On 5th October, the University launched the Satellite Remote Sensing Receiving Station, an important facility of its newly established Institute of Space and Earth Information Science, on campus. The station collects information useful to Hong Kong, South China, and neighbouring regions in monitoring natural disasters, including landslides, subsidence, earthquakes, tsunamis, floods and typhoons, by capturing and processing satellite-sourced remote sensing data.

The first phase of the station is established with the support of the 863 High Technology Research and Development Programme of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the PRC and the Innovation and Technology Commission of the HKSAR government. The second phase is supported by the Fok Ying Tung Foundation with a generous donation of HK$40 million.

A press conference was held on 5th October in which Prof. Lin Hui, director of the Institute of Space and Earth Information Science, introduced the features and impact of the station. Taking place in the afternoon were the inauguration of Minister Xu Guanhua, Minister of Science and Technology of China, as honorary professor of the CUHK Faculty of Engineering, a ceremony to thank the donation of the Fok Ying Tung Foundation, and the inauguration of the first phase of the station and the institute. Guests in attendance included Dr. the Honourable Henry Fok Ying-tung, Prof. Xu Guanhua, Mr. Yang Wenchang, commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the PRC in HKSAR, Dr. He Changchui, assistant director-general of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations, Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, vice-chancellor of CUHK, Prof. Yue On-ching, science adviser to the Innovation and Technology Commission, and Prof. Chen Shupeng, chairman of the academic committee of the Institute of Space and Earth Information Science.

The ceremonies were followed by a distinguished lecture by Minister Xu Guanhua entitled 'The Future of Science and Technology Development in China and the Role of Hong Kong'.

Orientation Day

About 25,000 students, parents and teachers attended the Orientation Day for Undergraduate Admissions of the Chinese University on 24th September 2005 despite the issuance of strong wind signal no. 3.

Exhibitions, admission talks, lab visits, and programme introductions were organized by the seven faculties, the new School of Law, and all academic departments and programmes. The School of Law also staged a mock trial starring magistrate Kevin Browne, and faculty of the school, Prof. Stephen Hall, Prof. Satnam Choongh, and Prof. Michael Pendleton. Furthermore introductions to exchange programmes, exhibitions, open houses and guided tours were organized by the four colleges.

A special programme of the day was an admissions talk by Mrs. Grace Chow, director of admissions and financial aid, who outlined the various channels of admission to CUHK. Her talk was supplemented by experience sharing by local, mainland and non-local students of the University.

Light Thrown on Attention Deficit Disorder

Prof. Thomas E. Brown, associate director of the Yale Clinic for Attention and Related Disorders of the Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine, delivered a public lecture on attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) on 4th October in the Ho Tim Building. The event is a 40th Anniversary Lecture of the CUHK Faculty of Education.

In his lecture, Prof. Brown discussed new understandings of ADHD. He also dealt with certain fears and prejudices patients and the public may have towards the condition and its medication such as thinking that ADHD is only a matter of will power and that medication will turn patients into 'zombies'. He believes that patient education about ADHD and medication are essential. For young sufferers, the school and home should work with medical professionals to provide therapy and support.

Prof. Brown is a clinical psychologist who received his Ph.D. from Yale University and maintains a private practice in Connecticut, specializing in assessment and treatment of high-IQ children, adolescents and adults with attention deficit disorder (ADD) and related problems.
Support for Nine More Projects

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

- A Web Game on Democracy and Citizenship (民主及公民知識寶庫網上遊戲) (HK$168,000)
  
  Sponsor: Incentive Scheme for Developing Instructional Software
  
  Principal investigator: Mrs. Annie Lai Chan Wei-ling (Audio-Visual Division)

- The Impact of Nocturia on Sleep and Quality of Life (HK$25,000)
  
  Sponsor: Hong Kong Obstetric and Gynaecological Trust Fund
  
  Principal investigator: Dr. Grace Kong Wing-shan (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology)

- Innate and Adaptive Immune Responses in Pre-ecclamptic Women (HK$30,000)
  
  Sponsor: Hong Kong Obstetric and Gynaecological Trust Fund
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Ronald Wang Chi-chiu (Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology)

- Cerebrovascular Risk Factors and Late-life Suicide: 2005-06 Chinese Opera Information Centre (HK$300,000)
  
  Sponsor: Hong Kong Arts Development Council
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Chan Sau-yan (Department of Music)

- Cooperative of Safety of Medicines in Children: Scoping Study to Analyse Interventions to Reduce Errors in Calculation of Paediatric Drug Doses (HK$10,000)
  
  Sponsor: National Patients Safety Research Programme, UK
  
  CUHK investigator: Prof. Kenneth Lee Wai-chun (School of Pharmacy)

- Investigating the Health Status of Office Workers, and the Workplace Safety and Health Performance in Hong Kong (HK$5,785)
  
  Sponsor: Occupational Safety and Health Council
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Sandra Chan Sau-yan (Department of Psychiatry)

- State Effectiveness and Democracy: What Lessons Can China Learn from Other Countries? Experience (US$70,900)
  
  Sponsor: Ford Foundation
  
  Principal investigator: Prof. Wang Shouguang (Department of Government and Public Administration)

- Creative Media and Artistic Education for Culture and Media Industries: A Comprehensive Policy Study of Korea, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Singapore, and Australia (US$30,000)
  
  Sponsor: Asia-Pacific Educational Policy Research Initiative/Korean Educational Development Institute
  
  Principal investigator: Dr. Angel Lin (Department of Curriculum and Instruction)

New Findings in Diabetes Research

Diabetes and Kidney Damage in Hypertensive Sufferers

A study by the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics found that a quarter of people with hypertension above the age of 55 also had previously undiagnosed diabetes and another 40.9 per cent had impaired glucose tolerance or impaired fasting glucose, both of which are prediabetic states. Furthermore, 26.2 per cent of hypertensive patients had albuminuria or increased protein in urine. A similar study was conducted by a community-based specialist diabetes centre in collaboration with a group of family physicians. Results from both confirmed the importance of global risk assessment in hypertensive patients. Family physicians also play a pivotal role in identifying these high risk subjects through opportunistic screening and education. In subjects with one or more risk factors, oral glucose tolerance test should be used to screen for diabetes to avoid misdiagnosing. The detection of albuminuria calls for regular monitoring of kidney function and the use of medication with protective effects on kidneys.

Kidney Function and Heart Disease

Researchers at the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics carried out a three-year prospective analysis on 4,421 diabetic patients attending the Prince of Wales Hospital and found that half have reduced kidney function. Using a staging method for kidney function, they found progressive increases in the rates of death, end-stage kidney disease, and cardiovascular diseases in subjects with progressive decline in kidney function. The close association between heart disease and kidney function is now increasingly recognized. Kidney is the key organ in the body for excretion of waste products. It also plays a pivotal role in maintaining the balance of our bone metabolism and production of red blood cells. Thus progressive decline in kidney function will lead to major changes in our internal environment, resulting in anaemia and hardening of blood vessels, which further increase cardiovascular risk.

The researchers urge diabetic patients to undergo comprehensive assessments on a yearly basis to document kidney function as well as eye and foot examinations. Patients with any risk factors must be regularly monitored with aggressive control of blood pressure, blood glucose, and blood lipids and the use of appropriate medication.

The department hosted the Seventh Hong Kong Diabetes and Cardiovascular Risk Factors — East Meets West Symposium at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 1st and 2nd October 2005. The meeting, which drew some 30 local and overseas experts presented the latest advances in the epidemiology and management of diabetes, was attended by some 600 delegates.

New Asia Welcomes Non-local and Exchange Students

New Asia College extended a warm welcome to 68 non-local undergraduates and 89 exchange students by hosting a dinner in their name at the newly renovated New Asia Gymnasium on 21st September 2005. Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, vice-chancellor of the University, and Prof. Henry N.C. Wong, head of New Asia College, greeted the students and expressed the hope that the broader student mix would provide a unique opportunity for students to learn and to enjoy campus life, and more importantly to understand and accept different cultures.

The dinner was accompanied by performances by student interest groups, non-local undergraduates and exchange students.

United College Toastmasters Club

The United College Toastmasters Club has successfully chartered with the Toastmasters International on 6th September 2005. The Club is now the second chartered Toastmasters Club at the University. With "Take the Stage, Speak your World" as its motto, its aim is to promote English-speaking skills and English standard among United College students.

At toastmasters meetings, members have the opportunity to speak in groups and work with others in a supportive environment. Members receive training on impromptu speaking, public speaking and presentation, and effective listening and leadership through practice as well as the aid of structured training manuals and feedback from their fellow club members.

A demonstration session for recruiting new members was held on 15th September 2005. Experienced toastmasters were present to give coaching on proper public speaking skills. The club recruited 40 members after the meeting.

On 24th September 2005, the club held its inauguration ceremony. Ms. Ruth Gee, director of the British Council (Hong Kong), has been invited to serve as patron of the club.
One morning in early summer, Edward Ng, professor in the Department of Architecture, went to the office of a large construction company in Wan Chai to see the man who would make the project that had occupied his mind and nights for 18 months a possibility. He was ushered into a conference room. Shortly afterwards, a troop of men in black came in and seated themselves across from him, each brandishing a file. They waited in silence, then a man in his 50s, donning a white shirt, breezed in. Ng knew right away that he was the one they were waiting for. The newcomer asked, "So you're Edward Ng. How much do you need?" HK$1 million. The founder of the company looked pensive. He said, "How long have you been teaching?" "Does it matter?" "Yes, it does because your estimate is not realistic. Let me round it off to HK$1 million." Ng was dumbfounded. The donor explained that, in case Ng had been in academia too long to realize, "palm oiling" should have been included in the estimate. He wrote out a cheque his pocket had more money than it had ever had or, perhaps, will have in its lifetime.

The HK$1 million set in motion the coming true of a dream called 'A Bridge Too Far' — Ng's dream and that of participating academics and students of CUHK, PolyU, HKUST, and Xi'an Jiaotong University; also the dream of hundreds of schoolchildren in Maosi Village (毛寺村) who had to cross the temperamental Po River on a single-log bridge balanced on pillars of rock, straw and earth at least twice a day. Ng had come across the plight of the villagers of the impoverished Maosi Village while doing field work to study the thermal properties of cave dwellings in the area. Volunteers and other donors contributed another HK$200,000 to the project.

The Structure

Wuzhi Bridge (毛寺橋) is a 90-metre bridge to "never-ending knowledge and a prosperous future". In Cantonese, Wuzhi sounds the same as Maosi ('Mo Ti'). Wuzhi Bridge was designed to use mostly natural local materials, to be maintained by the villagers and to serve as a prototype for other bridges. It is also the first bridge in the world to stand on metal cages filled with rubble — the innovation of designer Anthony Hunt. Bamboo and steel planks, designed for easy retrieval from the river bed after heavy storms, make up the walkway. The bridge is stepped to prevent heavy vehicles and, according to Ng, ghosts from using it as the corners are too sharp for both. Stepping also produces a sort of negative table between alternate sections of the bridge allowing villagers to sit and chat, feet hanging several feet above the water. It has a bamboo footrail to soften the effects of vertigo, a nod to a very distant relative — the precariously wooden bridge at Sai Kung's Ham Tin beach with which hikers in Hong Kong are all too familiar. The bridge cost about HK$700,000 to build with about a sixth having been used to oil someone's flashy palm. The main construction materials were bought in nearby towns while minor spare parts were brought all the way from Hong Kong.

The Process

For five days in mid-August, 50 volunteers from Hong Kong, 30 from Xi'an, and dozens of villagers worked from dawn till dusk. Thanks to their efficiency and impeccable planning, the bridge was completed in five days instead of the scheduled six. On one of the days, the truck supposed to bring rubble from a nearby construction site did not arrive. Just as all the builders were losing their cool, a handful of schoolchildren trickled into view each with a rock or brick in hand, followed by more of these messengers of hope. Lesson learned: 150 schoolchildren are more reliable transporters of rubble than a dusty truck.

On another day, adviser and patron of the project, Sir David Akers-Johnson, showed up in Maosi Village with a suitcase and an interpreter. He had flown to Xi'an from Hong Kong, spent a night there, and travelled four hours by car to Maosi to show his support. Pleased with what he saw, the former Chief Secretary of Hong Kong left Maosi that very day for Xi'an, spent a night there, and flew back to Hong Kong.

The bridge was opened on 17th August with the placing of the last gabion. The Spin-off

The Hong Kong students had gone three to help others but ended up helping themselves. Many, Ng said, never thought they could build a bridge in five days in the dry heat. On the first day, over 10 suffered from heat stroke, on the second day, three, and on the third day, none. He told the students, "I could have found all my volunteers on the mainland. But I decided to bring you because I want to show that you can do it. Everyone says Hong Kong students are too used to the good life but it's really up to the teachers to inspire them to action." Ng was right. One student told him, "I never knew I could do this much more!"

The achievement was celebrated at A Bridge Too Far, A Dream Come True, an exhibition at TaiKoo Place, from 26th to 31st August, and then in the CUHK Department of Architecture and at PolyU's School of Design.

The Laurels

Ng submitted the bridge design to an international competition in August and has just heard from the jury that it has been "highly commended", placing it top eight out of some 500 entries. The jubilant Ng said, "This is excellent news in that our bridge is not only helping people, the design is now internationally recognized as one of the best and most innovative."

The Future

The rest of the money will be used for another of Ng's projects — building environmentally friendly schools for Maosi Village. But this project is relatively expensive as it involves experimenting with natural local materials suitable for the Northwestern climate. One day, Ng, as again crunching numbers, Sir David asked him how much more he needed. Approximately HK$500,000." The older man then made what seemed to be an outrageous suggestion, "Why don't you write Jackie Chan?" You might as well ask me to write Bush," Ng retorted. "No, I'm the chairman of the Jackie Chan Charitable Foundation!" So to Jackie Chan Ng will write after he has figured out exactly how much he needs.
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新任講座教授
Professorial Appointments

### 教授

- **Professor of History**
  - 大學委任於蘇基朗教授為歷史學講座教授，任期自二零零五年十月一日起生效。
  - 蘇教授是中大校友，一九八三年取得澳洲國立大學哲學博士學位，現任香港大學編輯及研究員。

- **Professor of Medicine and Therapeutics**
  - 大學委任許百祥教授為內科及藥物治療學講座教授，任期自二零零五年十月一日起生效。
  - 许教授在美國兒科醫學中心，一九九八年獲頒醫學博士學位，現任香港大學聯合院長兼兒科中心首席教授。

- **Professor of Information Engineering**
  - 大學委任楊偉豪教授為信息工程學講座教授，任期自二零零五年十月一日起生效。
  - 楊教授就讀於康奈爾大學，一九八八年取得哲學博士學位，現任康奈爾大學助理院長及助理教授。

### 内貝及薬物治療學講座教授

- **Professor of Medical and Therapeutics**
  - 大學委任陳家亮教授為內科及藥物治療學講座教授，任期自二零零五年十月一日起生效。

- **Professor of Paediatrics**
  - 大學委任伍百祥教授為內科及藥物治療學講座教授，任期自二零零五年十月一日起生效。

### 教學僱員考績報告

Appraisal Reports on Teaching Staff

- **Enquiries can be directed to Ms. Margaret Koo,**
  - c/o Business Office, G/F, John Fulton Centre, indicating the amount he/she is willing to pay in the form of a non-refundable nomination transfer fee of $10,000.

### 文物展覽和週末作坊

Exhibition and Weekend Workshop of the Art Museum

- **Date:** Saturday, 29th October 2005

- **Venue:** East-wing Galleries, Art Museum

- **Host:** Mr. Tony Miller

- **Programme:**
  - 2.30-4.15 p.m. Lecture by Mr. Cao Ganyuan, Academic Director, Jingdezhen Ceramic Museum
  - 3.15-4.00 p.m. Tour by Mr. Tony Miller
  - 4.00-4.45 p.m. Demonstration by Mr. Sun Qianghua, Lecturer, Ceramic Institute of Jingdezhen

- **Date:** 28th October 2005 - 5th February 2006

- **Venue:** Enquiries to the Business Office, G/F, John Fulton Centre, indicating the amount he/she is willing to pay in the form of a non-refundable nomination transfer fee of $10,000.

### 香港高球倉門會

Hong Kong Golf Club Membership

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### 申請高球倉門會

Application for Golf Club Membership

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大学於九月二十四日舉行本科入學資訊日，在三號風球下，來校參觀的預科生、家長和教師多達二萬五千人。七所學院和新成立的法律學院均舉辦大型展覽、入學輔導、實驗室參觀和學科講座等，讓預科生了解各學系和課程的詳情。此外，四所書院亦開辦預科生參觀活動，特別節目「全方位入學講座」，由入學及學生資助處處長周陳文琬女士介紹入學統計資料，預科生入學的途徑，包括大學聯合招生辦法、優先錄取計劃、中學校長推薦計劃、自薦計劃等。多名本地、內地和海外學生出席講座分享在中大的體驗。

博覽會於九月二十九日至十月二日在香港會議展覽中心舉行，圖為工商及科技局長黃偉纶先生（左二）參觀中大攤位。

高血壓與糖尿病

醫學院最近公布兩項研究結果，敦促高血壓和糖尿病人士注意健康。

其中一項研究顯示，四分之一滿五十五歲的高血壓患者有糖尿病；另有四成一共有嚴重程度的腎功能減退或心臟病及中風風險。研究人員發現，空腹血糖難以準確診斷東方人是否患上糖尿病，往往漏診而未能及早醫治。他們建議家庭醫生多採用葡萄糖耐量測試。

另一項在凱華醫院進行的研究顯示，該院半數糖尿病人有腎功能減退的跡象，病人的腎功能愈差，其死亡率愈高。患上末期腎病和心血管疾病風險愈高。

研究結果已於《第七屆東西方交流研討會：腎臟及心血管疾病》上發表，會議由內科及藥物治療學系主辦。內科及藥物治療學系公布糖尿病人腎功能減退的研究結果

人類表達與健康

香港大學於九月二十四日舉行入學資訊日，大學於九月二十四日舉行本科入學資訊日，在三號風球下，來校參觀的預科生、家長和教師多達二萬五千人。
衛星遙感地面接收站第一期工程落成典禮
霍英東基金會慨捐四千萬元支持第二期工程
徐冠華部長就任中文大學工程學院榮譽教授

大學於本月五日舉行「衛星遙感地面接收站」第一期工程落成暨「太空與地球信息科學研究所」成立典禮，由全國政協副主席霍英東博士、國家科
學技術部徐冠華部長、外交部駐香港特別行政區特派員公署楊文昌特派員、中
國科學院周光輝、徐冠華部長及霍英東博士出席典禮，此外，还有其他嘉宾出席典禮。霍英東博士在典禮上表示，遙感科技對於人類的生存和發展非常重
要，他感謝大學和內地科教單位的合作，並希望能進一步合作，為香港的地區發展作出貢獻。

遙感中心香港基地，位
於聯合和新亞書院之間，將
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天候的環境與自然災害監測，
以減輕山泥傾瀉、地陷、海
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所導致的人命及經濟損失。

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學聯合實驗室」，五年前又獲
國家科舉技術部
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高技術研究
發展計劃和香港創新科技署撥款支
持第一期工程，並獲霍英東基金會
c慨捐四千萬港元支持第二期工程。隨
著地面接收站的成立，香港遙感發展將
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