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CUHK Scientists Win State Natural Science Awards

Two outstanding scientists of the University, Prof. Dennis Lo Yuk-ming (left), Dr. Li Ka Shing Professor of Medicine and professor of chemical pathology, and Prof. Jimmy Yu Chai-mei (right), professor in the Department of Chemistry, were each conferred a State Natural Science Award, second class, in recognition of the achievements of their projects 'Biology and Diagnostic Applications of Fetal Nucleic Acids in Maternal Plasma' and 'Photocatalytic Degradation of Persistent Organic Pollutants' respectively.

New Centre for Studies of Daoist Culture

The University has received the generous support of the Daoist Fung Ying Seen Koon to set up the Centre for the Studies of Daoist Culture at the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies. The centre's inauguration ceremony was held on 4th January 2006. From left: Prof. Lai Chi Tim, director of the centre, Master Ren Farong, president of Chinese Daoist Association, Dr. Patrick C.P. Ho, Secretary for Home Affairs of the Government of the HKSAR, Mr. Qi Xiaofei, vice-director of the State Administration for Religious Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Prof. Lawrence T. Lau, vice-chancellor of the University, and Master Lai Hin Wa, permanent chairman of Daoist Fung Ying Seen Koon.

For details, please visit http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/enews/.

CUHK Pioneers Treatment for Hypertension Caused by Functional Adrenal Neoplasm

High blood pressure is one of the most common diseases in Hong Kong, affecting approximately one million people. Over 90 per cent of the cases are primary hypertension without cause. The rest are hypertension secondary to underlying pathologies such as functional adrenal gland neoplasm. It is estimated that one to two per cent of all hypertension cases are secondary to a functional adrenal neoplasm which produces excessive aldosterone or corticosteroid.

Conventionally this kind of secondary hypertension can be cured by surgical excision of the affected adrenal gland. Laparoscopic adrenalectomy introduced in the last decade is currently the gold standard treatment for functional adrenal gland neoplasm. Though the procedure can be accomplished with minimal morbidity, it requires general anaesthesia and may result in serious complications.

The CUHK Faculty of Medicine has recently introduced a novel technique of treating the disorder. Since August 2004, 18 patients with secondary hypertension due to a functional adrenal tumour were treated by CT-guided radiofrequency ablation (RFA) under local anaesthesia at the Prince of Wales Hospital. RFA uses high frequency current delivered by an electrode to generate heat energy which destroys tissue in a predictable volume. Imaging-guided RFA offers a minimally invasive approach to ablate neoplasm without external wound.

The initial results of CT-guided RFA in functional adrenal gland neoplasm are encouraging. All patients have shown improvement in blood pressure control with two-thirds now completely drug-free. The serum aldosterone or cortisol levels as well as potassium concentration are normalized in all 18 patients with an overall success rate of 94 per cent. No major complication was noted. The median hospital stay after the procedure is two days and most patients were able to return to normal activity a day after the procedure. The data suggest that RFA is an innovative, safe, seamless, and cost-effective measure for the treatment of this type of secondary hypertension.

HK$1 Million from CNOOC to Support Student Exchange

The University has received a generous donation of HK$1 million from China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) to support international exchange scholarships for undergraduate students of CUHK, in particular, those from the mainland.

Mr. Fu Cheng Yu, president of CNOOC, chairman and CEO of CNOOC Ltd., and the directors of the Board of CNOOC attended the donation presentation ceremony on 6th January, and exchanged views with academics of the University. At the ceremony, Mr. Fu restated his company's commitment to give to the community.

Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, vice-chancellor of the University, expressed his deep gratitude to CNOOC for their gift. "We anticipate that the total number of mainland students on our campus will steadily increase in the coming decade, and many of them will be able to benefit from the ample opportunities of overseas exchange made available by generous sponsors such as the CNOOC," he said.

Mr. Fu Cheng Yu (right) presenting a cheque to Prof. Lawrence J. Lau
CUHK Team Wins CPA Qualification Programme Case Analysis Competition 2005

A team of accounting students from the Chinese University beat seven other teams from four universities at the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accounts' Qualification Programme Case Analysis Competition on 26th November 2005. The team members were Chan Chong Hei (right 1), Fung Shuk Fan (left 1), Hsu Li Fei (left 2), and Mok Sze Wai (right 2).

Now in its fourth year, the CPAQP Case Analysis Competition aims at developing business skills and professional judgment of undergraduates, preparing them for the CPAQP.

Out of the 118 entries from eight universities, teams from CUHK, HK PolyU, Shue Yan College, HKUST, and HKU had been shortlisted to enter the finals.

The six member judging panel included Mr. Edward K.F. Chow, president of the institute, council members of the institute, and senior representatives of renowned accounting and commercial firms.

Entry to the CPAQP Case Analysis Competition 2005 was on a team basis. In the first round, each team was requested to submit a written English report of 2,000 words which was evaluated through a blind review. In the second round, the eight finalists each gave a 20-minute presentation on their business plan which had been developed for the purpose of securing a loan. The adjudicators then selected the three winning teams.

Service to the Community and International Organizations

• Prof. Ngok Sebastian Law, professor in the Department of Decision Sciences and Managerial Economics, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as the vice-chairman of the Licensing Appeals Board under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance for two years from 1st January 2006.

• Prof. Shuk Tan Lei Daniel, professor in the Department of Social Work, and Prof. Tian Sui M. Maria, associate professor in the Department of Anthropology, have both been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as members of the Women’s Commission for three years from 15th January 2006.

• Prof. Xu Yangsheng, professor of automation and computer-aided engineering, has been re-appointed by the Secretary of Economic Development and Labour as a member of the Appeal Board Panel (Toys and Children’s Products Safety) for two years from 1st January 2006.

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Research Incubator Camp

The Centre for Institutions and Governance and the School of Accountancy co-organized a research incubator camp with the Shanghai National Accounting Institute on 4th and 5th November 2005. The aim of the programme was to strengthen the centre’s collaboration with top mainland research universities and promote corporate governance research. Department heads, young research faculty and Ph.D. students from Fudan University, Nanjing University, Nankai University, Peking University, Renmin University of China, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Sun Yat-Sen University, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Tsinghua University, Xiamen University and Xian Jiaotong University participated in the two-day conference. Prof. T.J. Wong, director of the centre, Prof. Joseph Fan, deputy director of the centre, Prof. Bin Ke from Pennsylvania State University and Prof. Wei Jang from Columbia University were the keynote speakers. The conference attracted more than 60 participants.

Cyberport Venture Forum to Make Happy Endings a Reality

The 2nd Cyberport Venture Capital Forum was held on 6th December 2005, jointly organized by the CUHK Centre for Entrepreneurship and the Faculty of Business Administration, the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer, Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Ltd., Hong Kong Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, and Monte Jade Science and Technology Association of Hong Kong, the forum aimed to facilitate the building of successful entrepreneur-investor partnerships in the digital new media and digital entertainment industries.

This year’s forum featured two distinguished keynote speakers, Mr. Sanjay Subhedar and Mr. Neil Shen. ‘We measure success based on results and believe that operating discipline, in addition to vision, is a critical ingredient for success,’ said Mr. Subhedar, co-founder and managing partner of Storm Ventures in the Silicon Valley. Mr. Neil Shen, founding managing partner of Sequoia Capital China, believes in the consumer-driven business model. ‘I think that consumer services companies in China with a technology angle will do well in the years to come.’

The keynote speakers are joined by a group of prominent speakers and expert moderators from industry.

40th Anniversary Banquet of the School of Continuing Studies

Over 300 guests, staff members and alumni attended the banquet held on 1st December 2005 at the Royal Plaza Hotel ballroom. (Front row from left) Prof. Yuen-sang Leung, Secretary; Prof. Leung Yuen-sang, head of Chung Chi College; and Ms. Pauline Ng, assistant director of SCS.

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Built on a Foundation of Rocks

The Chinese University campus had its beginnings on a clean slate. Four decades ago, when the forefathers of this university received the plot of land that was to become CUHK from the government, there were only boulders, with minor exceptions. The little soil that could be salvaged from the terrain had been excavated to build the dam for Plover Cove Reservoir, Hong Kong's second largest reservoir, across Tolo Harbour.

Constant Gardeners

The day-to-day task of making the campus habitable fell to a handful of gardeners of the nursery section, though botanists and other gardening experts contributed whatever they knew. No help was superfluous. Arguably the earliest green warriors of the Tai Po area, the shovel and bucket team soon realized the daunting magnitude of their job.

To overcome the problem of insufficient topsoil, they covered the ground with a layer of soil into which seeds were sown. But the wind that had been blowing in from Tolo Harbour for centuries swept everything away. They drilled large holes in the rocks, and humus-rich soil the colour of the night was mixed with seedlings and carefully planted inside.

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Our First Trees

Dr. Yung Kung-hing, senior college tutor of Chung Chi College and former senior lecturer of biology, was one of the plant-savvy academics who helped out at the time. He recalled, "Dr. Lin Daoyang, the president of Chung Chi College, acquired some saplings of the horsetail tree, white bamboo, lemon-scented gum, flame tree, and so on, from the Department of Agriculture and Forestry (now Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department) and planted them on campus at Easter in 1956, before the college officially moved in. These trees are among the easiest to grow in Hong Kong's climate." Dr. Lin Daoyang was the first Chinese to study forestry which he did at the University of Massachusetts and Yale University.

Besides the soil problem, the wind from Tolo Harbour was also pregnant with salt. Strong winds can reduce plant growth and damage leaves and flowers; and salt can lead to burnt foliage, stunted growth or death. By trial and error, the nursery team eventually found a few species of trees that could brave these wuthering heights. They included pine, casuarinas and azaleas.

The green team had other issues to grapple with such as parasites, irrigation, especially to the upper reaches of the 134-hectare campus, and — now that it is sufficiently habitable — how to make the campus hospitable. Care was taken to paint a campus canvas that years later would be described as 'one of the most beautiful in the world' by guests passing through its gates of stone.

The land too became more hospitable, as the campus swept through the acacia-dominant era of the 1960s and 70s, to the 80s and 90s when a host of trees in multiples of green thrived on campus. Joining the garden party were jacaranda, ginkgo, banyan, bamboo, poplar, camphor, mountain fig, royal palm, camellia, and so on. And the remote and windy Shaw College, once the headache of the nursery team, now sports some of the most luxuriant vegetation on campus.

Environment over Development, Then and Now

Inevitably such progress has been accompanied by growth in denominators of grey as the campus needs more roads and buildings to cope with a burgeoning academic community. One of the biggest challenges facing the University as well as governments has been how to balance environmental preservation with the demands of development.

Perhaps the issue should not be phrased as an 'either/or' as it implies that we can only choose one or the other, when instead we can sometimes have both, as the University has striven to show.

Back in the 1960s, according to Dr. Yung, the architectural plan for the Elisabeth Luce Moore Library in Chung Chi College was revised to move the library with the sole purpose of preserving a few longan and lychee trees from a village that had had an earlier claim on the original site. The trees belonged to New Ma Liu Shui Village, which had been relocated to the Fanling...
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Ensuring Gains Outnumber Losses

Mr. David Lim, director of the Campus Development Office (CDO), said that over the years, the campus architects have meticulously sculpted nature so that the greens and the greys are in harmony. "Besides looking at the quantity, we should also look at the quality. In other words, has the University's landscape actually improved?" CDO architects and members of the University Steering Committee on the Environment, set out for a rare pass in environmental standards.

A Harmonious Future

The University believes that the unique beauty of the campus — the result of our forefathers' labour — is a treasured asset that must be protected. There have been several studies on the Campus Master Plan since the initial Master Development Plan of the 1960s, the latest being a 2003 study for the 40th anniversary. The study has been posted on the University's website and has also been widely reported on. It roughly divides the campus into different zones to facilitate the implementation of guidelines on the preservation and enhancement of the campus environment. The core features of the study are built on a respect for the University's inherent quality of being at one with nature, the origin of the modern university in 12th- and 13th-century monasteries, and the distinctiveness and diversity of a university town. Hence, for instance, buildings are subject to strict height limitations, and greening and greening are given prominence. All these areas, moreover, will be connected by Emerald Trails which will pass through some of the campus's scenic jewels. Not only will they give students a chance to reflect on our natural heritage, they will also nurture a pedestrian culture on campus thereby reducing reliance on vehicular transport.

The steering committee is in the process of perfecting the University's greening and tree-felling policy, refining procedures and guidelines for decision-making, delegating responsibilities, monitoring and implementing. And in all its undertakings, it invites the participation of all CUHK units, colleges, staff, and students.

From 1955 to 2005, the University's priorities insofar as its natural environment is concerned, have not changed. If anything, the threats of urbanization such as cross-border pollution and construction, have spurred CUHK to fiercely defend what is its pride and its emblem of the world.
宣布事項

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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新亞樂群館梁雄姬樓冠名典禮

新亞書院於上月八日舉行「樂群館梁雄姬樓冠名典禮」，由書院校董梁雄姬女士偕母親梁何穎君女士、大學前任校長金耀基教授、新亞校董會主席周文軒博士，院長黃乃正教授，前任院長梁秉中教授主持。禮成後由新亞書院校董會贈與梁雄姬女士花牌，慶祝梁雄姬女士擔任新亞校董不足兩年，已多次捐贈巨款，資助書院的獎學金、學生活動和多項發展計劃，貢獻良多。

海內外博士生論中國發展

中國研究服務中心於本月三日至十七日舉辦第二屆國際研究生中國研究研討班，來自十三地共六十名博士研究生在會上宣讀論文，內容涉及當代中國的政治、經濟、社會各方面：五位著名學者輪流主持專題演講，海內外研究生亦在會議之際，利用中國研究服務中心收藏的中國研究資料，會議獲亞太研究所中國研究中心資助。

「數碼港創業投資論壇」於上月六日在香港數碼港舉行。論壇由本校創業研究中心和工商管理學院，聯同資訊科技總監辦公室、香港數碼港管理有限公司、香港創業及私募投資協會與香港玉山科技協會合辦，旨在讓數碼娛樂業及新媒體的投資者和企業家了解彼的需要。主題演講嘉賓為Sanjay Subhedar和沈南鵬。

公司治理青年學者論壇

本校治理中心和會計學院於二零零四年十一月四日至五日舉辦青年學者論壇，以加強與國內頂尖研究學府的交流合作，促進公司治理的學術研究。論壇由上海國家會計學院協辦，與會者來自上海財經大學、中山大學、中國人民大學、中國科學院、北京大學、西安交通大學、南開大學、復旦大學、南京大學、廈門大學和清華大學的教授。年青學者及博士研究生、公司治理中心主任黃德尊教授，副主任洪曉宏教授，賓夕法尼亞州立大學社會學教授及哥倫比亞大學法學院教授為主講嘉賓。

全港教師網球及乒乓球錦標賽

體育部與香港教育專業人員協會合辦的「2005全港教師網球及乒乓球錦標賽」於上月二十八日至三十日在大學體育中心舉行，參賽人次共一百八十六，有不少家眷出席，為參賽者打氣。 }

朱小密獲語文研習所優秀教師獎

朱小密獲語文研習所二零零四年至零五年度優秀教師獎，由學術活動組組長朱小密女士獲得。頒獎儀式於上月三日在方潤華堂舉行，由校長黃德尊教授和財務長黃文生校董主禮，出席者包括研習所教職員。

校外進修學院四十周年院慶晚宴

校外進修學院四十周年院慶晚宴於上月一日在方潤華堂舉行，約有三百名嘉賓、教師及校友參加，為(右起)校外進修諮詢委員會主席李沛良教授，副校長廖柏偉教授和校外進修學院院長李仕權教授主持切蛋糕儀式。後排左起為校外進修諮詢委員會委員，校長黃德尊教授。
兩位教授獲國家自然科學獎

本校李嘉誠醫學講座教授兼化學系教授盧煜明和化學系教授余濟美分別以“母親血漿中胎兒核酸的探索與應用”和“有毒難降解有機污染物光催化降解機理的硏究”，榮獲二零零五年度國家自然科學獎二等獎，顯示中大科研人才的能力獲得廣泛認同。

成立道教文化研究中心

大學成立道教文化研究中心，進一步發展道教學術研究和課程，推動道教文化教育，並促進和諧道教與西方宗教思想的文化交流，以及在香港馔教界的交流。成立典禮於一月四日舉行，下圖左起為中心主任黎志添教授、中國道教協會會長任法融道長、民政事務局局長何志平醫生、國家宗敎事務局副局長齊曉飛先生、劉遵義校長和蓬瀛仙館永遠館長黎顯華道長。

中國海油捐款支持學生交換計劃

大學獲中國海洋石油總公司(中國海油)慨捐一百萬港元，以資助本科學生，尤其是內地生參與國際交換生計劃。

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