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DARE TO ERR



"Dare to err" was my welcome message to the incoming class during our meet-and-greet sessions in early September, as they and I both started our parallel journeys in the next phase of our development.

Universities are fundamentally about the creation, translation and exchange of innovative ideas. To become a true innovator, one must boldly experiment, and through such trials, fail and try again, until the serendipitous moment of discovery brings success. This applies to freshers and chair professors alike.

Universities are also the last refuge before students graduate to the realities of life. They are a safe harbour for teachers and researchers to focus on thinking up the next big idea, freed of the ebbs and flows of daily hustle.

I see my role as Dean to provide a nurturing scholarly environment where we are able to recruit, train and retain the best talent from anywhere. I wish for every student and colleague to feel at complete ease to dare to dream, to try hard, to brave failure, and ultimately to find success.

At the Faculty level, we are leading by example. Numerous exciting projects await the adventurer and experimenter in all of us. Some of these novel projects will achieve brilliant success while others may well find the need to change. But each will receive our collective best effort enthusiastically.

Together we have embarked on a range of bold clinical developments, including growing the 2,000-bed HKU-Shenzhen Hospital into the premier medical hub of choice in southern China and commissioning the tripartite Gleneagles Hong Kong Hospital by 2016-17. At the same time, colleagues have been busily engaged in Queen Mary Hospital's once-in-a-generation opportunity for modernization and redevelopment.

We have just finished preparing for the almost once-in-a-decade Research Assessment Exercise that will return a scorecard reflecting the fruits of our labour in the laboratories. If our track record, comprising four State Key Laboratories, three Areas of Excellence and three Theme-based Research Scheme amongst others, is any guide, we should do very well in the current exercise. Whatever the results, I am grateful and proud

of the many achievements of our dedicated researchers. They are true innovators who have dared to err in breaking new ground, many times with phenomenal success.

What distinguishes a university, like us, from a technical research institute is our mission to educate the next generation of bold thinkers. To doctor is to teach. We will be launching a series of new career tracks to suit students from all walks, to bring out the best in them and to add most value to their journey of self-discovery and growth. We will also be introducing a groundbreaking admission scheme to address a burgeoning societal need. I will cover these topics in greater detail in my inaugural State of the Faculty Address in this year's graduation ceremony.

Let me end by reiterating my plea with the incoming class of undergraduates.

Congratulations! You have made it through to one of the best programmes, having toiled from kindergarten through high school. Now is the time to finally take a breath, smell the roses and wander off the beaten track a little, because unless you wander, or allow your imagination to go on a bit of a tangent, or permit yourself to dream the imponderable and impossible, unless you experiment, you will never innovate. Without that innovative spark, what will become of Hong Kong's future?

Don't take me wrong. I don't wish for you to become lazy. Rather I want you to work hard at wandering and at dreaming up new possibilities. Of course most of these won't pan out eventually. But at that eureka "aha" moment, that precious moment when you get it right, all will have been worthwhile.

Enjoy the journey!

Professor Gabriel M Leung
Dean of Medicine



Dean Professor Gabriel M Leung has gathered a stellar leadership team that shares his passion to serve and his bold vision for the Faculty's future.

Ask those who know **Dean Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉) what traits he brings to his new role, and they will cite his tremendous energy, focus, intellect and drive. Professor Leung emerged the top choice out of a protracted four-person competition for the leadership position and while his modesty prevents him from agreeing with all these descriptors, he clearly has strong ideas about what constitutes good leadership.

"Leadership should be about service. We have brilliant people who have made an explicit choice to pursue their chosen careers here," he said. "They already have the aspiration and inspiration to do well and don't need anybody leading them to that. What they need is for someone to articulate their collective wisdom and vision."

To lead is also to listen. Prior to taking up the role of Dean, Professor Leung had lengthy one-on-one discussions with every department head. He subsequently visited

each department and met with the whole staff. Similarly he met with a dozen student groups from the five undergraduate degrees and taught Master's programmes as well as representatives of MPhil and PhD students in the first month in office. Through these 'town hall' meetings, he gathered their views, heard staff and students' concerns and sought to understand their vision and aspirations.

"I need to integrate and reconcile my subjective vision and the vision of the people whom I serve, together with the four Associate Deans each with their own ideas," Professor Leung said. "Obviously there will be differences of opinions. My job is to find the common ground. For that vision to succeed I need to be hyper-aware of our strategic advantages and potential challenges and map a way to create a platform on which these professionals can excel."

The results of this process will be revealed at a State of the Faculty address at the 2013 graduation ceremony in November, laying out the plans for the coming year. It promises to be an exciting speech with major new initiatives in the pipeline that will propel the Faculty to new heights.

JOURNEY TO WEST COMES FULL CIRCLE

When Professor Gabriel Leung returned to Hong Kong in 1999, it marked the end of a journey to the West that began at the age of 12, when he was sent to a boarding school in the UK. He subsequently moved to North America, first to Canada where he went to university, and later to the US for graduate school.

"All that time Hong Kong had been home, and I somehow missed it, and wanted to be back here more permanently," he said. "When you keep moving west, you eventually end up where you began."

This geographical journey ran in parallel to a professional evolution. In the early 1990s Professor Leung had set his course towards neurosurgery, fascinated by the emerging discoveries in brain research. It was also neurosurgery that had saved his mother's life after she was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

However, Professor Leung soon realised that in this career he would not as easily and routinely engage with people and he traded the immediacy of results that neurosurgery offers for a career in family medicine. However, he soon began to feel helpless about many underlying problems that were beyond the scope of the individual patient-doctor relationship. Many medical problems are rooted in more macro-level environmental issues.

For instance, "there is nothing more toxic than the toxicity of poverty, that is the unethical epidemic of inequalities," he said. "But as a clinician by the bedside, what can you do about it? This is why I went into public health."

This decision, via a Master of Public Health from Harvard University, brought him back to Hong Kong to what was then the Faculty's Department of Community Medicine. There he embarked on the professorial track, with a four-year stint on secondment to the Hong Kong Government, and then in August 2013 at the age of 40, took up the role of Dean.



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TEAM WITH A PASSION

He quickly set about assembling the decanal team, including appointing four new Associate Deans. “When I considered appointing the Associate Deans I was trying to find people who share my passion to do something for the Faculty, the University and Hong Kong,” he said.

The four Associate Deans are all eminent individuals with stellar credentials, but they also complement each other to create a team that is greater than the sum of its parts. Two are overseas-educated with extensive experience outside Hong Kong, while two are Faculty alumni and have pursued their careers here. All are Hong Kong born and raised and they each express genuine excitement about being part of the Dean’s team.

In addition to existing Associate Dean positions for clinical affairs, research, and teaching and learning, Professor Leung has also added a new post, of Associate Dean for human capital.


TEACHING AND LEARNING

Professor Lau Chak-sing (劉澤星), who returned from the University of Dundee in the UK in 2010, has added the job of Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning to his existing role as Professor, Chair of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology, and Director of the Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education. His responsibilities have brought him full circle back to his original ambition. “When I was in secondary school I wanted to be a teacher,” he said.

As a university student, Professor Lau was acutely aware of the sacrifices his parents were making to put him and his sister through university overseas, and this gave rise to a drive to study hard that propelled him into a medical career. Today’s students are also very hard-working, he said, and his role as a teacher is to help them face the challenge of grinding through a packed curriculum while making time to enjoy life.

“Students today are much more stressed than when I was a student. In fact they have too much to learn. We have to help them learn how to acquire knowledge rather than delivering it to them. My task is also to communicate to students that they should enjoy university life as much as possible.”

Outside his busy work schedule, Professor Lau loves to run, and has competed in the Hong Kong Marathon since 2002. “I don’t have particularly good race times, but the need to keep training, to have determination and discipline, the collegiality of mixing with other runners have all been very useful for handling things at home and at work. Distance running has also taught me that when you fail, there is always another chance.”



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RESEARCH

Research is fundamental to the role of a university, and **Professor Leung Suet-yi** (梁雪兒), Chair Professor in the Department of Pathology has been charged with the task of promoting excellence in her new role as Associate Dean for Research.

Growing up on a poultry farm in what was then rural Tuen Mun, Professor Leung had what she described as an idyllic childhood. In her rural primary school, the main extra-curricular activity was growing vegetables, and she was in awe of her classmates from farming families who could produce bumper crops while hers would fail to thrive. She did, however, thrive in the academic setting, attaining the grades to secure a place at the University to study medicine.

“Growing up I didn’t even know being a doctor was a profession. When I thought about what I wanted to do in future I thought maybe I would be a scientist. It was only in Form 6 that I considered entering medical school,” she recalled. “I enjoyed medical school. I feel I was trained very effectively. I love this school.”

As a researcher she has seen the translational value of scientific research, helping to establish the Hereditary Gastrointestinal Cancer Genetic Diagnosis Laboratory, which provides local families with vital genetic testing and cancer prevention services. “Whatever we learn, we can apply to our patients. We have very close ties with the affected families and supporting them is a very rewarding experience,” she said.

In building the research capacity of the Faculty, Professor Leung sees engaging with industry as essential to the translational value of academic discovery and she is responsible for promoting collaboration worldwide. She is confident the Faculty has what it takes to succeed. “The style of Hong Kong people is that every layer of society is hardworking and efficient, and you see that here, from the professors to the lab assistants and administrative staff, they are all marvelous. This is exactly the spirit that keeps us making the most of what we have.”



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CLINICAL SERVICES

Also a Faculty alumnus, **Professor Law Wai-lun** (羅偉倫), Chief of Colorectal Surgery at Queen Mary Hospital and Director of the Faculty’s Surgical Skills Centre, relishes his new role as Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. “I felt very honoured to assume this position,” he said. From the graduating class of ‘87, Professor Law set a course in colorectal surgery as both a clinician and a researcher. He passed up the opportunity to migrate to the lucrative private sector: while clinicians can give their patients more personal care there, opportunities for research and to hone highly advanced clinical skills are limited.

Clinical excellence is very important to our Faculty; through this we can generate both clinical and basic research. My role gives me the opportunity to develop that clinical aspect in Hong Kong.

"Ideally people should be able to do all these things in both systems," he said. Through its provision of clinical services to the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital and the private Gleaneagles Hong Kong Hospital due to open in 2016-17, university staff can gain the opportunity to work in a private sector setting, seeing a wider range of clinical conditions while being given more scope and scale for better teaching and research.

"The Faculty can be a bridge between the two sectors," said Professor Law. "Clinical excellence is very important to our Faculty; through this we can generate both clinical and basic research. My role gives me the opportunity to develop that clinical aspect in Hong Kong.

"The challenge will be attracting enough professionals, and I am working closely with Professor David Wong regarding the human capital needed to pursue this."

HUMAN CAPITAL

Professor David Wong Sai-hung (黃世雄) returned to Hong Kong in 2008, having first trained and worked in Liverpool, UK for the best part of 40 years and is now Chair Professor of Ophthalmology. One of the first generation of surgeons trained to perform intraocular lens implants to treat cataracts, Professor Wong saw cataract surgery revolutionized by high-volume treatment services in the UK.

Since his return he quickly set about raising the \$35 million needed to set up two cataract treatment centres to introduce the same service to Hong Kong. That has slashed waiting list times from six years to less than three months. He also raised the money to train doctors in Hong Kong's public hospitals to screen all diabetes patients for diabetic retinopathy.

Professor Wong brings this practical, no-nonsense and energetic approach to his new role as Associate Dean for Human Capital and he is clearly thrilled to have this opportunity. "If we invest in our staff and give them the right environment, they will thrive and benefit the Faculty and the University," he said.

New leadership always ushers in a period of change, and Professor Leung and his new decanal team know that the impact of their efforts goes beyond their own portfolio, to contribute to their city as a whole. As the Dean put it: "The University has always been seen as a standard bearer of a set of values, and of setting an example of how and what Hong Kong's future should be."



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FRONTIERS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH, HKU 2013



From Gene Hunting to Genomic Medicine: a Celebration with Lap-Chee Tsui and Friends

The Faculty's annual flagship research symposium *Frontiers in Biomedical Research, HKU 2013* will be held on December 13 and 14, 2013 with the theme "From Gene Hunting to Genomic Medicine: a Celebration with Lap-Chee Tsui and Friends".

This year's symposium has been extended to two days, with a special focus on Genetics and Genomics. The occasion is specifically dedicated to **Professor Lap-chee Tsui** (徐立之), HKU Vice-Chancellor, for his substantial contributions and continuous support to this important area. Renowned overseas experts and outstanding local scientists, who are friends and colleagues of Professor Tsui, have been invited to share with participants their groundbreaking discoveries and achievements in the fields of Genetics and Genomics. **Professor Sir John Gurdon**, Nobel laureate in Physiology and Medicine 2012, will also deliver a keynote lecture during the symposium.

To raise public awareness of the topic, an open forum will be held on December 14 for the wider community. Before the public forum, Professor Tsui will deliver a speech in which he will reflect on the lectures of keynote speakers and offer his own insights.

To attend these lectures or join the discussions on the topics, register at the website www.med.hku.hk/fbr2013/ on or before November 29, 2013.



FIRST YEAR MEDICAL HUMANITIES CURRICULUM – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

The MBBS six-year cohort is the first to experience the new 25-hour Medical Humanities (MH) curriculum, which enables students to explore the person behind the white coat in medicine, to examine significant events in the medical history of Hong Kong, and to build self-awareness and mindfulness. The learning took place in whole-class lectures, workshops, a field trip, and experiential practice using the genres of narrative and literature, visual arts, film and performance. A special guest speaker series entitled “Conversations and Connections” enabled students to learn from the candid sharing of eminent doctors about what it meant to be a doctor and the winding path to get there. **Professor Chow Shew-ping** (周肇平), **Professor Felice Lieh-Mak** (麥列菲菲), **Professor Yuen Kwok-yung** (袁國勇), **Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉) and the then Dean **Professor Lee Sum-ping** (李心平) all graced the stage over the past year.

In addition to the contributions of our Faculty members, a key aspect of the curriculum is the involvement of community partners including the Museum of Medical Sciences (MMS) and the Absolutely Fabulous Theatre Connection (AFTEC). At the MMS, students made meaningful connections with the history of the Bubonic Plague and SARS in Hong Kong, which complemented earlier lectures given by **Professor John Malcolm Nicholls** and Professor Yuen Kwok-yung. Knowledgeable doctor-docents led students on the Taipingshan Heritage Walk and brought to life the sites significant in the



Plague of 1894. Local drama educator **Ms Lynn Yau**, CEO of AFTEC, and world-renowned concert pianist **Ms Nancy Loo** used a locally adapted version of the well-known story “Imelda,” written by surgeon Dr Richard Selzer, as a teaching tool. By performing, rewriting and re-performing scenes of the play, students explored the nature of doctor-patient relationships, medical ethics and the doctor behind the white coat. This novel approach to reflection was highlighted in the report by this year’s external consultant, **Dr Allan Peterkin**, Head of the Health, Arts and Humanities Program at the University of Toronto.

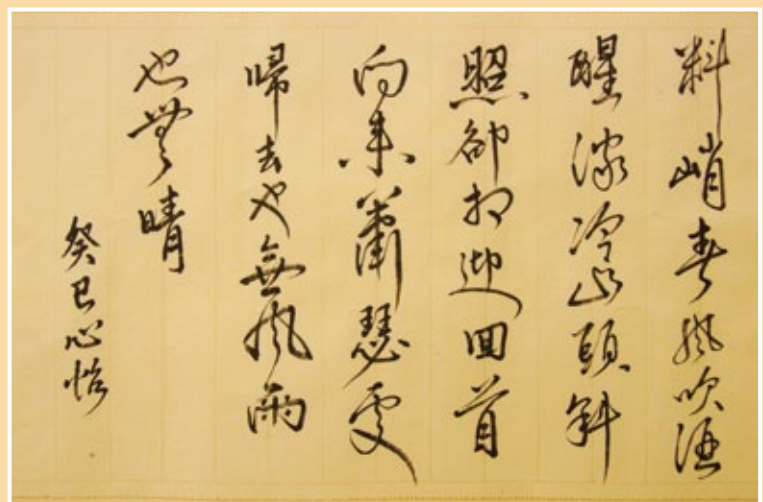
The MH curriculum will continue its progressive roll-out with the Year 2 programme beginning in September 2013. It will continue building on the themes from Year 1, with an additional focus on exploring the nature of suffering and healing.





Award-winning Creative Work Exhibition

The much anticipated first year of the new MH curriculum culminated with an engaging afternoon of student presentations of their award-winning artwork, held on April 5, 2013. The audience was introduced to fantastic creative works in the forms of videos, calligraphy, poetry, claywork, and digital art. Through their art, students reflected on what it meant to be a good doctor, on building resilience, and on the history of SARS in Hong Kong. With the generous support of our medical librarian, **Ms Ruth Wong**, these inspiring works are now on display in the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library at the medical campus for an open-ended run.



18th Hong Kong Medical Forum

The 18th Hong Kong Medical Forum was held from May 11 to 12, 2013 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre with a record registration number of over 1,900. The Organising Committee was chaired by **Professor James Chim Chor-sang** (詹楚生).

This year, there was an impressive line-up of 12 overseas experts, namely, **Professor Jean-Luc Harousseau** of University of Nantes, France; **Dr Deborah Marriott** of University of New South Wales, Australia; **Professor Terje Pedersen** of Ullevål and University of Oslo, Norway; **Dr Peter Lin** of Canadian Heart Research Centre, Canada; **Dr Stephen Pianko** of Monash Medical Centre and Monash University, Australia; **Professor Carolyn Sue** of The University of Sydney, Australia; **Professor Thomas Töelle** of Technische Universität München, Germany; **Professor John Amerena** of Monash University, Australia; **Professor Wang Haiyan** of Peking University, China; **Professor Kai-Uwe Eckardt** of University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany; **Professor Eric Morand** of Monash University, Australia and **Professor Lin Hsiaoyi** of National Yang-Ming University, Taiwan. Together with the contributions from local speakers, the scientific programme covered a comprehensive range of topics across various disciplines in medicine and sparked a series of meaningful intellectual exchanges.



MAY 11-12, 2013

25th Anniversary of the Department of Anaesthesiology & 2nd Anniversary of the Laboratory and Clinical Research Institute for Pain

A scientific symposium was held on June 1, 2013 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Department of Anaesthesiology and the 2nd anniversary of the Laboratory and Clinical Research Institute for Pain. More than 120 delegates and staff from HKU-Shenzhen Hospital joined the symposium, which was a platform to showcase the work of the Department of Anaesthesiology and Queen Mary Hospital. Various scholars from local and overseas institutes shared their clinical experiences and research findings. An anniversary dinner was held in the evening with the attendance of **Professor Ross Holland** who joined from his retirement in Australia.



JUNE 1, 2013



Croucher Foundation-Sponsored Conference on Molecular Mechanisms of Innate Immunity 2013

The Croucher Foundation-sponsored conference on “Molecular Mechanisms of Innate Immunity”, held at HKU on June 14, 2013, was the first conference in Hong Kong dedicated to innate immunity. Eight leading scholars in the field, including **Professor Cheng Genhong** from UCLA; **Professor Jiang Zhengfan** from Peking University; **Professor Lin Anning** from Shanghai Institute of Biochemistry and Cell Biology; **Professor Geoffrey Smith** from University of Cambridge; **Professor Shao-cong Sun** from MD Anderson Cancer Centre; **Professor Tadatsugu Taniguchi** from The University of Tokyo; **Professor Bryan Williams** from Monash University and **Professor Susan Wong** from Cardiff University, as well as other regional and local speakers, gave talks at the event. More than 200 overseas and local participants attended.



JUNE 14, 2013

Beijing-Hong Kong Medical Forum

The Beijing-Hong Kong Medical Forum, co-organised by Chinese Society of Internal Medicine of the Chinese Medical Association, Department of Medicine at Peking University First Hospital, and Department of Medicine in HKU, took place in Beijing on June 16, 2013. Speakers and chairpersons from HKU included **Professor Daniel Chan Tak-mao** (陳德茂), **Professor Patrick Chu Chi-mai** (朱知梅), **Dr Jamie Lam Chung-mei** (林頌眉), **Dr Pearl Pai Ming-chu** (白明珠), and **Dr Walter Seto Wai-kay** (司徒偉基). More than 150 healthcare professionals attended the one-day programme that covered a wide range of medical subspecialties.



JUNE 16, 2013

Inhalation Asia 2013

Dr Philip Kwok Chi-lip (郭智獵), Assistant Professor of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, chaired and co-organised the inaugural Inhalation Asia 2013 conference held at the Faculty from June 26 to 28. Inhalation Asia was the first conference of its kind held in Asia with a focus on pulmonary drug delivery. It attracted around 180 overseas participants including academic researchers, respiratory clinicians and regulatory personnel, as well as 20 pharmaceutical industrial exhibitors. The conference featured distinguished international speakers, particularly those from the Asia-Pacific region. The topics covered included clinical and pharmacological aspects of respiratory diseases, the latest development in aerosol formulation science, and regulation of inhaler products. **Dr Ivan Hung Fan-ngai** (孔繁毅) of the Department of Medicine in the Faculty was one of the plenary speakers.



JUNE 26-28, 2013

Hong Kong Surgical Forum & Shenzhen Surgical Forum

The biannual Hong Kong Surgical Forum held its summer gathering on July 6, 2013 with the theme of "Urology in the 21st Century". Over 200 delegates attended the informative and inspiring presentations by leading authorities from London, Chicago, Houston and Tokyo as well as the talks by some local experts. The Forum was organised by the Department of Surgery in the Faculty in association with the China-Hong Kong Chapter of American College of Surgeons. The meeting was followed by the 2nd Shenzhen Surgical Forum at the HKU-Shenzhen Hospital on July 7, 2013 in which experts from other provinces and overseas speakers also participated.



JULY 6-7, 2013

Nobel laureate Professor Barré-Sinoussi's speech on "Challenges of HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care and Treatment in the 21st Century"

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the identification of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), HKU-Pasteur Research Pole, HKU AIDS Institute and the Hong Kong Advisory Council on AIDS jointly invited **Professor Françoise Barré-Sinoussi** to deliver a keynote lecture on July 24, 2013. Professor Barré-Sinoussi and **Professor Luc Montagnier** were awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine in 2008 for their discovery of HIV.

An audience of 150 members from the government, academia and the community, attended the lecture. After 30 years of HIV/AIDS research, Professor Barré-Sinoussi expressed her optimism about finding a cure despite the many challenges ahead. She remarked that recent studies have probed into the concept of "functional cure", while the development of a universal access to diagnosis and treatment remains a major concern. Noting that tomorrow's biomedical discoveries depend on the next generation of scientists, Professor Barré-Sinoussi also spent a week with students on the HKU-Pasteur Virology Course.



JULY 24, 2013

Croucher Symposium in Cancer Biology 2013

Croucher Symposium in Cancer Biology 2013, organised by the Department of Pathology, was successfully held on August 19, 2013, immediately following the Inaugural Croucher Summer Course from August 14 to 18, 2013.

Nine internationally renowned speakers, **Professor Alan Ashworth**, **Professor Stephen Baylin**, **Professor Lewis Cantley**, **Professor Andrew Futreal**, **Professor Tak Wah Mak** (麥德華), **Professor Sven Pettersson**, **Professor Lorenz Poellinger**, **Professor Vicki Sato** and **Professor Karen Vousden**, spoke in the Symposium and the Course. Officiated by **Dean Professor Gabriel M Leung** (梁卓偉) and **Professor Irene Ng Oi-lin** (吳呂愛蓮) of the Faculty, the Symposium attracted more than 200 participants from different local institutions, while the Summer Course drew the attendance of participants from eight countries who were selected on the basis of their research work. The event generated many fruitful exchanges between the speakers and participants. The generous support of the Croucher Foundation was heartily acknowledged.



AUGUST 19, 2013

Public Lecture of WYNG Foundation on Dementia Research

Dr Damian C. Crowther, Principal Investigator of the Department of Genetics, University of Cambridge delivered a lecture to present his latest research findings on dementia on September 17, 2013. This lecture was organised with the support of the WYNG Foundation, a local foundation with a mission to empower individuals and institutions through education, research and advocacy.



Dr Crowther is dedicated to developing a test to detect the earliest stage of neurodegenerative disorders and dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease. With the growing concern about dementia in the local community, his insightful lecture attracted more than 280 people from different sectors, including researchers and students from HKU and other tertiary institutions, alumni of HKU and Trinity Hall, University of Cambridge, secondary school students and members of dementia-related groups in the community.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

ORIENTATION PROGRAMME 2013

Executive Committee, Medical Society, HKUSU

The three-day Medic Orientation Camp was held from August 20 to 23, 2013. Freshmen from all subject disciplines of the Faculty – Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Chinese Medicine and Biomedical Sciences – joined together in Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre. Participants were divided into different teams, identified by special t-shirts. Despite the early start, all were in high spirits as they made new friends on the first day. Throughout the day, the teams successfully accomplished the various challenges set for them, reinforcing friendships and team spirit. They then made their way to Wu Kai Sha Youth Village where they spent the rest of the fun, energy-packed three days.



MBBS CLASS 2013 GRADUATION

Representative from MBBS Class 2013

June 12, 2013 was the big day of MBBS Class 2013! They celebrated their graduation in The Mira Hong Kong and enjoyed a night they will never forget, when they also gave their hearty thanks and said warm goodbyes to all who had supported them in their time at HKU.

Highlights of the Graduation Dinner included keynote speeches by the current and next Deans of the Faculty, **Professor Lee Sum-ping** (李心平) and **Professor Gabriel M Leung**

(梁卓偉), a poem composed by graduates dedicated to their teachers, as well as opera music and games. It was a precious opportunity for graduates to network with and express their heartfelt gratitude to various doctors and professors.

The event marked the beginning of a new chapter for the young doctors. They vowed to adhere to the humanistic values propagated by their teachers and to be committed to the noble cause of the medical profession.



MBBS STUDENTS' PAPER PUBLISHED IN HONG KONG MEDICAL JOURNAL



MBBS students proudly presented their research paper "Dysmenorrhoea among Hong Kong University Students: Prevalence, Impact and Management" which was recently published in the Hong Kong Medical Journal. The paper is an outcome of their MBBS Year-3 Health Research Project coordinated by the School of Public Health. Congratulations to all students in this team:

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| Chia Chi-fung (謝志峰) | Joyce Lai Ho-yan (黎可恩) |
| Cheung Pak-kin (張柏健) | Kwong Lee-ting (鄭莉婷) |
| Fiona Lau Pui-man (劉沛雯) | Henry Lee Ho-yin (李浩賢) |
| Leung Mei-tik (梁美迪) | Francis Wong Chun-him (黃俊謙) |
| Leung Kwan-ho (梁君豪) | |

KENYA SERVICE TRIP

On June 28 2013, 16 HKU students set off for Homa Bay in west Kenya on a service trip aiming to construct a water well and provide educational opportunities for the villagers.



Jeffrey Chau, a third year MBBS student, said that touching moments abounded. "Children followed us all day long, singing songs with our names in them," he said. "A young man told me that he successfully became one of the best candidates in the Kenya National Exam in spite of losing his mother a few weeks beforehand. I was so inspired."

The students were struck by the lack of resources in the village. "Villagers scrambled for or even stole the donated materials we brought there," Jeffrey said. "It was sad to know that local

students could not further their studies despite satisfactory academic performance due to family problems. And those that did make it to college seldom came back again.

"By visiting developing countries, we have a deeper understanding of the hardships less privileged people are facing." Jeffrey added that by reflecting upon these experiences the HKU students could clarify their goals, changing their own attitudes to life.

TRIO COMPLETE MONGOL RALLY EPIC

A third year MBBS student, **Aaron Chan**, spent his summer participating in The Mongol Rally, an epic charity car journey from England to Mongolia frequently described as "the greatest adventure in the world". He and his two friends formed a team named Panda Express. Along with 250 other teams, they set off on July 14, from Bodiam Castle, and travelled through 18 countries in Europe, and on through Turkey, Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia. They finally arrived in Ulaanbaatar on August 20.

Their sponsored vehicle broke down countless times due to mishaps such as leaking oil and blown out tyres. The team drove 16,820 kilometres and raised HK\$30,000 for Cool Earth, a charity specialising in rainforest conservation. They also donated their car on arrival in Ulaanbaatar.

"We faced a lot of problems but overcoming them was a highly satisfying experience. I improved my problem-solving skills on the trip. More importantly, I became more perseverant and that's essential for my medical training," Aaron said. He compared the difficult journey with his medical studies. "The study of medicine also requires much hard work and strong determination to tackle the myriad of challenges along the way. I'm more confident about my studies after this journey."

To support Aaron's team with further donations, please visit the website www.justgiving.com/pandaexpress or the Facebook page www.facebook.com/the pandaexpressway.



APPLAUSE FAMELAB INTERNATIONAL 2013



Dr Christopher See, PhD candidate of Department of Family Medicine and Primary Care, received the International Online Vote Award at FameLab International 2013, held during the Cheltenham Science Festival, after scooping the FameLab Hong Kong Grand Prize earlier in the year. As the Hong Kong representative, Dr See travelled to Cheltenham in the UK in June to participate in the science communication competition which this year attracted competitors from 20 countries. After successfully entering the semi-final, he went on to win the International Vote Award in the Grand Final, for his performance, "Probabilities and Kissing", on the potential role of the viruses in nasopharyngeal carcinoma. Following his success, he was invited to speak at the National Science Festival in Prague and to host his own show at the event Hong Kong Science, to be held in March 2014. His excellent performance attracted wide media coverage both locally and internationally.

MBBS CLASS 1970 REUNION

Alumni of MBBS Class 1970 held a mini reunion on June 23, 2013 with **Professor Lee Sum-ping** (李心平) and his wife **Dr Mary Lee**, before his retirement in August 2013. Around 30 alumni and their spouses attended. They were delighted to see two of their former teachers, **Professor Sir David Todd** (達安輝) and **Professor Rosie Young Tse-tse** (楊紫芝), who joined the event in excellent health and good humour. The alumni relished recalling happy memories of their student days. They bid a warm farewell to Professor Lee and showed their appreciation of his dedication and contributions to their alma mater in the past five years.



HKUMAA 13TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & DINNER TALK BY DR KO WING-MAN

HKU Medical Alumni Association (HKUMAA) held its 13th Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Exhibition Area on July 26, 2013. An election was also held at the meeting. **Dr Libby Lee Ha-yun** (李夏茵) (MBBS 1996), **Dr Laurence Shek Siu-lam** (石兆林) (MBBS 1974), and **Dr Tsui Sik-hon** (徐錫漢) (MBBS 1990), were elected to the Executive Committee. The updated structure of the Executive Committee is as follows:

HKUMAA Executive Committee 2013-2014

President	Dr Kathleen So Pik-han (蘇碧嫻)
Vice-Presidents	Dr Barbara Lam Cheung-cheung (藍章翔) Professor Keith Luk Dip-kei (陸颯驥)
Honorary Secretary	Dr Janice Tsang Wing-hang (曾詠恆)
Honorary Treasurer	Dr Donald Li Kwok-tung (李國棟)
Members	Dr Kingsley Chan Hau-ngai (陳厚毅) Dr Eliza Fung Po-yan (馮寶恩) Dr Ko Wing-man (高永文) Dr Cindy Lai Kit-lim (黎潔廉) Dr Kevin Lau Chung-hang (劉仲恒) Dr Libby Lee Ha-yun (李夏茵) Dr Michael Mak Hoi-hung (麥海雄) Dr Laurence Shek Siu-lam (石兆林) Dr Tsui Sik-hon (徐錫漢)
Ex-officio (Dean)	Professor Gabriel M Leung (梁卓偉)
(Immediate Past President)	Professor Leung Nai-kong (梁乃江)

Immediately after the AGM, **Dr Ko Wing-man** (高永文) (MBBS 1981), Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR Government, delivered a dinner speech entitled "Health Protection Scheme". After presenting the core values, aims, objectives and the latest updates of the scheme, Dr Ko shared with the audience his favourite hobby - bird watching. Nearly 80 alumni, members of the Faculty and friends enjoyed the occasion.



NURSING ALUMNI COOKING CLASS

With the growing concern for healthy diets in the society and the burgeoning popularity of cooking among young people today, a group of nursing alumni and their friends shared their enthusiasm for good food. HKU Nursing Alumni Association (HKUNAA) organised a cooking class in July. In less than three hours, the alumni made several dishes. They hoped to transfer the skills learnt to their own kitchens. It was an occasion of great fun, delicious food and good cheer.



MBBS CLASS 1983 REUNION – 30TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Alumni of MBBS Class 1983 celebrated their 30th anniversary on August 24, 2013. About 20 alumni and their family members enjoyed a tour at the Main Campus of HKU and the Faculty. The alumni shared many happy memories and learnt about the latest developments of the Faculty from **Dr Janice Tsang Wing-hang** (曾詠恆), Assistant Dean (Alumni Relations), in a presentation at the Alumni Chamber. After the campus visit, a reunion dinner was held at Hong Kong Academy of Medicine. Over 190 alumni and family members enjoyed the evening.



CHINESE MEDICINE ALUMNI GATHERING WITH HONORARY ADVISOR

A group of Chinese medicine alumni paid a visit to a company founded by **Mr Ocean Law**, the Honorary Advisor of HKU Bachelor of Chinese Medicine Alumni Association (HKUBCAA), on August 30, 2013. The alumni learnt the practice of turning traditional herbal decoction to powder form. The visit was a rewarding experience for these young practitioners, who were inspired to modernise their practice to suit the needs of people in contemporary society. A reunion dinner was held after the visit.



HKUMAA SPORTS REUNION

More than 30 medical alumni and family members from MBBS Classes 1983, 1993, 2003 and other classes participated in a friendly football match held at Stanley Ho Sports Centre on August 31, 2013. The event, organised by HKUMAA, provided a great occasion for exercise, reunion and socialising, not only among the alumni, but also their children. Though the weather was not perfect, the participants' spirits were high and they enjoyed the game immensely.



CONGRATULATIONS

2013 GOVERNMENT HONOURS

Congratulations to the following alumni who received HKSAR honours this year:

SILVER BAUHINIA STAR (SBS)

Professor Joseph Lau Wan-ye (劉允怡)(MBBS 1972)
Dr Michael Mak Hoi-hung (麥海雄)(MBBS 1970)

BRONZE BAUHINIA STAR (BBS)

Dr Pan Pey-chyau (潘佩璆)(MBBS 1979)

MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL FOR DISCIPLINED SERVICES AND THE ICAC

Dr Lau Chor-chiu (劉楚釗)(MBBS 1982)

MEDAL OF HONOUR

Dr Albert Kong Yim-fai (江炎輝)(MBBS 1973)
Dr Lai Kang-yiu (黎鏡堯)(MBBS 1981)
Professor Wong Tze-wai (黃子惠) (MBBS 1975)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S COMMENDATION FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dr Daniel Chiu Cheung-sing (趙長成)(MBBS 1974)
Dr Jonathan Wai Heung-on (衛向安)(MBBS 1981)

ALUMNI SHARING CORNER

David Au Kwok-yin 歐國賢
(BChinMed 2008) and **Shirley Kwan Lai-sheung** 關麗嫦
(BChinMed 2008)



Simon Luk Chun-wa 陸俊華
(MBBS 2011) and **Jessica He Mung-yuen** 何夢園 (MBBS 2011)



Prudence Chow Po-chee 周寶姿 (MBBS 2011) and **John Tang** 鄧謙

Kathy Lau Kit-ying 劉潔瑩 (BChinMed 2008) & her husband **Alan Koo Hoi-lun** 古鎧綸 with their first child **Augustus Koo** 古東岳



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In support of the project entitled "Enhancement of the Hedley Environmental Index (HEI) for Public Usage" undertaken by the School of Public Health

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Blue Ocean Basic Medical Research Fund by Professor Laurence L T Hou

In support of the advanced and strategic basic medical research undertaken by the Department of Pathology

The Albert C W Chan Foundation

In support of the purchase of a DNA sequencer machine in the laboratory of Professor Yuen Man-fung (袁孟峰), Department of Medicine

Mr Thomas C H Chan

In support of the establishment of the HKU Postgraduate Fellowships in Integrative Medicine

Gaia Family Trust

In support of the research project undertaken by Dr Feng Yi-bin (馮奕斌), School of Chinese Medicine

Mr Hui Ming

In support of the research activities in gastroenterology undertaken by Professor Leung Wai-keung (梁偉強), and the research activities in cardiology undertaken by Professor Tse Hung-fat (謝鴻發), Department of Medicine

Institut Pasteur France

In support of the research activities undertaken by the HKU – Pasteur Research Pole

Joinbest Limited

In support of the research activities undertaken by Professor Ho Shu-leong (何樹良), Department of Medicine

The Shun Tak District Min Yuen Tong of Hong Kong

In support of the setting up of a comprehensive inflammatory arthritis management programme in Queen Mary Hospital undertaken by Professor Lau Chak-sing (劉澤星), Department of Medicine

Wai Hing Charitable Foundation Limited

In support of the scientific research activities in the area of lupus nephritis undertaken by Professor Daniel Chan Tak-mao (陳德茂), Department of Medicine

Wong Check She Charitable Foundation

In support of the research activities in relation to female cancers undertaken by the Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology

Professor Vivian Wong Taam Chi-woon

In support of the establishment of the HKU Postgraduate Fellowships in Integrative Medicine

100,000 or above

Ms Fong Siu-mei

In support of the research and education activities to promote integrative medicine to tackle diabetes undertaken by the School of Chinese Medicine

Green Organic Anmao Biotechnology Company Limited

In support of the research project on "Molecular Genetic Basis of Human Deafness" undertaken by the Department of Biochemistry

Ms Kan Shin-yu

In support of the research project entitled "KAN Shin Yu Stem Cell Research Fund" undertaken by Professor Shen Jian-gang (沈劍剛), School of Chinese Medicine

Madam Kong Leong Pui-yee

In support of the research activities undertaken by Dr Gary Lau Kui-kai (劉巨基), Department of Medicine

Mr Kwan Shing-yun

In support of the research activities undertaken by Dr Janice Tsang Wing-hang (曾詠恆), Department of Clinical Oncology

* In alphabetical order of last name or organisation name

To keep the Hong Kong community informed of the latest developments in health-related issues, and to encourage a healthy lifestyle, the Faculty has contributed to TV programmes and produced regular health columns in local newspapers including the *Oriental Daily News* 《東方日報醫健寶庫系列》 (Saturdays) and *am730* 《香港大學李嘉誠醫學院病理學系列》、《更年期系列》及《香港大學李嘉誠醫學院婦產科系列》 (Mondays). Please visit our Knowledge Exchange - Engaging the Community section at www.med.hku.hk to find out more.

The Faculty organised a media gathering with the new decanal team and also lined up interviews with our colleagues for their expertise and comments on breast cancer, the avian influenza A (H7N9) virus as well as many other health or medical related issues.

Recent Faculty press events are as follows:

May

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HKU discovers a novel DNA vaccine inducing a high frequency of CD8+T cells to combat AIDS. The study was reported in *Journal of Clinical Investigation*.

港大發現新型DNA疫苗可透過增加人體CD8+T細胞對抗愛滋病，研究於《臨床研究期刊》發表

24

HKU and an international research team find that the avian influenza A (H7N9) virus can transmit via close contact and air-borne exposure. The research was published in *Science*.

港大聯同國際團隊發現甲型禽流感（H7N9）病毒可通過密切接觸和空氣飛沫有限度傳播，研究於《科學》發表

29

A collaborative study by HKU and Fudan University identifies the avian influenza A (H7N9) virus's resistance to Tamiflu as the cause of severe infection and death cases. The research was published in *The Lancet*.

港大與復旦大學合作研究指出，甲型禽流感（H7N9）病毒對特敏福產生抗藥性，是引致H7N9重症及死亡病例的原因，研究於《刺針》發表

July

25

HKU reveals that the human respiratory tract is prone to the avian influenza A (H7N9) virus infection, leading to numerous human infection cases over a short period of time. The research was reported in *The Lancet Respiratory Medicine*.

港大揭示人類呼吸道易受甲型禽流感（H7N9）病毒感染，導致短時間內出現大量人類感染個案，研究刊載於《刺針呼吸醫學》

June

7

HKU reports that aerosol transmission is an important mode for influenza virus spread within the household. The study was published in *Nature Communications*.

港大發現空氣中懸浮微粒為傳播流感的重要媒介，研究於《自然通訊》發表

10

HKU conducts the first 10-year outcome study on the effectiveness of early intervention on patients with psychosis in Hong Kong.

港大進行本港首項思覺失調早期干預服務療效的十年跟進研究

24

HKU Public Health Research Centre announces the latest research findings on the avian influenza A (H7N9) virus. The studies were published in *British Medical Journal* and *The Lancet*.

港大公共衛生研究中心公布甲型禽流感（H7N9）病毒最新研究結果，研究分別於《英國醫學期刊》及《刺針》發表

August

22

HKU scientists identify the genesis and source of the avian influenza A (H7N9) virus which causes human infections. The study was published in *Nature*.

港大發現甲型禽流感H7N9病毒感染人類源頭及產生途徑，研究於《自然》發表

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HKU finds aerobic exercise could improve memory and clinical symptoms of patients with psychosis.

港大發現帶氧運動可提升思覺失調患者記憶力及改善臨床症狀

HELLO



Dr Chan Kui-ming (陳居明) joined the Department of Biochemistry as Research Assistant Professor in June, 2013. He completed his bachelor and PhD degrees in Biochemistry at HKU in 2003 and 2007. He then moved to Mayo Clinic, Rochester MN, US, for postdoctoral training for 4.5 years before joining HKU. At Mayo Clinic he received the Edward C. Kendall Research Fellowship in Biochemistry (2013-15). He is interested in understanding how mutations on histone genes lead to human diseases.



Dr Elaine Wong Yee-man (王怡雯) joined the Department of Biochemistry as Research Assistant Professor in February, 2013. At HKU, Dr Wong obtained her PhD degree in 2006 and completed her post-doctoral training in developmental biology and molecular genetics. Dr Wong attained the Robin Chemers Neustein Fellowship and underwent her second post-doctoral training in inner ear developmental and regenerative biology in The Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York in 2010. She is interested in regulatory networks controlling mammalian auditory system development and complex disease mechanisms underlying human deafness and craniofacial disorders.



Dr Bonnie Choy Nga-kwan (蔡雅君) joined the Department of Ophthalmology as Clinical Assistant Professor in July, 2013. She graduated from MBBS at HKU in 2006 and subsequently underwent Ophthalmology training at United Christian Hospital (UCH). She was an honorary tutor of the Faculty when she was at UCH where she contributed to the teaching of medical students. Her current research interest is in glaucoma.



Dr Danny Cheung Ning (張寧) joined the Department of Ophthalmology as Clinical Assistant Professor in May, 2013. Dr Cheung completed his medical training at the University of Melbourne, and specialist ophthalmology training at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital, Melbourne, Australia. Dr Cheung is a clinical retinal expert with broad research interests including medical and surgical retinal diseases, ophthalmic epidemiology, and computer-based retinal vascular imaging. He received several awards including the Diabetes Research Innovation Award, the Australian Society of Medical Research High Commendation, and the Global Ophthalmology Award.



Dr Graham Shea Ka-hon (余嘉翰) joined the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology as Clinical Assistant Professor in July 2013. He is amongst the first cohort of MBBS/PhD combined degree graduates and completed his doctoral studies at the Department of Biochemistry on regenerative medicine. He is interested in the use of stem cell-derived Schwann cells in spinal cord injury and in the effects of biomaterials on stem cell differentiation.



Dr Yu Sze-yuen (余思遠) joined the Department of Surgery as Clinical Assistant Professor in July, 2013. Dr Yu obtained his medical degree from HKU in 2012. His research interest is in Cardiothoracic Surgery, particularly surgical management of heart failure and coronary artery diseases, and minimally-invasive thoracoscopic surgery for pneumothorax and lung cancer.

RETIREMENT

The Faculty would like to thank **Associate Professor Marcel Koo Wing-leung** (古永亮) of the Department of Pharmacology and Pharmacy, **Associate Professor O Wai-sum** (柯慧心) of the Department of Anatomy and **Professor Tang Fai** (鄧輝) of the Department of Physiology for their dedication and contributions to the Faculty. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours.

GOODBYE

We would like to express our gratitude and best wishes to the following staff members who have left / will be leaving the Faculty:

- Dr Choi Wai-lap** (蔡偉立), Department of Pathology;
- Dr Jacky Lee Wai-yip** (李煒業), Department of Ophthalmology;
- Dr Raymond Wong Lai-man** (黃禮文), Department of Ophthalmology.

APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS



Dr Chan Koon-ho (陳灌豪), Clinical Assistant Professor of the Department of Medicine, has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.



Professor Gabriel M Leung (梁卓偉), Dean of Medicine, has been appointed Chair Professor in Public Health Medicine.



Dr Gilberto Leung Ka-kit (梁嘉傑), Clinical Assistant Professor of the Department of Surgery, has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.



Professor Leung Suet-yi (梁雪兒), Department of Pathology and Associate Dean (Research), has been appointed Chair Professor in Gastrointestinal Cancer Genetics and Genomics.



Dr Victor Leung Yu-leong (梁宇亮), Post-doctoral Fellow of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been promoted to Research Assistant Professor.



Dr Mok Ka-pun (莫家斌), Post-Doctoral Fellow of the HKU – Pasteur Research Pole, has been promoted to Research Assistant Professor.



Professor Hextan Ngan Yuen-sheung (顏婉嫦), Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, has been appointed Chair Professor in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



Dr Dino Samartzis, Research Assistant Professor of the Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been promoted to Assistant Professor.



Professor Sham Mai-har (岑美霞), Associate Professor of the Department of Biochemistry, has been promoted to Professor.



Dr Song You-qiang (宋又強), Assistant Professor of the Department of Biochemistry, has been promoted to Associate Professor.



Dr Brian Wong Choi-wah (黃楚華), Teaching Consultant of the Department of Biochemistry, has been promoted to Principal Lecturer.



Dr Gordon Wong Tin-chun (黃田鎮), Clinical Assistant Professor of the Department of Anaesthesiology, has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.



Dr Judy Yam Wai-ping (任蕙蘋), Assistant Professor of Department of Pathology, has been promoted to Associate Professor.



Dr Yau Wai-pan (丘偉鵬), Clinical Assistant Professor of Department of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.



Professor Richard Yuen Man-fung (袁孟峰), Department of Medicine, has been appointed Chair Professor in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

* In alphabetical order of last name

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

Professor Chow Shew-ping (周肇平), Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Orthopaedics and Traumatology, Vice-Chancellor's Office, **Professor Lai Ching-lung** (黎青龍), Simon K Y Lee Professor in Gastroenterology, and Chair of Medicine and Hepatology, Department of Medicine and **Dr Yam Wing-cheong** (任永昌), Scientific Officer, Department of Microbiology, have received the Long Service Award from the University in recognition of their loyal service for 40 years.

Professor Chan Ying-shing (陳應城), Professor, Department of Physiology has received the Long Service Award from the University in recognition of their loyal service for 35 years.

Miss Elaine Chan Yuen-kwan (陳婉筠), Administration Manager, Department of Surgery, **Professor Annie Cheung Nga-yin** (張雅賢), Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology, **Professor Khoo Ui-soon** (邱璋璇), Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology, **Professor Kwong Yok-lam** (鄭沃林), Chui Fook-Chuen Professor in Molecular Medicine, and Chair of Haematology and Haematological Oncology, Department of Medicine, **Professor Leung Suet-yi** (梁雪兒), Clinical Professor, Department of Pathology, **Professor Daisy Shum Kwok-yan** (岑國欣), Professor, Department of Biochemistry and **Professor Yuen Kwok-yung** (袁國勇), Henry Fok Professor in Infectious Diseases, and Chair of Infectious Diseases, Department of Microbiology, have received the Long Service Award from the University in recognition of their loyal service for 25 years.

Ms Sylvia Fung Yuk-kuen (馮玉娟), Honorary Associate Professor of the School of Nursing and **Professor Michael Li Ka-wah** (李家驊), Honorary Clinical Associate Professor of the Department of Surgery, have been awarded Bronze Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government.

Professor Agnes Tiwari Fung-ye (羅鳳儀), Head of the School of Nursing, has been honoured the Board of Directors of Academy on Violence and Abuse, Adjunct Professor of Nursing of Vanderbilt University School of Nursing and Honorary Professor of Third Military Medical University.

Professor Kathryn Song Eng Cheah (謝賞恩), Chair Professor, Department of Biochemistry, has been elected Fellow of TWAS, The World Academy of Sciences, in recognition of her outstanding contribution to science and its promotion in the developing world.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

Advanced Trauma Care for Nurses (ATCN) Provider Course November 8-9, 2013

Venue
Surgical Skills Centre, Department of Surgery, Laboratory Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Course Administrator, Surgical Skills Centre, Department of Surgery
T: 2819 9691 F: 2818 9249 E: hkussc@hku.hk
W: www.surgery.hku.hk/atcn.php

Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Student Course November 8-10, 2013

Venue
Surgical Skills Centre, Department of Surgery, Laboratory Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Course Administrator, Surgical Skills Centre, Department of Surgery
T: 2819 9691 F: 2818 9249 E: hkussc@hku.hk
W: www.surgery.hku.hk/atls.php

Information Day for Undergraduate Admission November 9, 2013

Venue
Medical Faculty Campus, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
T: 2819 2851 F: 2974 0678 E: medfac@hku.hk

Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Provider Course November 9 & 16, 2013

Venue
Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association, St. John Tower, 2 Macdonnell Road, Hong Kong

Information
Senior Training Officer, Hong Kong St. John Ambulance Association
T: 2530 8020 F: 2976 0457 E: assn@stjohn.org.hk
W: www.surgery.hku.hk/phtls.php

20th Hong Kong International Cancer Congress November 14 – 15, 2013

Venue
The Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, HKAM Jockey Club Building, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen

Information
Ms Eiko Mori, Centre for Cancer Research
T: 2819 9341 F: 2816 5258 E: hkicc13@hku.hk
W: www.hkicc.org

6th HKU-Pasteur Immunology Course November 17 – 29, 2013

Venue
Hong Kong Jockey Club Building for Interdisciplinary Research, 5 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Ms Anne Li, HKU-Pasteur Research Centre
T: 2831 5516 F: 2872 5782 E: anneli@hku.hk

9th Pan Pacific Connective Tissue Societies Symposium on The Extracellular Matrix Niche November 24 – 27, 2013

Venue
Hong Kong Academy of Medicine, 99 Wong Chuk Hang Road, Aberdeen

Information
Dr Danny Chan, Department of Biochemistry
T: 2819 9240 F: 2855 1254 E: chand@hku.hk
W: www.ppctss2013.org

Faculty Graduation and Prize Presentation Ceremony 2013 November 28, 2013

Venue
Arena, Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Wan Chai

Information
T: 2819 2851 F: 2974 0678 E: medfac@hku.hk

Update Certificate Course in Haematology November 30 – December 1, 2013

Venue
Lecture Theatre 1, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Executive Officer, Department of Medicine
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W: www.medic.hku.hk/postdip_certcourse.htm

DECEMBER

International Conference: Viral Imaginaries: Infectious Disease and Society in Contemporary China December 5-6, 2013

Venue
4/F, Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam

Information
Ms Maria Sin, Centre for Humanities and Medicine
T: 3917 2867 E: mariasin@hku.hk
W: www.chm.hku.hk

Frontiers in Medical and Health Sciences Education 2013: From Classroom to Clinic: Opportunities and Challenges in e-Learning December 6-7, 2013

Venue
Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Ms Michelle Pun, Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Education
T: 2819 9841 F: 2816 2293 E: imhse@hku.hk
W: www.imhse.hku.hk/frontiers/

Frontiers in Biomedical Research, HKU 2013: From Gene Hunting to Genomic Medicine: A Celebration with Lap-chee Tsui and Friends December 13-14, 2013

Venue
Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Symposium Secretariat
T: 2819 9333 F: 2818 4913 E: fbmr@hku.hk
W: www.med.hku.hk/fbr2013

Croucher Advanced Study Institute on Integrated Approaches to Understanding Disorders of the Skeleton December 16-20, 2013

Venue
Lecture Theatre 1, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
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JANUARY

19th Medical Research Conference January 11, 2014

Venue
Lecture Theater 1, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Executive Officer, Department of Medicine
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W: www.medic.hku.hk/mrc.htm

Digby Memorial Lecture January 17, 2014

Venue
Underground Lecture Theatre, New Clinical Building, Queen Mary Hospital, 102 Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong

Information
T: 2819 9692 F: 2818 9249 E: hksf@hku.hk
W: www.surgery.hku.hk

Hong Kong Surgical Forum – Winter 2014 January 18, 2014

Venue
Lecture Theatre, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Forum Secretary, Hong Kong Surgical Forum, Department of Surgery
T: 2819 9691 F: 2818 9249 E: hksf@hku.hk
W: www.surgery.hku.hk/forum.php

Shenzhen Surgical Forum – Winter 2014 January 19, 2014

Venue
Lecture Theatre, The University of Hong Kong-Shenzhen Hospital, No.1 Hai Yuan Yi Lu, Futian District, Shenzhen, Guangdong, China

Information
Forum Secretary, Shenzhen Surgical Forum, Department of Surgery
T: 2819 9691 F: 2818 9249 E: hksf@hku.hk
W: www.surgery.hku.hk/sh_forum.php

Update on Clinical Genetics – From Bench to Bedside January 19, 2014

Venue
Lecture Theatre 4, Cheung Kung Hai Conference Centre, William MW Mong Block, 21 Sassoon Road, Pokfulam

Information
Dr Anita Kan, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology
T: 7306 9205 E: kansya@hku.hk
W: www.obsgyn.hku.hk/ucg2014

Hong Kong Pathology Forum 2013 January 24-25, 2014

Venue
Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

Information
Ms Selina Lam, Department of Pathology
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