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DEAN'S MESSAGE



At the start of this new academic year, I'd like once again to extend a very warm welcome to all new staff and students — and of course an equally warm welcome back to existing colleagues and students! Our theme for this issue of *Societist* is 2012 — because so much of what we've been doing recently looks ahead to 2012 in one way or another.

In the central sphere of teaching, our curriculum reforms are designed to dovetail with broader 3-3-4 reforms in the wider Hong Kong education system. We are determined that when students join us from secondary schools across Hong Kong they will find a social science curriculum attuned to their needs. Our proactive and highly successful engagement with the University's Common Core agenda similarly seeks to ensure that social science is right at the heart of undergraduate teaching from 2012 onwards.

In research, our overarching collaborative agendas are expected to bear considerable fruit by 2012. Managing World Cities, launched together with King's College London and New York University, will enter its final year then. China Rising, promoted in conjunction with Bristol University and the University of California at Santa Barbara, should be making strong progress. An additional initiative focused on psychosocial issues of human development will also be well underway.

Not least, 2012 will see the Faculty settling into its new homes. Mostly, we will come together in the Centennial Campus with a single building devoted to Social Sciences. In addition, we will cluster several of our psychosocial research centres in the Hong Kong Jockey Club Interdisciplinary Research Building on Sassoon Road, for which the groundbreaking ceremony has just been held. We are convinced that important intellectual synergies will flow from these physical relocations.

As we look ahead to 2012, we are delighted to find that many key profile indicators are looking good for the Faculty. In particular, the JUPAS score registered by the incoming cohort to the BSocSc programme was outstanding at more than 4. For a programme with a very large intake quota of nearly 180 students, this was a superb outcome and a forceful endorsement of the reforms made to the BSocSc programme in recent years. At the same time, we are enhancing our research profile through partnerships both inside and outside the University.

Moving into the new academic year, the core management team in the Faculty is very stable. Dr Becky Loo (Associate Dean, Postgraduate Education) gave birth to a beautiful baby daughter over the summer and is on maternity leave for the first semester of the year. Otherwise, the Dean's group is unchanged. Similarly, the Heads of Department from the 2008-09 session remain in charge in 2009-10.

We are therefore confident that we are well placed to look ahead to 2012 with great ambition and hope. In doing so, we never lose sight of the critical support given to us in all of our endeavours by our alumni and the wider community. We will continue to draw on your support as we get to grips with all the challenges that face us in 2009-10.

Very best wishes for the year ahead!

Professor Ian Holliday
Dean



FEATURE STORY

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2012



Education is key to Hong Kong's strategic development. For some years, government policy has focused on the 3-3-4 reforms now working their way through the system. More widely, the idea of the SAR as a regional education hub is broadly endorsed by the society. In this feature story, we focus on four major Faculty teaching initiatives that tie in with the 2012 reform agenda.



Experiential Learning

The Faculty has long been committed to experiential learning. In Geography, overseas fieldtrips have for many years been a compulsory part of the programme. In Social Work, no student can gain professional accreditation without many hours of practical training. Recently, however, we have made experiential learning central to our flagship Bachelor of Social Sciences

programme by requiring that students complete credits under the headings of social innovation and global citizenship.

These graduation requirements were first introduced in 2008, and two cohorts of students are now subject to them. Moreover, from summer 2009, students started to undertake internships to fulfill their social

innovation and global citizenship requirements. In total, some 200 students a year currently undertake internships through the Faculty. There have been ups and downs along the way, but in general we are very pleased with the enthusiastic response from students – and with the exemplary assistance we have received from our community partners.

Through the internship, I had a first-hand experience to understand the hard life of immigrants in different parts of the world and an opportunity to widen my horizons on global issues.

Ronald Ho Tze-tao - BSocSc
Intern at Chinese Information and Service Center, Seattle, USA

The experience of internship in Ghana was extraordinary and I also made new lifelong friends and tightened bonds with existing ones.

Timo Henrik Heinonen - BSocSc
Intern at Light for Children, Ghana



Social
Innovation
global
Citizenship

MOEI was the most stimulating journey I have ever joined.

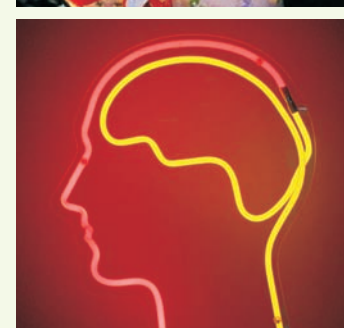
Priscilla Sham - BSocSc
Intern at MOEI, Mae Sot, Thailand

MOEI

In pursuing experiential learning, the Faculty has also launched its own initiative to deliver intensive English language classes to marginalized and underprivileged children. This is the MOEI programme, which was launched on the Thai-Burma border in summer 2008. In summer 2009, MOEI was again organized in Thailand and also taken to the earthquake zone in Sichuan Province. The development of the programme has not always been easy or smooth, but we have been delighted to find that student feedback is supportive. Next year the Faculty plans to operate MOEI programmes in Hong Kong, Mainland China, Thailand, and possibly Cambodia and Sri Lanka.



Interdisciplinary Learning



The Faculty has a deep belief in interdisciplinary learning. The structure of the BSocSc programme exposes students to a range of social science disciplines in their first year, and enables them to specialize in more than one discipline in later years of study. Recently, however, we have taken a more focused interest in fully interdisciplinary modes of study that allow students to see contemporary issues and problems from a variety of perspectives.

To this end, the 2009-12 triennium has seen the Faculty launch five new multidisciplinary majors. Culture, Heritage and Tourism has a comparative Asian focus. Social Policy and Community Building provides a solid grasp of community dynamics and core dimensions of social policy. Urban Governance equips students with a systematic understanding of basic approaches and key theories of urban governance, planning and management. Cognitive Science

generates multidisciplinary knowledge and skills in philosophy, linguistics, neuroscience, artificial intelligence and psychology. Counselling introduces students to basic knowledge and techniques. All five multidisciplinary majors are open to students not only from the Faculty, but also from all other parts of the campus.

I am increasingly aware that social science is the one which makes me willing to devote my passion and overcome any obstacles, the career that I can enjoy from and live on. It is part of my life and the place where I belong!

Guan Qing - BSocSc
An international student from the Mainland



English Language Skills



As China's international university, HKU is committed to English as the lingua franca on campus. We therefore place considerable emphasis on enhancing the English language competence of our students. In the new 4-year curriculum in 2012, students will be exposed to sustained language enhancement in their first two years. Furthermore, to ensure that those

skills are appropriate to the broad-based social science orientation of its programmes, the Faculty is working in partnership with HKU's Centre for Applied English Studies (CAES) to launch a range of language courses that can stimulate language learning across the social sciences. At present, the six courses we have agreed to develop are: writing reports and proposals; analysing

social issues, reflective writing and writing in non-commercial settings; communication in mass media; great speeches and texts in social science; English for psychologists; and writing a dissertation. These courses will be integrated into the curriculum in 2010, and co-taught with teachers from CAES. By 2012, we hope to have an established programme of English courses for our students.

Common Core Curriculum



At the heart of HKU's new 4-year curriculum in 2012 will be a Common Core of courses, some of which will be introduced from 2010. The Common Core draws on the University's motto, Sapientia et Virtus, to promote wisdom and virtue. In addition, the Common Core reflects the essence of university

education, aiming to arouse students' intellectual curiosity, their enthusiasm for learning, their critical thinking and reasoning, their appreciation of culture, and their good citizenship within their own community and globally. In order to achieve these goals, four Areas of Inquiry have been identified:

Humanities; China: Culture State and Society; Scientific and Technological Literacy; and Global Issues. The Faculty has worked hard to design courses that meet the central objectives of the Common Core, and to date has had 28 courses accepted for teaching.

DEPARTMENTS AND CENTRES

Centre for Criminology



The Centre for Criminology (香港大學犯罪學中心) was established in 1999. The Centre provides a home for coordinated and indigenous studies of crime and criminal justice in Hong Kong. It also provides a platform for both academics and practitioners in the criminal justice system to share their knowledge and to assist in the development of effective strategies to deal with the increasingly sophisticated problem of crime in Hong Kong and the region.

The Centre has established a network of international advisers from well established Centres and Institutes throughout the world so that it can benefit from their participation in the affairs of the Centre and contribute to the development of criminology at the local, regional and international level.

Our mission is to promote the development of criminological research, education and criminal justice policy and enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement, crime prevention and the treatment of offenders. Centre Fellows have worked on local and international research projects, including for the United Nations, U.S. Department of Health, and many sectors within the HKSAR Government. The Centre has been involved in a range of international conferences and symposia, including "Crime and its Control in Greater China" and the "Cybercrime Summit". The Centre has collaborated with local government and NGOs in hosting seminars and public education events on crime and policy issues such as restorative justice,

and human trafficking. The Centre also hosts special training needs. The emphasis has been on providing short intensive courses of interest to a broad range of practitioners. Specialist training courses have included analytic interviewing, criminal profiling, aviation security management, and document verification. In the next year, plans are being made for a training course on media and crime. The Centre also sponsors public lectures, open to the general public, featuring the research of local and international scholars. Recent events have included distinguished international scholars like Professor Henry Pontell, University of California at Irvine and Professor Peter Young, University of Hull. Similar events will be organised over the next year.



Professor Karen Joe Laidler (黎樂琪教授)
Director, Centre for Criminology

Social Sciences Class of 1974



HKU Social Sciences Faculty Class of 1974 is planning to celebrate our 35th Anniversary with a series of events including a gala dinner on December 4, a short trip to Vietnam, a campus tour for the benefit of those overseas classmates who will be flying back to join us and the publication of a commemorative Class Book for which Julia Fung was nominated the Editor by the Organizing Committee chaired by Nelson Wong. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui; Professor Ian Holliday, Dean of Social Sciences; and our former teachers, Professor Edward Chen and Mr Lau Nai Keung have made written contributions for our Book and they, other than Professor Tsui, have also very kindly agreed not only to share with us their wisdom but grace our gala dinner. It is unfortunate that Professor Tsui has a prior appointment but he has invited us to his lodge for high tea in the afternoon of December 4.



The last 35 years were perhaps the most important era in Hong Kong's history. We witnessed the transformation of Hong Kong from a manufacturing and trading outpost to an international financial and business centre; the Reform and Opening Up of the Mainland China and the tremendous growth of the Chinese economy; the Handover and transition from a colony to a Special Administrative Region, an almost complete re-structuring of the labour market, the weathering through the Asian financial crisis in the late 1990s and the global financial tsunami and the economic meltdown which is still hurting us today. We have battled the avian flu, SARS and are fighting hard against the spread of a contagious,

mutating swine flu virus which could inflict millions globally. We have seen the stock market index rising to above 1700 and then down to 400 within a few months in 1973 and again hitting a peak of 32000 in 2008 before crashing down to 10676 after the financial tsunami, although the market has improved recently.

As a group, our collective memories and experiences defined an era. Our Class Book will stand witness to the transformation that Hong Kong has gone through over the past three and a half decades and is to be titled "*Footprints Revisited*".



Around 40 members of our Class including academics Cheung Bing-leung, Yeung Sum, Lee Hau Leung and Fung Ho Lup, top Government officials Benjamin Tang, Maria Kwan, Yeung Ka Sing, and Lam Woon Kwong, senior corporate executives Elizabete Fong and Jackson Pau, and veteran bankers Anthony Yuen and Kenneth Sit have already committed to contribute articles that recount their experiences and reflect their perspectives on events that happened over the last 35 years. The editor has also written a poem criss-crossing these years reflecting on this special era and what it means for us and Hong Kong.

We hope this publication will be one that not only our classmates but the society at large will like to keep as a record of the times we lived through. Any one who is interested in this Class Book could contact:

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- Ms Elizabete Fong (馮青薇女士)
(Email: elizabete.fong@gmail.com)

Class of 1974 Social Sciences Reunion Organising Committee

Reunion Dinner for Students and Graduates from the Master of Social Sciences in Criminology —

DAYS AGO ROAD AHEAD



▲ Organising Committee

The Master of Social Sciences (Criminology) programme was launched in 1986 by the Department of Sociology. Graduates from this programme work in a variety of professions including the disciplinary forces, academia, social work, and education. After months of preparation, over 160 graduates, current students and staff attended the first ever reunion held at the Police Officers' Club in Hong Kong on March 14, 2009. Mr Kwok Leung Ming, Commissioner of the Correctional Services Department, also a graduate of the programme, was invited to give a speech at the reunion. Professor Karen Joe Laidler, Head of the Department of Sociology, announced the setting up of a scholarship fund which honors distinguished students in the programme. A total of HK\$15,985 was raised during the reunion for the scholarship fund. Guests at the reunion enjoyed reminiscing about the past through a picture slideshow while reuniting with classmates.

For the latest updates, please refer to www.hkucriminology.blogspot.com.
Join us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=34240067924, or e-mail us at hkucriminology@gmail.com.



HKU MPA Programme 30th Anniversary Dinner



More than 130 alumni, students, faculty members and guests celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Programme at a gala dinner held at Loke Yew Hall on February 21, 2009. As one of the best and most well-known postgraduate programmes at HKU, the MPA Programme has continued to provide students with the latest knowledge, skills and toolkits in meeting challenges in public policy and public management. Many of our MPA alumni have also achieved excellence in their careers and service in the government and nonprofit sectors. The latest information about our MPA Programme can be found at www.hku.hk/ppaweb/mpa.

Book Launch

In the book, Vivien Pao shares with us how we can rekindle our passion for life through positive psychology, illustrated with her own management experience and client case studies. She introduces the six basic tenets of positive psychology and shares how they can be applied in different life and work situations. This is supported by nine specially designed life exercises to raise our altitude and magnitude in life.



Stay in touch

We would like to hear from all alumni, especially those who have not been in contact for some time. We wish to take this opportunity to invite you to share with the Faculty the contact details of local or overseas alumni with whom you are in touch. Please complete and return the following form to the Faculty so that we can keep them informed of the most up-to-date developments and activities of the Faculty and the University.

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Part I : Your Information

Name : _____
(Surname) (Given Name)
Chinese Name : _____
Sex : M/F
Contact Phone No. : _____
E-mail: _____
Year of Graduation: _____
Degree Awarded: _____

Part II: Other Alumni's Information

Name : _____
(Surname) (Given Name)
Chinese Name : _____
Sex : M/F
Contact Phone No. : _____
E-mail: _____
Correspondence Address: _____
Year of Graduation: _____
Degree Awarded: _____

STUDENT

SOCIAL SCIENCES SOCIETY



First of all, I would like to welcome all freshmen in joining the Society. Social Sciences Society, HKUSU (SSS) is one of the ten faculty societies in HKU. We represent all of the students studying in the Faculty of Social Sciences, and in total we have approximately 1000 members. Under the compulsory membership mechanism, all students registered in the Faculty of Social Sciences [including BSocSc, BJ, BSW, and BSocSc (GL) students] will become our members automatically. For those of you who have joined our orientation series in August, I hope that you have enjoyed the activities we planned for you and had wonderful moments with your group leaders and fellow group-mates. For those who have not, feel free to approach us any time to enjoy your privileges being our members. You are always welcome to visit our Society Room in KKL111 to know more about us and to enjoy the welfare.

In the blink of an eye, the 41st Executive Committee of Social Sciences Society, HKUSU has nearly come to the end of its term of office. This year, based on the six main purposes stated in the Constitution of our Society and the two major goals in our year plan, we have organized various functions to promote comradeship among members, to foster a sense of conscious of the local community and to facilitate mutual understanding between the Faculty and students. Activities such as Orientation Camp and Orientation Day, and "Super-pass" Festival before the examination period have successfully achieved the first goal while the Social Sciences Festival,

with the "June-Fourth" incident as the theme, and ad-hoc forums held from time to time have ensured us to meet the second goal. For the third goal, the Dean's Forum, with Professor Mok Ka Ho as our honorable guest, has acted as a bridge between the Faculty and students to facilitate communication between the two bodies. I would like to grasp this chance to thank all participants of the above functions. Without your participation and support, everything would not have been carried out so smoothly and successfully.

For the forthcoming activities, we will have our High Table Dinner in October and our continuous ad-hoc forums for students and celebrities in society to share their views towards different social affairs. What we need is your support! I do hope that all of you can join us to make the Society much better.

Mr Donald Lam Yun-wah (林潤華先生)
Chairman
Social Sciences Society, HKUSU
Session 2009



Burmese Students in the Faculty

How well do we know about Burma? Our perception may be limited to a hidden-away area located between India and Thailand on the world map. However, Burma is not that far away and you may have already met the smiling faces of our Burmese students on campus.

Since 2008, the Faculty of Social Sciences, in collaboration with Thabyay Education Network, has set up scholarships to support outstanding Burmese students to study taught postgraduate programmes at HKU. This year, 4 students have been admitted into the Master of Social Work, Master of Journalism, Master of Public Administration and Master of International and Public Affairs programmes.

Before becoming a student at HKU, the University was just one of the tertiary institutes in China to the Burmese youth. When they came to the campus, the experience went far beyond their expectations. Kyaw Soe Lynn, a Master of Journalism student, expressed his excitement to study on the campus with beautiful landscape and historical heritage, which can hardly be found in his country. The well-developed infrastructure with comprehensive resources are also impressive.



As experienced practitioners in key areas in Burma, the students hope that the theoretical knowledge and practical skill acquired through the postgraduate programmes will enhance their expertise in specialized fields and subsequently contribute to sustainable development in their communities and wider society. "My goal is to become a policy analyst and advocate in my country. I am sure all the theories and their applicability I am learning in this MPA course will help me better shape my future," Zaw Htet said. Dr Thein Sithu Pe also hopes to bring the knowledge and skills from his social work programme to fill the gap of social work professionals in Burma. Through intellectual interactions with scholars and fellow students from diverse backgrounds, HKU's Burmese students look forward to a global experience which enables them to widen their scope and gain a new perspective in looking at their own country.

Even though the four students have just started their semester at HKU, they are impressed by their HK classmates. Moe Moe Oo, who is studying the MIPA programme, admires them for their confidence in expressing their views and enthusiasm in participation. The friendliness from HKU teachers and students also help them to adapt quickly to the new environment. They anticipate that the coming year will be enormously fruitful and rewarding. In return, they encourage our students to broaden their horizons and reach out to other areas in the region and the world to become a true global citizen.

Project on Fighting for a Barrier-free Environment in Local Chain Fast Food Restaurant



Dining out is very common for most people in Hong Kong and they need not worry about lack of choices. However, people with physical disability or people who are using wheelchairs encounter many difficulties when they are trying to dine out. A student taskforce from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration expanded their learning horizon by some launching research and a press conference, fighting for a barrier-free environment for people with physical disability at local chain fast food restaurants.

After working with people with physical disability for a few months through the skills laboratory project, nine social work students spotted the inadequacy of user-friendly facilities in local chain fast food restaurants. With the mission of fighting for a barrier-free environment in Hong Kong, the students conducted a research investigating the restaurant environment.

They launched the research by visiting a total 70 restaurants under six catering corporations and assessing their level of accessibility and convenience of self-serve dining for people with physical disability. Research showed that no restaurant fulfilled all of the requirements as an ideal place for self-serve dining for people with physical disability as stated in the Design Manual 2008 published by the Building Department. The most common barrier was that cashier and food-taking desks were too high. The fixed design of tables and chairs second - 33% of the restaurants did not provide some movable chairs or tables. 35 restaurants had stairs at the main entrance but more than 80% of them did not provide ramps for wheelchair users. These designs keep people who use wheelchairs away from restaurants.

The results were reported through a press conference with wide press coverage. The reports have also been delivered to government departments, social welfare agencies, residential care institutions, public libraries, educational institutions and legislative counsellors with the hope that publication serves as a starting point and back up for follow-up actions in the future.

In this project, these students reflected that university students should not underestimate their influence over the society. Though they are still undergoing tertiary education, having a sense of mission could lead them to start working for the society. Graduated or not is not really a watershed of power and ability. This should not be a reason for not putting a plan into an action. Apart from the importance of taking action, knowledge-based and practical skills are also essential parts of the whole process. Through this project, they learnt how to conduct a research, present findings and convey messages. Organising a press conference was another practical experience which could be hardly learnt as an observer.

This social action served as a solid experience for the students in advocating social inclusion, realizing social work values derived from their profession. And this is what tertiary education should be: learning through experience.

Mr Kelvin Lai Kwok-kin (黎国健先生)
Miss Eunice Lee Tsz-ying (李芷盈小姐)
BSW III 无障碍环境调查
报告者

EVENTS SPOTLIGHT



Asian Art Therapy Symposium 2009
March 18-22, 2009

Lecture on Grief and Loss
April 21, 2009
Speaker: Professor Todd Edwards
University of San Diego, USA



Research Postgraduate Conference
April 25, 2009

Sichuan Project

- Seminar on Volunteer Service on Post-disaster Well-being Management
April 25, 2009
- Body-mind-spirit Training for Cadres in Sichuan (Beichuan)
May 18-19, 2009
- Sichuan Teachers Training Courses
July 13 and 27, 2009



Women Writing New Scripts:
Symposium on Asian Sexualities
and Erotic Justice
May 15-16, 2009

Multidisciplinary Approach to the
Prevention of Domestic Violence:
Social, Legal and Health Perspectives
May 27, 2009



Workshop on Charting Civil Society in
Hong Kong, 2010: The Social Service Sector
May 30, 2009

Workshop on Grief Therapy
June 6-7, 2009
Speaker: Professor Robert Neimeyer
University of Memphis, USA



New Senior Secondary Learning and Teaching
Strategies for the Geography Curriculum: Using
GIS and GPS for Enquiry Learning Series
June 6, 13, 20, 27 and July 4, 11, 18, 20, 24, 2009



- Workshop on Breaking Bad News
- Seminar on Perfectionism and Eating Disorders
June 12 and 16, 2009
Speaker: Professor Glynn Owen
University of Auckland, New Zealand

Undergraduate Summer Institute 09:
Asia as the Global Future
June 21 - July 19, 2009



Symposium: Thinking Beyond the
Concept of Advance Directives
June 22, 2009

Forum on Illustrations of Practice Wisdom
on the Implementation of the Integrated
Family Service Centre Mode
July 10, 2009



Workshop on Venture Philanthropy
July 24, 2009
Speaker: Dr Rob John
Asia Venture Philanthropy Network



Postgraduate Summer School 09:
Social Science Research Methods
July 27 - August 7, 2009

Meeting with Shanghai's Financial
Officials and Experts for "Shanghai
Financial Cooperation with
Hong Kong"
August 3, 2009



Symposium on Community-based
Long-term Care in Hong Kong:
from Theory to Practice
August 5, 2009

Global Citizenship Public Lectures

- The Liberal International Order
after 9/11: Crisis or Renewal?
September 18, 2009
Speaker: Professor Tim Dunne
Professor of International Relations
Head of Humanities and Social Sciences
University of Exeter
- When China Rules the World
September 23, 2009
Speaker: Martin Jacques
Visiting Senior Fellow, IDEAS
London School of Economics



DONATIONS AND RESEARCH GRANTS (RGC)

Donations

(From February 2009 to August 2009)

Donor	Recipient	Nature	Amount (HK\$)
Ms Celia Chan Hoi-yan	Centre on Behavioral Health	Activities of the Centre	15,000
Dr Grace Cheung Pau Yi-kum		Activities of the Centre	15,000
Dr Rainbow Ho Tin-hung		Activities of the Centre	48,000
Mission To New Arrivals Ltd		"Beichuan Yong Xing Banfang Social Work Station", Sichuan, Mainland China	90,000
Ms Sarah Wu Po-chu		Lillian Poon Psychosocial Oncology Fund	70,000
The Hong Kong Cancer Fund		Programme on "Cancer Patients and Their Family: Issues of Relationship (2008-2009)"	13,000
The Robert H N Ho Family Foundation		Providing Training to School Teachers in Sichuan for Post-diaster Mental Health Rehabilitation	350,000
Dr John Chan Ka-fat		Sichuan Earthquake Project	50,000
Donors from HKUGA Primary School		Sichuan Earthquake Project	55,018
The Hongkong Bank Foundation	Department of Geography	Green Roof for Schools Project	2,840,000
Lee Hysan Foundation	Department of Politics and Public Administration	Workshop on Mapping Hong Kong's Civil Society	100,000
Café de Coral Holdings Limited	Department of Psychology	Research in Organizational Psychology	17,500
Dr Serena Yang Hsueh-chi	Faculty of Social Sciences	Establishment of a Fulbright Scholar Scheme for Social Sciences	1,200,000
Tai Hung Fai Enterprise Co Ltd and Group of Companies		Migrant Outreach Education Initiative Fund (MOEI)	78,000

Research Grants

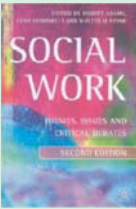
(Awarded by RGC 2009-2010)

Principal Investigator	Department	Project Title	Award (HK\$)
Dr Y Chen	Geography	Landscape Amenity Preferences: A Comparative Hedonic Study of Residential Housing in Hong Kong and Shenzhen	493,270
Dr F Y S Lee		The Conservation of Cultural Heritage Assets in China: The Changing Role of the State in the Fast-growing Metropolises of Guangzhou and Shanghai	535,000
Dr M W H Leung		Transnational Mobility, Capital Production and Knowledge Exchange: A Study of Research Visits of Chinese Scholars to Germany	472,640
Professor G C S Lin		China's New Dynamics of Urbanization: Land Development and Municipal Finance in the Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou City-regions	932,434
Dr E Y M Chan	Politics and Public Administration	Social Cohesion and New Forms of Association and Participation in Hong Kong	282,480
Dr I J Sohn		The Genesis and Design of China-centered Regional Institutions in the Developing World	672,000
Dr W G Hayward	Psychology	Mechanisms of Visual Attention in Detection and Localization of Objects	873,480
Dr J H W Hsiao		The Two Sides of Cognition: Hemispheric Processing of Face and Word Recognition	856,000
Dr J A Saunders		Is Optic Flow Used in an Optimal Manner for Perception of Heading and Control of Walking?	1,140,280
Professor C L W Chan	Social Work and Social Administration	Living and Dying with Dignity: Development of an Empirical Model of Dignified Palliative End-of-life Care from the Personal, Familial and Cultural Perspectives	321,784
Dr V W Lou		Family Caregivers for the Frail and Very Elderly: Well-being and Needs in Hong Kong and Shanghai	642,000
Dr T S K Kong	Sociology	The Challenges and Negotiation of Urban Citizenship among Rural-to-urban Migrant Male Sex Workers in China	304,950

RECENT PUBLICATIONS (From October 2009 to February 2010)



Age at Onset of Generalized Anxiety Disorders in Older Adults
Author: Chou, K L
Journal: American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry



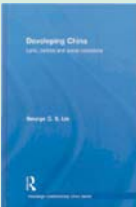
Alternative Intervention: A Chinese Body-mind-spirit Perspective
Authors: Ng, S M & Chan, C L W, in Adams, R, Dominelli, L & Payne, M (Eds.), Social Work - Themes, Issues and Critical Debates
Publisher: Palgrave Macmillan



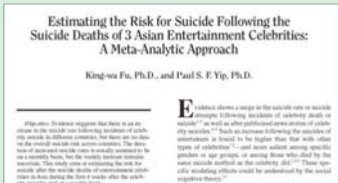
City Branding and the Olympic Effect: A Case Study of Beijing
Author: Zhang, L & Zhao, X
Journal: Cities



Creating a Market in the Presence of Cultural Resistance: The Case of Life Insurance in China
Author: Chan, C S C
Journal: Theory and Society



Developing China: Land, Politics and Social Conditions
Author: Lin, G C S
Publisher: Routledge, London and New York, 2009



Estimating the Risk for Suicide Following the Suicide Deaths of Three Asian Entertainment Celebrities: A Meta-analytic Approach
Authors: Fu, K W & Yip, P S F
Journal: Journal of Clinical Psychiatry



Health Care Reforms in Developing Asia: Propositions and Realities
Authors: Wu, X & Ramesh, M
Journal: Development and Change



Integrative Body-mind-spirit Social Work - An Empirically Based Approach to Assessment and Treatment
Authors: Lee, M Y, Ng, S M, Leung, P P Y, & Chan, C L W
Publisher: Oxford University Press, New York



Not All Visual Expertise is Holistic, but It May Be Leftist: The Case of Chinese Character Recognition
Authors: Hsiao, J H & Cottrell, G W
Journal: Psychological Science



Quantifying the Influence of Land-use and Surface Characteristics on Spatial Variability in the Urban Heat Island
Authors: Lee, M & Sailor, D J
Journal: Theoretical and Applied Climatology



Religiosity and Social Movements in China: Divisions and Multiplications
Author: Palmer, D A, in Kuah-Pearce, K E & Guiheux, G (Eds.), Social Movements in China and Hong Kong: The Expansion of Protest Space
Publisher: ICAS/Amsterdam University Press



Sexual Violence Against Women and Children in Chinese Societies
Author: Chan, K L
Journal: Trauma, Violence, and Abuse



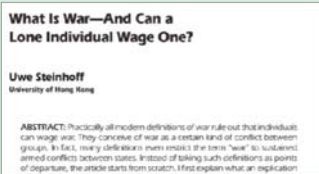
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Young Leader Award

"'Be an active citizen' and 'be capable of identifying practical solutions to social issues' are important criteria of the 'Young Leader' award. I would like to express my gratitude to the Faculty of Social Sciences for improving my social awareness and analytical skills through its broad curriculum, internship programme, and overseas exchange programme."

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Young Leader Award

"Being selected as one of the seven Young Leaders Selection awardees, I need to thank my family, friends, colleagues, and Social Sciences Faculty. The Faculty provides a lot of opportunities to nurture young leaders for the society. It broadens my horizons and implants a sense of citizenship in me. Winning the award does not mean that I have done enough. On the contrary, the award reminds me to do more for our society."

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Students

Awards



- HKSAR Government Scholarship 2008-2009
- Eurasia-Pacific Uninet PhD Scholarship for Nine-month Study Visit at University of Klagenfurt, Austria

"It is my great honor to be awarded those two scholarships. I would like to give special thanks to HKU and my dear supervisor, Dr Sandra Tsang. The exchange programme in Austria has given me a precious chance to know more about the world, which has largely enriched my life."

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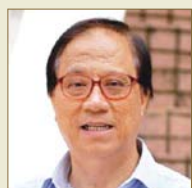
- Best Student Paper Award 2009 in China Geography, Association of American Geographers
 - Second Prize in Student Paper Competition in the Third Cross-Taiwan- Strait International Conference on Economic Geography
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

60th Anniversary of Department of Social Work and Social Administration Sharing the Sparkling Moment —

The Department of Social Work and Social Administration will celebrate its 60th anniversary in social work education in 2010. As the social work education institution with the longest history in Hong Kong, we have fostered not only professional social workers who served the disadvantaged and the community as pioneers of innovation, but also academic and research experts in the field of social work. In the past 60 years, the strong leadership of past and present Heads of Department, the wholehearted devotion of all staff, and the bright achievement of our graduates in the society contributed to the robust development of our social work education and the Department itself.



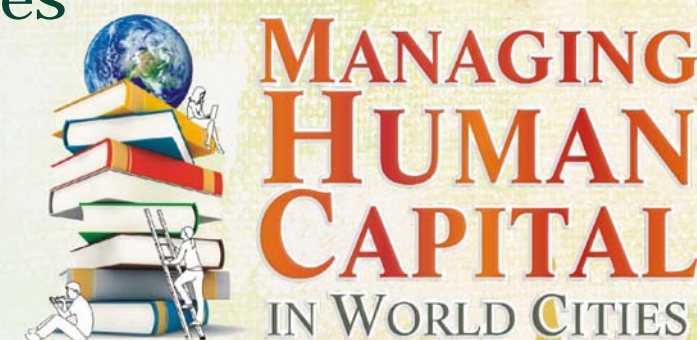
A series of celebratory activities will be organised to memorise this special moment:

- Distinguished Alumni Award
- Homecoming Dinner
- 60th Anniversary Conference Series:
 - The Impact of Global Economic Crisis on Social Development: Social Policy Responses in Greater China
 - Conference on Mental Health Service in Chinese Community
 - 2010 Joint World Conference on Social Work and Social Development
- Publication of 60th Anniversary Book
- Publication of Book of PhD Graduate Profile

Details of the above and many other activities will be announced on the Department website — www.socialwork.hku.hk. We look forward to having all our graduates' participation and sharing this sparkling moment!

Managing World Cities Conference Series

To promote educational research and international collaboration, and to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Educational Research Association (HKERA), the Faculty of Social Sciences will coorganise an international conference with the theme "Managing Human Capital in World Cities: Education Reform, Nurturing Talent and Student Learning in a Globalizing World" with the HKERA, The Hong Kong Institute of Education; Faculty of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong; and the Information Services Department, HKSAR Government on December 4, 2009 as part of the "Managing World Cities International Conference Series". Speakers from King's College London, UK; University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA and



many parts of Asia have agreed to come to join us to discuss issues related to the promotion of human capital, nurturing and attracting talents, education reform and student learning. We are also very honoured to have Mr John Tsang Chun-wah, the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR Government, to deliver a lunchtime address.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October

New Senior Secondary Learning and Teaching Strategies for the Geography Curriculum: Using GIS and GPS for Enquiry Learning Series
Date: Oct 31, Nov 4 & 7, 2009
Venue: GIS Laboratory, Department of Geography, HKU
Contact: Dr P C Lai
(Tel: 2859 2830; Email: pclai@hku.hk;
Website: tcs.edb.gov.hk [CourseID=CDI020080836])

November

1-day Workshop on Dignity Therapy with Live Demonstration
Speaker: Dr Harvey Max Chochinov
Date: Nov 5, 2009
Venue: Wang Gungwu Theatre, Graduate House, HKU
Contact: Miss Amy Choi
(Tel: 2589 0512; Email: amychoi@hku.hk)

Prize Presentation Ceremony
Date: Nov 7, 2009
Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU
Contact: Miss Nikki Wong
(Tel: 2241 5540; Email: nhywong@hku.hk;
Website: www.hku.hk/socsc/ppc)

Global Citizenship Public Lecture -
The Obama Administration and U.S. Foreign Policy:
The View from Washington
Speaker: Dr Michael E Brown
Dean of the Elliott School of International Affairs
Professor of International Affairs and Political Science
The George Washington University
Date: Nov 12, 2009
Venue: Council Chamber, 8/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
Contact: Miss Nikki Wong
(Tel: 2241 5540; Email: nhywong@hku.hk;
Website: www.hku.hk/socsc/gcpl/mbrown)

Symposium - The Impact of Global Economic Crisis on Social Development: Social Policy Responses in Greater China
Date: Nov 12-13, 2009
Venue: Council Chamber, 8/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
Contact: Ms Angie Leung
(Tel: 2219 4732; Email: angietse@hku.hk)

Faculty of Social Sciences Graduation Ceremony
Date: Nov 17, 2009
Venue: HKCEC, Wanchai
Contact: Miss Seline Wong
(Tel: 2241 5542; Email: seline.wong@hku.hk;
Website: www.hku.hk/socsc/grad)

Takako Nishizaki Violin Studio Student Charity Concert
Date: Nov 28, 2009
Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU
Contact: Miss Myra Wong
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December

Managing Human Capital in World Cities
Date: Dec 4, 2009
Venue: Council Chamber, 8/F, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
Contact: Miss Nikki Wong
(Tel: 2241 5540; Email: managing.world.cities@hku.hk;
Website: www.hku.hk/socsc/mwc/09)

Hong Kong Sociological Association -
11th Annual Conference: Envisioning the World City
Date: Dec 5, 2009
Contact: Dr Travis Kong
(Email: hksa2009@hku.hk;
Website: www.hku.hk/sociodep/HKSA2009_Call_for_paper.pdf)

Distinguished Scholar Series
Speaker: Professor Isabel Gauthier
Department of Psychology, College of Arts and Science
Vanderbilt University
Date: Dec 8-16, 2009
Contact: Dr W G Hayward
(Tel: 2859 2293; Email: whayward@hku.hk)

Successful Ageing in Chinese Community -
The Asian Perspective
Date: Dec 11, 2009
Venue: T6, Meng Wah Complex, HKU
Contact: Miss Carmen Yiu
(Tel: 2241 5524; Email: cyiu@hku.hk;
Website: ageing.hku.hk)

January

Distinguished Scholar Series
Speaker: Professor William H Warren
Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences
Brown University
Date: Jan 6-23, 2010
Contact: Dr L Li
(Tel: 2219 4151; Email: lili@hku.hk)

February

Reunion Dinner of the 60th Anniversary of Social Work Education in HKU
Date: Feb 6, 2010
Venue: Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU
Contact: Ms Angie Leung
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