in its first year. At the ceremony, Prof. Lui lauded the recipients for their excellent teaching and reiterated the University’s commitment to quality teaching. The honours also shared the joys and challenges of teaching with the audience.

Support for Six Projects

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

- Design and Build the Next Generation Energy Efficient Controllable Mechanical Metal Forming Presses (HK$4,000,000)
  Sponsor: Innovation and Technology Fund
  Principal investigator: Prof. Du Ruxu (Department of Automation and Computer-Aided Engineering)
  Other CU investigators: Dr. Wu Xiang

- Evaluation of Potential Synergistic Effects of Valsalva Combined with GLP-1 or LAF237 on Pancreatic Islet Function, Endothelial Function and Glucose Tolerance in Type-2 Diabetes Mellitus (US$172,500)
  Sponsor: Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research Inc.
  Principal investigator: Prof. Leung Po-sing (Department of Physiology)

- Consortium Linkage Studies of Type 2 Diabetes (US$47,750)
  Sponsor: National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
  Principal investigator: Prof. Juliana Chan (Department of Medicine and Therapeutics)

- ACM SIGGRAPH International Conference on Virtual Reality Continuum and Its Applications VRCIA 2006 (HK$100,000)
  Sponsor: The Croucher Foundation
  Principal investigator: Prof. H.Q. Sun (Department of Computer Science and Engineering)

- Asia Pacific Coral Reef Symposium ‘Coral Reef: Cooperation and Collaboration for Better Conservation’ (HK$100,000)
  Sponsor: The Croucher Foundation
  Principal investigator: Prof. Put O. Ang, Jr.

- Immunomodulatory Activities of Herbal Formulæ ‘Kwai Du Bu Fei Dang’ in Healthy Subjects: A Randomized Double-blind Placebo-controlled Study (HK$804,328)
  Sponsor: Research Fund for the Control of Infectious Diseases
  Principal investigator: Prof. Fung Kwok-pui (Department of Biochemistry)
Naming of New PC3 Laboratory

The University's physical containment level 3 (PC3) laboratory was officially named the Lo Kwok-Seong Research Laboratory of Infectious Diseases on 12th May, in recognition of a HK$5 million donation from the K.S. Lo Foundation. The generous donation will support research on infectious diseases. The ceremony was conducted at the Postgraduate Education Centre of the Prince of Wales Hospital.

The ceremony was officiated by Dr. Peter Lo (left 2), chairman of the K.S. Lo Foundation, Prof. Lawrence J. Lau (right 2), vice-chancellor of the University, Prof. T.F. Fok (left 1), dean of the Faculty of Medicine, and Prof. Joseph Sung (right 1), director of the Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases of the University.

The laboratory will be used to conduct high-risk research projects on SARS, avian influenza, and HIV infection.

Rising Salt Intake Predisposes Local to Hypertension

Hypertension is a serious public health problem due to its prevalence and aetiological significance for stroke, myocardial infarction, heart failure, and kidney disease. The most important modifiable environmental risk factors for hypertension include high salt intake, low potassium intake from fruits and vegetables, obesity, alcohol intake, stress and low physical activity.

Contrary to common perception, surveys conducted by the CUHK Faculty of Medicine indicate that salt intake in Hong Kong is on the rise and much higher than WHO recommendations. The organization recommends adults to reduce their daily salt intake from 9-12 grams to not more than 5-6 grams.

Chinese are particularly susceptible to dietary salt-induced hypertension because they do not have an efficient mechanism to facilitate the renal excretion of sodium. In response to an increase in dietary salt intake, the kidney normally synthesizes dopamine to inhibit sodium reabsorption and induce relaxation of blood vessels. This response, however, is not seen in Chinese. Salt-induced high blood pressure may be reversible in its early stage and before structural changes occur in blood vessels.

Reducing salt intake and optimizing other dietary and lifestyle factors will lower the risk of hypertension.

The Faculty of Medicine advises the public to pay more attention to the sodium content of processed foods from which 75 to 80 per cent of total salt intake is derived. Patients with hypertension must undergo regular follow-ups and treatment.

CUHK's First Course on Bone Anchored Hearing Aid

The Department of Surgery and the Institute of Human Communicative Research of the Faculty of Medicine jointly organized the University's inaugural Bone Anchored Hearing Aid (BAHA) Course on 30th April. The course covered the repertoire of osseointegration concepts, surgical techniques, as well as potential complications and management. The course was sponsored by Entnic Medical Systems SE.

Besides attending lectures, the 28 participants had the chance to learn first-hand about the unique BAHA experiences of four very different clients. There was also a workshop wherein participants learnt how to elegantly perform BAHA surgery on freshly prepared pig's skulls.

The course instructors were Prof. Michael Tong, Dr. Gordon Soo, Dr. Willis Tsang, Ms. Wong Yin Mui, and Mr. Johannes Mak of the CUHK Faculty of Medicine, and Mr. David Preopus of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, and Dr. Sigfrid Soli of the House Ear Institute, Los Angeles.

CUHK Graduates Highly Employable, Survey Reveals

The employment rate and salary level of 2004 CUHK graduates are very good according to a graduate employment survey conducted by the Career Planning and Development Centre of the Office of Student Affairs of the University. As at the end of 2004, 97.5 per cent of graduates were either employed or pursuing further studies. The average monthly salary of those employed was HK$13,628, and HK$11,266, if MB ChB graduates were excluded. This represents a 5.9 per cent increase from 2003. The highest salary earner was a medical graduate boasting HK$65,000 a month. On average, each respondent had around 2.3 job offers.

The survey was carried out from November to December 2004 by means of questionnaires and telephone interviews. The 2,474 respondents encompassed full-time, first-degree graduates of 2004 and MB ChB graduates of 2003.

Most graduates joined the commerce and industry sector (75.9 per cent), followed by social and public organizations (12.4 per cent), education (9.9 per cent), and government (4.1 per cent). The top six career fields were computer engineering and IT/EBusiness, accounting/auditing, administration/management, banking and finance, sales and marketing, and medical and health care. Up to 93.2 per cent expressed satisfaction with their current jobs.

Lawrers for CUHK Staff and Student at Medical and Biological Conference

A research staff and a postgraduate student from the Joint Centre of Biomedical Engineering (JCBME) of the Chinese University won three awards at the Sixth Asian-Pacific Conference on Medical and Biological Engineering, held from 24th to 27th April 2005 at the Tsukuba International Congress Centre in Japan.

Ms. Bao Shudi, a research assistant from JCBME, was awarded the Young Investigator Award for her paper 'A New Symmetric Cryptosystem of Body Area Sensor Networks for Telemedicine'. She also won the Best Presentation Award of the Young Investigator's Award. Ms. Wong Yee-man, an M.Phil. student from JCBME, was awarded the Young Investigator Encouragement Award for her paper 'The Ageing Effect on the Characteristic of Photoplethysmogram Waveform'. At this year's conference, a total of four Young Investigator Encouragement Awards, eight Young Investigator's Awards, and two Young Investigator's Awards Best Presentation Awards were presented.

CUHK Aviation Policy Experts on Privatization of Airport Authority

The Aviation Policy and Research Centre of the University has recently released its study on the 'Partial Privatization of the Airport Authority'. The press conference was hosted by Prof. Japhet Law, director of the centre, Prof. Michael Fung, and Dr. C.K. Law, associate directors of the centre, on 19th May 2005 at the CUHK MBA Town Centre in Central. The study was conducted in response to a consultation paper on the subject released by the Economic Development and Labour Bureau of the HKSAR Government.

Based on the findings of the study, the centre believes that the case for the privatization of the Airport Authority does not exist at this time or in the foreseeable future. It suggests exploring less disruptive and more direct approaches to raise efficiency in the management of the Airport Authority before resorting to privatization. And given Hong Kong's improved outlook, there is no longer need for immediate or medium term fixes to the government's financial position.
李福慶先生
Mr. Li Fook Hing

李福慶先生是香港著名的電影製作人和影星，從事電影業逾三十年。李先生是華語電影界的重要人物，曾於1968年創立沙龍電影製作公司，領導該公司成為本地電影業的領軍者。他不但製作無數優質電影和廣告，也熱心公益，擔任多種慈善基金會的理事和委員，包括世界傳道會、賈高霍利基金會等。李先生深受社會各界的尊敬和愛戴，獲得了多項殊榮，包括1999年獲香港特別行政區政府授予銀紫荊勳章。
Profiles of Honorary Fellows 2005

Mr. Lee Kam Chung

Mr. Lee Kam Chung is a distinguished alumnus of The Chinese University of Hong Kong, and an eminent educationalist. Mr. Lee has committed himself to education for over four decades. After graduating from the Chinese University in 1964, he served as a secondary school teacher and principal, and in 1972 founded a secondary school. He has been chairman of the Education Foundation of the Federation of the Alumni Associations of CUHK since 1982. Mr. Lee led towards the establishment of the foundations set up by secondary schools from their inception in 2002, and is currently the supervisor of one of its kindergartens. He was also the founding principal of the School for U.K. Children in Hong Kong.

Mr. Lee has made remarkable contributions to local district administration, livelihood improvement and youth development. He was awarded the Governor's Commendation for Community Service in 1993, the Queen's Medal for Worship and Patriotism in 1996, and St. John Ambulance Service Bravery in 2003. Over the years, Mr. Lee has been involved in the development of his area. He has been a member of the New Asia College Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1994.

Mr. Lee has also contributed to education in Hong Kong and overseas. He has been a member of the Board of Governors of the United College, serving as chairman since 1999. Ms. Yan has worked for CUHK Convocation at its inception in 1993 and has served as its secretary since 1999. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the United College, serving as chairman since 1999. Ms. Yan is currently the chairperson of the CUHK Convocation.

In recent years, Dr. Chou is committed to promoting Chinese medical health care. Under his leadership, the Hong Kong Association for Health Care Ltd. collaborated with Methodist Medical College and funded the Chinese Medicine Research Foundation, which contributed significantly to the promotion of Chinese medicine in the world.

Dr. Chou is an accomplished entrepreneur and a co-founder of Windsor Education Foundation and the Chou's Foundation. Dr. Chou was appointed honorary visiting professor of Suzhou Medical College and professor of Shanghai Teachers University. He was awarded Doctor of Social Science, Honorary of the British Empire in 1987.

Mr. Lee has also contributed to education in Hong Kong and overseas. He has been a member of the New Asia College Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1994. Mr. Lee was named an honorary consultant of Yan Chai Hospital. Dr. Chou was awarded Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 1996. In 1987, he was awarded Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire.

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Dr. Lee Shui-shan has been appointed professor of infectious diseases in the Centre for Emerging Infectious Diseases from 3rd May 2005.

Dr. Lee received his MB BS from the University of Hong Kong in 1982 and his MD in 1995. Prior to joining CUHK, he had, since 1991, been consultant physician and head in 1995. Prior to joining the Chinese University, he was a senior clinical lecturer in the Department of Public Health and Primary Care, Oxford University.

Prof. Siân Griffiths has been appointed professor of public health from 6th May 2005. She is a fellow or member of numerous medical associations in the UK and a referee of many academic journals.

公積金計劃 1995：變動投資組合
Staff Superannuation Scheme (1995) — Investment Option Change

公積金成員如欲由二零零五年七月一日起轉變其投資組合，可從財務處網頁 http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/bursary/optionform 下載表單；填妥表單後，須於二零零五年六月二十日（星期一）或之前，送遞或親交（二零零五年六月十九日）財務處薪津及公積金組。

查詢或索取表格，請與薪津及公積金組聯絡（電話二零零五年六月二十日（星期一））。

Please be informed that the form for investment option change effective 1st July 2005 is now downloadable from the Bursary website at http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/bursary/optionform or obtainable from the Payroll and Superannuation Unit of the Bursary. The completed form should be sent by mail or fax (2003 7890) to the unit on or before 20th June 2005 (Monday).

For enquiry, please contact the Payroll and Superannuation Unit at 2609 7236 or 2609 7251.

飯堂維修停開
Canteen Overhaul and Renovation

大學部分飯堂於下列日期維修，暫停服務。

The following canteens will be closed for renovation during the specified period:

公積金及強積金計劃投資成績
Investment Returns of Staff Superannuation Scheme and MPFS

財務處公布公積金及強積金計劃內各項投資基金的回報如下：

With effect from 6th June 2005 (Monday), the daily opening hours of the University Swimming Pool will be extended as follows:

First session: 8.00 a.m. — 1.40 p.m.
Second session: 2.30 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Including public holidays)

中大評議會周年會員大會

由中大全體畢業生組成的「香港中文大學評議會」將於六月二十五日（星期一）由中環德輔道中七十七號恒生大廈廿一樓大禮堂召開本年度周年會員大會。

評議會的基本功能包括協助大學加強公共關係，支持大學建立良好社會形象，有關大學發展橋樑作用，選出代表加入大學校董會，以及安排為大學或社會公益籌款，以實踐評議會的目標。評議會正通過立法程序易名為「香港中文大學校友評議會」。

香港中文大學評議會成員均有權登記出席會員大會，並有投票權。
中大與長江科學院簽訂合作協議

中大與長江科學院於四月二十六日簽訂合作協議，共同發展地球信息學科的應用服務系統，用以監測長江流域洪水和增進水利應用。協議書由長江科學院院長郭熙靈院士和地球信息科學聯合實驗室主任林琿教授分別代表雙方簽署。

長江科學院始建於一九五一年，隸屬於長江水利委員會，於一九六六年與中國社會科學院聯合成立，下設十二個專業研究所。該院在長江流域水文、水資源、水生態環境、水土保持、水電工程、水污染治理等方面，具備強大的科研力量，是國家級重點科研單位。協議由長江科學院郭熙靈副院長(前右)和地球信息科學聯合實驗室主任林琿教授(前左)分別代表雙方簽署。

香港人吃鹽過多

香港人吃鹽過多，日均攝取量達九點九克，遠高於世界衛生組織建議的每日八克。日本人攝取食鹽過多，是導致中風、心肌梗塞、心衰竭和腎病等嚴重疾患的主因。估計全球超過四分之一的人口有高血壓，二十年後的比率更會上升至近三成。預防高血壓最重要的是減少食鹽攝取。

政府宜延遲機管局私營化

本校航空政策研究中心認為，政府在短期至中期沒有龐大的財政壓力，並不需要於現時或可見的未來將機場管理局私營化。航空業對香港經濟貢獻重大，約佔本地生產總值一度，機場亦是香港最大型及最有價值的基建項目。有關機管局的管治架構、決策過程和營運管理的任何變更，必須經過審慎的評估和處理。

新界西健康學校夥伴計劃

醫學院健康教育及促進健康中心上月十四日開始進行的「新界西健康學校夥伴計劃」，由具備經驗的健康學校先鋒與區內一間學校建立夥伴關係，協助夥伴學校發展成為健康學校，促進社區內不同年齡層的健康教育。

中大校友慈善電影首映籌款

香港中文大學評議會第二六一期於五月十七日十時半假香港科學館舉行「中大校友慈善電影首映典禮」。本校評議會於二零零五年三月十七日與香港中學聯會學生會學會合作，聯合舉行「中大校友慈善電影首映典禮」。此項慈善活動旨在籌集基金，資助香港中學聯會學生會學生於香港、內地、澳門等地參加國際學術競賽、休閒、體育和社團活動。
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【六位經濟學泰斗聯袂主】

香港中文大學與新鴻基地產去年十一月合辦「新鴻基地產諾貝爾獎得獎學人傑出講座系列」。大學於本月三日再辦講座，邀請三位諾貝爾經濟學獎得獎人與三位國際知名經濟學家主講「從環球經濟看中國之崛起」。

中大與美國研究所合作研究抗癌中藥

中醫中藥研究所獲美國國家衛生研究所（NIH）撥款，與美國斯隆·凱特琳癌症中心合組成草藥研究中心，研究中草藥的抗癌效果。這是NIH首次資助美國醫療機構與境外科研所合作成立研究中心。

中大獲首屆利銘澤百年紀念樂學金

中大獲羅桂祥基金捐資五百萬元，資助有關傳染病的研究。為答謝羅桂祥基金，大學特將PC3實驗室命名為「羅桂祥防疫研究實驗室」。命名典禮於五月十二日舉行，由羅桂祥基金主席童創德博士及中大校長及醫學院院長出席典禮。