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Social conscience, in essence, is made up of those elements of our society that tell us whether what we are doing is right or wrong; which goals are worth pursuing and which are not. Being relatively free of conflicts of interest, the university (its students and its teachers) is considered by some as one of these elements that act as the conscience of our society. At the very least, the university indirectly teaches students to behave conscientiously through education - a quality they will take with them when they assume their different positions in society.

The Faculty of Social Sciences, as a leading academic institution in Hong Kong devoted to the scientific study of society and providing quality social science education for over three and a half decades, is well placed to provide a forum in exploring the idea of social conscience. In this issue, some of our students, alumni and teachers tell us how they conduct themselves "conscientiously", not for themselves, but for the common good of our society and community.

社會良心

簡單來說，社會良心是社會裡的某些重要成員，他們告訴我們什麼事情是「應該」，什麼是「不應該」，及什麼是我們值得追求的。在現代社會，

「大學」是一個相對自由及較少利益衝突的機構。因此，不論是大學生或教授，都被視為社會良心的主要組成部份。至少，大學老師能教導學生在求學和日後在社會工作時，都懂得憑「良心」辦事。

社會科學學院作為專注研究社會現象的學術機構，更應肩負闡明和實踐社會良心的責任。為了探討這個議題，本院邀請部份教授、學生、校友及社會人士各自講述他們對「社會良心」的觀點。從以下的訪問稿中，我們可以了解到這幾位社科人不僅著眼於個人修行，更是為社會整體利益著想。



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Dean's Message



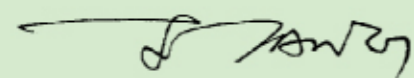
When we launched the inaugural issue of *Societist*, we were still under the shadow of SARS and uncertain about the outcome of a looming War in Iraq. There was a lot of doom and gloom. Public sentiments in Hong Kong appeared to have improved significantly since then. Hong Kong, however, still confronts major challenges as we contemplate the way forward at such turbulent times. It is also at times like this the contribution to the community of those with a sound social science education is most critical.

"Social Conscience" – the theme for the second issue of *Societist* highlights that while our alum, students and friends may have different views about what social conscience is about, all are united by a sense of commitment to a better society and have been able to make contributions in different ways. Some of these perspectives will no doubt be addressed at a Conference on Social Cohesion which is jointly organized by the Faculty and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service at the end of November.

This issue also featured a fascinating dialogue between Mr Linus CHEUNG (張永霖先生) and Mr CHAN Ka Ming (陳嘉銘先生). Linus is Chairman-designate of the Hong Kong University Social Sciences Alumni Association. Ka Ming, unemployed for sometime after graduation, is the organizer of the stand-up comedy *Dating the Unemployment*.

I am also pleased to note from the contributions from our students that their experiences in the University have been rewarding, especially the confirmation by those from overseas of the quality education offered by the Faculty and the important message that learning is a mutual process. I am sure, armed with good social science knowledge, our graduates will continue to be successful in life and contribute to social progress in their different ways.

I would also take this opportunity to encourage all alum and friends to attend the Reunion Dinner on December 7, 2003 to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Faculty.


James Tang
Dean

Feature

Social Conscience

The Doer and the Thinker

'Social conscience can be understood on two levels in our society. At the fundamental level, the law sets the baseline of behaviour that is acceptable for our daily lives. Then, it is morals that tell us what we should do and what we shouldn't. Social conscience, in my opinion, is the morals that our community accepts and follows', says Ms Fang Meng-sang, Christine (方敏生女士) (BSocSc 1980), Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service. She emphasizes that it is social conscience which defines, both for the individual and the group, those behaviours that comply with 'high social values' such as social justice, equality and individual rights.

Ms Fang, a social worker, is determined to uphold her profession's definitions of social conscience, in particular the values of citizenship, social cohesion and equality of opportunity for everyone - although this position is not always well received by the community (witness the dispute over the welfare rights of new arrivals).

On the other hand, Ms Fang is very conscious that different constellations of values exist for different people. Moreover, it is the tolerance of moral pluralism in Hong Kong that makes our society prosperous, both materially and culturally. 'I won't say that my views represent THE social conscience, and blame others for being evils. We may have different conceptions of social conscience because we occupy different positions in society.'



Prof Cecilia Chan

Serve society like 'social physicians'

Adopting a more vigilant perspective, however, Dr Benjamin KP Leung (梁啟平博士) of the Department of Sociology points out that social conscience 'is often inextricably fused with, motivated by and even a camouflage for less noble desires and endeavours'. He advises us that it is in times of crisis that people with social conscience will move to the forefront, but people are often misled by self-deception. 'I believe that many villains in history began, to themselves and to others, as people with "social conscience". Perhaps there are only very few people who serve society with an uncontaminated social conscience - those are the people I admire.'

More young people are willing to fight for their rights



Dr Elsie Tu

Dr Benjamin Leung

Serve society with an uncontaminated social conscience

The Junior and the Senior

There is a marked contrast between the seriousness of Dr Leung and the approach of Mr Mak Ka-chun, Raymond (麥嘉晉先生), President of HKU's Student Union, who straightforwardly defines social conscience as the awareness of what is right or wrong with regard to the thoughts and actions of people in society. Mr

Mak, however, recognizes the weaknesses of his generation who are afraid of challenges and lack incentive to ask critical questions. 'This is definitely disastrous to our society!', he says.

'I am glad that society has high expectations of and confidence in university students', Mr Mak goes on to say. 'But if means we should commit more to society and act as leaders'. He believes that university students, being free of conflicts of interest or the burden of having to make a living for themselves, should express their thoughts freely, no matter how critical they are, and by doing so can act as the representative of the conscience of our society.

There is no doubt that the political atmosphere of Hong Kong has changed in recent years, as well as the attitude of the youth. Dr Elsie Elliott Tu (杜葉錫恩女士), former legislator of the



Ms Christine Fang



Mr Raymond Mak

Express their thoughts freely

British Hong Kong Government and Honourable Doctor of Social Sciences of our University (1988), is pleased that 'more young people are willing to fight for their rights'. She recalls the days under British rule when people were not allowed to get involved in politics and university students were not encouraged to engage in political discussion.

Both Mr Mak and Dr Tu, despite belonging to different generations, suggest that education is of the utmost importance in the development of social conscience. 'The education system is the only means by which young people can develop an interest in public affairs', says Dr Tu. She believes that university lecturers should stimulate young people through discussion and personal sharing so that they can develop their analytical and critical thinking. Mr Mak also suggests that it is essential for young people to receive more guidance from their parents because 'democracy starts at home'.

The Ideal...

Under the pressure of such high expectations, Professor Cecilia LW Chan (陳麗雲教授) of the Department of Social Work & Social Administration describes the role of social scientists as follows: 'We try to serve society like "social physicians" in order to heal social illnesses and diseases'. As well as being social engineers who define and redefine the blueprints for social development, she believes that social scientists should try to build social infrastructure that can help bring about more harmony and efficiency, and a higher quality-of-life for all.

But most importantly, claims Professor Chan, social scientists should aim to live as though they were the conscience of our society; 'they should strive to 'live like Christ or the Buddha in this highly stressful world in order to promote peace of mind and harmony'.

Conclusion

Today, it is becoming more difficult for the university to be free of conflicts of interest and so acts as the conscience of our society. In fact, in a pluralistic society like Hong Kong, we don't require a prophet who takes the moral high ground and passes judgement on our society's morality. On the contrary, it is much more desirable to have different sources of social conscience in our society that inspire us to do what they believe is right, even though it might not be popular, easy or safe. We believe that our University, and in particular our Faculty, can be one such source of our society's conscience.

values exist for different people

編者的話

綜合上述各位「社科人」的意見，大學教育對社會良心的發展應該擔當非常重要的角色。可是現今大學要完全避免利益衝突而成為社會良心，實在是越來越困難。另一方面，香港是一個多元化社會，我們不需要一個站在道德標準頂點的先知，判斷我們社會的道德品行。相反地，讓社會上各種不同的「社會良心」同時並存，才是更值得追求的理想。當社會裡存在著眾多的「良心」，我們才會受到激勵，擇善固執—儘管有些時候不受歡迎、或是困難重重、甚至存在著危險，但我們仍會堅持我們認為正確的事。我們的大學，特別是本學院，將會繼續是培養這種社會良心的泉源。

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Departments and Centres

Psychology

Dear Alumni and Friends,

As the new Chair Professor of Psychology, I feel very lucky to be handed such a wonderful department. Here is a snapshot of the last five years: our Department has competed successfully for over HK\$32 million in research funds. Colleagues have won prestigious awards including two American Psychological Association awards, a Fulbright scholar programme and a Harvard-Yenching fellowship. Altogether, we have published well over 20 research papers in the top 10 percent of international journals in psychology and the top 5 percent in the social sciences. Our research postgraduates have obtained post-doctoral fellowships at Stanford, Carnegie-Mellon and Columbia in the US, and at HKU. Several are now lecturers/assistant professors in Hong Kong, Mainland China and elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific region (e.g., Singapore and Australia).

Our research excellence has energized us as teachers. To help students become better thinkers and team players, we have recently opened all our labs to undergraduate research interns. To attract the best and brightest to professions that help improve the well-being of children - the future of our society - we will join hands with the Faculty of Education to launch a new Minor in Applied Child Development. Students will learn from researchers, outstanding practitioners and a year-long internship in excellent pre-schools and schools.



We are always on the lookout for educational opportunities. When the SARS virus hit Hong Kong, we had to suspend school and hospital placements for our MSocSc students in educational and clinical psychology (EP and CP). But that did not stop us from teaching or our students from learning. In two short days, we put together a telephone hotline as part of the 'HKU We Are with You' movement, staffed by our EP and CP students and supervised by our teaching staff. Recent EP and CP graduates came back to offer moral support and advice as 'big brothers and big sisters'. This wonderful story did not end with the lifting of the travel advisory: A group of our recent CP graduates went on to set up free counselling services for children who have lost family members to SARS.



Our research excellence has also enabled us to utilize cutting-edge science to serve the community in many ways - training top-notch clinical and educational psychologists; using science as a tool to find sensible ways of dealing with challenges in the community (e.g., mental health, education, human resources, gambling addiction and social prejudice); and informing the public, the government and non-government organizations in order to improve the well-being of Hong Kong.

Having been in the US for 24 years, first as a student at Harvard and Stanford, then as a professor at Brown University and the UCLA, my homecoming last year gave me a chance to appreciate firsthand how lucky it is for Hong Kong, and for China at large, to have such a world-class psychology department at HKU. It is as much a national treasure as an HKSAR treasure. In no small part, you have made this Department what it is today.

Gratefully,

Terry Kit-fong AU (區潔芳教授)
Head and Chair, Department of Psychology, HKU

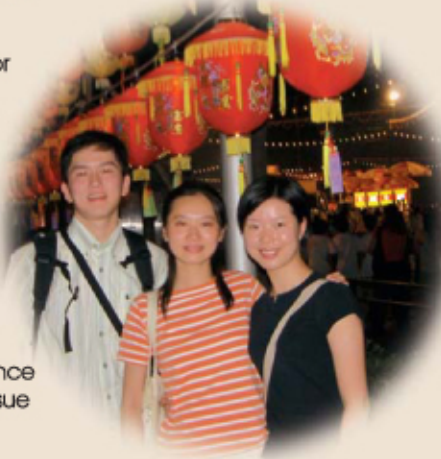
Students

Students from Overseas and Mainland China

LI Zhu-yu (李朱瑜小姐), Bachelor of Science (Actuarial Science) II - Shanghai

After one year's rich experience in HKU, I have found that it is the university for me and for every student. Unlike distinguished universities in the Mainland, HKU strongly emphasizes the research ability of its students, but does not focus solely on absorbing theory and doctrine. Although I am still an undergraduate student, I have already found writing academic essays to be a lot of fun. It takes me about a month or even longer to search for information, to think, to discuss issues with my classmates, to write and to rewrite. Researching in the social sciences and the humanities is complex, endless and far from perfect.

Perhaps my findings or my vision are still immature compared to those of scholars. However, such an experience is already very precious for a student who aims to pursue research in his or her profession. The research experience also leads one to pursue perfection.



BERGER, Dan Oscar, Bachelor of Social Sciences (Visiting Student) - Sweden

The social sciences are a group of often diverse topics that share one common trait. Unlike the natural sciences, where right and wrong answers usually exist, advances within the social sciences are made through critical thinking and discussion. It is by sharing experiences and thoughts about issues that one can reach a deeper understanding within the field of study.

I was truly excited when given the chance to study Chinese politics at HKU. The teachers were knowledgeable and enthusiastic. Unfortunately, most of the students within the Faculty lacked either the will or the skill to engage in creative discussion that could lead to a deeper understanding. The compulsory tutorials were often a time of embarrassing silence: teachers trying to create a lively discussion; students not willing to say more than needed in order to pass the class.

The Faculty of Social Sciences has the potential to be a leading institution of higher learning. Knowledge and creativity are dispersed widely among the staff. The missing factor is student participation. In order to become a great place for learning and research, the Faculty needs to make the students aware of the fact that knowledge within the social sciences does not come solely through books - it also comes through the interaction and exchange of interesting thoughts and ideas.



TAN Wei-zern (譚煒勝先生), Bachelor of Social Sciences (Exchange Student) - Singapore

My study in the Faculty of Social Sciences of HKU provided me with invaluable insight and was a wonderful experience. It was fascinating to meet lecturers who opened my eyes to different angles by which to approach phenomena. During my short academic career, I would have to say that among all the lecturers, Dr Benjamin Leung left me with the greatest impression.

The students of HKU, in particular, those on the 13th floor of Hysan Hall, were an absolutely remarkable bunch. They provided me with the hearty company I needed on those cold and otherwise mundane nights. The Hong Kong urban landscape offers interesting sights and adventures. In particular, I was most astounded by the amazing variety of sneakers available!

My stint at HKU was also a great opportunity to meet other exchange students, and thus to widen my limited worldview. It was a nostalgia-evoking experience, and one that I will be glad to recall.



Philipp FREY (費利普先生), Master of International and Public Affairs (Visiting Student) - Germany

One of the greatest strengths of the programme in the Faculty was the diversity of the students. Discussions on issues in the Asia-Pacific region were particularly interesting since almost every country in the region had at least one representative in our class. All of us found politics interesting and contributed our own social and cultural backgrounds. It was therefore the case that very different points of views on certain topics influenced the discussion in class.

As people recognized that no viewpoint was better or worse than any other, just different, they learned to

exchange ideas and thus understand each other much better. It became clearer why people in different countries and regions think differently and how conflicts develop in the first place. But as soon as people imagined themselves to be in the position of the other party and tried to find a compromise, possible solutions to regional or even global problems came closer, at least during the class.

The overall learning experience was so great that I have decided to academically move on in this direction. I will probably try to apply for a Master's programme in political science or even a PhD in which I can combine my experience in business management and my knowledge of the East Asia region.



Social Sciences Society

HO Yee-nin, Janet (何綺年小姐)
Internal Vice-Chairman

The campus is flocked with people today despite the mid-summer heat. Everyone is busy; you don't know when moments of your life have passed by - it has already been a year. Time slips by fast.

I still remember how it was. When I was still a freshman, when I had no idea about the campus, when loads of flyers were being pushed into your hands, when current students were trying so hard to get your attention and to show you this and that ... of course, how to complete the registration. I was lost but hopeful. Everything was new to me and everything was just so amazing and wonderful.

Today, this is all happening again, but not to me anymore. I see myself as I was a year ago among them - the freshmen. But I am one of those crazy current students this time, roaring and shouting, hoping only that a couple of freshmen will join the orientation. I am glad that at the end of the day when we count the number, the participation rate is not bad.

A couple of days after I-day, we have another excellent function - O-nite. This is the first time we meet freshmen and really get to know them well. We play tons of games, running mad around the campus, shouting and cheering ... it is just so much fun. Everyone is so energetic and enjoys the precious occasion.

Life always repeats itself. And here is one little piece of advice: Don't waste your time, especially the first year of your university life. You can try out a lot of things and you should try them all out. These experiences will then become sweet memories of your life.



Alumni

Fading glory or a new battle? 褪色的榮耀?還是嶄新的戰役?



This is a dialogue between alumni from different generations. Mr CHEUNG Wing-lam, Linus (張永霖先生) (BSocSc 1971), the Chairman-designate of the HKU Social Sciences Alumni Association, is the Deputy Chairman of PCCW (ex-Chief Executive of Hongkong Telecom) and worked 23 years for Cathay Pacific Airways. Mr CHAN Ka-ming (陳嘉銘先生) (BSocSc 1998 and MPhil 2001) is currently a tutor in the Department of Sociology, HKU. Having been unemployed for some time after graduation, Ka Ming began performing a stand-up comedy (棟篤笑) entitled *Dating the Unemployment* last year, describing the difficult life of university graduates nowadays. It seems that Linus has gone through a typical career path of HKU graduates of the 1970s, while Ka Ming is following a path different.

C: Mr Chan Ka-ming **L:** Mr Cheung Wing-lam, Linus

- L:** At that time, we did not have to worry much about employment. After the 1967 riot, Hong Kong underwent an economic boom for almost 30 years, especially during the period 1986 to 1997. Since less than 3 percent of secondary school students then entered university, university students were seen as elites. They had a good social status. If people knew that you were a HKU student, you commanded respect. Therefore, unemployment was not a problem for our generation: at worst, they could always go teaching.
- C:** It is true that HKU students were proud of their identity in the 1970s. However, this is not the case for my generation. Many of my university friends have lost such a sense of pride.
- L:** Although I was proud to be at university, I knew my inadequacies and limited exposures. The university system was rigid and students were not encouraged to study more subjects. For instance, being a student of economics and political sciences, I was not allowed to take psychology as well.
- C:** I believe that undergraduates nowadays are not arrogant any more, but they are still incompetent.
- L:** Achieving competence requires an on-going extensive learning process that requires your own efforts and conscientiousness. Reading and thinking are everyday affairs. Making mistakes and learning from them are very important part of growing. Anyway, undergraduates are just youngsters without much experiences. Coaching and guidance are therefore essential; they work harder if they are pushed, otherwise they may become complacent and lay back.



- C:** I wonder whether our society has changed. Our parents and teachers believe strongly that good academic performance is the key to a successful career. The reality is that many of my classmates have found it difficult to get a job. Even if they manage to get an offer, the job is often not related to what they studied. Many have become insurance agents or salesmen. It is also common for them to work from 9:00 am to 11:00 pm, or even overnight.
- L:** The situation is sad and is getting worse. Cost structure and economic agility are big issues for Hong Kong. The society has a responsibility to provide jobs for our graduates and our graduates have to prove that they are capable and promising. I still believe Hong Kong has a future, especially with the support of Mainland China.
- The future of our society is in the hands of the younger generation, but they have been discouraged by unemployment and under-employment. I believe that improving the economy and creating jobs for those who are willing to work are top priorities to bring hope to the society. We must live on hope.
- C:** Difficulties may be the prelude to a brighter future. The sad thing is that whenever my friends and I get together, we just can't help complaining. We are pessimistic about the future.
- L:** If you graduate at 22 and work until you're 60, you will need to work for 38 years. A few years of set back and frustration is acceptable provided the future looks better. Young people could try to pursue a career in China or overseas. Numerous opportunities are there if you are willing to take risks and young people should and could afford to take more risks.



C: I agree with you, but many of my university friends don't have the guts to try something new. They just want to get a stable job with good income. They don't mind too much if that is not what they really want. However, I would never force myself to do something that I don't like. I keep trying to do new things such as talk shows, movie commentating and magazine editing. I insist on working for fun.

L: Circumstances have changed and now you cannot just wait for the rabbit under a tree (守株待兔). Be proactive and be willing to work in a totally new environment. I am glad to hear that you still have dreams.

C: Although I have spent time doing many things for free, I still enjoy myself because I learn a lot from different types of work experience. To be honest, I am not clear about my future, but so far, I have just followed my interests.

L: As an example of success, I would strongly suggest that my young fellow alumni learn from the story of Mr Barry Lam (林百里先生), Chairman and CEO of Quanta Computer Taiwan, who is just over 50. He left Hong Kong and studied at the University of Taiwan, then worked in the electronics and computer industry all along. He suffered many set-backs during his career. I'm sure you can imagine it was not easy to study in Taiwan some 30 years ago. If his family was better off, he would be in the US or UK! Quanta is now the world's biggest producer of notebooks with a commanding world market share and Mr Barry Lam is extremely successful.

All I want to say is that young people should not only focus on short-term material rewards such as a good salary or a quick buck. To succeed, you need to work very hard. You need to sacrifice, take risks and seize opportunities to learn new skills and get new exposures. You must make mistakes and you must face set-backs. No achiever is spoon-fed!

Alumni Information Update

To maintain a close bonding with the Faculty and the University, you are invited to notify us if you have any change in the correspondence details.

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Events

Recent...

May 5, 2003

Socienlist Newsletter Launching Ceremony

The launching ceremony of the *Socienlist* was successfully held with Professor JAO Tsung-I (饒宗頤教授), Mr Dennis YAU (邱達宏先生), Chairman of the Social Sciences Alumni Association (SSAA); Mr Linus CHEUNG (張永霖先生), Chairman-designate of the SSAA; and over 70 teachers, students and staff members in attendance. The Dean, Dr James TANG (鄧特抗博士), Mr YAU, and student representatives from student societies believed that the *Socienlist* would be able to carry out its objective of being a bridge amongst alumni, staff and students.



May 17, 2003

JUPAS Orientation Day

There were over 500 form-seven students join our orientation day. Five core departments and the Programme on Cognitive Science hosted exhibitions and/or talks to introduce the programmes to them. The 'Sex and Dating' forum adopted an innovative multi-disciplinary approach to arouse the interest of participants and let them understand that a single issue can be interpreted from various perspectives.



June 13, 2003

Coping with Sexual Dysfunctions Workshop of the Family Institute

This workshop was hosted by Professor NG Man-lun (吳敏倫教授). Over 80 professionals from various disciplines took part, including social workers, psychologists, doctors, nurses and other related health professionals. Video demonstrations and active discussions provided the professionals with an understanding of the scope and nature of sex counselling and therapy.



June 17, 2003

Press Conference on Community Mental Health Education during Infectious Disease Outbreaks 「流行病爆發期－社區精神健康教育」

Professor Cecilia CHAN (陳麗雲教授), Director of the Centre on Behavioral Health, and Dr Antoinette LEE (李美瑩博士), Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry announced the results of a survey of the psychological effects of the SARS virus, and introduced methods to overcome anxiety during infectious disease outbreaks.



June 5, 2003

The Workshop on Gambling Studies

It was an occasion brought together experts from various disciplines to express their views and concerns about a recent hot topic - gambling in Hong Kong. Dr John BACON-SHONE, Dr YK CHU (朱耀光博士), Dr Sandra TSANG (曾潔雯博士), Professor Cecilia CHAN (陳麗雲教授) and Dr Gracemary LEUNG (梁國香博士) of the Faculty, Dr Antoinette LEE (李美瑩博士) and Dr Ronald CHEN (陳玉麟博士) of the Department of Psychiatry and Mr YC POON (潘仁智先生) of the Rehabilitation Centre for Problem Gamblers were the speakers. Mr David HODSON and Dr Daniel WONG (黃高強博士) of the Faculty, and Mr Edward KWAN (關活佳先生) of K & J Consultant were the moderators for the three sessions held on that day. A press conference on Gambling Attitude and Behaviour in Hong Kong presented a set of data on the legalization of soccer gambling collected in March this year for the government's and the public's interest.



July 2003

Relaunching of Part-time Bachelor of Criminal Justice (BCJ) Programme

The Department of Sociology organized two information seminars in July to promote its part-time BCJ programme. The programme caters for both the experienced practitioner and those seeking a career in the field of criminal justice or related fields. About 50 students were newly admitted to the BCJ programme in the academic year 2003-04.



July 31, 2003

Donation Presentation Ceremony for Research on the Impact of the SARS Virus on the Elderly

With a donation of HK\$130,000 from the Accountants' Care Campaign, a joint-research study by Sau Po Centre on Ageing (Centre) and the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) will be launched to assess the impact of the SARS virus on elderly people in Hong Kong. The cheque presentation ceremony on July 31, 2003 was attended by Dr Ernest CHUI (徐永德博士), the Associate Director of the Centre; Ms Christine FANG (方敏生女士), the Executive Director of HKCSS; and representatives from the Accountants' Care Campaign.



July 21-25, 2003

Social Sciences Summer Programme (SSSP)

The SSSP, initiated in Summer 2002, took a new step forward into its second year. Eighty participants from 46 secondary schools together with 20 current students joined the programme. The participants attended some interesting, stimulating and multi-disciplinary forums and lectures to learn about different disciplines within the Faculty. They were given the opportunity to experience the unique hall life of HKU and the high-table dinner.

Reflections from participants:

- * The programme is very meaningful as it fits my expectation. I have made many new friends, got a taste of university life and gained insight.
- * The talks and forums trained us to think critically, and through the interaction between lecturers and students, we could express our views freely, which is very different from secondary education. The high-table dinner was really excellent. It was an invaluable opportunity for us to take part in such a wonderful occasion.
- * It is quite meaningful and I am determined to choose the Social Sciences Faculty through JUPAS as I now have a full picture of what I would learn in this faculty.

August 25, 2003

Couples' Therapy and Hypnosis Workshop of the Family Institute

This one-day workshop attracted more than 65 specialists to learn a powerful and creative approach to couple work from the founder and director of The Milton H. Erickson Foundation, Dr Jeffrey ZEIG. In the workshop, Dr ZEIG demonstrated to the participants how to work with couples by applying experimental methods that can drastically shorten treatment times, increase effectiveness and make the process of couples' therapy more fun and enjoyable.



September 9, 2003

Press Conference 'First World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10' [第一屆全球防止自殺日]

In response to the initiative of the World Health Organization and the International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP), Dr Paul YIP (葉兆輝博士), Director of HKU Hong Kong Jockey Club Centre for Suicide Research and Prevention; Mr Robert WONG (黃祐榮先生), Chairman of SBHK; Ms Jacqueline FLETCHER, Co-Director of The Samaritans; and Miss Nancy LO (羅念慈小姐), Executive Director of SPS, joined the global effort to prevent suicide by signing an unprecedented three-way agreement regarding action to be taken. President of the IASP, Professor Diego De Leo, also attended the press conference via a long-distance telephone call and listened in on the signing ceremony.



September 15, 2003

Public Forum 'A New Empire? The World Order after Iraq'

This public forum attracted more than 90 attendees, including undergraduates, postgraduates, academia and representatives from consulates, commerce, the media and non-government organizations. Professor James MAYALL, Director of the Centre of International Studies at Cambridge University, was the key speaker. A panel of experts, including Dr Richard HU (胡偉星博士), Dr Lyal SUNGA and Dr James TANG (鄧特抗博士), responded to Professor MAYALL's presentation from different perspectives. Participants from the community were concerned about the new world order after the US-Iraq war.



September 20, 2003

Faculty Information Day in Shatin - 'Sex and the City' and 'Slimming Culture' Forums

This Information Day aimed at reaching out to senior secondary students in the New Territories. During the 'Slimming Culture' and 'Sex and the City' forums, Dr SF LAM (林瑞芳博士), Dr CW LAM (林昭寰博士), Dr Sonny LO (盧兆興博士), Dr CH NG (吳俊雄博士), Dr Eddy LAM (林國輝博士), Dr YK CHU (朱耀光博士), Dr Petula HO (何式凝博士), Dr Frencl U (李詠茜博士) and Dr Paul YIP (葉兆輝博士) stimulated the participants' interest through multi-disciplinary approaches. While enjoying the forums, the participants were also able to learn more about the Faculty.



Events Spotlight

Distinguished Lecture Series: The Nature of Morality

Speaker: Robert A Hinde, Professor Emeritus, Cambridge University; Fellow, Royal Society

Date: November 14, 2003 (Reception: 5:30pm; Lecture: 6:00pm)

Venue: Rayson Huang Lecture Theatre, HKU

Contact: Prof Terry KF Au

Tel: 2859 2383 E-mail: terryau@hkucc.hku.hk

Abstract: Are moral precepts fixed, or do they change with the nature of society? An answer to this question requires drawing data and insights from biology, psychology and the social sciences. This lecture will explore the view that morality comes from basic human tendencies, and that moral precepts evolve from interaction, over pre-historical and historical time, between what people do and what they are supposed to do. The speaker will share his thoughts on the nature of morality and its relation to religious systems, how morality changes over time, how different cultures adopt their own moral values, how morality develops in the individual and why moral conflicts are everywhere.

Conference on Social Cohesion

November 28-29, 2003

Co-organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU and the Hong Kong Council for Social Service (HKCSS), the Conference will be both an event celebrating the 35th anniversary of the Faculty as well as the HKCSS Convention 2003. The Conference aims to serve as a platform for the meeting of minds and hearts amongst practitioners, academics, government officials, businessmen, members of civil society, and all other stakeholders. We hope practice wisdom and evidence-based research findings will provide food for thought and ideas for action.

In addition to enhancing the understanding of social cohesion in Hong Kong, the Conference is also meant to be an occasion for the exchange of ideas and experience in social cohesion building and research both locally and internationally. A group of distinguished overseas experts from North America, Europe and Asia has been engaged to speak at the Conference and interact with participants from Hong Kong.

Apart from the international perspectives presented by the overseas speakers, there will also be a series of pre-conference roundtables, focus groups, workshops and academic research findings presentations. The Conference will conclude with a high-profile Policy Forum to address the policy implications for social cohesion.

Please visit www.hku.hk/socsc/cosc for registration and further details. Conference Secretariat: Tel.: 2241 5541 / 2241 5369; E-mail: cosc@hkucc.hku.hk.

The Faculty Graduation Ceremony

December 7, 2003

The ceremony is a major annual event for the families and friends of graduates to share their joy and witness this new milestone in their lives. The ceremony will be held on the morning of December 7 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Invitation

35th Anniversary Reunion Dinner December 7, 2003

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The 35th Anniversary Reunion Dinner of the Faculty will take place at 7:30pm on December 7, 2003 (Sunday) at the Grand Foyer of Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Reunion Dinner, co-organized by the Faculty and the HKU Social Sciences Alumni Association (HKUSSAA), will be the highlight of our year-long efforts to strengthen the Faculty's fraternity with alumni and to promote our presence and contribution in the community. It will be an occasion for HKUSSAA to present its new Chairman and Executive Committee, to reach out to the wider alumni community and to invite their suggestions and participation as the Association puts together plans for its activity programme in the year ahead.

Other celebratory activities in 2003 include the launching of our newsletter *Socientist*, a new Faculty website, the Conference on Social Cohesion, outreach Information Days and various public forums and seminars. We shall announce at the Reunion Dinner the establishment of the Social Science Endowment Fund to support our educational programmes, community services and academic / research activities. We are sure it will be a memorable and convivial evening for our alumni, teachers and friends of the Faculty. Please join us for this joyful event.

Date: December 7, 2003 (Sunday)
Time: Reception 6:45pm; Dinner 7:30 pm
Venue: Grand Foyer, Level 5,
Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre
Fee: Junior Alumni — HK\$350
(graduated with Bachelor degree in or
after academic year 1998-1999)
Senior Alumni/Guests — HK\$650
Enquiries: 2241 5541 / 2241 5369
Website: <http://www.hku.hk/socsc/reunion>



Dr James Tang
Dean



Mr Dennis Yau
Chairman, HKUSSAA



Forthcoming

10 october

HKU Family Institute Grand Opening Ceremony

Date: October 28, 2003 (2:30pm)
Venue: 5/F, Tsan Yuk Hospital, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong
Contact: Ms Yonnie Cheung
(Tel: 2859 5300; E-mail: hkfi@hkusua.hku.hk)

Interdisciplinary Seminar :China in the Philosophy of Jean-Jacques Rousseau

Date: October 28, 2003 (4:15-5:45pm)
Venue: Room 1118, KK Leung Building, HKU
Contact: Dr G Evans (Tel: 2859 2062;
E-mail: hmsgre@hkucc.hku.hk)

11 november

Faculty Prize Presentation Ceremony 2003

Date: November 1, 2003 (2:30pm)
Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU
Special guest: Mr Yim Yee-king (Ah Chung)
Contact: Ms Christy Tsui (Tel: 2241 5541;
E-mail: wktsui@hkucc.hku.hk)

2nd Asia CyberCrime Summit: Combating Computer Related Crime and Protecting the Integrity of the Digital Environment

Date: November 5-6, 2003
Venue: Council Chamber, 8/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
Contact: Ms Maggie So (Tel: 2859 2114;
E-mail: maggieso@hku.hk)

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging: A Tutorial Workshop with Professional Applications

Date: November 6, 2003 (8:00am-7:00pm)
Venue: Room 608, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Contact: Dr Tatia MC Lee (Tel: 2857 8394;
E-mail: tmclee@hkusua.hku.hk)

Clinical Application of Life Trajectory of Elder Persons

Date: November 8-29, 2003 (every Saturday; 9:00am-6:00pm)
Venue: Windsor House, Causeway Bay
Contact: Ms Annie Kung (Tel: 2241 5522;
E-mail: pykung@hku.hk)

The Peter Hodge Memorial Lecture Threats to World Social Development: Obstacles and Opportunities at the Beginning of a New Century

Date: November 12, 2003
(Reception: 5:30pm; Lecture: 6:00pm)
Venue: Rayson Huang Lecture Theatre, HKU
Speaker: Richard J Estes, Professor & Chair, Concentration in Social & Economic Development, University of Pennsylvania.
Contact: Dr CW Lam (Tel: 2859 2087, 2859 2288; E-mail: cwlam@hku.hk)

On the Interplay between Attachment, Temperament, and Maternal Style in Child Development

Date: November 13, 2003 (4:00pm)
Venue: T6, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
Speaker: Dr Joan Stevenson-Hinder, University of Cambridge
Contact: Professor Terry KF Au
(Tel: 2859 2383; E-mail: terryau@hkucc.hku.hk)

Peace of Mind • 平常心

Date: November 14-16, 2003
Venue: Kadoorie Agricultural Research Centre, Lam Kam Road, Shek Kong
Contact: Miss Loretta Fung
(Tel: 2589 0510; E-mail: bhealth@hku.hk)

Interdisciplinary Seminar: The Looting of the Yuan Ming Yuan Palace near Beijing in 1860 and the resulting collection of objects in France and England

Date: November 18, 2003 (4:15-5:45pm)
Venue: Room 1118, KK Leung Building, HKU
Contact: Dr G Evans (Tel: 2859 2062;
E-mail: hmsgre@hkucc.hku.hk)

Conference on Social Cohesion

Date: November 28-29, 2003
Venue: Graduate House, HKU
Contact: Ms Christy Tsui (Tel: 2241 5541 / 2241 5883; E-mail: cosc@hkucc.hku.hk)

Parenting Seminar • 父母難為 不甘不為

Date: November 30, 2003
Venue: Lecture Theatre 4, New Medical Complex, Faculty of Medicine Building, HKU
Contact: Miss Loretta Fung
(Tel: 2589 0510; E-mail: bhealth@hku.hk)

Training Package for Live Case Demonstration

Date: November 2003-April 2004 (every Saturday; 2:00-5:00pm)
Venue: HKU Family Institute, 5/F Tsan Yuk Hospital, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong
Contact: Ms Karen Law / Ms Minerva Lam
(Tel: 2859 5300; E-mail: hkufi@hku.hk)

Public Lectures/Seminars by Professor Roger Hood, Distinguished Visiting Professor

Date: End of November 2003
Venue: To be announced
Contact: Dr R Broadhurst (Tel: 2859 2057;
E-mail: broadie@hkucc.hku.hk)

12 december

Love, Sex and Marriage

Date: December 7, 2003
Venue: Centre on Behavioral Health, G/F Pauline Chan Building, 10 Sassoon Road, Hong Kong
Contact: Miss Loretta Fung (Tel: 2589 0510;
E-mail: bhealth@hku.hk)

Faculty Graduation Ceremony 2003

Date: December 7, 2003 (10:30am)
Venue: Grand Hall, Level 5, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Contact: Ms Christy Tsui
(Tel: 2241 5541; E-mail: wktsui@hkucc.hku.hk)

Interdisciplinary Seminar by Professor C Hansen

Date: December 16, 2003 (4:15-5:45pm)
Venue: Room 1118, KK Leung Building, HKU
Contact: Dr G Evans (Tel: 2859 2062;
E-mail: hmsgre@hkucc.hku.hk)

Postgraduate Level Training on Self Maintenance Therapy

Date: December 2003
Venue: HKU Campus
Contact: Ms Mandy Lau
(Tel: 2241 5527; E-mail: mlau@hku.hk)

Professional Training on the Use of Resident Assessment Instrument 2.0

Date: December 2003
Venue: HKU Campus
Contact: Ms Tonia Chan
(Tel: 2241 5151; E-mail: tonia@hku.hk)

1 january

Chinese Culture and Counseling Conference

Date: January 2-3, 2004
Venue: To be confirmed
Contact: Ms Nora Cheng (Tel: 2589 0500;
E-mail: hkuthujc@hkucc.hku.hk)

Basic Course in Family Therapy (BC01/2004)

Date: January-April 2004 (every Monday 6:45-9:45pm & Saturday 2:00-5:00pm)
Venue: HKU Family Institute, 5/F Tsan Yuk Hospital, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong
Contact: Ms Karen Law / Ms Minerva Lam
(Tel: 2859 5300; E-mail: hkufi@hku.hk)

Intermediate Course in Family Therapy (IC01/2004)

Date: January-April 2004 (every Wednesday 6:45-9:45pm & Saturday 2:00-5:00pm)
Venue: HKU Family Institute, 5/F Tsan Yuk Hospital, Sai Ying Pun, Hong Kong
Contact: Ms Karen Law / Ms Minerva Lam
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Congratulations

Prof LI, WK (李偉強教授)

Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science

Elected as Fellow of the American Statistical Association

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Best Dissertation Award 2001-2002 (PhD category)

Hong Kong Political Science Association

"Rediscovering Politics in Hong Kong (1949-1979): The Paradox of Political Indifference"

Pradyumna AMATYA - MPhil/PPA

Best Dissertation Award 2001-2002 (MPhil category)

Hong Kong Political Science Association

"Institutional Change and Intervention Outcomes: Comparing Assistance Schemes for Farmer Managed Irrigation System in Nepal"

LAU Ho-yi, Carrie (劉可兒小姐) - BSocSc(G&L)II

Goldman Sachs Global Leaders' Scholarship

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Representative of HKSAR

Tennis player of 22nd World University Games (Universiade)

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Donations

(For the period of June to September, 2003)

The family of the late Professor SC Fan, the former Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, has donated a sum of HK\$2,000,000 to the Faculty for the establishment of the SC Fan Public Lecture Series.

The Faculty has received a sum of HK\$33,050 from the alumni and friends for the Faculty development.

The Centre on Behavioral Health has received a sum of HK\$1,062,880 for the Centre development.

The Centre for Criminology has received a donation of HK\$100,000 from Visa International Asia Pacific in support of the organization of regional and international conferences on crime.

Ms YANG Hsueh Chi, Serena has donated HK\$300,000 to the Department of Psychology for the HKU-Oxford Exchange Programme. The Department has also received a sum of HK\$1,407,000 for its education and research development.

The Department of Social Work and Social Administration has received a total sum of HK\$41,268 in support of its future development.

The HKU Family Institute has received a sum of HK\$404,685 in support of its development and community services.