CUHK Launches Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery

On 1 August 2007, CUHK formally constituted an independent Department of Otorhinolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery. Centred at the Prince of Wales Hospital, the department will extend its thoroughgoing cochlear implant programme, which will also benefit from the department’s comprehensive research into speech recognition and coding in Chinese and other Asian tone languages.

Prof. Andrew van Hasselt, chairman of the department, said, ‘The new arrangements will build on the very significant achievements since 1985 of the dedicated clinicians, teachers and researchers who have served the Division of Otorhinolaryngology within the university’s Department of Surgery. This transition places us firmly in line with the international and mainland China classification of ENT as an independent medical specialty and an established academic discipline.’

‘I am particularly excited by the fact that we are the first single unit in Hong Kong and Asia that is able to offer a full one-stop service for people with a great variety of hearing disorders,’ added Prof. van Hasselt.

The department’s Prof. Michael C.F. Tong said, ‘Our outstanding track record of research will continue, and we can now take even greater strides in head and neck cancer, including the nasopharyngeal cancers so highly prevalent in Hong Kong and elsewhere in Southern China. We shall also advance in such rapidly developing areas as surgical treatments for deafness in adults and children, minimal invasive ENT surgery, Asian facial plastic techniques and ENT problems in children.’

The newly constituted department expects to be working even more closely with charities to improve the quality of life of underprivileged children and elderly people in Hong Kong and mainland China who have hearing and speech communication disorders.

Third-year second-year students of the CUHK Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme offered by the CUHK School of Law proved to be the most popular LLB programme among would-be university students. This year, 81 Joint University Programmes Admissions System (JUPAS) applicants put the LLB programme of CUHK as their first choice. The number is the highest among similar programmes offered by local institutions.

Prof. Mike McConville, director of the School of Law, said that the applications for its LLB programme this year soared by 30% from last year with 1,073 persons applying through the JUPAS and non-JUPAS schemes. Among the 65 students admitted to the programme this year were one top achiever with 3As in the HKALE and one top scorer with 9As in the HKCEE. The number of the applicants for its postgraduate programmes also rose to 1,237 this year, a promising 30% increase from last year. Most of these applicants are highly-educated with one or more postgraduate degrees in other disciplines.
The Fourth International Conference on Population Geographies, organized by the Department of Geography and Resource Management, was held at the Esther Lee Building from 10 to 13 July. The local organizing committee was chaired by Prof. Shen Jianfa of the department. Prof. Paul Lee, dean of the Faculty of Social Science, and Prof. Fung Tung, chairman of the department, delivered welcome speeches at the opening session.

The conference attracted 150 participants from 36 countries and regions. One hundred and twenty-five papers were presented, covering the major themes and research frontiers of contemporary population geography. Keynote speakers of the conference were Prof. Paul Boyle of the University of St Andrews and Prof. Cindy Fan of University of California, Los Angeles.
Summer School, Not a Contradiction in Terms

M any students would view the summer as a time for a desired break from the drudgery and paper-chasing schedule of the school terms. But at least those attending the six-week International Summer Programme of CUHK would think otherwise. In a few years’ time, the programme has developed into a much sought-after venue of learning and international understanding for local and non-local students which has further enriched the internationalized campus of CUHK.

Prof. Gordon Cheung, director of the Office of Summer Programmes, recalled the genesis of the Programme, ‘In 2000, the Faculty of Business Administration launched a summer programme targeting at an international exchange opportunity. For CUHK students, in addition to the opportunity to learn and mix with other students, they are, say, pursuing double-degree programmes, or they are, say, pursuing a part-time MBA. This is often necessary as a means to relieve the tension from the paper-chasing schedule of the school terms. But at least those attending the six-week International Summer Programme of CUHK would think otherwise. In a few years’ time, the programme has developed into a much sought-after venue of learning and international understanding for local and non-local students which has further enriched the internationalized campus of CUHK.’

According to Prof. Cheung, the benefits of the Programme are manifold. ‘The Programme creates an arena for international interactions on campus. CUHK already hosts hundreds of incoming exchange students who are spread across a wide spectrum of departments and disciplines. The Summer Programme puts into greater focus the relevance and importance of such an exchange opportunity. For CUHK students, in addition to the opportunity of learning among international peers, they can earn additional credits during the summer. This is often necessary as a means to relieve some of the pressure in their studies, particularly if they are, say, pursuing double-degree programmes, or if they have missed a general education course or have been forced to take courses that are spread across a wide spectrum of departments and disciplines. The Summer Programme puts into greater focus the relevance and importance of such an exchange opportunity. For CUHK students, in addition to the opportunity of learning among international peers, they can earn additional credits during the summer. This is often necessary as a means to relieve some of the pressure in their studies, particularly if they are, say, pursuing double-degree programmes, or if they have missed a general education course or have gone on to overseas exchange.’

This year, 500 students participated in the Programme, among whom 200 are CUHK students. The remaining include 60 local students who study at other local or overseas universities and 240 foreign students from over 30 countries. All these students are eligible to stay at the International House and given the opportunity to learn and mix with other students from a variety of backgrounds and cultural settings.

To promote the Summer Programme, Prof. Cheung had traveled to Canada, Denmark and South Korea. His efforts also included advertising the Programme in local media and in Chinese-language newspapers in North America and contacting through e-mails the universities with which CUHK has entered into exchange agreements. But advertising alone could not attract good students in such large numbers. Prof. Cheung said, ‘The enthusiastic responses generated by the Programme are largely due to the unique courses we offer and the quality of our teachers. Our courses are often of regional interest and relevance such as Chinese culture and Asian business. Courses on Putonghua and Cantonese are also favourites among students. Members of our teaching team were recruited from top universities from around the world.’ Not surprisingly, then, nearly all the courses offered this summer had been oversubscribed.

The Summer Programme offered at CUHK enjoys many advantages over its competitors. Prof. Cheung opined, ‘Our University’s Chinese heritage and research capability have enabled us to offer courses relating to Chinese culture and Asian economy. Our well-known language courses attract avid learners of Putonghua and Cantonese. Furthermore, our close ties with many overseas institutions have ensured a constant supply of famous scholars to take charge of the courses. All of these contribute to making our Programme one of the most competitive and desirable summer programmes in the region.’

The Summer Programme plays an indispensable role in promoting international exchange on campus. Foreign students who have come into contact with local or regional subjects delivered in English will have acquired such knowledge and understanding and likely become ambassadors of our culture and values. Prof. Cheung concluded, ‘CUHK has made available many of its resources during the summer to facilitate the learning of both local and non-local students. Given the hundreds of overseas students coming to our Programme each year, we are certainly doing our part in making CUHK or even Hong Kong an education hub in the region.’
• Prof. Lawrence J. Lau, Vice-Chancellor, has been re-appointed by the Financial Secretary as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation on an ad personam basis for two years from 1 July 2007. He has also been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a non-official member of the Commission on Strategic Development for two years from 1 July 2007.

• Prof. Liu Pak Wai, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a non-official member of the Commission on Strategic Development for two years from 1 July 2007. He has also been appointed by the Secretary for Home Affairs as a member of the Independent Commission on Remuneration for Members of the District Councils for three years from 1 August 2007.

• Prof. Wang Shaoguang, professor in the Department of Government and Public Administration, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a non-official member of the Commission on Strategic Development for two years from 1 July 2007.

• Prof. Yeung Yue Man, director of Hong Kong Institute of Asia-Pacific Studies, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a non-official member of the Commission on Strategic Development for two years from 1 July 2007.

• Prof. Cheung Mui Ching Fanny, chairperson of the Department of Psychology, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a member of the Appeal Board Panel under the Urban Renewal Authority Ordinance for three years from 1 July 2007.

• Prof. Low Chee Keong, associate professor in the School of Accountancy, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a member of the Financial Reporting Review Panel for three years from 16 July 2007.

• Prof. Leung Ping Chung, director of the Institute of Chinese Medicine, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a member of the Chinese Medicine Council of Hong Kong for one year from 13 September 2007.

• Prof. Kwong Kai Sun Sunny, associate professor in the Department of Economics, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a panel member of the Telecommunications (Competition Provisions) Appeal Board for two years from 31 August 2007.

• Prof. Kwan Hoi Shan, dean of science, has been appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as a Justice of the Peace with effect from 1 July 2007.

• Prof. Chiu Fung Kum Helen, chairperson of the Department of Psychiatry, has been re-appointed by the Chief Executive of the HKSAR as an incumbent member of the Elderly Commission for two years from 30 July 2007.

• Prof. Tung Ho Suk Ching Sara, chairperson of the Department of Marketing, has been appointed by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food as a member of the Advisory Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries for two years from 1 June 2007.

• Dr. Lee Kit Lin Pauline, director of the Independent Learning Centre, has been appointed by the then Secretary for Education and Manpower as a member of the Advisory Committee for Registration under the Continuing Education Fund (Languages Sector) from May 2007.

• Mrs. Chow Chan Man Yuen Grace, director of Admissions and Financial Aid, has been appointed by the then Secretary for Education and Manpower as the institutional representative of CUHK in the Joint Committee on Student Finance for one year from 1 June 2007.

• Dr. Lee Sze Kuen Victor, director of School of Continuing and Professional Studies, has been appointed by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare as a member of the Manpower Development Committee from 9 August 2007 to 31 December 2008.

• Prof. Chan Wai Chi Sally, professor in the Nethersole School of Nursing, has been re-appointed as a member of the Nursing Council of Hong Kong for three years from 23 July 2007.

• Prof. Leung Ho Fung, professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, has been invited to serve as an honorary president of the District Scout Council of the Scout Association of Hong Kong Tseung Kwan O District for the years 2007 to 2008.

• Prof. Leung Kwok Sui, chairman of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been re-appointed as a member of the Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Boards for two years from 19 June 2007.

• Prof. Chan Yan Keung Thomas, professor in the Division of Clinical Pharmacology of the Department of Medicine and Therapeutics, has been appointed by the Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food as a member of the Pharmacy and Poisons Board for two years from 4 July 2007.

• Prof. Lo Yuk Ming Dennis, professor of chemical pathology, has been re-appointed as a member of the Research Grants Council for two years from 1 July 2007.

• Prof. Sun Sai Ming Samuel, professor of biology, has been appointed as a member of the Research Grants Council for two years from 1 July 2007.

• Mr. Lam Shi Kai, safety manager and chief laboratory safety officer, has been invited by the Hong Kong Workers’ Health Centre as an honorary professional advisor for the year 2007–08.

• Prof. Meng Mei Ling Helen, professor in the Department of Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, has been invited by the Social Welfare Department as a member of the Joint Committee on Information Technology for the Social Welfare Sector on an ad personam basis for two years from 1 May 2007.

• Prof. Lee Shui Shan, professor of infectious diseases, has been appointed as a member of the Scientific Committee on AIDS and STI of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for three years from 23 June 2007.

• Prof. Wong Tze Wai, professor in the Department of Community and Family Medicine, has been appointed as a member of the Scientific Committee on Advanced Data Analysis and Disease Modelling of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for three years from 23 June 2007.

• Prof. Chan Kay Sheng Paul, professor in the Department of Microbiology, has been appointed as a member of the Scientific Committee on Emerging and Zoonotic Diseases of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for three years from 23 June 2007.

• Prof. Tang Wei Tze Julian, assistant professor in the Department of Microbiology, has been appointed as a member of the Scientific Committee on Advanced Data Analysis and Disease Modelling of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health for three years from 23 June 2007.

• Prof. Yew Tai Wai David, professor of anatomy, has been elected as a fellow of the Royal Society of Health (UK) in 2006 and as a fellow of the Zoological Society of London in 2007.

• Dr. Fong Yuk Fai Ben, director of University Health Service, has been appointed by the Chief Justice as a member of the Notaries Public Disciplinary Tribunal Panel for three years from 1 July 2007.

• Prof. Yum Tak Shing Peter, dean of engineering, has been appointed by The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers as an appointed member of the Accreditation Board and an appointed member of the Accreditation Board Executive Committee for the 2007–08 session.

Award

• Prof. Chan Chi Fai Andrew, professor in the Department of Marketing, has been awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star.

• Prof. Chan Man Joseph, professor in the School of Journalism and Communication, has been awarded the Medal of Honour.

• Prof. Lam Yip Keung Peter, director of Art Museum, has been awarded the Medal of Honour.

• Prof. Chan Wai Sum, professor in the Department of Finance, has been awarded the 2007 Econometric Society Australasian Meetings — University of Technology, Sydney Prize for Econometrics Teaching.
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The annual appraisal cycle for teaching staff for 2006-07 is now due to commence. A general circular announcing the relevant arrangements has been issued to all department chairmen/school directors/academic unit heads and uploaded to the Personnel Office website http://perntc.per.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel/. Completed appraisal reports for each department/school/academic unit should be forwarded on bloc through the faculty dean concerned where applicable to the Personnel Office. The appraisers are reminded to make photocopies of the completed appraisal reports for retention by themselves as well as by the appraisers beforehand.

Enquiries pertaining to the appraisal scheme may be directed to Ms. Margaret Koo, personnel manager (2609 7249) or Ms. Rosemary Chau, assistant personnel manager (2609 7280).

2008至09年度教職員進修資助計劃
Staff Development Grants/Programmes 2008-09

有關獲准教職員進修基金、利希慎教職員進修基金及中英友好信託獎學金現正接受申請。有意者可上網瀏覽詳細資料及手續，網址為 https://perntc.per.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel/announcement.asp。截止申請日期為2007年10月12日。查詢可致電人事處(2609 7876/8607)。

其他兩款教職員進修資助計劃及由學校交流處統籌的學術交流/交換計劃的資料，已於8月中旬通告各學院院長、系主任及部門主管，亦可透過上述網頁查閱。

The C.Y. Kwan Endowment Fund for Staff Development, the Lee Hysan Foundation Endowment Fund for Staff Development and the Sino-British Fellowship Trust Fund are now open for application. Staff members interested in applying for the grants may obtain detailed information at https://perntc.per.cuhk.edu.hk/personnel/announcement.asp. The deadline for application is 12 October 2007. Further enquiries may be directed to the Personnel Office (2609 7876/8607). A summary on other staff development grants/programmes and the major academic exchange or linkage programmes under the auspices of the Office of Academic Links was already sent to all faculty deans and department chairmen/unit heads in mid-August for reference, and are also available at the website mentioned above.

換領2007–08年度泊車證
Renewal of Parking Label for 2007–08

持有大學泊車證人士請注意，2007-08年度泊車證將於2007年9月30日屆滿。2007-08年度泊車證將於2007年10月1日起生效，現可申請換領。申請換領時，須將舊證交回保安組。基於私隱及保安理由，持證人須親自或委託代表到保安組辦理換證手續。

**Naamyam Performance**
(presented jointly with the Commercial Press (H.K.) Ltd. and Bailey Record H.K. Co. Ltd.)

**Performer:** Mr. Au Kwai Cheung (renowned naamyam singer)

**Musicians:** Mr. Do Wing (zheng), Mr. Chan Kwok Fai (zheng), Mr. Ho Kang Ming (pipa)

**Date:** 15 September 2007 (Saturday)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** The Commercial Press (H.K.) Ltd., Shop AR313, 2/F Hotel Miramar Shopping Arcade, 118-130 Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui

**Free Admission. Seating is limited.**

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**Naamyam and Hong Kong Culture (Speaker: Prof. Yu Siu Wah)**

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**Naamyam**
Launching Ceremony of the CDs of Dou Wun and Subject Talk on Naamyam
(presented jointly with Joint Publishing (H.K.) Ltd. and Bailey Record H.K. Co. Ltd.)

**Topic:** Naamyam and Hong Kong Culture (Speaker: Prof. Yu Siu Wah)

**Date:** 8 September 2007 (Saturday)

**Time:** 2:30 p.m.

**Venue:** 4/F, Joint Publishing (H.K.) Ltd, 9 Queen Victoria Street, Central
As the controversy over the preservation of Queen’s Pier in Hong Kong heated up in July, an event entitled ‘Summer Heritage Workshop II’ was held in Macau. A joint team of students from the CUHK Architecture Department and the Heritage Management Programme of Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) in Macau won the ‘Best Design Award’ in the event.

Organized by IFT, the 10-day workshop was held in Macau from 17 to 26 July with the theme ‘Integrating Heritage: Public Spaces’. It was aimed at developing research collaboration and finding solutions for improving the streetscapes and public spaces of Macau’s World Heritage Corridor. Besides CUHK, other participating teams included The University of Hong Kong, Southern Yangtze University in Wuxi, Hosei University in Tokyo and IFT.

The first few days of the workshop were filled with site visits and lectures on Macau’s history, heritage and current development. In the remaining days, the different teams worked intensively on their proposals and presented their projects to a jury on the last day. After a long consultation, the joint team of CUHK and IFT students instructed by CUHK Prof. Hendrik Tieben was announced the winner of the ‘Best Design Award’. Its CUHK members were Chan Lok Ling Gloria, Hung Mei Kan, Ng Kam Shing Oskar, and Yuen Ching Yin.

The jury commended the team, who chose the Camoes Square for their case study, for their insightful site analysis, consideration for local residents and visitors, and the conscientious approach towards preserving the existing ambience of the city. Furthermore, the successful incorporation of ideas from both architecture and heritage management students was appreciated.

The proposal was handed to the Cultural Affairs Office of Macau for further consideration.

Interviewed by Teledifusao de Macau, Oskar Ng elaborated on their proposal: ‘Our idea is to enliven the community and strengthen the link between the World Heritage Corridor and the adjacent scenic points of interest. This is to say, we minimize the change to the present state of the city while maximizing its potential to serve the locals and attract the tourists. By linking the points of interest, we are also providing more recreational grounds for the public and adding life to the local community. We hope our proposal can offer a perspective for a better balance between urban development and heritage conservation.’