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From the Editor

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2017 edition of City AlumNet. Our timely theme of “A Better Life with a Healthy Planet – From Concept to Action” explores the many ways that members of the CityU community are striving to ensure a sustainable future in and beyond Hong Kong.

In an enlightening article, the President discusses CityU’s research and professional education initiatives, along with the establishment of the ground-breaking School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) and other recent University developments.

Further insights into the SVM’s strategy to foster animal and human welfare in line with the “One Health” concept are provided in an interview with its Dean Professor Michael Reichel.

Meanwhile, Professor Chan Chak-keung, Dean of School of Energy and Environment, relates how his School’s programmes and practical technologies by faculty are driving forward Asia’s future capabilities to foster development in an eco-friendly way.

Three alumni from different professions also describe how they contribute their know-how to conserving marine life, animal rights advocacy and cooperatively tackling climate change issues.

On the “conservation” front with regard to CityU ties, I am delighted to note the launch of our new section, “Class Notes”, to encourage alumni to share their latest news and achievements with fellow classmates and stay connected.

Along with our look back at the events of 2016, an exciting line-up of activities for alumni is also being arranged in 2017, including the major Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run on 19 March, which I hope you and your family will join.

Keep in touch and happy reading!

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President Professor Way Kuo discusses the University’s significant moves toward “great university” recognition and other achievements over the past year.

Q: CityU aims to make a difference to society by pursuing research and professional education that has a direct impact on people’s well-being. What are your aspirations in leading the University to achieve this aim?

A: First of all, I would like to say how much the management team and I appreciate the continued support of our alumni over the past 12 months in helping us to develop CityU into a great university. Our primary aim is to build a great university to nurture and develop the talent of our students and provide them with knowledge that can be applied to support social and economic advancement. This is embedded in our five-year strategic plan for 2015-2020. The plan provides us with a conceptual framework and practical guidance, sets a compelling and achievable vision, and articulates an effective and executable strategy.

CityU has achieved greatness through years of dedicated and concerted effort by the deeply committed community of CityU faculty, staff, students, friends, and people like you, our valued alumni.

The greatness of our institution, as Jim Collins, author of six popular books on business and leadership, summarised very neatly in his #1 bestseller *Good to Great: Why Some Companies Make the Leap and Others Don’t*, “is not a function of circumstance but largely a matter of conscious choice and discipline”.

Our aspiration to excel in research and education that will have an impact on all of society, including the generations that follow us, is rewarded by the recognition of the education sector, as reflected in the overall academic rankings of the University, as well as recognition across a broad spectrum of disciplines, such as linguistics, communications and media studies, engineering, mathematics, business and management studies, computer science and information system, and accounting and finance.

We also became the first university in Hong Kong to receive the QS 5-Star Plus Award from the QS Asia-Pacific Professional Leaders in Education (QS-APPLE) conference, which recognises CityU as an elite destination for the very best students and faculty worldwide, and acknowledges our research excellence, quality in teaching, globalisation experience for students, and capacity for nurturing our students’ talent. Our graduates, alumni like you, have been ranked for three consecutive years among the global top 150, according to the Global Employability University Survey and Ranking.
Q: How does the establishment of the School of Veterinary Medicine make a direct impact on people’s well-being?

A: The establishment of the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) and the launch of the six-year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine (BVM) programme, in collaboration with Cornell University, will help combat zoonotic diseases, contribute to food safety, enhance food production through aquaculture, and contribute to the promotion of animal welfare for both companion and large animals.

But this is an important initiative in only one area. As a university committed to providing students with the best education possible, we anticipate and respond to societal changes, and believe in building windmills rather than walls when the winds of change blow, to propel and accelerate progress, expanding and galvanising our academic strengths for the benefit of our students and society as a whole.

We also ventured further into the fields of nuclear safety, energy and the environment, and smart city innovations to create technological advancements that can make daily life more efficient, more environmentally friendly and “smarter”. We examined our curriculum design to ensure its continued high quality and relevance to societal demands. We enhanced cross-disciplinary cooperation on campus. And we boosted the entrepreneurial spirit across the campus, demonstrating how ideas can be developed into market-ready products or services, and how young people can be trained to spot great ideas formulated by others.

All of this would not have been possible without changes in what I call “soulware”, which refers a type of culture, mentality, behaviour and way of thinking.

Q: In what ways can CityU alumni contribute to the University’s aim to make a difference to society?

A: We live in a globalised and highly competitive environment, faced with many pressing and complicated issues which require trans-disciplinary and joint-institutional collaboration. While we are well positioned and academically ready for new challenges, we cannot afford to be smug or complacent, because our expectations are high, our aspirations are ambitious, and our road to excellence is long. Moving forward, we will chart new waters and navigate to new shores. To do this, we will continue to rely on the support of our alumni for our new initiatives, such as the development of the SVM, the enrichment of our students’ education experience, and our commitment to enhancing student development through internship or overseas exchange programmes.

Notable achievements over the year include (1) two extraordinary exhibitions using cutting-edge digital creative media technology: the “Giuseppe Castiglione - Lang Shining New Media Art Exhibition” and “300 Years of Hakka Kung Fu - Digital vision of its legacy and future”, which drew the attention of tens of thousands of people both on and off campus; (2) four of our top scientists from different academic fields winning the Second Class Award in the Natural Science category at the 2015 Higher Education Outstanding Scientific Research Output Awards (Science and Technology) from the Ministry of Education; and (3) ground-breaking technology developed by our biochemical scientists that turns food waste into textile fibre, which won the Gold Medal with the jury’s commendation in the 44th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions.

A university’s reputation rests largely on the accomplishments of its alumni. I look forward to seeing you put your education to excellent work for society with high expectations and pride.
**‘One Health’ way**

to better animal and human welfare

Professor Michael Philipp Reichel, Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM), discusses the unique contribution that the School is set to make in safeguarding the health of Hong Kong and beyond.

**Q**: How will Hong Kong’s first School of Veterinary Medicine contribute to a “healthier planet”?  

**A**: Over 70% of new and emerging infectious diseases are potentially zoonotic, that is, naturally transmitted from animals to humans. While Hong Kong has two medical schools, a dental school, and trains its own pharmacists, the lack of a veterinary counterpart means there is a huge gap in our knowledge about infectious diseases. CityU’s School of Veterinary Medicine aspires to play a major role in filling this void by informing and defending the community against such diseases.

Combined human, veterinary and environmental research capabilities, known as the “One Health” concept, will lead to a better understanding of interactions in these areas and contribute to a healthier planet. Veterinary input and major disease-control management programmes have resulted in the successful eradication of many zoonotic diseases, such as bovine brucellosis and tuberculosis, hydatid disease and rabies from many areas of the world.

**Q**: How are animal, environmental and human welfare interconnected in the “One Health” concept?  

**A**: Take the recent outbreaks of Ebola in Africa and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) in the Middle East and South Korea for example. These diseases have flared up in recent times as the natural balance of ecosystems is being disrupted. I think we can expect more such events in the future. Studying these types of diseases will hopefully lead to a better understanding of them, what disrupts the balance between wildlife and human populations and why outbreaks occur. This in turn will help us to know how to restore the natural balance and to prevent these events from happening in the first place.
Q: What plans does the School have for nurturing veterinary professionals?

A: The School, in collaboration with College of Veterinary Medicine at the Cornell University in the US, seeks to become a centre of excellence for animal health in Asia. In doing so, it will contribute significantly to public and animal health, food safety, aquaculture and animal welfare in Hong Kong and the region.

The six-year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine programme will commence in academic year 2017-18 at CityU and represents a milestone in the development of veterinary education in Hong Kong and the region. The degree programme will promote One Health and sustainable development, and expand educational choices and career paths for young people.

A Master of Science programme in Aquatic Production and Veterinary Health has been set up in collaboration with the University of Stirling in Scotland, UK. In addition, postgraduate research students are already engaged in collaborative studies in cutting-edge biomedical science under co-supervision by Cornell.

The University has recently acquired the prestigious Peace Avenue Veterinary Clinic in Hong Kong. This will form a significant part of the SVM animal clinical teaching facilities. A veterinary research diagnostic laboratory will be in place by mid-2017 as well.
Q: What are the pressing environmental issues we face and how do they affect our lives?

A: The energy crisis, global warming, climate change and pollution are especially pressing in Asia, where large quantities of carbon dioxide have been released to fuel economic growth. Providing safe, reliable and cheap energy with minimal environmental impact is one of the grand challenges of the 21st century in relation to sustainability. The School of Energy and Environment trains professionals to provide innovative solutions.

The concept of “planetary boundaries defining the safe operating space for humanity” is also vital. This refers to man-made pressures and the limits that the earth can withstand, including issues such as depletion of resources, ocean acidification, decrease in diversity, and excessive phosphorus and nitrogen in aqueous ecosystems.

Q: How does the School of Energy and Environment seek to address these pressing environmental issues?

A: The School is dedicated to nurturing professionals who can tackle environmental issues and enhance sustainability. We are the first and only School in the region specialising in sustainability, energy and environmental issues from an interdisciplinary perspective, undertaking cutting-edge research and providing professional education in energy and environment-related issues since our establishment in July 2009. More than 150 students have earned their MSc degree here and the founding graduates from the four-year BEng in Energy Science and Engineering, the first undergraduate programme of its kind in Hong Kong, completed their studies in 2016. We will also launch a BEng programme in Environmental Science and Engineering and a Minor in Sustainability in 2017. Such education opportunities are essential to train professionals and experts in the field over the long term.

As our mission states, the School strives to advance research in targeted themes of benefit to society’s needs in energy, environment, and sustainability; educate engineers and professionals at undergraduate and graduate levels in these three areas, adopting holistic approaches which provide innovative solutions to local and regional problems; and maintain a collaborative and supportive atmosphere for students, faculty, alumni and other stakeholders in advancing our interdisciplinary research and educational objectives.
Q: What recent cutting-edge research has the School conducted to improve the quality of our environment?

A: The School’s interdisciplinary faculty has research expertise in numerous key areas for a sustainable future, including atmospheric and climate science, bioscience in energy and environment, energy efficiency and conservation, energy generation, conversion and storage, energy and environmental policy, economics and management, and water environment technology.

One example of the many exciting research projects at the School is the novel biorefinery process that turns food waste into textile fibre and won a Gold Medal and jury’s commendation at the 44th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions in 2016. The technological breakthrough, led by Assistant Professor Carol Lin (picture below), could provide a solution to help manage the 3,600 tonnes of food waste produced in Hong Kong every day. Other advances include Associate Professor Wey Yang Teoh’s PhotoFuelCell, constructed from specially designed nanostructured photoelectrodes and featured on the cover of ChemSusChem journal and his work on advanced electrolyte material research for fuel cells, which has appeared on the front of CrystEngComm journal. Dr Teoh’s team is now collaborating with the Hong Kong government’s Drainage Services Department to design a device to harness electricity from the city’s different domestic wastewater sources.

In addition, we are particularly excited about the School’s high success rates in grant applications. These include receiving funding for 10 out of 18 applications in the General Research Fund/Early Career Scheme in 2016-17.

Q: What is your advice to individuals for achieving “A better life with a healthy planet”?

A: No effort is too small. Every one of us can do our part to help sustainability. Technologies, financial incentives and regulations are useful instruments that help us move forward. We also seek innovative ideas that can change people’s behaviour and attitudes. Be creative and share your ideas.
With urbanisation progressing at an exponential rate and the Earth pushed to its limits by relentless exploration and consumption of natural resources in pursuit of developed lifestyles, climate change and global warming are now critical issues for the world at large. In Hong Kong, the government and numerous organisations are working hard on conservation-related issues and awareness-raising. Yet for alumnus Dr William Yu Yuen-ping, Chief Executive Officer of World Green Organisation, environmental protection needs to go beyond traditional values like “less consumption”, “waste reduction” and “recycling”. To evolve into sustainable development, he believes, conservation must be integrated with the economy and people’s livelihoods.

**From multinational to environmental NGO**

Dr Yu graduated from CityU with a BA (Hons) in International Business (First Class). He worked in multinational companies for more than 10 years. Then, at the peak of his business career, he decided to embrace a new challenge: a PhD in Energy and Environment at the University of Cambridge. In the course of a few years, Dr Yu morphed from an executive into an expert on energy, environment and climate.

Before heading to Cambridge, Dr Yu made a promise: “I had seen how the energy crisis has precipitated global warming,” he said. “When I come back, I told myself, I want to contribute to the well-being of the planet.”

**Alleviation of poverty amid conservation**

On his return to Hong Kong, Dr Yu thus became fully engaged in conservation, initially as Head of the Climate Programme at the World Wide Fund for Nature. A highlight of his four-year stay at the non-governmental organisation (NGO) was inspiring the widespread adoption of the international Earth Hour initiative in Hong Kong to emphasise the need for energy saving among companies and individuals.

In 2012, he founded his own NGO, World Green Organisation, to put his vision of conservation into practice. “Traditional views on environmental protection have become obsolete,” Dr Yu noted. “I started my own organisation to raise awareness of more contemporary concepts in Hong Kong, such as carbon emissions, carbon footprints, and energy poverty.”

This in turn led to exploration of issues such as how to alleviate human poverty to advance conservation and the reallocation of social resources. Being able to recognise and prioritise people’s needs, especially those of the less well off, is particularly important when determining sustainable development strategies, he said.

Dr Yu terms his own organisation a provider of environmental solutions rather than a pressure group. He visits grassroots communities to understand their lives and needs. He also donates energy-saving appliances, daily necessities and food to “energy-poor families”, protecting the planet on the one hand, and helping to improve people’s lives on the other.
Wiser allocation of society’s resources could easily reduce today’s wasteful ways, Dr Yu noted. With the prospect of soaring healthcare expenditure to cope with the city’s ageing society, for example, he organised the Green WALK Hong Kong event in 2016 to urge people to walk more to enhance their health and decrease carbon emissions.

**Cross-sector collaboration**

With his international business degree and wide-ranging experience in multinational corporations, Dr Yu is also well equipped to understand corporate concerns when designing conservation programmes and helping to publicise sustainable activities. “Conservation is no longer an independent agenda item but one that requires joint expertise and input from a variety of fields and perspectives to make a significant and effective impact,” he said.

In addition to his CEO role at World Green Organisation, Dr Yu currently works as an Adjunct Professor at CityU, teaching business ethics, sustainable risk management and related subjects to draw attention to environmental protection issues. “This is another type of cross-sector collaboration!” he said.

**環保扶貧**

回港後，余博士積極投入環保事業，先加入世界自然基金會擔任氣候項目主任，再任四年期間，「地球一小時」可謂他的得意之作。其後他更於2012年創立非政府組織WGO，以嶄新的理念繼續強化環保。

余博士指出：「傳統的環保觀念已經不合時宜，我希望可以把一些全新的環保概念帶進香港，例如碳排放、碳足印、能源貧窮等，就引伸出現『環保扶貧』、『社會資源調配』等的概念。」

為了讓現時的環保工作更為人性化，余博士主張以顧問民生的需要為前提。他的組織是一個熱衷於社會提供解決方案的非政府組織，而非環保壓力團體。他希望可以利用環保的專業知識解決社會問題，從而做到『環保扶貧』。他會落區考察、了解基層市民的生活環境，又會轉換節能電表、日常用品或剩餘食物給「能源貧窮戶」，既環保亦可減輕他們的經濟負擔。

余博士又認為，透過調配社會資源，可避免造成資源浪費。為了減輕政府日後因人口老化所帶來的醫療開支及基建壓力，他亦舉辦了環保步行活動「地球・故「動」日」，鼓勵大眾多步行，以減少碳排放，並增強人們的健康。

**跨界別合作**

余博士表示：「環保保育已經不是單一議題，而是需要涉及不同領域的專家，以各種專業知識，運用不同的觀點與角度跨界別合作，才能更加有效推動環保。」國際商業的學術背景，以及他在跨國企業的工作經驗，讓余博士更了解商界實際運作模式。以度身訂造適切性的環保方案，應用於宣傳及環保活動工作中。現時，他除了WGO的行政總裁工作外，還應邀返母校城大擔任客席教授，並講商業倫理、可持續性的風險管理等學科，以推動更多界別對環保議題的關注，他開章明義地表示：「這也是跨界別合作的一種！」
Sara Tsui Fung-ling has loved animals of all kinds from childhood. As well as caring for more than 10 dogs and cats, she also shares her home with a snake. When small, Sara hankered to be a veterinarian but ended up studying law instead to use her professional knowledge and skills to protect animals. Later, her passion and commitment prompted her to focus her thesis on this area and carry out research into Hong Kong laws related to animal rights. She has now spent the past 10 years diligently working to enhance the city’s legal protection for animals.

Building awareness in Hong Kong

A look at Hong Kong’s legal framework reveals that many of the relevant laws regarding animals originated from the UK some 50 or 60 years ago and have not been updated. Under Hong Kong law, there are no provisions to prevent animal abuse. Hence, a person who neglects an animal and places them at risk of suffering does not commit an offence. Only when there has been actual harm from such behaviour can action be taken, Sara noted. Often Hong Kong’s laws do not impose “reasonable duty of care” on pet and animal owners or offer comprehensive enough protection compared with other countries, she added.

“As a result, legal practitioners and institutions in Hong Kong generally have less chance to pursue cases involving animals, leading to a lack of relevant knowledge and legal precedents,” she said. However, there have been some positive social developments. People have started to take the initiative to raise issues related to animal welfare in the traditional and social media, while some election candidates have begun to mention animal rights in their campaign platforms. In addition, penalties for breaking the relevant laws have been made more severe in recent years. All these moves show that public awareness of animal rights and welfare is growing, she said. “I think the establishment of the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM) at CityU will also help the public develop a more in-depth view of animal welfare, given that it is specifically training professionals in this area.”

Advocating greater protection

A few years after graduation, Sara became a teaching fellow at CityU Law School, covering animal rights and welfare among other topics. While practising law, she also serves as Honorary Legal Consultant for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Hong Kong) and teams up with other solicitors with a passion for animals to let the public know more about the need for greater protection. “In a society like Hong Kong where economics and the economy are the foremost considerations, it would be hard to run a business focused on animal welfare. That’s why we all have to pursue this goal in our spare time,” Sara explained, adding that her most pressing concern is to improve Hong Kong current legislation. “We hope that our advocacy will foster a larger group of legal practitioners and relevant institutions with a more comprehensive grasp and understanding of animal rights and welfare.”
Actively contributing to change

Sara has always had an active campus presence at CityU. While studying, she joined the Students’ Union (SU). Together with several other classmates, she proceeded to work day and night to rewrite the SU Arbitration Committee’s memorandum. The Committee was revitalised and even started to hear cases again. “There are still students today who are amazed to see the documents I wrote during those years in the SU!” she said.

Having enjoyed her student days and worked at CityU for a decade, Sara regards the University as her second home and is very grateful for all the opportunities it has provided for developing her interest in animal welfare through her studies and work. Currently, she is planning to set up a non-governmental organisation or charity to help injured stray animals and keenly hopes there will be a time when she can collaborate with the SVM. “That would be my dream,” she said.

推廣保護

推動保護

香港動物法例

鳳翎提到香港目前許多與動物有關的法例，都源自五、六十年前的英國法律，然而其內容早已不合事宜。香港目前有關保護動物的法例，只限於動物受到傷害時方可將被告定罪，而相關的法例亦沒有加入預防虐待動物的條款，因此任何企圖傷害動物的行為都判定無可觸法例。鳳翎即指現時香港的法例，由於沒有指明動物主人須要負上「合理的谨慎責任」，故此相比很多國家較不全面。

她指出：「香港普通法律人員及執法機關較少接觸類似案例，所以亦較缺乏相關知識以處理各種動物權利和案件。」然而她指出報章雜誌及社交平臺開始有市民主動討論動物相關的議題，不少議員也在選舉政綱上亦加入動物權利，而且近年法律上的相關條例的懲處也已相對提高。她表示以上種種均反映了香港市民對動物權益的意識的提升。她直言：「城大開設動物醫學院後，相信香港市民會因為這個專業而對動物及其權益有更深入的見解。」

徐鳳翎自幼十分喜歡各種動物，家中除了飼養十多隻狗外，還有一條蛇。雖然她自小的志願是當獸醫，最後卻選修了法律；但她認為可利用法律的專業為保護動物出一分力。回想當年，鳳翎因為喜愛動物，她的畢業論文便以此為題，研究及探討動物法例。近年來鳳翎致力推動改善香港保護動物法例，希望維護動物應有的權益。

律師守護動物

鳳翎研究院畢業數年後重回母校擔任法律學院講師，並在校內教授動物法例的課程。此外，作為一名執業律師，她亦擔任愛護動物協會的榮譽法律顧問。她與校內外熱愛動物的律師組成團隊，希望可以透過律師的專業，讓市民了解動物權益的重要。她坦言：「香港是一個經濟型社會，從事動物權益的案例是無利可圖的事，我們這群律師都在工餘時間義務為動物出一份力。我們亦希望讓更多同行或執法機關能夠全面掌握動物權益的知識。」她最大目標是可倡議及改善香港現有的動物法例，使動物受到應有的保護。

校園點滴在心頭

除讀書外，城大亦是鳳翎工作了十年的地方，城大可說是她的第二個家。讀書時，她加入了學生會後，為了讓仲裁委員會得以再次運作，她與幾名同學日以繼夜地為委員會重寫章程，使其得以重新審理各項申訴。她欣慰地表示：「現在不時有學生對我反映，在學生會檔案中發現我當年所撰寫的文件，感覺很奇妙！」鳳翎很感激城大給予她很多發展機會，讓她可以在書本及工作外繼續做自己喜歡的事。她正考慮成立非政府組織或慈善團體專責幫助受傷的流浪動物，並希望將來可以有機會與城大動物醫學院合作。她衷心表示：「這是我的一個心願。」

Those were the days: Sara (front row, second right) preparing for Orientation Camp with Students’ Union committee members. 師（前排右二）與學生會委員準備大學迎新營。
The horseshoe crab, a member of the *limulidae* family, has a history dating back around 400 million years. However, in recent years, rapid habitat change and major pollution issues from urban development have brought a critical decline in the global population of these marine arthropods. Only around 10,000 juvenile horseshoe crabs now survive in Hong Kong waters.

One champion out to save the species and hopefully increase its numbers again is alumnus Dr Billy Kwan Kit-yue. Dr Kwan, originally from Malaysia, has been passionate about environmental matters from an early age. He first came to understand the crisis facing the horseshoe crab, and its significance to people after winning a CityU scholarship and achieving his dream to study at an overseas university. During his BSc in Environmental Science and Management, Dr Kwan got to know former CityU Professor Paul Shin Kam-shing, a renowned expert in seabed ecology and marine life, and heard about horseshoe crabs and their priceless contribution to medicine for the first time – their unique blue blood can be used to detect whether medical equipment and medications have been infected by bacteria. On learning about this, Dr Kwan decided to continue on to a PhD in Biology and Chemistry at CityU to assist in the horseshoe crab conservation.

**Saving the horseshoe crab**

Such work involves him in both education and research. Since 2009, Dr Kwan’s team has received funding from the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong to run horseshoe crab seminars in 30 secondary schools every year and engage students in rearing juvenile crabs. In this way, the researchers have discovered more about the invertebrates’ culture process. Meanwhile, comparative studies of wild horseshoe crabs and those bred artificially have shed light on the most appropriate conditions to release the latter into the sea and optimise their chances of survival.

“CityU is one of the pioneers in Hong Kong to undertake conservation studies on horseshoe crab.”

Dr Kwan studying the local habitat of horseshoe crabs in Kinmen.
crabs,” Dr Kwan said. “Through different types of research and experiments, we will eventually understand more about their biology and ecology. In addition, our work has inspired other education institutions to initiate horseshoe crab research that will hopefully lead to greater protection of scarce and valuable underwater lifeforms.”

**Promoting greener living**

Dr Kwan does not only encourage eco-friendly practices through his studies. As a CityU Residence Tutor, for example, he sought to encourage greener living among students in hostel. “On an academic exchange to Finland, I noticed that students there used many second-hand items. There were even supply rooms to help them find bed sheets, linen, and other daily necessities.” He believes local students could easily adopt a recycling mindset as well. “Practising a greener lifestyle is simple,” he pointed out. “The most direct way is to start with everyday life, for example, by limiting your use of plastic bottles, bags and other non-degradable objects.”

**Future moves**

To spread the word about protecting the horseshoe crab, Dr Kwan is taking up a post at Guangxi Province’s Qinzhou University, close to Beibu Gulf, an all-important horseshoe crab habitat. While there, he will pursue his conservation and research work into the fascinating creatures. “I hope to share the expertise I have gained at CityU so that people in other places can understand the importance of marine life conservation,” he said.

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**Daily health check:** Dr Kwan extracts horseshoe crab blood in CityU laboratory. Dr Kwan is attending an educational event in Tin Shui Wai with partners from the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong.

Dr Kwan (second right) attends an educational event in Tin Shui Wai with partners from the Ocean Park Conservation Foundation Hong Kong.
CityU was ranked 55th in the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings and 7th in Asia, according to the QS University Rankings: Asia. The University was ranked 4th in the QS Top 50, a global survey of universities less than 50 years old. In US News and World Report’s Best Global Universities 2016, CityU was ranked 10th in the world and 1st in Hong Kong in Engineering and 57th in the world and 1st in Hong Kong in Economics and Business. Recent achievements in global rankings highlight the strength of research, faculty, students and programmes at CityU.

First 5-Star Plus university in Hong Kong
CityU became the first university in Hong Kong to receive the QS 5-Star Plus Award from the QS Asia-Pacific Professional Leaders in Education (QS-APPLE) conference.

Staff accomplishments

Dr Pakpong Chirarattananon, Assistant Professor, Department of Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering, and a team of Harvard roboticists created an energy-saving device enabling aerial micro-robots to stay aloft longer. The technology can provide a bird’s-eye view of a disaster area or detect hazardous chemical agents.

Professor Li Qiusheng, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, received the 2016 Jack E. Cermak Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is the first Chinese scholar in the world to receive this honour. The accolade is the highest in the field of wind engineering and industrial aerodynamics.

Professor Wang Quan, Chair Professor of Structural Mechanics, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. For his contributions to applications for energy harvesting, structural health monitoring and repair, and others.

Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development & External Relations) and Chair Professor of Information Systems and Electronic Commerce, was appointed Chairman of the Hong Kong Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (HKCPEC).

A novel biorefinery process developed by Dr Carol Lin, Assistant Professor, School of Energy and Environment, and her research team won a Gold Medal and jury commendation at the 44th Geneva International Exhibition of Inventions in 2016. The innovative technique turns food waste into textile fibre.

Professor Xue Quan, Chair Professor of Microwave Engineering, Department of Electronic Engineering, and his team won First Prize at the Guangdong Science and Technology Awards for research into miniaturisation and low-power consumption of radio frequency systems.
Other special highlights

Honorary doctorates were conferred on Professor Frederick Ma, GBS, JP, Mr Yeung Kin-man, JP, and Professor Ada Yonath in recognition of their significant contributions to education and the well-being of society. (From left) President Professor Way Kuo, Professor Ada Yonath, Pro-Chancellor Dr Chung Shui-ming, Mr Yeung Kin-man, Professor Federick Ma and Council Chairman Mr Herman Hu.

The University acquired full ownership of Peace Avenue Veterinary Clinic (PAVC), a leading practice in Hong Kong, from 1 September 2016. It will be used by working together with the School of Veterinary Medicine (SVM). (From left) Professor Michael Reichel, Dean of SVM, Dr Phillip Mak and Ms Sisy Lao, founders of PAVC, and Dr Howard Wong, Executive Director of SVM’s Professional Veterinary Education and Development.

Academic 3 was named the Lau Ming Wai Academic Building in recognition of Mr Lau Ming-wai (centre) and his family’s support for CityU over the years. (From Left) Ms Kathy Chan, Associate Vice-President (Development and Alumni Relations), President Professor Way Kuo, Mr Lau Ming-wai, Council Chairman Mr Herman Hu and Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development & External Relations).

CityU’s new floral emblem, Brazil bougainvillea, is highly resilient and blossoms throughout the year, symbolising the qualities that have brought the University success. It was chosen by CityU stakeholders from a shortlist of eight flowers commonly found on campus.

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CityU launched its first Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in September 2016. The undergraduate-level courses are free and non-credit bearing and will be delivered independently of any CityU courses or programmes.

Four projects led by CityU secured the University’s largest grants in dollar terms and highest number of awards to date from the Research Grants Council’s Collaborative Research Fund Scheme. The projects received a total of around HK$25 million to advance research into crucial features of cancer tumours, multidimensional big data analysis, threats to coral ecosystems and memory formation respectively.

CityU’s Academic 2 Building was named the Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building in appreciation of Dr Li Dak-sum and his wife Ms Yip Yio-chin’s support and generous donations. Dr Li Dak-sum (fifth right) with his family, together with Council Chairman Mr Herman Hu (fourth right), President Professor Way Kuo (fifth left), Professor Arthur Ellis (second left), Professor Lu Jian (second right), Professor Horace Ip (third right), Professor Matthew Lee (third left), Mr Sunny Lee (first left) and Ms Kathy Chan (first right) at the naming event.
Alumni and student achievements

The following CityU alumni were recognised in the HKSAR Government’s Honours and Justices of the Peace List 2016 for their outstanding contributions to society (in alphabetical order of surnames):

**Mr Vincent Ho** (Master of Arts in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution) - Justice of Peace
**Dr Hu Fa-kuang** (Honorary Doctor of Social Science) - Grand Bauhinia Medal
**Mr Tony Kwok** (Master of Business Administration) - Justice of the Peace
**Mr David Lai** (Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management), Former Director of Fire Services - Silver Bauhinia Star
**Ms Gloria Poon** (Higher Diploma in Legal Studies) - Medal of Honour
**Dr Sze Chi-ching** (Honorary Doctor of Social Science) - Silver Bauhinia Star
**Mr William Tong** (Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Accounting) - Bronze Bauhinia Star
**Mr Wong Yin-sang** (Master of Arts in Language and Law) - Hong Kong Immigration Service Medal for Distinguished Service

**Dr Gary Cheng**, Doctor of Business Administration, was appointed a member of the HKSAR Government’s Social Welfare Advisory Committee.

Musician and visual artist **Mr Choi Sai-ho**, an alumnus of the School of Creative Media, received an honorary prize for his work *Collide* at the “Visual Music Live Contest 2016” at the Visual Music Awards in Germany.

Creative media alumni **Ms Florence Chan** and **Mr Wong Chun** won the Best Screenplay award and Best Director award, respectively, for their movie *Mad World* at the Hong Kong Film Critics Society Award. Mr Wong was also named Best New Director at the 53rd Taipei Golden Horse Awards for the same feature film.

School of Law alumnus **Mr Richard Khaw** was appointed a Senior Counsel of the HKSAR Government by the Chief Justice of Hong Kong.

**Mr Leung Tsz-tun**, an alumnus of the Department of Applied Social Sciences, was presented with the 25th Outstanding Social Workers Award by the Hong Kong Social Workers Association.
Three College of Business student teams won gold, silver and bronze awards at the Chuang Qing Chun National Entrepreneurship Competition. The gold award project, “Nanbor”, proposed developing an app providing a babysitting service platform that connects working parents and retirees.

CityU Dragon Boat Team won the National Day Celebration Dragon Boat Invitational Race championship, arranged by the Shau Kei Wan National Dragon Boat Organisation. The team comprised over 20 students and staff.

Yip Tsz-fung (left) and Wong Chi-him (right), Bachelor of Business Administration students, took home gold and bronze medals for Hong Kong in the men's event at the 2016 World University Squash Championship in Malaysia. The pair also won a silver medal in the mixed team category.

MPhil student Cheng Chun-sing (left) and PhD students Chi Haoran (right) and Hung Faan-hei (centre), Department of Electronic Engineering, received the top three awards in a competition focused on electronic technologies and organised by the Electronic Division of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers.

Students Tong Siu-lun, Kwok Long-fung, Chan Wing-yan and Chung Chui-ting and alumni Gloria Chan and Lam Wing-yeo secured three gold, two silver and two bronze medals as members of the Hong Kong team at the World University Woodball Championships.

CityU won the men's overall championship and secured the women's overall first runner-up position in the 2015-16 annual intervarsity sports competitions, organised by the University Sports Federation of Hong Kong. CityU gained the championship in nine events and collected 15 first runners-up and six third-place positions. Nine CityU athletes were named Most Valuable Player in their respective events, underlining the University's sporting strength.

Two cross-departmental student teams earned gold and silver awards respectively at the JOS Innovative IT Project Awards 2015-2016. The gold award team developed a mobile app that provides an effective solution for queuing problems at restaurants. The “self-transformable wheelchair” created by the team winning the silver award helps the physically challenged get in and out of vehicles.

The above list is not exhaustive. Further news and updates are available at www.cityu.edu.hk/cityu/about/achievement.htm.
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Events Roundup

Expanding networks: Happy Hour Gatherings

Over the year, alumni and guests from different professions shared their knowledge in a series of engaging and well-attended Happy Hour Gatherings. Social enterprise branding, employability, leadership, and the “One Belt, One Road” initiative were among the topics covered.

Lifelong learning: Alumni Workshops

The popular Alumni Workshop series gave alumni the opportunity to try their hand at a wide range of creative endeavours, including Chinese paper cutting and seal engraving, coffee making, wine tasting and food pairing. Alumni and guest trainers led the workshops, which attracted enthusiastic participation.

A key objective of the Alumni Relations Office (ARO) is to connect up the different generations of CityU graduates professionally and socially, and to encourage on-going self-development in today’s fast-changing global environment. Activities in 2016 included:

Special thanks to guest speakers Dr Wilson Chan, Mr Tony Kwok, Ms Pauline Lee, Mr Alex Tham and Mr Hinz Pak.

Special thanks to alumni trainers Ms Millie Chiu, Mr Dixon Ip, Mr David Wong, and guest trainer Ms Li Yunxia.
Growing community: 2016 Congregation and Graduation Ceremonies

The 2016 University-wide Congregation took place in the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre from 22-23 November 2016. In addition, Colleges and Schools organised individual ceremonies at Wong Cheung Lo Hui Yuet Hall on campus from 22 November-12 December 2016. Graduates, their families and friends, all took home unforgettable memories of these joyful occasions. ARO also arranged free downloading of videos capturing the joyful moments of the ceremonies. The 2016 graduates have now become the latest members of CityU’s ever-growing alumni family.

Interactive forums: Dialogue in Town

Over 90 participants joined the Dialogue in Town alumni forums featuring prominent food critic Mr Chua Lam and well-known author Ms Blanche Tang on 19 January and 21 April 2016 respectively. The celebrities shared their experiences and wisdom. Alumni also received updates on University achievements and alumni activities.

Inter-cohort connections: CityU Banquet

The CityU Banquet saw University students, alumni and staff mix and mingle during a fun and relaxing evening on campus on 28 October 2016. The banquet, organised by the Students’ Union, enabled alumni to reminisce about the old days at CityU as well as get to know those currently studying at the University. In his address at the Banquet, Convocation Chairman and Council member Mr Clovis Lau (picture below) welcomed back alumni and encouraged them to contribute to the University’s advancement.
Leadership sharing: A Dialogue with the President

ARO and Convocation co-hosted “A Dialogue with the President” on 17 November 2016 at the Eminence Galaxy – Alumni Function Room on campus. During the discussion, facilitated by Convocation Chairman and Council member Mr. Clovis Lau, President Professor Way Kuo shared updates with alumni on recent developments at CityU. Topics ranged from rankings to School of Veterinary Medicine advances and the University’s Strategic Plan. The evening provided a great opportunity for participants to network with fellow alumni as well as keep in touch with CityU.

Council members and distinguished alumni Mr. Andrew Fan and Dr. Peter Ho were among those attending. Also joining the event were Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development & External Relations), Professor Paul Lam, Chief-of-Staff, Ms Kathy Chan, Associate Vice-President (Development & Alumni Relations), Professor Cheng Shuk-han, Associate Dean of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Dr. Raymond Chan, Director of Communications and Public Relations Office, and Ms. Alice Chan, Acting Director of the Alumni Relations Office.

Healthy living: CityU Marathon Club

An array of lively events arranged by CityU Marathon Club over the year strengthened ties and provided fresh insights for alumni, students and staff with a passion for long-distance running. Activities included talks, sharing sessions, and running clinics. The interest club was established by alumni, staff and student running enthusiasts to promote the “Marathon Spirit”.

The Club together with ARO and Student Development Services arranged for members to participate in two non-local marathons in 2016, namely the Gold Coast Airport Marathon in Australia on 2 and 3 July and China Xichang International Marathon on 5 November. Such trips helped broaden students’ horizons through experiencing different running cultures and environments. They also visited cultural spots and met alumni living in the respective areas. In Hong Kong, the Club participated in running events that aimed to empower young people.

Become a Club Member: 

Stay connected with CityU Marathon Club

Homepage: www.cityu.edu.hk/aro/marathonclub/
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Reaching out across the world

The University’s growing network of alumni groups enables our graduates to find a home around the globe. 2016 saw the Alumni Chapter established in Shenzhen and alumni ambassadors in different regions organising a host of events to bring together members of the CityU family.

Shenzhen chapter inaugurated

The Alumni Relations Office (ARO) organised the “CityU Alumni Gathering @ Shenzhen cum Inauguration of CityU Shenzhen Alumni Chapter” at CityU Shenzhen Research Institute on 18 June 2016, in partnership with CityU Convocation and CityU Shenzhen Alumni Chapter. Around 130 CityU representatives, guests and alumni joined the gathering, which included an inspiring speech by President Professor Way Kuo on “Higher Education and Social Responsibility” as well as the inauguration of the CityU Shenzhen Alumni Chapter.

Beijing executive committee elected

Some 60 alumni attended the CityU Beijing Alumni Association executive committee election on 15 May 2016. This was the second Exco poll since the Association was established in 2014. The occasion also featured an engaging talk entitled “Made in China 2025” by Professor Lu Jian, Vice-President (Research and Technology). The presentation focused on the strategic position of the Pearl River Delta.

Celebrating New Year in Shanghai

Alumni got together to celebrate the start of 2016 on 26 January in Shanghai at a festive occasion arranged by Mr Clovis Lau, CityU Council Member, Chairman of CityU Convocation, and Executive Committee Member of CityU Shanghai Alumni Chapter. All enjoyed a delightful night, making new friends and sharing updates. Participant feedback showed similar occasions to reconnect alumni in Shanghai would be welcomed.

Alumni share their experiences of life in Shanghai.
Members of the CityU Delegation pledge to voice their support at the Xichang International Marathon.

Happy CityU reunion at Xichang marathon

CityU representatives, staff and alumni enjoyed a reunion and a series of activities in Xichang on 4-5 November 2016. The CityU Delegation @ China Xichang International Marathon cum Alumni Gathering was organised by ARO, with CityU Convocation as the event partner. The get-together included sharing about recent University accomplishments by Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development and External Relations), networking, a reunion dinner, and enthusiastic support for the CityU Delegation at the Xichang International Marathon.

Strengthening networking in Taiwan

Taiwan-based alumni met on 10 July 2016 to brainstorm ways to strengthen connections, enhance mutual support and contribute to CityU advancement. As a result of suggestions put forward, a Facebook page for alumni in Taiwan has now been established. Ms Kathy Chan, Associate Vice-President (Development and Alumni Relations), attended the session and thanked alumni for their support and ideas.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cityutaiwanalumni/

Singapore Moon Festival dinner serves up cross-university networking

A Mid-Autumn Festival celebration dinner was organised on 3 September 2016 in Singapore. The annual event created a valuable cross-university networking platform for some 100 alumni of Hong Kong universities, including CityU. Special thanks to our Alumni Ambassador in Singapore, in particular Ms Olivia Tsang and Ms Rita Wang for their great efforts.

Australian east coast gatherings keep up connections

ARO organised two reunions in Gold Coast and Sydney, Australia, on 1 and 3 July 2016 respectively. Alumni living in Brisbane drove all the way to the Gold Coast to join the reunion and meet the CityU delegation, comprising staff, students and alumni participating in the Gold Coast Airport Marathon the next day. At the alumni reunion in Sydney, finance programme radio host Mr Simon Wu was invited to share his views on the outlook for the investment market following the federal election which took place the day before. Among the 80 participants at the reunions were Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development and External Relations), Ms Kathy Chan, Associate Vice-President (Development and Alumni Relations), and Ms Alice Chan, Acting Director (Alumni Relations Office).
A CityU team including Mr Clark Lee, Ms Eliza Chan, Mr Kevin Lam, Mr Mark Lam, Mr Raymond Lam and Vancouver Alumni Ambassador Ms Ellen Cheng joined an Inter-U Badminton Tournament in Vancouver on 20 February 2016 at the Richmond Pro Badminton Centre. After several exciting matches, the team won a bronze medal. The tournament was organised by local alumni associations from CityU and other Hong Kong universities, with Alumni Ambassadors build bonds in Canada

Ms Cheng’s great help with the coordination.

A Toronto gathering on 10 December 2016 was initiated by Toronto Alumni Ambassador Mr Eric Ho. Attendees made use of the opportunity to exchange views and discuss forthcoming activities.

Aussie barbeque sizzles in Sydney

Alumni couple Mr John You and Ms Mabel Ho hosted a lively reunion at their residence in Dural, Sydney, on 2 October 2016. Over 30 CityU alumni and their families attended. The day was spent meeting old and new acquaintances, and enjoying drinks, good food and the natural scenery, with sporting activities arranged for the children. Special thanks to the You family for their hospitality and Sydney Alumni Ambassadors Ms Winnie Au and Mr Andrew Yeung for their assistance.

Out and about in San Francisco

Some 10 alumni living in San Francisco had a great time on 27 August 2016 at an outing organised by San Francisco Alumni Ambassador Mr Aaron Lai. The event got underway with a leisurely lunch in Alameda, an island suburb. This was followed by an hour-long walk to take in the views of the Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge and enjoy the sea breeze.

UK network kicks off

ARO organised its first alumni gathering in London on 8 October 2016, signifying the start of a CityU network in the UK. Ms Kathy Chan, Associate Vice-President (Development and Alumni Relations) and Ms Pheony Tsang, Alumni Relations Manager, welcomed over 30 alumni to the event. Those attending were keen to learn about University updates, make new friends and share tips on UK life. Around 80 CityU alumni currently reside in the UK.

Ms Kathy Chan, Associate Vice-President (Development and Alumni Relations) (third right, first row) and alumni are seeking to nurture a CityU group in the UK.
关于城贤汇

城贤汇是由一群热心的香港城市大学城大资深校友于2010年创立，其使命是透过会员的专业经验、人脉网络及资源支持母校发展。自成立至今，会员人数超过200名，当中包括来自各界别的管理层、专业人士、创业家和热心公益的资深校友。城贤汇定期举办多元化活动，并与著名机构合作，为会员提供高素质的交流活动，冀让校友扩展网络之余，也丰富个人体验。
The Convocation’s Fifth Standing Committee assumed office on 1 January 2016. At the Committee’s inauguration on 29 April 2016, re-elected Chairman Mr Clovis Lau and other Standing Committee members pledged to bring together alumni to support University development and to serve the alumni community with sincerity, integrity and commitment. The occasion also included an inspiring forum for networking with fellow alumni and CityU staff representatives.

Striding towards stronger connections

Standing Committee members led some 20 alumni, their families and friends on a healthy countryside hike on 22 May 2016. Along the way, walkers took time to appreciate the scenery and network among fellow alumni.

Photo kiosk records memorable moments for graduates

The Convocation set up an e-snapshot photo booth at the University’s Congregation on 22 and 23 November 2016 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre for fresh graduates to capture happy moments with their friends and families.

Reaching out to nurture wider community

Convocation supported the “Job Shadowing” and “Career Workshop” events, part of the City-Youth Empowerment Project, organised by the University’s Department of Applied Social Sciences on 12 February and 2 April 2016 respectively. Alumni served as mentors to minority secondary school students and arranged company visits to enable mentees to widen their knowledge of the working world.

In addition, a group of alumni volunteers visited the elderly in Shek Kip Mei on 13 August 2016 and helped to install electric fans to keep the residents cool during the summer.

Participation call at AGM

Convocation Chairman Mr Clovis Lau briefed members on Convocation accomplishments over the year at the Annual General Meeting on 9 December 2016. He encouraged fellow alumni to participate in alumni activities and continue to support University development.
Alumni associations activate bonds

Numerous social and networking activities were organised by alumni associations in 2016, helping friendships flourish and keeping up robust connections with CityU. The Alumni Relations Office (ARO) also gave advice, support and kept in regular contact with some 40 alumni associations.

Eminence Society drives forward high-flying support

Since establishment in 2010, CityU Eminence Society has brought together over 230 senior alumni to advance University and student development through their resources, networks and expertise. The Society, comprising business leaders, senior professionals and entrepreneurs, has deepened alumni bonds through a wide range of activities. These include exchange tours, forums, networking dinners and outings, and support for meaningful community endeavours.

The Society regularly invites renowned speakers to share their views on topics of interest to members. Subjects have ranged from education and parenthood to Hong Kong’s development and company mergers and acquisitions. On 8 August 2016, the Hon Jasper Tsang, then President of Hong Kong’s Legislative Council, took part in a highly successful Dinner Forum with the theme of “Hong Kong 2047”.

On 13 September 2016, Chairman Ms Jenny Chan (first row, sixth left) joined the kick-off ceremony for the City-Youth Empowerment Project, which equips CityU student volunteers to assist people in need and promotes the “to serve and to be served” spirit. The Society also collaborated with the Empowerment Project in inviting primary school students from low-income families and their parents to a Christmas party on 10 December 2016. The party theme was “Passing the Love”. The Eminence Society has been an Empowerment Project sponsor for six years.
Glittering turnout for EMBA Association Annual Ball 2016

The prestigious EMBA Association Annual Ball brought together around 250 CityU representatives, EMBA Executive Committee members, alumni and guests for a sparkling celebration on 16 April 2016, with Mr John Tsang, then Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, as Guest of Honour. At the party, EMBA Association Chairman Ms Alvine Suen warmly welcomed all present and shared news of the newly established EMBA Trust Fund.

Legal eagles mentor next generation

The Alumni Association of the School of Law organised a well-received “Mid-Summer Night Drinks” event on 24 August 2016, bringing together some 60 law alumni mentors and students. Speaking at the gathering, Professor Geraint Howells, Dean of the School of Law, encouraged students to work hard to further advance the legal sector and wished them a bright future. Further synergy between the School of Law and its alumni association is being fostered, with ARO keenly encouraging such a move.

Public policy presentation explores property management

CityU Public Policy and Social Administration Alumni Association arranged a topical talk by Ms Cora Yuen, former President of the Hong Kong Institute of Housing, on “The Impact of the Property Management Services Ordinance” on 25 June 2016. The association plans to hold more workshops for alumni in the field of property management.

Meet and greet at MBA happy hour get-togethers

The MBA Alumni Association Happy Hour Gatherings have proved a great way to enhance alumni networking and establish links between senior alumni and students. All MBA alumni are welcome.
Alumni mentors share valuable career tips

Alumni mentors and their student mentees enjoyed meeting each other at the Information Systems Industrial Mentorship Programme kick-off ceremony, organised by the Department of Information Systems on 24 October 2016. Through the CityU Alumni Ambassador Scheme, over 300 alumni have now joined mentorship programmes organised by different CityU departments, sharing career tips and their professional knowledge with students.

Association leaders celebrate synergy

Over 30 alumni association leaders attended the Annual Gathering for Alumni Associations, co-organised by ARO and Convocation on 9 December 2016. Ms Alice Chan, Acting Director of the Alumni Relations Office, and Mr Clovis Lau, Chairman of CityU Convocation, got the occasion underway with speeches thanking those present for their efforts in strengthening and synergising the alumni network. During the networking event, participants shared updates and association experiences and expressed their support to the CityU Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run to be organised by ARO on 19 March 2017.

Alumni Ambassador Scheme

Proud and honoured to serve alma mater

Over 70 enthusiastic final-year class representatives pledged to become Class Liaison Ambassadors at two Orientation sessions, organised by ARO on 23 April and 17 May 2016 respectively. The sessions enabled participants to learn more about the “Caring by Serving” spirit of the Alumni Ambassador Scheme. Experienced alumni ambassadors also provided enrichment by sharing voluntary work and career insights.

Keeping in touch at Engineering Doctorate Society Annual Dinner

Some 50 University representatives and alumni took part in the Engineering Doctorate Society Annual Dinner, held on campus on 27 November 2016. During the evening, President Professor Way Kuo discussed the University’s recent achievements and thanked alumni for their continuous support. Other highlights included alumni talks, award presentations to life members of the Society, and lively conversation throughout the event.

Alumni introduce students to fresh energy and environment industry perspectives.

Powering forward inter-generational links

A School of Energy and Environment (SEE) get-together for students, staff, and alumni was held on 16 April 2016, drawing together some 60 alumni and students. The theme was “Alumni and Students’ Sharing on the Energy and Environment Scene in Hong Kong”. As part of the activities, alumni mentors discussed their study paths, success stories and industry career prospects with students.

The new Class Liaison Ambassadors prepare to strengthen bonds between CityU and their classmates after graduation.
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“Pearl of Orient” Dinner Cruise 「東方之珠」自助晚餐

Time 時間: 17:45 ～ 19:15
Pier 碼頭: North Point (East) Passenger Ferry Pier 北角渡輪碼頭
Includes 包括: Dinner buffet, live band performance and cruise sightseeing in Victoria Harbour 豐盛自助晚餐，現場樂隊表演及遊船維港觀賞

“A Symphony of Lights” Dinner Cruise 「幻彩繽紛香江」自助晚餐

Time 時間: (1) 19:30 ～ 21:30 (2) 20:00 ～ 21:30
Pier 碼頭: (1) North Point (East) Passenger Ferry Pier 北角渡輪碼頭 (2) Hung Hom Ferry Pier 九龍塘渡輪碼頭
Includes 包括: “A Symphony of Lights” laser show, dinner buffet, live band and cruise sightseeing in Victoria Harbour 攜家人踏入活力繽紛世界維港大典「幻彩繽紛香江」激光表演、豐盛自助晚餐及維港巡遊

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Join CityU Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run on 19 March 2017 for a great day out with family and alumni friends!

Relax and enjoy a fun-filled carnival of games and activities on campus, organised by the Alumni Relations Office (ARO) on Sunday, 19 March 2017. This year’s gala theme is “Let’s March Forward for a Splendid Future”, with the line-up including a Homecoming Big Party, celebrity sharing, campus run, alumni flea market, interest workshops, open house at selected campus locations cum city hunt, game booths, bouncy castle, food stalls, and more.

A great way to celebrate the good old days of University life and catch up with new members of the CityU community. Alumni, students, staff and families all welcome.

Don’t miss the lucky draw (fantastic prizes!) at the Homecoming Big Party.
Attractive lucky bags distributed on site. First come, first served.

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Tobey Cheung
2007 ASc in Surveying (Estate Surveying)

We are very happy to announce that Ci-ching was born in May 2016. She is an absolute delight.

Sally Choi
1998 HD in Business Studies

My daughter Lung Sze-wing is now 10 years old! She recently won a drawing competition and I am so proud of her.

Sophia Choi
2006 MSc in Electronic Commerce

I currently work in a printing company and I love taking part in voluntary service during my spare time.

Geng Chunya
2004 MPhil in Physics & Materials Science

Since graduation, I have arranged for alumni from the Mainland to share their Hong Kong experiences with current Mainland students, to meet and serve CityU Eminence Society alumni, and to participate in activities organised by different departments. I often take my wife and daughter for a walk around CityU and tell my young daughter: “This was your father’s starting point in Hong Kong.”

Karina Fan
2000 MA in Translation & Interpretation

Kelly was born in January 2016. Although she is eight years younger than her brother, they get along with each other quite well. As children grow up so fast, I want to treasure every moment with them. I therefore decided to move out of the television news field, where I have worked for over 20 years, and transfer to the Hong Kong Economic Journal to learn more about online news.
Clive Kwok
2005 BSocSc in Psychology
I set up my own training consultancy, Privatism, in 2014. The firm was established as a general management consulting company, with the focus on operational improvement and corporate culture-building. My main market is the luxury sector.

Grace Lau
2016 BSc in Creative Media
I became a full-time athlete after graduation and the female face of karate in Hong Kong. I have been honoured to represent Hong Kong in international competitions in recent years, winning gold medals in the Karate Premier League, East Asian Karate Federation and the Karate World Cup, among others.

Cyrus Sham
2010 BBA in Business Management
My boy Yu-chun is now three months old and I hope he will love basketball as much as his Dad.

Phoebe Tang
2012 MA in Language Studies (Translation and Interpretation)
Ollie and I tied the knot on 18 April 2015!

Willie Wu
2013 BSc in Computing Mathematics
Joyce Han and I celebrated our wonderful wedding on 17 September 2016. Professor Paul Lam, Chief-of-Staff at CityU, attended the occasion too.

Wong Yu-wing (left)
1996 BEng in Electronic Engineering
Members of the CityU Organic Farm project, including me, harvested some 50kg of vegetables! The vegetables were sent to Sham Shui Po restaurateur Mr Chan Cheuk-ming, aka ‘Ming Gor’, to make lunch boxes for those in need.

Leroy Yue
1988 BA(Hons) in Business Studies
I am delighted to report that I have developed a mobile application called PikaPage. The app allows people to create mobile-friendly webpages with tables and lists. Son Leo George also loves to work with Daddy!
Deepen your ties to CityU’s lifetime community

The annual City AlumNet magazine, published by the Alumni Relations Office (ARO), is just one of the many ways to keep up to date with University developments and your fellow alumni. Check out the following to find out about the latest happenings at your alma mater and CityU’s alumni services.

From the President
Quarterly e-newsletter sharing the President’s insights and updates.
http://www.cityu.edu.hk/aro/main/communication/from_president.htm

AlumExpress
Biweekly e-newsletter providing a quick update on events, services, benefits, job opportunities, and more.
http://www.cityu.edu.hk/aro/main/communication/alumniexpress.htm

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http://www.facebook.com/cityualumni

Alumni Directory
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“CityU Alumni” mobile apps
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CityU Student ID No. or 3 digits of HKID No.: ________________________________ (e.g. A1234567(7), please provide 123)

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Applications are accepted throughout the year and will be considered mainly in one admission round. The application deadline for 2018 entry is 1 December 2017.

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CityU offers the following professional postgraduate programmes. Application period for 2017 entry opens on 15 November 2016:

a. Professional Taught Postgraduate Programmes

The University offers a wealth of professional taught postgraduate programmes that are designed to integrate the acquisition of professional skills with the cultivation of intellectual faculties. Please visit our website for the application period, the list of programmes and the programme details.

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