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Foreword by President Professor Tony F. Chan

It gives me great pleasure to pen my first message as the HKUST President to the Alumni News.

I want all our alumni to know that you are our most important partner. You play a crucial role in shaping the success of your Alma Mater, and have demonstrated to the community the unique qualities of HKUST graduates who are well poised to assume leadership positions to contribute to the well being of the local and global community.

In this issue, members of the **Care Team of the HKUST Alumni Association (HKUSTAA)** will share their passion for helping the local community and reaching out to people in different walks of life. You will hear the voice of **VolTra**, which provides unique travel experiences through international volunteer services, and the **Connect Team**, a newly formed group of recent graduates who tells how the student body can engage with the community.

I am sure you take great pride in the caring spirit of our HKUST alumni. Through the hard work of more than 30 alumni associations and groups, along with our HKUST Alumni Relations Office, we have built a close

bond among our alumni. I recently joined the kick-off ceremony of the HKUSTAA Graduate Mentoring Program. This new program, in which HKUST young alumni are having opportunities to learn from senior executives from reputable companies, has evidenced our striving for maintaining a sustainable relationship with our alumni upon graduation.

At the installation ceremony* cum the 17th Congregation this November, I pledged to serve HKUST and Hong Kong in the best way a loyal native son can, to uphold the university's founding ideals and to achieve our shared dreams. We believe this university has an important part to play in shaping Hong Kong's destiny. To make all these happen, I count on your valuable and sustainable support.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas!

Professor Tony F. Chan

President

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

*For details of President Chan's Installation Speech, please visit wwwust.hk/alumni

About Professor Tony F. Chan

Before 1973 ▶ Attended Salesian English School and Queen's College in Hong Kong before proceeding to the United States for further studies
 1973 ▶ BS degree in Engineering, California Institute of Technology
 1973 ▶ MS degree in Aeronautics, California Institute of Technology
 1978 ▶ PhD in Computer Science, Stanford University
 1979-83 ▶ Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Yale University
 1983-86 ▶ Associate Professor of Computer Science, Yale University

1986-09 ▶ Professor of Mathematics, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
 2000-01 ▶ Director of Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics, UCLA
 2001-06 ▶ Dean of Physical Sciences, UCLA
 2006-09 ▶ Assistant Director of Mathematics and Physical Sciences, US National Science Foundation
 2009 - ▶ President of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology



(From Left) Billy Cheung, Bird Tang, Henry Fong and Kum Hiu Fung

VOLUNTEERISM WITHOUT BOUNDARIES

Volunteerism Plus Travel

Bird Tang founded VolTra (Volunteerism Travel) in April 2009, together with **Kum Hiu Fung**, '06 BSc (BIOL), **Henry Fong**, '06 BBA (OM), **Billy Cheung**, '96 BBA (MARK), and four other members.

Because they all hold full-time jobs, they have to sacrifice their weekends and work late into the night on weekdays to make this happen.

VolTra offers opportunities to Hong Kong people for joining more than 3,000 workcamps (voluntary projects) in about 100 countries – in Europe, Asia, Africa and Central, South & North America. VolTra has a membership of 1,400.

In Search of a Baby Turtle

The story of VolTra begins with the search for a baby turtle.

Bird Tang is a compulsive traveller. He has been described as a “bird without feet”, because he is always in the air, flying to different countries.

Bird majored in Biology and graduated from HKUST in 2006. He works as a full-time teacher, and he has a special interest in environmental conservation.

He had heard about an animal and environment-protection voluntary project in Indonesia that focuses on turtle conservation, and returning baby turtles to the sea. He tried to join this group, but was not successful. Without a proper intermediary in Hong Kong, Bird was unable to enroll for the turtle project in Indonesia. He was very disappointed.

A friend suggested that he join another volunteer project, this time in Outer Mongolia. The friend recommended him to the volunteers there. Bird went to Outer Mongolia, and the experience proved to be life-changing. In fact, it had a profound impact on Bird that he was determined to start a similar project here in Hong Kong – a non-government organisation to promote international volunteer services for Hong Kong people. VolTra works with a worldwide network of recognised workcamp organisations.

It's Better To Give Than To Take

VolTra Financial Secretary Henry Fong recalls a memorable trip to the Fukui Prefecture in Japan, where he offered a helping hand to renovate an aged wooden house for the elderly.

“Unlike the average tourist, we are here ‘to give’. With the general tourist, it is more about ‘to take’,” Henry said. “We are not observers but partakers of shared outcomes. Through this program, we gain a sense of fulfillment and come in close touch with other people and other cultures.



International cuisine prepared by volunteers from different countries

I returned to Hong Kong with gigabytes of images and memories, but even more valuable, precious friendships and an enlightened sense of ourselves and our role in the society. The workcamp is truly internationalised. There



is a limit on the number of participants from each country. In this program, we meet passionate volunteers from all corners of the world. We exchange views on a wide spectrum of subjects, from international affairs, history and culture to personal issues on travel, dreams and love.”



Volunteers showcase their national treasure at a talent show.

The Simple Joys of Life

“Out on the prairies of Mongolia, you don’t have an established electricity network, so you don’t have proper illumination or lighting. But when you step out of your tent at twilight and look up, you see a natural show of illumination, the stars in the sky, which is like a symphony of lights. You gaze in amazement at the sight of the Milky Way. The artificial lighting you get in cities kind of pollutes the scene. In such remote areas, you don’t have Internet and mobile phone access. So mobile phone devices are of no use at all. But I was able to put my mobile phone to good use to record a Mongolian song. The French volunteers caught the melody and sang along with the Mongolian children. That is the magic of music. Here in Hong Kong, we lack the simple pleasures and joys of life.



A “family photo” taken with a Belgian volunteer and a group of Mongolian children

The Primitive Joy

“For many of us, it would be the end of the world if we didn’t have Facebook, MSN, e-mail, television and play stations. For the Mongolians, playing twist dragonfly

and stringing beads are their idea of fun. In our fast-spinning modern world, technology has entered every aspect of our lives. A disruption in the communications network could result in chaos, or even disaster. But by being alienated from the materialistic world, we discovered primitive joys.”

The First Hong Kong Workcamp



Bird teaches Mongolian children to make sweet dumplings.

International volunteers now have a chance to discover a more comprehensive picture of Hong Kong through a workcamp VolTra has planned for Christmas and New Year. VolTra Project Development Coordinator Kum Hiu Fung says: “Hong Kong is a tiny place. Travellers can easily check out the image as a financial centre or the offerings in the shopping & food paradise; and perceive that’s all for Hong Kong.”

“As a kind of zoom-in on social issues in Hong Kong, we have teamed up with the Fresh Fish Trader’s School to run our first workcamp. We are deeply impressed by the selfless dedication and aspirations of the school administrators. The majority of the students come from less-privileged, low-income families while the school was on the brink of closure, but they have fought hard to survive. We are looking forward to the sparks and impacts generated by the students, local people and overseas workcampers in the first workcamp!”

The Voice of VolTra

“Are you making plans for your holidays? Discover the wonders of volunteerism, travel and exchange through a meaningful platform. Visit www.voltra.org and learn more about us. Because the organisation is expanding fast, we need your support. Be a part of us and help shape a better world!” Billy Cheung, General Secretary, VolTra says.



THE CARING SPIRIT BLOSSOMS



Ethnic minorities, rehabilitees, the mentally challenged, youth at risk, matriculated students, elderly persons – the HKUST Alumni Association (HKUSTAA) cares about all these people and reaches out to them.

Under the leadership of Almon Kwan, the HKUSTAA strives to foster a strong alumni community through a wide array of programs. **Ronny Hui**, '97 BEng (ELEC) and '00 MSc (ELEC), Deputy President of the HKUSTAA and **Loksze Lee**, '03 BSc (MATH)-ST, are two of the many leaders who have put heart and soul into the Care Program over the years.

The Care Team comprises engineers, business consultants, managers and teachers.

“Our caring spirit has sustained us all the way, and I think all of us agree that we have learned our core values during our time at HKUST,” Ronny says.

Flower-giving Angels Sow the Seeds of Love

“The Care Program was conceived in 2003, after the outbreak of the SARS epidemic. There was a very negative atmosphere prevailing at the time, and so we decided to cheer up the Hong Kong community. Our volunteer flower-giving team gathered



in Central to spread a message of love and concern. This caring spirit has blossomed into a community-wide initiative. People are aware that HKUSTAA does a lot more than organise socials and get-togethers. We demonstrate our care to our fellow members, our Alma Mater, and the larger community.” Sean Lin, Past President, HKUSTAA says.

Caring Organisation Award Marks a Milestone

“We spend our weekends and free time serving the neighborhood and the community. Some of our teammates have jobs that require frequent travel and



considerable overtime work, but they still find time to join us on a regular basis. Thanks to their hard work and dedication, the HKUSTAA was officially recognised as a caring organisation since 2006,” says Ronny.

In just a couple of years, the Care Team services have grown into a community-wide program. The volunteers work closely with community-focused partners, such as the Salvation Army and the Caritas Youth and Community Services.



Loksze Lee (left) organise play groups for children.

Bridging the Cultural Divide

“We are always ready to help the needy. When there is a natural calamity, we reach out to the victims. After the Sichuan earthquake, people went to Sichuan to help the earthquake victims. But how aware and sensitive are we to the problems of the people who live in our midst? People of different ethnic groups coming from East Asian countries have a hard time integrating into our society. Sadly, they are a neglected minority. By partnering with the Salvation Army, we have been reaching out to the different ethnic groups in the Yau-Tsim-Mong district since 2007,” Loksze says.

Mr Ho, Social Worker of The Salvation Army Yau Ma Tei Integrated Service For Youth wishes to express its deep gratitude to the Care Team. “With the Team’s assistance, we have been able to dispel the sense of confusion and bewilderment among the children. Through your example, you have inspired them to feel for others from a young age. You have reinforced in them the spirit of giving.”

A Process of Personal Growth



A Pakistan girl visits the HKUST campus for the first time.

Since 2008, the Care Team has been working with Caritas Youth and Community Services to help rehabilitees return to society and resume a normal life.

“It was an unforgettable and soul-searching experience,”

Wilson, ’03 BBA says. “We are all guilty of mistakes in our lives. Some are serious mistakes, some are not so serious. The suffering of victims of drug abuse and abortion is hard to imagine. I was very much impressed by the way young people at risk survive bad experiences. Helping these young people has made me think about the purpose of life. It has also taught me to treasure my family.”



Foster Entrepreneurial Spirit among Youth

In collaboration with the Young Entrepreneurs Development Council, the Care Team works with matriculated students to prepare them for the world of work, before they join the workforce. “Our alumni collectively have wide experience in different business areas, and we share these experiences with the matriculated students. We believe this goes a long way in preparing them for their careers in life.” Loksze tells.

A Rewarding Smile

“The busier we get, the more easily we forget or neglect the people around us. A grateful smile from someone you care about can be the best reward you can ever get.” Carman says.



Join us in Caring

“I appeal to all caring persons to join us in serving the community. Your contribution counts and makes a difference. If you want to support the caring program, please write to us at al_hkust@ust.hk.” Ronny says.



Ronny (left) cheers in delight with children.



HKUST Connect

(from left)
Milky Wu
 2009 BEng(COMP)

Lufi Liu
 2009 BEng(CPEG)

Matthew Chik
 2009 BEng(COMP)

Pauline Ng
 2009 BBA(ECON)

Ren Leung
 2009 BSc(PHYS)-PP

Alvin Cheng
 2009 BBA(MGTO)



CONNECT WITH THE COMMUNITY

HKUST Connect is a community engagement initiative that aims to build on the University's efforts in raising civic awareness and developing sustainable partnerships with the wider community to enrich student learning and promote a benevolent world. It was established in August this year under the leadership of Prof Roland Chin, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the guidance of an Advisory Board with external advisors and faculty members. The initiative is supported by the Connect Management Team which operates under the Student Affairs Office. There are six main members – Milky, Pauline, Ren, Alvin, Lufi and Matthew, all recent graduates of HKUST.

The HKUST Connect Team works full-time helping the University to engage students in integrating their academic knowledge and life skills with community work. By “connecting”, HKUST students render assistance to the community through a variety of

initiatives, HKUST Connect aims to foster a more harmonious and caring society, while providing a platform for students' all-round development.

Defining our direction in life

As fresh graduates, the six HKUST Connect Team members are experiencing new things, and they know that their work will bring them new and unexpected challenges. Each member of the team has a different management responsibility. They have taken on various executive roles relating to administration, information technology, marketing and communications, as well as service project development. The team is responsible for the Connect program's daily operations, and liaises with community organisations so as to identify, plan and implement projects.

“We would like to express our sincere thanks to the staff of the Student Affairs Office, in particular Dr Grace Au, Director of Student Affairs and Ms Daisy Kwan, Manager of Co-curricular Programs, for their guidance and supervision from the time our team was established,” say Milky, Pauline, Ren, Alvin, Lufi and Matthew.

While acquiring management and leadership skills on the job, the team members also have the opportunity to connect with people from all levels of society. By doing so, they can identify various social needs.

“Doing this helps us to promote civic engagement, sharpen our critical thinking and, very importantly, define our direction in life,” the Connect Team members say.

“Studies should not constitute the whole of university life,” the Connect Team stresses. “The student should search for his or her direction and vocation, explore other interests, and develop different strengths. The soft skills we gain in these service learning exercises are all-important in our careers and our life in the big world after graduation,” they add.

An important part of the Connect Team's work is to pass on the value of service learning to all HKUST students. Stressing the significance of a caring society, the team seeks to expose HKUST

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students to the outside world by getting them actively involved in HKUST Connect projects. Participation will help HKUST students boost their whole-person development.

Creating a caring society

“After last year’s earthquake in Sichuan Province, a group of HKUST undergrads made several visits to Sichuan under the support of the School of Science and organised classes to teach popular science to the children there,” Ren says. “A lot of schools were destroyed in the earthquake. We were given a very warm welcome by the Sichuan students and community. We were greatly impressed by the students’ enthusiasm and determination to get on with their studies, despite the devastation around them. In fact, we believed we had learnt a lot from them.”

As HKUST Connect is collaborating with School of Science to support and sustain this project, Ren has been assisting fellow HKUST students to organise another trip to Sichuan in January 2010 as a staff.



The tutorial classes are great fun for all. The picture shows the Sichuan children with the HKUST visitors. Ren is in the front row, second person from the left.

HKUST Connect has launched a number of help projects, working with community organisations.

“HKUST Connect has been involved in the Learning through Engineering, Art and Design [LEAD] program initiated by The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups,” Milky says. “This project promotes creative education among young people, especially those from low-income families. The project gives them an understanding of the world outside their schools and provides clues for them to think of their future

aspiration.”

Other HKUST Connect partners include the Heep Hong Society and HKUST’s own South China Research Center. Besides providing education services for primary and secondary school children, HKUST Connect also offers services in other areas such as computer programming and raising cultural heritage awareness.



A tour of Tai Po presented through the Cultural Heritage Ambassadors Program and organised by the South China Research Center of HKUST.

REDBird Award Program

Service learning is not a new concept to HKUST students. In 2008, HKUST launched the REDbird Award Program, a three-year holistic student development initiative designed to foster positive qualities. REDbird stands for Respectful, Energetic, Diverse, Bright, Innovative, Responsive, Diligent and Dependable. Service learning is a core component of the training program, grooming participants to become socially responsible members of the community, while they get on with their academic pursuits.

Alumni Partners Wanted

HKUST Connect welcomes any HKUST alumni who would like to get involved in its projects. If you think you can help us enhance and enrich the Connect program, and you have a suitable project in mind, please connect with HKUST Connect. We look forward to hearing from you and hopefully partnering with you. Write to HKUST Connect at connect@ust.hk.

The Setting Up of The HKUST Convocation

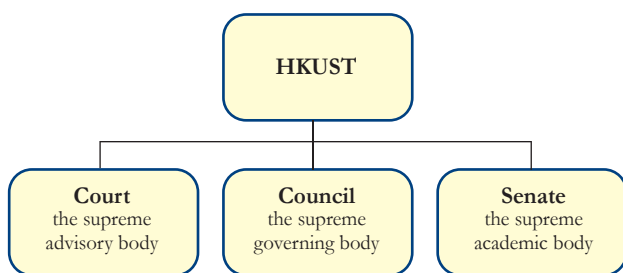


The Setting up of the HKUST Convocation

As our alumni body grows stronger each year in terms of support for the University and influence in society, the University believes the time is now right to start setting up the HKUST Convocation. The first standing committee is expected to be formed in 2011, when the University celebrates its 20th anniversary.

What is the HKUST Convocation?

The HKUST Convocation is a statutory body for our tertiary education institution. The Chairman of the Convocation is a member of the HKUST Council. At the Council, the Convocation Chairman will represent Convocation members when making recommendations to help the University reach new levels of excellence.



Proposed Membership Composition of HKUST Convocation

- 1) graduates on receipt of an academic award at degree or postgraduate diploma level granted by the University;
- 2) persons on whom an honorary degree has been conferred;
- 3) honorary fellows and emeritus professors;
- 4) former full time employees who had been employed for a continuous term of at least 5 years;
- 5) former members of advisory boards in Schools/Departments, former members of the Court and Council;
- 6) such other persons as may be prescribed by the Council.

Offer your Views on the Setting Up of the HKUST Convocation

Under the chairmanship of Professor Y. S. Wong, the HKUST Convocation Preparatory Committee is working hard to make the Convocation a reality. The Preparatory Committee invites you to send in your views and suggestions on the draft for setting up the Convocation. Please visit <http://convocation.ust.hk>. Your valuable comments should reach us by February 28, 2010. For more information, write to alumni@ust.hk.

Members of the Preparatory Committee

Prof Yuk-Shan Wong (Chairman)

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Mr Edmund Ho
MBA 1994

Prof Jack Lau
PhD(ELEC) 1994

Mr Sing-Cheong Liu
MBA 1994

Mr Sean Lin
BBA(MGMT) 1994
MBA/MSc(ISM) 2003

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Mr Almon Kwan
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HKUST COUNTS ON YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT

Scholarship Recipients Inspired at Fung Scholars Leadership Conference

Lee Chi Ming, 08' BEng (ELEC), winner of a Li & Fung Scholarship, attended the Fung Scholars Leadership Conference, held in Shanghai on October 31, 2009. He was joined by Kan Cham Chang, BBA(GBUS), a Year 3 student and also a Li & Fung Scholarship holder.

Organised by the Victor and William Fung Foundation, donor of the Li & Fung Scholarships, the conference is an annual event held exclusively for Fung Scholars/Fellows. The conference aims to foster further academic and career development and broaden horizons.

Both HKUST scholars expressed their thanks to the donors. They said it was an honor to receive the

scholarships, and to be invited to attend the conference.

The theme of this year's conference was "Entrepreneurs, Our Hope For Economic Recovery – True?"



Lee Chi Ming (right) and Kan Cham Chung (left) with Mr and Mrs Po Chung

The two HKUST scholarship winners said they were much inspired by the distinguished speakers, who included Dr. Victor Fung, Chairman of the Li & Fung Group and Chairman of the Foundation, Mr. Po Chung, Co-founder and Chairman Emeritus of DHL, Ms. Mary Ma, Partner and Managing Director of TPG Capital Limited and former Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director of the Lenovo Group.

The speakers talked about the challenges they faced in their public careers, their achievements, and their contribution to society, and how they worked to make their dreams come true.

Both scholars said the Shanghai conference was a valuable learning experience, and an inspiration. They said the insights they gained from the leading entrepreneurs would help boost their management and leadership skills, and contribute to making a success of their careers.

JOIN THE ANNUAL PLEDGE PROGRAM AND SUPPORT YOUR ALMA MATER

In the same way that HKUST alumni are benefiting from the generous support of donors, our alumni too can do something to help our students. Your ongoing support would help spur the growth of our Alma Mater and the all-round development of our students.

All you have to do is join the Annual Pledge Program by pledging HK\$20 a month (or more) for a period of 12 months (or longer).

As a token of our appreciation for your valuable support, we will send you a figurine featuring your graduation degree and field of study – a special souvenir made exclusively for you.

Remember, your continuing support does count!

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Enquiries: Tel: 2358 8320; Fax: 3743 0939; Email: alumni@ust.hk

RECALLING THE GOOD OLD DAYS AT CLASS OF 1999 REUNION



On August 22, 2009, during the Class of '99 Reunion, more than 300 pairs of feet pattered up to the landmark campus sundial sculpture for a group photo with Professor Chu. The homecoming party was filled with warmth and fond memories of the good old

days. Our special thanks go to marketing alumni Miss Laura Conzjnsen, our professional emcee, and Mr Aramis Wong, our on-campus idol singer, for spending time with us and helping to make the reunion such a memorable occasion.



Performing at the show were the Hong Kong Fellowship of Youth Groups (HKFYG) Melody Makers. Everybody enjoyed the delicious roast pork buns while the a capella chorus sang "Cha Shao Bao".



Enjoying the beauty of our scenic campus from an open-roof bus.



A little fan pops up and claps and dances as Aramis sings.



Professor Paul Chu, accompanied by Laura, receives a giant farewell card from the Class of '99.



Dear Professor Chu,

Season's greetings from the HKUST alumni.

As you march forward to shape a brighter world, we run after you.

Our wish is that you reach new heights in your research endeavours on superconductivity, for the greater benefit of mankind.

Best wishes to you and Mrs Chu.

HKUST Alumni



Find us on Facebook

The HKUST Alumni Facebook Page has been launched. Visit <http://www.facebook.com/HKUSTAlumni> and keep up to date on all the latest news from the Development & Alumni Relations Unit, including forthcoming events and new benefits for alumni. Reconnect with your buddies by joining various facebook groups listed under "Useful Links". Do not forget to activate your alumni e-mail account via Alum-e-Nation (<https://www.alumni.ust.hk>), which will be your ePass to alumni services.

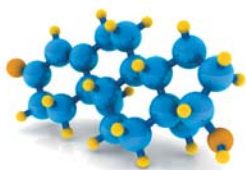
m.HKUST A MUST!

Here's good news for iPhone/iPod Touch users!

With the launch of m.HKUST, you have the latest university news at your fingertips. m.HKUST enables access to university news and events, photos and videos, maps, course information and special dates to mark in your calendar, using Apple's iPhone/iPod Touch. Smartphone users can access a simplified version through our mobile web portal – <http://m.ust.hk>. m.HKUST is now available for free download at Apple's iTunes Store. Please visit <http://mobileguide.ust.hk> for details.



CBME Celebrates 15th Anniversary



Members of the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering (CBME) family got together on June 6, 2009, to celebrate the 15th anniversary of the founding of CBME (formerly known as the Department of Chemical Engineering).

The festivities began with an alumni-sharing session and an advisory committee meeting, chaired by Professor Edmond Ko, Acting Head of CBME. The discussion was fruitful and helpful to the department's curriculum renewal process. The occasion ended with a dinner



party. Professor Ko paid tribute to the distinguished members and thanked all present for their contribution to the CBME.



Grand *ECE* Get-Together

On November 22, 2009, the Department of Electronic and Computer Engineering (ECE) hosted another big get-together on campus. At the HKUST Sports Complex, more than 160 alumni participated in a range of activities, including an alumni-faculty soccer match, a 400 metres "fun run", and games of basketball, badminton and table tennis.

After the sweaty and exhilarating sports activity, Professor Ross Murch, Head of ECE, welcomed the alumni at China Garden. Professor Murch was moved to see several generations of ECE alumni from past years gathered together. Based on a strong foundation and the alumni's staunch support, the department will continue to propel Hong Kong in its technological growth.

Our *Dangerous Friends*

On August 9, a group of "dangerous friends" visited the Port Shelter. Equipped with shark fins, alumni joined the Hong Kong Underwater Association in the fun of finswimming at an international competition, while promoting the message of shark protection.



AWARDS & HONORS



Jack Lau, '94 PhD (ELEC), was honored for Excellence in Achievement by the World Chinese Youth Entrepreneurs 2009, jointly organised by Yazhou Zhoukan and the World Federation of Chinese Entrepreneurs Organisation.

The Jog and Heartrate Headphone developed by Jack Lau's company Perception Digital Limited was both the Gold Award (Consumer Electronics) and the Grand Award winner at the 2009 Hong Kong Electronic Industries Association (HKEIA) Awards for Outstanding Innovation and Technology Products.



Sean Lin, '94 BBA (MGMT)-MO and '03 MBA/MSc (ISM), Senior Inspector of the Hong Kong Police Force, has excelled as a toastmaster. He has won an array of awards at various international speech and toastmaster contests. One of his recent achievements was being named 1st Runner-up in 2009 Hong Kong's Division Table Topics Contest. Sean is currently serving as the Division Governor of Hong Kong for Toastmasters International.

Hui Yue Hon Bernard, '95 BSc (MATH), was recently appointed District Director of the American International Assurance (AIA). He is the youngest District Director in Hong Kong's insurance sector, and leads a team of 60 financial planners. His management style over the past 14 years has been very much inspired by his university experience. At HKUST, he was involved in a number of student society activities. He says respect for his colleagues' creativity and enthusiasm is one of the key elements in his success.



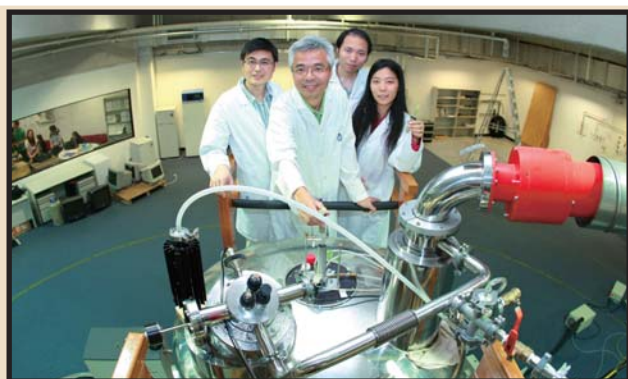
Radica Systems Limited, founded by **Francis Kwok**, '98 BSc(PHYS) and **Irene Cheung**, '98 BBA(MARK), was ranked as the top 3 Email Marketing Agency of the Year Award 2009 conducted by Marketing Magazine.



Kwok Kin Man, Henry, '97 BSc (MATH)-ST, Senior Ambulance Officer of Braemar Hill Ambulance Depot under Fire Services Department, was awarded the Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service in 2009. He is commended for the support he had rendered for the HKSAR special search and rescue operation after the Sichuen earthquake in May 2008.

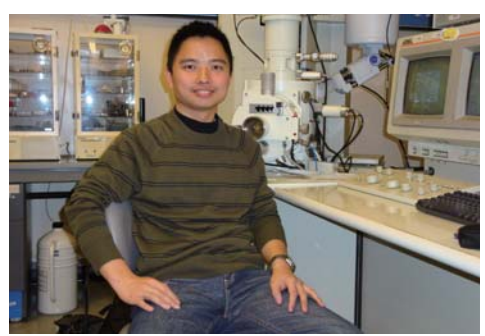
The award presentation ceremony was held on 17 October at the Government House.

AWARDS & HONORS



The research team gather in the Biological NMR Laboratory: (from left) Dr Feng Wei, Prof Zhang Mingjie, Dr Wei Zhiyi and Dr Yu Cong

Feng Wei, '05 PhD (BICH) and his research team, led by Professor Zhang Mingjie, have discovered how myosin VI travels in human cells. The finding, made after years of research, is a significant step in ascertaining the cause of hereditary blindness, deafness and cancer, and in the treatment of those conditions.



Louis Lam, '06 PhD (EVNG), has had his PhD thesis issued as a book by a German publisher. Louis is the recipient of numerous international fellowships.

Wang Tao, '06 BEng (ELEC), under the mentorship of Professor Li Zexiang, has developed an unmanned miniature helicopter which achieved a world first by flying up to Mount Everest, almost to the top of the world. Wang's achievement points the way to further use of unmanned helicopters in surveying and monitoring high-altitude environments and facilitating the protection of highland ecology.



Prof Zexiang Li (left) and Wang Tao in Tibet before launching the helicopter test flight

Martin Kou, '07 BEng (CPEG), and his company ThinkBulbs have embraced iPhone technology with their invention Puri ! Lite, a photo sticker booth software that can be taken anywhere. Puri ! Lite was hailed as the top free photography application in AppStores in the US, Canada, Australia, Japan and China between May and June 2009.



Tang Wing Hong, '06 MA (LIBS), Vice-Principal of CCC Rotary Secondary School, and **Law Yan Ming, Billy**, '99 BEng (COMP), a Teacher at Pui Ching Middle School, have received the Chief Executive's Award for Teaching Excellence, in technology education.



Tang Wing Hong



Law Yan Ming, Billy

AWARDS & HONORS

(from left) Kolen and Tony



Cheung Ka Hei, Kolen, '08' BSc (PHYS)-PM and **Hong Xiao Ping, Tony**, '09' BSc (PHYS)-PM have received a full scholarship for PhD studies at the University of California, Berkeley, US.

Patrick Wu Ying, '09 PhD (ELEC), has won the AMD/CICC Student Scholarship Award in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Custom Integrated Circuits Conference, San Jose, California, USA.



Patrick Wu (right)

Lian Xiang, '09 PhD (COMP), has received the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (HKIE) Outstanding Paper Award for Young Engineers/Researchers 2009.



Kellogg-HKUST EMBA No. 1 Again in 2009 Rankings

The Kellogg-HKUST EMBA program has once again been ranked No. 1 in the Financial Times 2009 EMBA global rankings, beating leading educational institutions around the world. The EMBA program has been consistently receiving top rankings. The ranking exercise tracked the performance of the graduates of 2006, taking into account their career advancement in the three years after they had received their EMBA qualification.



HKUST MBA Program Gets Top Ranking in Asia

The HKUST MBA program has been ranked the best in Asia and Hong Kong by The Economist for four consecutive years. More than 90 percent of the graduates of 2009 secured employment within three months of graduating, the majority getting places in the financial and banking sector, despite the economic downturn.

向夢想進發



香港科技大學舊生龍舟會

香港科技大學舊生龍舟會自去年起重整旗鼓，「科大龍」再次躍動起來，並在公開比賽中漸露頭角。回想當年，舊生隊只有一名女將，全靠她堅守信念，「科大舊生鳳艇」終於今年面世。女將們巾幗不讓鬚眉，成立伊始，甫即加入晚間操練，不讓男將專美，全隊上下當然不敢鬆懈，士氣高昂。

不論賽事的大小，不管出賽的是龍舟還是鳳艇，只見上陣的都一鼓作氣，力拚到底，而助陣的都聲嘶力竭，吶喊助威。勝利一刻，我們固然欣喜。偶有落敗，我們更加互勵互勉。汗水加淚水沖刷出深厚的友誼。



2009年度香港科技大學舊生龍舟會奪標紀錄:

首屆南丫島1000米賽事亞軍
深水灣龍舟賽混合初級組亞軍
沙田龍舟競渡男子決賽(旭日國際杯)季军
沙田龍舟競渡男子決賽(榮豐杯)殿軍
沙田龍舟競渡男子小龍(決賽)殿軍
香港國際龍舟邀請賽國際公開賽碟賽乙組第五名
香港國際龍舟邀請賽國際混合賽盃賽乙組第七名



「科大龍」不負眾望，在短短的日子屢創佳績，實有賴教練及隊員的齊心和努力，迎接未來的挑戰，我們更加需要廣大校友的支持。香港科技大學舊生龍舟會正計劃明年在科大的海濱舉辦首屆「大專龍舟競渡大賽」，讓我們一起挑戰自我，向夢想進發。

請密切留意本會網誌<http://hk.myblog.yahoo.com/gbdragonboat/>，歡迎電郵至HKUST.Alumni.DBC@gmail.com與我們聯絡。





HKUST ALUMNI GOLF CLUB

First Anniversary Dinner

On September 19, the HKUST Alumni Golf Club gathered in Dongguan for a belated first anniversary golf tournament, held at the Yinli Golf Club. It was a well-received and well-attended occasion, with as many as 28 alumni from different graduation years and disciplines participating.

The champion trophy for a Low Gross Score of 80 went to **John Lau** '06 iEMBA, and the Net Score champion trophy went to **Dom Au**, '04 MBA. **Oscar Lee**, '09 MBA took home the Nearest To Pin trophy, while **Byron Yeung**, '09 MBA, collected the Longest Drive trophy.

During the dinner that followed, four alumni were honored as the Best Golfers of the Year 2008/09. They were **Benjamin Wong**, '95 MBA, **Tong Chee Kiong**, '07 MTM(GLM), **Percy Lam**, '07 MBA, and **Anna Lau**, '95 MBA, who was voted Best Lady Golfer.

Visit <http://www.ustgolf.hk/> for highlights of the Dongguan golfing encounter.



Alumni golfers meet to tee off in Dongguan.

HKUST MTM Alumni Association

The MTM Alumni Association ended the year of 2009 on a high note with a series of excursions in Hong Kong and the neighboring cities.

In September, more than 20 MTMers cruised beneath the blue skies in a sunny day, lingering onward dreamily around the Sai Kung beaches. It was an enjoyable cruise day which ended too fast towards the golden stream – the sunset.



In November, we were pleased to join the Hong Kong Logistics Association for a visit to the CROCS factory in Dongguan and the distribution center in Shenzhen. It was an eye-opening tour. Our special thanks goes to CROCS which opened its door to the academic bodies in Hong Kong for the very first time.



Be a Part of the 15th Anniversary Celebration!

HKUSTAA Annual Dinner

See you on **15 January 2010!**

BE A PART OF THE ACTION!

Await the HKUSTAA Annual Dinner!

Next year the HKUST Alumni Association will celebrate its 15th anniversary, and we hope to bring together as many alumni as possible to celebrate the remarkable growth and achievement of our Alma Mater over the past one-and-a-half decades.

The Annual Dinner, to be held on 15 January 2010, will be a great opportunity for all alumni to reunite and catch up on all the exciting news and developments. This year, the HKUSTAA has a novel plan to demonstrate alumni unity, with a large photo mosaic comprising hundreds of photo elements of HKUST people and achievements. The mosaic will also symbolise alumni contributions to the growth of the HKUSTAA and HKUST.

We are now in the process of

collecting photos for the mosaic, which will be the visual highlight of the annual dinner. If you have any suitable pictures (preferably of file size no less than 300 dpi) for the mosaic, please forward them to Ms. Ming Tam at ming.tam@ustaa.hk by 17 December, 2009.

Join us and be a part of the great 15th anniversary alumni reunion. For details, please visit www.ustaa.hk.



Deloitte becomes our Honorary Auditor

Special thanks to Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu for
being the Honorary Auditor of HKUSTAA.



The HKUST MSc(Telecom) Alumni Association Gets Underway

Calling all MSc(Telecom) graduates!

You are cordially invited to be a part of the Executive Committee of the proposed MSc(Telecom) Alumni Association. The MSc(Telecom) program has produced telecommunications professionals who are making a significant contribution to the growth of the region's information and communications technology (ICT)

special interest in professional development and career-sharing activities, ICT update seminars, and technical demonstrations and workshops.

Alumni have come up with the following logos to project the image of the proposed association. Stay tuned for polling news!



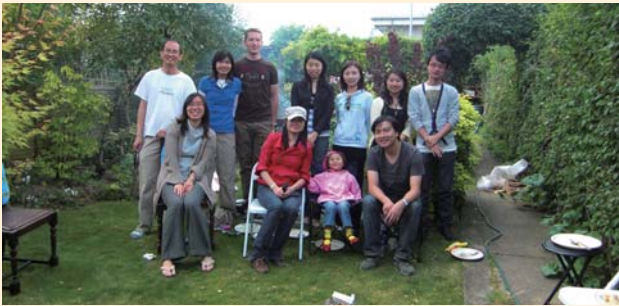
industry. Initiated by a group of enthusiastic alumni in September 2009, the planned association will provide a platform for professional exchange and sustainable development among HKUST graduates.

You are invited to join the Facebook group, "HKUST – MSc. Telecommunications – Alumni". Please go to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=115773204900> for the latest news.

A recent survey conducted among graduates of the program showed 100 per cent support for setting up the MSc(Telecom) Alumni Association. They expressed a

Your participation matters!

Overseas Reunions



United Kingdom

On August 29, 2009, Helen Cheng hosted a barbecue gathering at her sweet, cosy home in London. It was a beautiful day. Some of the guests went punting along the River Cam, in Cambridge, in the late afternoon. Betty Leung, who had recently arrived in the UK, was happy to be a part of the group and to make new friends.



Switzerland

On Sunday, June 21, 2009, a group of HKUST alumni met in Zurich for a brunch gathering. Joining the group were alumni coming from Moscow, Stockholm and Frankfurt. Because of the overwhelming response from overseas-based HKUST alumni, the group plans to hold alumni gatherings twice a year in Switzerland. Europe-based HKUST alumni interested in joining these biannual gatherings should write to alumni@ust.hk.



HKUST MBA Alumni Association

Financial Secretary Mr John Tsang, HKUST Former President & Business School Dean Officiated at Book Launch



The first MBA Alumni Association (MBAAA) book launch for the book entitled 《香港的下一十年：新世代企業人的思考》 (Hong Kong, the Next 10 Years – how the new generation of managers think), co-authored by MBA alumni, was successfully held at Business School Central on July 10, 2009. Officiating at the ceremony were Mr. John Tsang, Financial Secretary of HKSAR,

Prof Paul Chu, Former President of HKUST, Prof Leonard Cheng, Dean of HKUST Business School and Mr KC Chan, Chief Editor of Hong Kong Economic Journal. With a tradition of contributing articles to Hong Kong Economic Journal on a weekly basis, the book was a product of collective wisdom of alumni from different professions. Alex Hung, President of MBAAA paid tribute to the contributing writers.

SO, WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?



1 1994

Jack Leung, BBA (BINF)

We are happy to announce the arrival of our second baby girl, Valarie born September 21, 09. She would like to give all her HKUST friends a big kiss. You are invited to visit <http://kayjack.com> to see more photos and videos of our lovely daughter. Don't forget to say something in our guestbook.

2 1997

Emily Nason, BBA (MGTO)

Stephen and I would like to share with you the joyous new addition to our family. Our son Locke William Nason (利樂) was born on August 9, 2009. True to his Chinese name, he is a happy big boy.

3 1998

Raymond Fok, BEng (ELEC)

Having searched for each other for years, Teresa and I finally crossed paths in our

CFA class and aligned our lives. In the presence of families and dearest friends, we enjoyed a touching wedding ceremony in a beautiful church, King Hey Hall, in Clear Water Bay. This was followed by a joyous banquet at the Peninsula Hotel on November 23, 2008.

Teresa graduated from the University of Hong Kong, but our romance has bonded her to our UST family!

4 2001

Lau Chi Chuen, BEng (ELEC)

Phoebe and Chuen were married on November 1, 2009.

5 2000 / 2002

Matthew Ng, BEng (EEIC) /
MSc (ELEC)
2001

Teiko Cheung, BSc (MATH) – GM

Teiko and Matthew are proud to announce that they were married on November 21, 2009.

6 2000

Charles Hui, BEng (MEBS)

Charles was blessed with a baby girl, Hui Wai Shan, Rachel (許瑋珊), on January 25, 2009.

7 2001

Martin Leung, BBA (ECON)

Peggie Chang and Martin Leung started their lives together as husband and wife on November 14, 2009.

8 2002

Ada Ma, BBA (ACCT & FINA)

Ada Ma and Aaron Zhang were blessed to have all their HKUST friends and family members present to share their joy at their wedding reception on July 4, 2009.

SO, WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Just married? Just moved? New job? New baby? Started a new business? Your fellow alumni want to know. Send us a Class Note to share your news. Simply fill out the online form at <http://www.ust.hk/alumni/classnotes> or send an email to alumni@ust.hk.



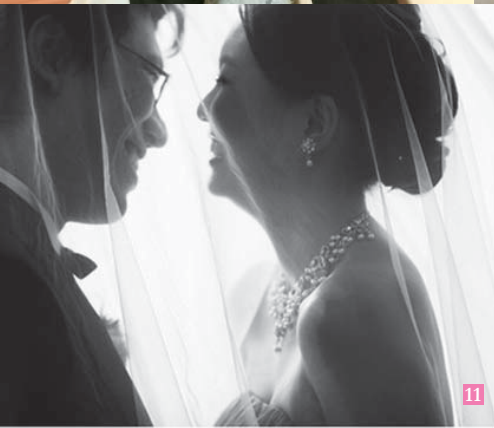
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9 2002
Annie Tsang, BSc (ECOF)
Howin Leung, BSc (ECOF)

We are happy to announce that we were married on February 28, 2009.

10 2004
Louis Ng, BEng (EEIC)

Teresa and I met during the Easter holidays in 2006. Despite being separated much of the time, our long-distance romance blossomed. We exchanged rings on June 20, 2009. We are proof that mutual trust can forge true love, despite the distances.

11 2004
Janet Tsang, BBA (ECOF)
Kenneth Leung, BBA (ECOF)

Janet Tsang and Kenneth Leung, who both graduated in 2004, were married on October 8, 2009.

12 2006
Simon Leung, MSc (FA)
We tied the knots on November 1, 2009.

13 2007
Heidi Yu, MSc (EVSC)
Heidi, who graduated with a master's in Environmental Science, has been working for an environmental consultancy. She married her sweetheart Leung Yau Shing

on December 13, 2008. Present at her wedding ceremony were Prof Harrison and fellow alumni of the master's program.

14 2008
Kelvin Ng, PhD (CIVL)

Kelvin T. W. Ng recently appointed Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Regina, Canada. He teaches both UG and PG studies in geo-environmental engineering. His research interests include sustainable solid waste management and municipal landfill design and operation. Kelvin and his wife Jennifer currently live in Regina.