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From the Editor

A year into the Covid-19 crisis, the theme for our 2021 edition of *City AlumNet* is "Energising Opportunities, Rising Above Challenges", highlighting how members of CityU have met and overcome difficulties during the pandemic.

Despite different experiences, our alumni interviewees share a similar attitude demonstrating a spirit of resilience and resolve to turn testing situations around. Be it by smart automated equipment or digital transformation of staff training, preparations for the coming Summer Olympics or keeping up teaching quality, all cope with the challenges and look forward optimistically to tomorrow.

Such a spirit reflects that of the entire CityU community. As President Professor Way Kuo notes in his interview, the pandemic has showcased CityU's creative energy in a host of ways in education and research, for example, our pioneering "One Health" endeavours, and through initiatives including the "United, We Soar" fundraising campaign, HK Tech 300, and launch of the CityU Anthem.

CityU is certainly a special place for me, as an alumnus, faculty member, and since April 2021, Director of the Alumni Relations Office. In my new role and with the CityU community's support, we will continue to unite alumni in support of University development and to nurture alumni bonds, positivity, and growth.

Wishing you all a year of health and soaring achievement!

Dr Ron Kwok
Director (Alumni Relations Office)

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Creative thinking in crisis management

President Professor Way Kuo reflects on the University's fast-paced responses to the Covid-19 crisis, the interdisciplinary research platforms generating high-impact research for better health outcomes, and the CityU Anthem.

Paraphrasing comments by Robert F. Kennedy in 1966, uncertain times open up opportunities for creativity, says President Way Kuo. In periods of trouble, people often unleash their drive to solve problems and help others.

CityU's response to the pandemic has shone the spotlight on the creative energy of faculty members, staff and students, and highlighted the University's capacity to adapt to critical circumstances. Exemplary leadership

and the consummate professionalism of the CityU community have been critical to supporting safety.

"Our bold character was evident when CityU rolled out its online platform CityU-Learning in record time after campus was temporarily closed in late January 2020 because of Covid-19," explains President Kuo. "We wanted to minimise disruption to students' learning so as not to delay graduation and progress, and thus ensure a seamless provision of high-quality professional education."



President Kuo hosted the inaugural BOLD Forum to explore how data science can drive the management of societal health.

Jobs boost

Later in the year, when the global impact of the pandemic became clearer, an enormous effort was invested in providing our Class of 2020 with a range of support for securing jobs. The CityU Career Launch Scheme (CARLS) encouraged employers to hire CityU students by offering financial incentives, and extra career coaching and job talks with major global players helped offset the impact of the job market crunch.

It also became evident that the public wished to know more about how universities were responding to the virus. Consequently, the President hosted the inaugural BOLD Forum in April 2020 and also delivered a talk on "Data-Driven Global Pandemic Management" as part of the HKIAS Distinguished Lecture Series in September 2020, explaining the role of data-driven management in preventing delays in, and streamlining responses to, crises.

In addition, recognition for our research contributions to fighting Covid-19 was seen when three CityU projects were granted \$8.3 million in funding by the Health and Medical Research

Fund under the Food and Health Bureau, while new programmes such as a Bachelor of Science degree with a stream option in Global Research Enrichment and Technopreneurship, a law-math double degree programme, and joint bachelor's degree programmes in partnership with the University of Edinburgh and the University of Manchester in the UK, emphasised our capacity to evolve and strengthen during tough times.



President Kuo thanked the CityU community for working so hard to enable CityU to become a leading university in veterinary education and life sciences at the groundbreaking ceremony for its veterinary teaching farm locating in Lam Tsuen, Tai Po.

Rapidly rising

"Last year was definitely challenging but it was meaningful, too," says President Kuo. "We performed strongly in international rankings and our highly qualified academics helped to further establish our identity as a world-class university."

In fact, rankings indicate that CityU is one of the fastest rising universities in the world. We are placed #48 in the world, according to the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) data, while metrics compiled by Stanford University reveal that over 140 CityU faculty members are listed among the top 2% of the world's most highly cited scientists. In fact, in terms of research quality as measured by citations per faculty member, CityU is ranked top in the QS World University Ranking averaged over a 5-year period from 2017 to 2021 in Hong Kong.

"A big part of our success in areas such as rankings is our visionary outlook. We look to the future and anticipate trends, changes and needs.



President Kuo thanked for donors' support in his remarks at the launching ceremony of "United, We Soar" campaign.

Our Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 provides a clear vision for the next 25 years and details key areas of research, i.e. Smart City, Digital Society, One Health, Matter and Brain, critical areas for encouraging greater prosperity and well-being."

One Health, one community

A key element in this vision is the development of the One Health principle at CityU. In recent months, several developments have taken place. Work has started on CityU's veterinary teaching farm in Lam Tsuen, Tai Po in November 2020. The farm will be equipped with international standard facilities and is formulating plans to supply high-quality CityU milk and ice-cream.

The CityU community has been a huge contributor to these successes and will continue to be an integral part of our plans moving forwards, adds President Kuo.

"We welcome the support of our friends and stakeholders. Donations

have transformational power and every gift is invaluable, enabling CityU to nurture future generations of professionals, problem solvers and leaders, and allowing more time and space to improve people's lives."

To this end, the public phase of a comprehensive fundraising campaign titled "United, We Soar" launched in December 2020 after a long period of preparation aims to raise somewhere in the region of HK\$2.5 billion. The campaign will facilitate breakthroughs in strategic initiatives, education and research, student development, and campus development, and especially in research to tackle Covid-19.

And finally, we are very excited that our newly written and composed CityU Anthem (<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/cpro/cityu-brand/cityu-anthem>) has been introduced to the campus and the general public. Themed "Beyond Boundaries", the song aims to encourage students, faculty, and staff to pursue excellence whilst capturing our special characteristics, values and mission. The song is unique to CityU and will be played at University events.

"I hope to encourage our alumni to support CityU as much as possible and thereby let the world know that our passion for creating a better tomorrow is stronger than ever," says the President. ◀



CityU
Anthem



The CityU Anthem, themed "Beyond Boundaries" with lyrics written by President Kuo, captures CityU's special features, expectations, and encouragement.



A healthy development

Professor Nikolaus Osterrieder became Dean of the Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences in 2020. He explains how the Covid-19 crisis has raised awareness of the key importance of the One Health concept, and his plans for leading the College to global recognition and impact.

Given your distinguished career in Germany and extensive international experience, what is your vision for the College to become one of the leading veterinary schools in the world?

Having spent most of my working life in Europe and the United States, Asia presents an entirely different array of opportunities for both myself and our other international faculty. The diversity of issues that present here make it an extremely exciting place to work. As Hong Kong's first and only veterinary school, we are in an enviable position to tackle and take the lead in areas

such as zoonotic diseases, food safety and production, aquaculture, and animal welfare.

The Covid-19 pandemic has rapidly brought to the fore the importance of One Health to everyone around the globe. Never in our lifetimes have we seen such a consensus as the need to have healthy human and animal populations as well as to preserve our environment and strive to minimise the effects of pandemics and zoonotic threats. It is a shame, in fact, that it took Covid-19 for us to realise the importance of One Health. Unfortunately, the world tends to have a short memory and there is a danger of people going back to their old habits, which is why we need to emphasise that we all need to have a paradigm shift into a post-Covid-19 One Health world that results in true preparedness. Having a veterinary school in Hong Kong to tackle these issues, whether it is by advising the government on Covid-19 in pets, research by faculty into how the virus and its many variants spread and cause disease in populations, or outreach to the community, is an important element in our fight against the next pandemic that is all but certain to wash ashore.

Amazingly, our first cohort of talented veterinary students are only a couple of years away from graduating. It seems like yesterday when I heard about this project between CityU and Cornell University. This exciting prospect will be another milestone in the development of not only the Jockey Club College and CityU, but Hong Kong and the region. For the first time ever, Hong Kong will



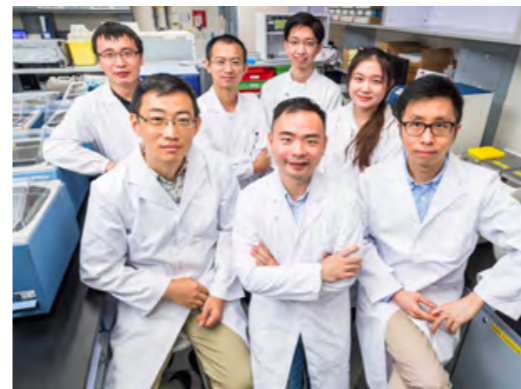
Professor Osterrieder, and Ms Alice Choi, Executive Director, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), with their landmark Memorandum of Understanding to advance shared goals in training and education, improving animal health and welfare, and benefitting the local community.



Professor Osterrieder (fourth from left), together with President Professor Way Kuo (fifth from left), senior management, and staff from the JCC participate in the groundbreaking ceremony for the CityU teaching farm in the New Territories.

produce its own trained veterinarians, and these incredible ambassadors will go forth representing us and hopefully making their mark in the veterinary profession for years to come.

I would also like to thank our many partners, supporters, and friends at Cornell's College of Veterinary Medicine for their continued support of the programme.



A research team led by Dr Zhang Liang, Dr Yan Jian, and Dr Chan Kui-ming (front row from left), Assistant Professors in the Department of Biomedical Sciences, has developed a new method for identifying binding proteins of non-coding RNAs in living cells.

What are some of the College's key research contributions in tackling the on-going Covid-19 pandemic?

Three projects proposed by College faculty have been granted \$8.3 million in funding by the Health and Medical Research Fund under the Food and Health Bureau, which highlight the College's valuable contributions to fight Covid-19.

Also, the research that aims at tackling Covid-19 has attracted over \$7.1 million in funding from the Innovation and Technology Fund's scheme "Public Sector Trial Scheme for the Prevention and Control of Covid-19 in Hong Kong". Other examples

of research breakthrough also include the development of a new method for identifying binding proteins of non-coding RNAs in living cells by the Department of Biomedical Sciences. Next to government-funded projects, many of our faculty are actively involved in research on Covid-19 and SARS-CoV-2 from studies on virus pathogenesis and animal models of disease, vaccine development and disease modelling.

Other endeavours include Covid-19 testing for animals by CityU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (VDL), which began a pilot testing scheme in July 2020 with samples being collected by local veterinarians. The contributions from CityU VDL on offering support to animal disease research and collaboration with medical professionals provide opportunities for diagnosis and research into zoonotic diseases under the "One Health" concept.

You have previously stated that one of your favourite quotes is from 19th-century pathologist and politician Dr Rudolf Virchow, who said: "There are no dividing lines between human and veterinary medicine - nor should there be." This is also a guiding principle for the College. What do you see as the key strategic areas for its on-going development?

When the current pandemic hopefully behind us soon, the world's health focus should and will re-focus on one of the major challenges to human, animal, and environmental health, commonly referred to as antimicrobial resistance or AMR. AMR is second only to climate change when we consider worldwide threats of the planet's well-being. One of the causes of AMR is the less-than-prudent use

of antibiotics, and studies indicate that it could lead to 50 million deaths by 2050, according to WHO figures. JCC obtained funding to the tune of \$35 million from the Sustainable Agriculture and Aquaculture Funds for the creation of pig, poultry, and aquatic teams whose aim is to improve animal health, welfare, productivity, food safety, and sustainability on Hong Kong farms. By working closely with local farmers, and as the only locally available veterinary service for farm animals in Hong Kong, we are hoping to assist them to use fewer and less veterinary drugs in their animals, which in turn will result in a healthier product for the consumer.

For animal welfare, different aspects, including farming, husbandry, food and transport, which are critical to One Health, are taken into consideration. The overall goal of JCC is to improve quality of life and health of people, animals, and the environment, and to ensure sustainable food production through the promotion of animal welfare. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed recently between CityU and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.



High-quality milk and ice-cream are expected to be produced at the CityU teaching farm.

The establishment of the CityU Dairy teaching farm in Lam Tsuen, Tai Po, by the end of 2021 will be another significant achievement, providing opportunities for our students to learn about the science of milk production and rearing of cattle.

The dairy has been designed to meet the most stringent animal welfare and environmental standards and will showcase how a small modern dairy farm can be run. It will also be the only active dairy farm in Hong Kong producing Hong Kong's only locally produced milk, making it a truly exciting prospect.

Leading the way in testing times

Resilient and resourceful, six remarkable CityU alumni in Hong Kong and overseas, demonstrate how they have proactively turned the coronavirus crisis into fresh capabilities for themselves and others.



Dr Bessie Chong

PhD (Economics & Finance)
Director, Group Training & Talent Management, Esquel Group

Talent manager boosts digital transformation

Dr Bessie Chong is part of the senior management at Esquel Group, a global leader in the textile and clothing sector. Just two weeks after Covid-19 started to impact Hong Kong in January 2020, the group had used its expertise in cotton textiles to begin manufacturing reusable masks, helping to alleviate pressing demand and becoming the talk of the town.

Bessie's job is to oversee talent training and development for the group, which has 35,000 employees in six countries and regions. **She has been coordinating with and enhancing the group's digital transformation for the past six years.**



Employees learn simple coding techniques to write mobile apps, as Dr Bessie Chong believes lifelong learning is important for staff development.

She has assisted the implementation of Esquel's programming campaign that **teaches employees to use simple coding to write mobile apps and helps them improve their critical thinking skills.** Coronavirus-related travel restrictions have also led some senior marketing colleagues to become YouTubers, enabling them to successfully promote the company.

Bessie has been pleased to see Esquel take the initiative in using digital technology, as this has improved the group's operational efficiency.

She explained that **undertaking a PhD at CityU had enabled her to take a macro view of industry prospects in her area of expertise as a leader.** At the same time, her studies **equipped her with the knowledge and skills needed in the human resources market,** allowing her to nurture talents and assign people to roles suited to their abilities and values, as well as develop the necessary training. ◀

By actively looking for new opportunities and utilising technology, we can find sustainable solutions to get us through this crisis. At the same time, you always need to remind yourself of your personal abilities and values, and keep moving forward.



Elsa Kwok

EMBA
Associate Wealth Management Director, AIA Company Limited
Japan Pastel Hope Art Association (JPHAA) Certified Instructor

Fostering harmony with pastels and hope

Ms Elsa Kwok has enjoyed a successful career in media and public relations for more than 20 years. She previously worked in the news department of two major local TV stations, with the news programmes she anchored winning top ratings. After leaving television, she set up her own consultancy, providing event planning, video production, corporate training, and other services.



Elsa Kwok used the additional time created by the pandemic to train as a JPHAA Certified Instructor.

In 2018, Elsa graduated from CityU's Executive Master of Business programme (EMBA), going on to join the CityU EMBA Association Executive Committee, where she served as Chief Secretary. She is currently at AIA

Company Limited, where she assists clients with asset allocation.

Cheerful and optimistic by nature, **Elsa is always ready to meet a challenge.** With the pandemic causing many promotional events to be cancelled or postponed, Elsa has made the most of the additional time to become a Japan Pastel Hope Art Association (JPHAA) Certified Instructor. **This unique method of painting is a form of artistic healing through colour and art, which she hopes can help students regain a sense of harmony and joy.**

While graduates may feel confused and concerned about their prospects in light of constant social and environmental changes, Elsa's message to today's generation is **to seize every opportunity to better equip themselves to handle the future.** Such opportunities include reading widely or studying online courses. She also suggests **trying different types of work when young to build up life experience and deepen personal development.** ◀

Always be brave when you face changes or adversity at different stages of life, and accumulate diverse experience so you can continue to grow.



Dr Anna Lau

BEng (Hons) Electronic and Communication Engineering
PhD and MPhil (Electronic Engineering)
Chief Executive Officer, Laxcen Technology Limited

Applying RFID to fight the pandemic

Dr Anna Lau graduated from the Department of Electronic Engineering in 2005. Five years later, she had completed her master's and doctorate, focusing her research on antenna systems. During her studies, she applied for a number of patents, including RFID applications for library systems.

Anna now works in Singapore for Laxcen Technology Limited, an electronics company headquartered in mainland. Its main business is the design and production of RFID tags and AI equipment. In the past, she often needed to travel for work, but once the pandemic began, she quickly adapted to the new normal of online meetings and remote working, as she also leads a Shenzhen-based team in antenna design research.

In the early days of Covid-19, domestic and international orders dropped significantly, according to Anna. More recently, the production line has faced a shortage of chips and other raw materials. **To create new opportunities, she has encouraged her team to adopt innovative thinking.**

This has seen the **team adapt RFID technology-based robots to serve as**

touch-free, automatic disinfection equipment, with the robots later purchased by the Singapore authorities. Further initiatives have helped libraries and hospitals improve their smart bookshelf and medicine shelf capacity, respectively, enhancing disease prevention and control.

Thus, despite the difficulties, the **pandemic has prompted many businesses, government departments and organisations to accelerate the introduction of fully automated equipment, Anna believes. This, in turn, is spurring smart city development.** ◀



Dr Anna Lau (second left) regularly represents her company at international conferences, and serves as AIM Asia chairperson.

Let's meet the challenge of the pandemic with positive energy. Let's embrace the flexible, hard-working, and stick-to-it attitude of Hongkongers. Let's look at ever-changing social trends with a clear mind and eyes so that we can adjust and adapt to the diverse challenges in our environment.



Grace Lau

BSc (Hons) Creative Media
Full-time Athlete/Hong Kong Karatedo Team Member

Strengthened and ready for the Olympics

Ms Grace Lau began learning karate, boxing, and taekwondo at the age of 11. After being selected for the Hong Kong team, she was admitted to the School of Creative Media through CityU's Student Athletes Admission Scheme and awarded a Dr Herman Hu Outstanding Sports Talents Scholarship.

At CityU, **close support from Student Development Services helped Grace balance studying with her training and competition schedule.** Meanwhile, under her leadership, the CityU women's karate team went on to break the monopoly that other universities had long held in intermural competitions.

In August 2018, the young athlete **made her debut at the Asian Games. She won a bronze medal in the women's individual kata karate, becoming the first to gain a medal in the event in Hong Kong history.** In November that year, she also won a bronze at the World Karate Championships, marking another first for Hong Kong. Since then, she has gone on to win many international competitions.

After the 2020 Tokyo Olympics were postponed a year due to the pandemic, Grace decided to spend nine months'

training in the United States to improve her skills. Since returning to Hong Kong, she has been living behind "closed doors" at the Hong Kong Sports Institute, with her daily training routine – indeed whole life – carried out there. Even family and friends can only meet her through video conferencing!

Despite the difficulties, Grace feels this been a valuable learning period, from which she and her karate have significantly benefited. ◀



Training is key to be in peak condition for the Tokyo Olympics.

While it is yet to be seen if I will be successful in the Olympics, I have adjusted my mentality. I train with a calm mind each day, and feel ready to face sudden changes with resilience.



Frederick Poon

BA (Hons) and MA Teaching English as a Second Language
Principal, St. Paul's Co-educational College

Lessons in embracing the new normal

Mr Frederick Poon, who became head of St. Paul's Co-educational College in 2017, will never forget announcing the suspension of face-to-face instruction in early 2020 in response to the pandemic. Frederick then sought to start real-time online classes as quickly as possible, rapidly adapting the school's "bring your own computer" programme to enable teachers and students to collaborate virtually. **This meant both could keep to the pre-Covid-19 class schedule, minimising the impact of the school's physical closure on teaching and learning.**

In his role as school leader, Frederick also decided to hold the annual fundraising walk, graduation ceremony, and anniversary celebration as live or pre-recorded events. **The flexible and positive approach helped boost teachers' and students' morale and deepen the sense of belonging to the school, enabling the century-old institution to embrace the new normal.**

Frederick has wanted to teach since he was a child. His excellence in English enabled him to pursue an undergraduate degree at CityU, and a year after graduating, he obtained his Postgraduate Diploma in Education

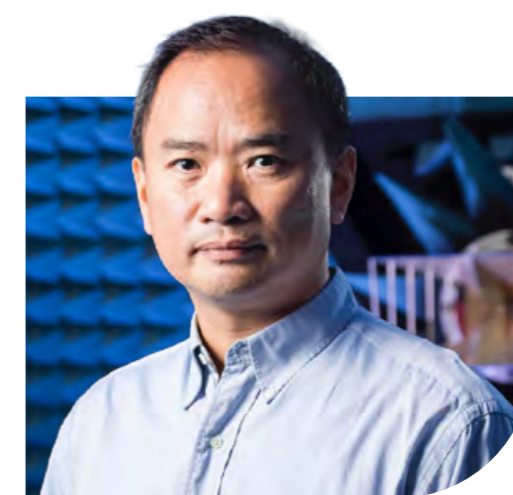


As head of the school, Frederick Poon had to rapidly adapt to the suspension of in-person classes while boosting the morale of teachers and students.

(PGDE) in preparation for a teaching career. The following year, he decided to return to CityU to undertake an MA.

Since then, Frederick has been able to **pursue and achieve his lifelong goal of working in education and nurturing future leaders of society, making him highly appreciative of his foundational CityU training and experiences.** ◀

Despite Covid-19, St. Paul's 2020 graduates maintained their diligence and enthusiasm, and achieved strong public examination results. CityU has also faced challenges from the pandemic, and I hope alumni will work together with their alma mater to tackle all future challenges with solidarity and positivity.



Dr Kenneth Tong

BEng (Hons) and PhD (Electronic Engineering)
Associate Professor, University College London

Antenna expert tunes in to challenge of Covid-19

Dr Kenneth Tong, who has worked in the Department of Electronic and Electrical Engineering at University College London (UCL) since 2005, sees the testing times of Covid-19 as a valuable learning experience.

Kenneth is an eminent researcher and lecturer, undertaking leading antenna, microwave, and millimetre-wave technology research. **When UK universities suspended in-person classes in 2020, he had to rapidly create new materials for teaching online. Thankfully, his students quickly adapted to the new mode.**

He also hurriedly relocated certain equipment to his home before the campus was closed. In this way, he could continue to do basic lab work. To his relief, this meant his research did not have to completely shut down.

Kenneth has loved making electronic gadgets from childhood, and **chose to join then young CityU as the University was energetic and dynamic.** His doctoral thesis involved the application of broadband microstrip antennas in wireless communications, going on to be published in international academic journals and to have a significant impact on global mobile communications.

After graduation, Kenneth joined CityU's Department of Electrical Engineering, and was a member of the team, led by Professor Luk Kwai-man and Professor Chan Chi-hou, that **successfully developed low-cost broadband base antennas for 2G and 3G mobile communication systems.**

He then moved to the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology in Japan, serving as an expert researcher in photonic information technology and millimetre-wave technology, before securing his post at UCL. **At UCL, he has continued to broaden and deepen his teaching and research horizons, including extending his antenna research to medical applications.** ◀



Wireless sensor network technology can monitor outdoor environments, including issues such as environmental pollution.

The on-going pandemic has been a challenge, but it has also strengthened people's resilience amidst adversity.

Springboard to the future

Young alumni share how CityU shaped their career goals.



Hugo Chan
BEng (Hons) Mechatronic Engineering
Co-founder, Albacastor Technology Limited

Reaching out with robotics

Following graduation from the Department of Mechatronic Engineering in 2018, **Mr Hugo Chan has pursued his goal to use innovation to assist people**, a life direction inspired after participation in the Enhancing Youth Empathy Project through Immersive Visualisation, led by CityU and sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

Along with four other classmates, he designed a **multifunctional, transformable wheelchair** as part of the project, being well aware of the need as his own grandfather had been immobilised since the amputation of

one leg. The innovative machine that resulted not only raises the height of the wheelchair seat but can also extend horizontally to ease transfers to a bed or vehicle. The team's invention **won the Romanian Inventors Forum Special Award in the finals of the International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada (iCAN) in 2018.**

Now Hugo, together with fellow alumni Mr Peter Cheung and Mr Henry Lam,



HORIZON, a smart patient transfer robot based on concepts conceived for a transformable wheelchair that extends horizontally.

have founded Albacastor Technology Limited to extend their award-winning technology design to broader applications. The company's first product is **HORIZON, a cutting-edge resident transfer robot for care homes to assist with bed moves and reduce manpower needs.**

Hugo is particularly grateful for the advice provided by CityU's Centre for Robotics and Automation as well as sponsorship from the University's Student Early Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (SEEDS), with both significantly accelerating the product development process. ◀

Advanced robotics offer an innovative way to meet the needs of an ageing society by assisting healthcare systems and residential institutions improve the quality of nursing services.



Wong Chun-shen
BSc Computational Finance
Quantitative Trader, XY Capital Limited

Dynamic route to the world of fintech

To Malaysian alumnus Mr Wong Chun-shen, who graduated in 2020 from the College of Business, the rigorous nature of his Computational Finance degree provided **just the right combination of knowledge and skills in finance, mathematics, and statistics to lay a solid foundation** for his future fintech career and professional development.

In addition to his studies, Chun-shen represented CityU for two consecutive years at the **University of Toronto's Rotman International Trading Competition, which features over 50**

of the world's top universities. Under his leadership, the team went on to **win second prize in the contest in 2019.** He also took the opportunity to network with business elites, other outstanding students, and professors from across the globe.

Chun-shen's exchange programme to Italy's Bocconi University in Milan proved a further eye-opener. There, he attended lectures hosted by the London Stock Exchange and Goldman Sachs, among others. On graduation, the young high flyer received job offers from local and international firms, ultimately deciding to become a quantitative trader at Hong Kong-based XY Capital, the company where he had previously interned.

Since joining the firm, he has quickly adapted to his role, and has now been assigned the important task of using innovative trading strategies to provide appropriate risk management for long-



Wong Chun-shen speaking at the 2020 graduation ceremony.

term capital investments – **an indication of the value he and his experiences at CityU are bringing to the fintech world.** ◀

CityU provided me with a good learning environment and encouraged me to actively pursue my dream career. I was also equipped with a comprehensive set of financial expertise, and leadership and communication skills, and this has enabled me to manage various tasks and challenges.



Christina Koshy
BSocSc Psychology



Helping others through clinical psychology

New psychology graduate Ms Christina Koshy recently completed a challenging joint bachelor's degree at CityU's Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences and Columbia University in the US. The programme requires students to study for two

years at each institution, with Christina receiving a series of scholarships in recognition of her academic excellence.

During her student days at CityU, Christina also served as an ambassador on the City-Youth Empowerment Project, where she helped to organise events for disadvantaged sectors of the community, such as low-income families and students with special needs. In her first year with the project, Christina took part in an international service learning programme to a monastic school in Myanmar, where she met a group of local volunteers who were dedicated to helping the poor.

This life-changing experience inspired her to use psychology to give back to society in the future.

Christina also interned at United Christian Nethersole Community Health Service in her third year, where she learned about providing essential healthcare for local minorities and migrants, and observed mental healthcare for children suffering from attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), all of which she found profoundly enriching. Her mind is now set on **pursuing further study in clinical psychology so that she can apply her professional knowledge to help other people and give back to society.** ◀

CityU gave me the opportunity to study psychology from a variety of perspectives. At the same time, it provided important inspiration in planning my career.



Yang Lujia
BSc Computational Finance
Data Analyst, Societe Generale

Outstanding opportunities for outstanding graduate

When 2020 College of Business graduate Ms Yang Lujia initially enrolled at CityU, her remarkable academic capabilities were recognised with a full-tuition undergraduate scholarship under the University's Mainland Student Scholarship Scheme. She in turn **recognised the numerous and diverse opportunities that CityU provided and was determined to make the most of them.**

During her studies at CityU, she undertook a fruitful semester-long internship at a bank. In her fourth



Yang Lujia (first right) during her study tour to Japan.

year, she also attended the College of Business's career fair, where she made contact with Societe Generale, a major French bank in Hong Kong. She now serves as a data analyst at the bank, where she is responsible for assisting different business teams to increase profit and control risk through data analysis and model-building.

Lujia had aspired to study in Hong Kong since her high school days in Shenzhen. **After joining CityU, she met people from across the globe.** Meanwhile, the fun of dormitory life,

volunteering together with roommates, and befriending sick children were among many other **experiences that will always remain with Lujia following her unforgettable four years at CityU.** ◀

I am very grateful to CityU for training me to become a finance professional. My Computational Finance courses gave me the skills I needed for my future, and the development of practical communicative and collaborative abilities are exactly what I need in my job.



Christina Koshy (third right) received several scholarships at CityU, alleviating financial concerns and enabling her to concentrate on her studies.

Reaching higher

#4 [QS] Top 50 under 50 in 2021

#48 [QS] World University Rankings 2021

#1 in HK Citations per Faculty in QS World University Ranking averaged over a 5-year period from 2017 to 2021

CityU continuously strives to excel in research and professional education, and to promote innovation, with the University's efforts receiving international recognition in a host of prestigious global rankings over the year.

According to metrics compiled by Stanford University, over **140** CityU faculty members are listed among the top **2%** of the world's most highly cited scientists, reflecting the high academic standard of faculty and excellent research performance of CityU.



A ceremony to mark the start of work on the superstructure of the **Jockey Club One Health Tower** took place at CityU in March 2021. Equipped with first-class facilities, the Tower signifies a new milestone in CityU's mission to promote multidisciplinary collaboration that can enhance the health of humans, animals, and the environment under the One Health paradigm.

The officiating guests at the ceremony were (from left) Mr Winfried Engelbrecht-Bresges, Chief Executive Officer, The Hong Kong Jockey Club; Mr Philip Chen, Chairman, The Hong Kong Jockey Club; Council Chairman Mr Lester Huang and President Professor Way Kuo.

Construction of veterinary teaching farm underway

A groundbreaking ceremony for the **University's veterinary teaching farm**, located in Lam Tsuen, Tai Po, took place in November 2020. The farm will be equipped with international standard facilities for teaching, learning, and research activities.



Embracing online teaching

When Covid-19 led to the suspension of face-to-face classes last year, CityU immediately responded by launching **CityU-Learning**, a campus-wide, real-time, online platform. The creative platform has now evolved into CityU-Learning 2.0, incorporating ideas such as virtual reality technology for conducting virtual experiments.



President Professor Way Kuo (fifth left), together with senior management and staff from the Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences, at the groundbreaking ceremony.

United for CityU fundraising campaign

The public phase of CityU's 10-year **"United, We Soar"** fundraising campaign was launched in December 2020. The comprehensive drive seeks to boost the University's fundraising capabilities and provide sustained support for four key areas: strategic development, academic and research excellence, student development, and capital projects. Its multiple objectives allow supporters to help the University achieve its goals, and to contribute to the pursuit of excellence in higher education, as well as to showcase CityU's achievements over the years to the community.



Learn more



Video



CityU launched **HK Tech 300**, a flagship innovation and entrepreneurship programme, in March 2021. With a theme of "Venture Beyond Boundaries", the enterprising HK\$500 million programme is seeking to support the establishment of 300 start-ups by CityU students, alumni, research staff, and people using CityU technology or intellectual property in the next three years and build the largest university-based entrepreneurship programme in Asia.

(From left): Dr Daniel Yip, Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries; Dr Sunny Chai, Chairman of Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks Corporation; Council Chairman Mr Lester Huang; Mr Alfred Sit, Secretary for Innovation and Technology; President Professor Way Kuo; Dr George Lam, Chairman of Hong Kong Cyberport Management Company Limited; and Dr Allen Shi, President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, officiated at the launch ceremony for HK Tech 300.



Faculty accomplishments



Professor Raymond Chan, Vice-President (Student Affairs) and Chair Professor, Department of Mathematics, has been elected Fellow of the American Mathematical Society, for his contributions to computational mathematics.



Professor Yang Tong, also Chair Professor in the Department of Mathematics, received the same recognition, for his contributions to hyperbolic conservation laws and kinetic equations.



Professor Ron Chen, Chair Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering, has been ranked No.1 in Hong Kong and Asia, No.4 among Chinese scholars, and No.16 on the World's Top 1000 Scientist List, according to Guide2Research's 2020 (6th edition) Top Scientists Ranking for Computer Science and Electronics.



Professor Li Qisheng, Chair Professor, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, has been awarded the 2020 Robert H. Scanlan Medal by the American Society of Civil Engineering for his outstanding contributions to wind engineering and structural mechanics.



Professor Liew Kim-meow, Dean of Graduate Studies and Chair Professor, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, has been elected Foreign Member of the Academia Europaea for his significant contributions in engineering science.



Dr Can Liu, Assistant Professor, School of Creative Media, has received the Google Faculty Research Award for 2019/20 in recognition of her promising work on the development of voice interaction for text composition.



Professor Joe Qin, Chair Professor and Dean of the School of Data Science, and Director of the Hong Kong Institute for Data Science, has been elected a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. The honour is the highest professional distinction accorded to academic inventors who achieve a tangible impact on the quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society.



Professor Jeffrey Shaw, Yeung Kin Man Chair Professor of Media Art, School of Creative Media, has been honoured with the 2020 ACM SIGGRAPH Distinguished Artist Award for Lifetime Achievement in Digital Art. He was recognised as a "singular visionary and pioneer in the creation of interactive and immersive media art".



Professor Richard M. Walker, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, has been elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, UK. He also received the 2020 Louis Brownlow Award from the American Society for Public Administration.



Professor Wang Zuankai, Associate Dean (Internationalisation and Industry Engagement), College of Engineering, won the 2020 Xplorer Prize, organised by the Tencent Foundation for his fundamental research that will help address the global energy shortage problem.



Professor Zhang Hua, Herman Hu Chair Professor of Nanomaterials, Department of Chemistry, has been elected a Foreign Fellow of the European Academy of Sciences, in recognition of his highly interdisciplinary research that has many promising applications in catalysis, clean energy, (opto-) electronic devices, etc.



The estate of the late **Dr Chung Sze-yuen**, GBM, JP, one of Hong Kong's most influential figures, has donated HK\$15 million to establish the Sze-Yuen Chung Fund, in support of the Hong Kong Institute for Advanced Study.

A HK\$2 million donation from the **Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation** will fund the establishment of the **Kiki Hung Scholarship** in memory of the late alumna from the Department of Linguistics and Translation and in appreciation of her exemplary personal qualities, including a positive mind and great perseverance in the face of difficulties.



President Professor Way Kuo and Ms Yang Tao-zhi, mother of Kiki Hung (centre) present a painting with the quote, "Life may not be perfect, but the will is infinite", from the President's blog to Ms Nikki Ng, Director of the Ng Teng Fong Charitable Foundation.

A Memorandum of Understanding, signed between CityU and **Tricolor Hong Kong, 3 Hong Kong, Microsoft Hong Kong, and TFI Digital Media Limited** in July 2020, formalised a strategic partnership to promote the development of Hong Kong as a smart city through digital solutions in the financial industry.



President Professor Way Kuo and representatives from four major businesses in expansion solutions, telecommunications, and technology sign the MOU, witnessed by guests of honour (back row, from left) Dr David Chung, Under Secretary for Innovation and Technology, HKSAR Government, and Council Chairman Mr Lester Huang.

The College of Science announced three new undergraduate degree programmes to meet society's evolving demand for professional skills. The programmes comprise a Bachelor of Science with an option in Global Research Enrichment and Technopreneurship, a law-mathematics double degree, and joint degree programmes in partnership with the University of Edinburgh and University of Manchester in the UK. The double degree is the first of its kind offered by a university in Hong Kong.



Dr Daniel Yip (left), Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, and Professor Raymond Chan, Vice-President (Student Affairs) and former Dean of the College of Science, introduce the Bachelor of Science with Global Research Enrichment and Technopreneurship.

Highlights

CityU conferred 2019 Honorary Doctorates on **Professor Michael I. Kotlikoff** and **Dr the Honourable Edward Leong**, GBM, GBS, JP, and 2020 Honorary Doctorates on **Mr Harry Banga**, **Mr Norman Chan**, GBS, and **Mr Wong Chun-hong**, BBS, in October 2020, in recognition of their contributions to education and society.



(From left) Professor Michael Kotlikoff, Mr Wong Chun-hong, Dr Edward Leong, Mr Harry Banga, and Mr Norman Chan.

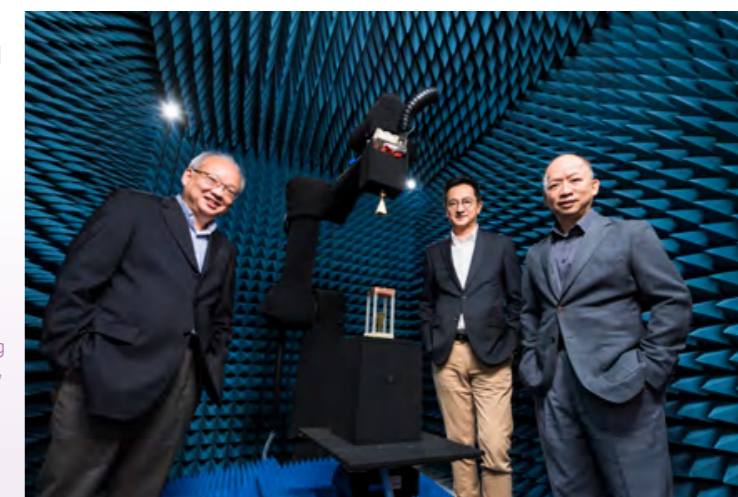
CityU conferred Honorary Fellowships on **Ms Jenny Chan**, **Mr Lau Tat-chuen**, and **Dr Jennifer Ng**, JP, in September 2020, in recognition of their distinctive contributions to the development of and service to the University and the community.



(From left) President Professor Way Kuo, Ms Jenny Chan, Mr Lau Tat-chuen, University Pro-Chancellor Dr Chung Shui-ming, Dr Jennifer Ng, Council Chairman Mr Lester Huang, and Deputy Chairman Ms Lilian Chiang.

The Greater Bay Area Joint Laboratory of Big Data Imaging and Communications has been established by the Department of Electrical Engineering and the State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves at CityU. With a research focus on big data imaging and wireless communications applications, the Joint Lab aims to promote a new generation of information technology and contribute to the advancement of Guangdong and Hong Kong as an international innovation and technology hub.

(From left) Professor Chan Chi-hou, Chair Professor of Electrical Engineering and Director of the State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves, Dr Wong Hang, Associate Professor and Member of the State Key Lab, and Professor Luk Kwai-man, Chair Professor of Electrical Engineering, will collaborate with the academic sector and industry in the mainland to develop technologies for big data communications.





Twelve faculty members were recognised by the **Research Grants Council (RGC)** for their distinguished research achievements and significant contributions to higher education at an awards ceremony in November 2020. Accolades were presented under five RGC schemes, while **Professor Yang Tong**, Chair Professor of Mathematics, was named a member of the first cohort of RGC Senior Research Fellows.

Outstanding CityU faculty members receive recognition from the Research Grants Council.

Alumni and student achievements

The following CityU alumni were recognised in the **HKSAR Government's Honours and Justices of the Peace List 2020** for their contributions to society:

(in alphabetical order of surnames)

- Ms Kelly Chan**
BA Accountancy – Justice of the Peace
- Mr Hui Tak-leung**
Diploma in Social Work – Justice of the Peace
- Mr Anthony Lam**
EMBA – Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service
- Mr Chaucer Leung**
MSc & PGD Engineering Management – Justice of the Peace

- Mr Dennis Leung**
MSc Mathematics for Finance and Actuarial Science – Medal of Honour
- Mr Kacee Ting**
LLM & PCLL – Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service
- Ir Professor Yuen Pak-leung**
Engineering Doctorate (Engineering Management) – Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service



College of Business alumna **Ms Kelly Chan** was elected President of the Association of Women Accountants Hong Kong in September 2020.



Mr Cheung Siu-hong, graduate of the School of Creative Media, won the Best Art Direction Award at the 39th Hong Kong Film Awards. He was the production and costume designer on *Fagara* 《花椒之味》.



EMBA alumnus **Mr Anthony Lam** was elected Deputy Chairman of the Federation of Hong Kong Industries in July 2020.



Dr Raymond Leung, Engineering Doctorate (Engineering Management) graduate, was appointed an Industrial Fellow at Warwick Manufacturing Group (WMG), University of Warwick, UK, in November 2020.



School of Creative Media graduate **Mr Tommy Ng** won the Gold Award (Animation Category) in the 25th ifva Awards for his work, *Another World* 《世外》.

Dr Hector Rodriguez, Associate Professor, and alumna **Ms Vvzela Kook**, School of Creative Media were named Artist of the Year (Media Arts) and Young Artist (Media Arts), respectively, at the 14th Hong Kong Arts Development Awards, organised by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council.



EMBA graduate **Dr Allen Shi**, was elected the 42nd President of The Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong in December 2020.



EMBA alumna **Ir Susanna Shen** was named among IBM's Women Leaders in AI for 2020.



Cheryl To, Year 2 student, Department of Computer Science, received the Outstanding ICT Rising Star Award from the Hong Kong Computer Society for utilising her information and communication technology skills for the benefit of community.



Engineering Doctorate (Engineering Management) graduate **Ir Professor Yuen Pak-leung**, was installed as President of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers for Session 2020-2021 in June 2020.



More news and updates

Strengthening CityU bonds online

Overcoming a challenging year, the Alumni Relations Office collaborated with alumni groups to organise a host of virtual activities, fostering on-going connections between alumni and the University.

Keeping positive through sharing

An alumni online sharing session in April 2020, featuring two alumni who are award-winning standup comedians. Mr Vivek Mahbubani (bottom, left) and Mr Tim Chan (bottom, right), divulged their ideas for staying positive in adversity during the challenging days of the early pandemic, offering a number of fresh and inspiring perspectives. In July 2020, a second session was arranged, with alumna and certified professional organiser Ms Sharon Lam (top) providing timely tips on becoming a minimalist and the benefits of decluttering.



Marathon Club boosts healthy lifestyle

CityU Marathon Club arranged three Live-Stream Wellness Classes (stretching, core exercises, and yoga) for around 120 participants in May and June 2020, providing an effective platform for participants to keep connected with the CityU community while staying fit. Club Chairman Mr Kason Fok (right) hosted the series, together with alumna trainer Ms Sandy To (left).



Mentors and students enjoy virtual gathering

The Department of Information Systems successfully held its Information Systems Industrial Mentorship Programme Opening Ceremony online on 10 October 2020, with around 40 alumni professionals sharing their expertise in the field with students.

Staying connected

Alumni chapters in the mainland continued to nurture bonds in 2020.

Shanghai Alumni Chapter holds inspiring cultural salon

CityU Shanghai Alumni Chapter organised a thought-provoking and enjoyable salon in Shanghai on 「無關文理、讓你人生如虎添翼的是藝術」 on 30 August 2020. Chapter convener Mr Feng Li (left, centre) gave the welcome speech, followed by a talk by artist Yamin Li (bottom, eighth right). The chapter also formed its new Executive Committee (Exco), which will hold office for two years.



Third Exco inauguration in Shenzhen

The inauguration ceremony of CityU Shenzhen Alumni Chapter's third Exco took place on 28 November 2020. The gathering was held at the city's Fanye Cellarone Club, a venue for alumni activities arranged by alumnus Mr Fan Chaobin (front row third left). The Alumni Relations Office sent its best wishes to the Shenzhen chapter and thanked the group for its continuous support.



Beijing alumni keep city chapters in touch

The first meeting of the CityU Beijing Alumni Chapter's fourth Exco was held on 27 December 2020. To connect up alumni across the country, Executive Committee members are now managing a WeChat account 「城大校友在線」, to send news to and from the alumni chapters in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, and Chengdu.



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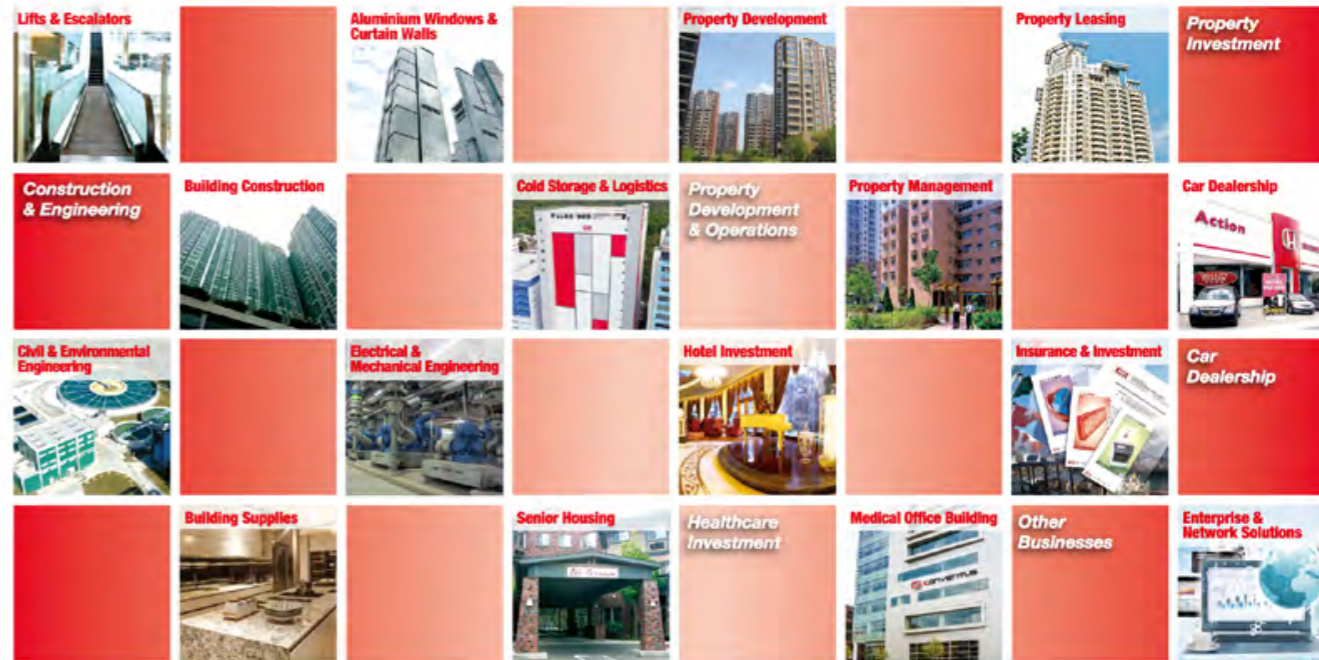
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Convocation deepens ties

Helping the community fight Covid-19

The Convocation demonstrated its caring spirit by initiating a series of social service endeavours in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Its Standing Committee raised funds and mobilised alumni volunteers to distribute anti-virus protective products to people in need in the community, through over 20 social welfare organisations.



Alumni show their care for others during the Covid-19 outbreak.

Webinar links up with world of finance

Two top finance experts shared their wisdom on financial markets and offered tips on managing investment tools in a webinar co-presented by the Convocation and Eminence Society on 10 November 2020. CityU alumna Ms Agnes Wu (third left), a well-known finance commentator, and Mr Ken Lo (third right), an expert in corporate banking, led the two virtual sessions for some 140 alumni. Mr Robert Lui (centre), Chairman of the Convocation and Vice-Chairman of the Eminence Society, chaired the talk, which provided a valuable interactive platform to exchange knowledge and strengthen bonds among alumni.



Providing useful tips on managing investment tools.



Cultural heritage tour

The Convocation organised an online guided tour on 26 November 2020 for alumni to explore the cultural heritage and landscape of Yau Ma Tei. The virtual expedition was conducted by MA Chinese graduate Mr George Wan (second right), and facilitated by Standing Committee member Ms Ywing Yeung (second left). Through immersive 360° photographs taken specially for this virtual tour, Mr Wan informatively described the district's urban landscape and architecture from both historical and cultural perspectives.



Gaining a novel perspective on the colourful district of Yau Ma Tei.

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Eminence Society celebrates 10th anniversary with fundraising campaign



The Eminence Society (ES), which brings together senior alumni to contribute to CityU development through their resources, networks, and expertise, marked its 10th anniversary with the launch of a fundraising campaign for the University. The fundraising drive, organised with the support of the Alumni Relations Office, will use donations from members to apply for the Hong Kong government's matching grants, enabling the University to receive additional funding towards the pursuit of excellence. The campaign runs until 2022, along with CityU's first-ever largest fundraising initiative "United, We Soar", which had commenced in 2014 and launched its public phase in December 2020.

In appreciation of the collective contribution from ES members, the University will name a major facility after the Society, together with the following acknowledgements for individual donors as appropriate:



Special naming arrangements for University facilities

Personal life motto displayed in high-traffic areas

Name listed in the Eminence Galaxy Alumni Function Room (left picture)

Name listed on the University Donor Roll (top picture)

Membership of CityU Foundation

To show your support for your alma mater through Eminence Society, please contact the Alumni Relations Office:

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Xavier.wong@cityu.edu.hk

Miss Karen Tam
Alumni Development Officer
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The University is grateful to ES Deputy Chairman Dr Raymond Leung for leading the fundraising campaign.

Social and networking activities help friendships flourish and keep up robust connections with CityU

Activity-filled year for Executive MBA (Chinese) Alumni Association



The second Executive Committee of CityU EMBA (Chinese) Alumni Association held its first meeting in Chengdu on 18 July 2020. Chairman Mr Wang Dan (bottom, first row fifth right) led the meeting, with around 70 people in attendance. Representatives from the Alumni Relations Office, College of Business, and EMBA (Chinese) Programme also joined the meeting online. The Executive Committee subsequently organised various events that successfully strengthened alumni networks, including company visits, trip to different cities, and reunions. An opening ceremony for the Association's new venue for alumni activities at CityU Shenzhen Research Institute also took place on 24 October 2020.



Management Science insights

The Alumni Association of Management Sciences organised a day of well-received activities attended by close to 100 alumni, students, and staff on 19 January 2020. A seminar introducing Python programming language by faculty member Dr Gavin Feng took place in the morning, followed by a Lunch & Learn event hosted by Dr Agnes Law, from the Hong Kong government's Census and Statistics Department and Mr Ricky Lo, of Citibank. The afternoon featured alumni sharing on the management trainee programme by Mr Phil Lo, Global Graduate Trainee at HSBC, and Ms Bertha Sung, previously a Manulife Management Trainee.

BIS support amid the pandemic

With face masks in short supply in the early days of the Covid-19 pandemic, CityU Business Information Systems (BIS) Alumni Association received 20,000 masks donated by its alumni. The masks were distributed to its fellow alumni and students in March 2020.



Sharing the joy of Pastel Nagomi Art

Social Work Alumni Association arranged an experiential workshop on Pastel Nagomi Art, a Japanese form of art healing, on 3 July 2020. The workshop targeted all ages and was open to participants even without an art background.





SEE Alumni Association forms new Exco

The new Executive Committee of CityU Alumni Association of School of Energy and Environment (SEE) was formed on 31 May 2020, led by Chairwoman Ms Yannick Li. The Association pledged to further strengthen connections among the School's alumni community.



School of Law networking and reunion event

The Alumni Association of the School of Law held a lively Reunion Drinks gathering for around 80 alumni, students, and staff at The Helena May on 10 January 2020. The networking event gave students the opportunity to meet alumni professionals in the legal field and enabled alumni to receive updates from University representatives of the School of Law and Alumni Relations Office.



Shanghai celebration for CityU-Fudan DBA programme

CityU-FudanU DBA Alumni Chapter held its annual dinner cum 10th anniversary of the CityU-FudanU Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) programme in Shanghai on 26 December 2020. The occasion gathered alumni, students, and representatives from both universities in person and via real-time interaction. ARO sent warm wishes and thanked the chapter for strengthening alumni networks.



Alumni Ambassador Scheme

Graduands join ambassadorial family

Some 80 participants gathered for an online Career Talk and Welcome Event for CityU Class Liaison Ambassadors on 25 April 2020. During the talk, organised by the Alumni Relations Office, five alumni leaders (below) shared information on job market trends and offered advice to CityU graduands as they prepared to embark on their career journeys. Liaison Ambassadors also mobilised classmates to make a class gift to support University development.



Mr Lu Ting-kwok, MH



Mr Sunny Kok



Ms Sharon Lam



Mr Alvin Leung



Mr Keith Wu

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United in support of the next generation

Various scholarships donated by alumni demonstrate the caring spirit of graduates for fellow students. These life-changing accolades support CityU's young movers and shapers from all backgrounds to fulfil their potential and equip awardees to contribute to the development of the University and wider society.

Alumni donors



Mr Lu Ting-kwok, MH

School of Law
Mr Lu Ting Kwok Prize for LLB and PCLL Students

"Alumni can at any time support CityU through donations or facilitating our alma mater's development into a leading global university. **I have been delighted to offer annual prizes to recognise outstanding students in mediation and negotiation to further promote the development of mediation.**"



Professor Kenneth Leung

College of Science
Professor Rudolf Wu Scholarship for the Outstanding Thesis in Environmental Sciences

"I am very grateful for the guidance and care provided by CityU professors during my studies in the Department of Biology and Chemistry [now Department of Chemistry]. As an alumnus and faculty member, **I am delighted to unite with other alumni to jointly establish this scholarship to express our gratitude to Professor Wu and our alma mater.**"



Mr Melvin Leung

College of Business
Miku & Melvin Bursary

"Giving is a rewarding experience. I was happy to establish a bursary with my wife, Miku (right), at my alma mater to help needy students. **We hope in this way to enable such students to concentrate on their studies without worrying too much about financial difficulties.**"



Dr Raymond Leung

College of Engineering
Pang Miu Ping & Yeung Lan Scholarship and Bursary Schemes

"I was born and raised in a modest family, and learned from my mother the importance of perseverance. **I hope that my scholarship and bursary will instil this spirit into CityU students and encourage them to pursue their dreams no matter what challenges they encounter.** Opportunities open up for those who are willing to step forward, are well prepared, and able to cope with difficulties."

Award recipients



Mr Frank Ng

College of Business
CityU Eminence Society Community Services Scholarship

"The scholarship acknowledges my efforts in serving the community. It has motivated me to **pursue a career where I can give back to society, and inspired me to seek to deliver impact in the education sector** through tri-sector collaboration."



Ms Florence Yiu

School of Law
LLB Class of 1995 Prize

"Receiving this award has further motivated me to pursue excellence at CityU. It has also **encouraged me to contribute to the betterment of society** through policy-making and law enactments in the future."



Ms Fu Hiu-yan (left) and Mr Tommy Tang (right) received **Mainland Alumni Community Service Scholarships** for their distinguished academic achievements and service to the University and local community in promoting social inclusion through cultural exchange, assisting ethnic minorities, and promoting peace.



The Covid-19 pandemic did nothing to diminish the passion of alumnus Mr Lu Ting-kwok, MH (left), Founder of the **Mr Lu Ting Kwok Prize for LLB and PCLL Students**, for supporting his award recipients. On 28 February 2020, Mr Lu met with award recipient **Mr Byron Chow** for a one-to-one discussion and to share his knowledge and experience in the legal field as a solicitor and accredited mediator.



Keep CityU moving ahead

The HKSAR Government's matching grant schemes offer a great way for alumni to make donations to CityU and achieve even greater impact on University resources and future development. Alumni donating HK\$50,000 or HK\$200,000 will be acknowledged with a Named or Honorary Chair respectively in Wong Cheung Lo Hui Yuet Hall on campus. Donors will also become CityU Foundation members. For further details of the Foundation, <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/foundation/>.



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Viva Chan

2005 BSocSc (Hons) Social Work
2007 MSocSc Social Work

Viva is happy to share the news that a new member, Hera, has joined her family.



Toa Charm

2014 Doctor of Business Administration

Toa is Chairman of OpenCertHub, and an expert in big data, AI, fintech, innovation, entrepreneurship, and digital strategy and transformation. He has more than 30 years' experience in the innovation and technology sector and, in September 2020, published his book, *Boost Up Your Digital Power* 《數碼力大提升》.



Royz Fong

2009 ASocSc Leisure & Tourism Management

Tracy Ho

2014 BSc (Hons) Architectural Studies

CityU marathon runners Tracy and Royz got married on 29 June 2020. Around 40 members of the CityU Marathon Club attended the banquet to celebrate the happy occasion.



Michael Kan

2001 MA Information Systems

Michael is now working as the Investment Director of a financial group, and co-published a book on investing 《瞄準新世代增長股》 in October 2020.



Sharon Lam

2015 BBA (Hons) Information Management

In January 2021, Sharon published her first book, *Home Therapy: A Step-by-Step Guide to a Minimalist Apartment* 《極簡舍物生活》. In the book, she shares her experience as an organising consultant, assisting clients to declutter their homes and offices.



Ben Lee

2019 BEng (Hons) Energy Science and Engineering

Ben has joined CLP Power Hong Kong Limited as a Graduate Trainee, where he is involved in the electricity supply chain and is enjoying the many opportunities to gain new insights through rotation to different departments. He is also pursuing MPhil and MSc degrees.



Johnny Ma

2009 BSocSc (Hons) International Studies

In May 2020, Johnny (left) began delivering masks from Hong Kong donors to Chinese schools in Malaysia and Brunei, and has now assisted more than 20 in 10 different areas. Each school has received at least 1,000 masks to help teachers and students in the fight against Covid-19.

Wallace Ma

1990 BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering
1994 PhD Electronic Engineering

As the CEO of WAMA Technology Limited, Wallace is seeking to protect public health against Covid-19 through a series of smart products and solutions for temperature screening and mask checking.



Simon Young

1996 BA (Hons) Accountancy

Simon is a compliance expert at the forefront of fintech innovation, and his experience across banking, financial services, and fintech has now seen him take on the leadership roles of Group Head of Financial Crime Risk Management and Chief Compliance Officer, Overseas, at Ping An Group. This work encompasses overseeing regulatory compliance of the group's businesses outside mainland, including virtual banking, traditional banking, securities, asset management, insurance, and fintech.



Lisa Lee

2008 BSocSc (Hons) Applied Sociology (East and Southeast Asia)

Lisa and her husband welcomed their daughter, Kelly, in September 2020. The Canto-pop singer and TV programme host also released a new album, *Popcorn Memories*, in December 2020, featuring an array of cover versions of popular film songs.



Stephen Ma

1998 Diploma in Social Work

Stephen and his wife, Svah, published their book, 《陪孩子學靜心》 on mindfulness education for children in December 2020. In writing the book, the couple wish to encourage parents and childcare workers to learn more about mindfulness techniques that support the mental and emotional well-being of young children.





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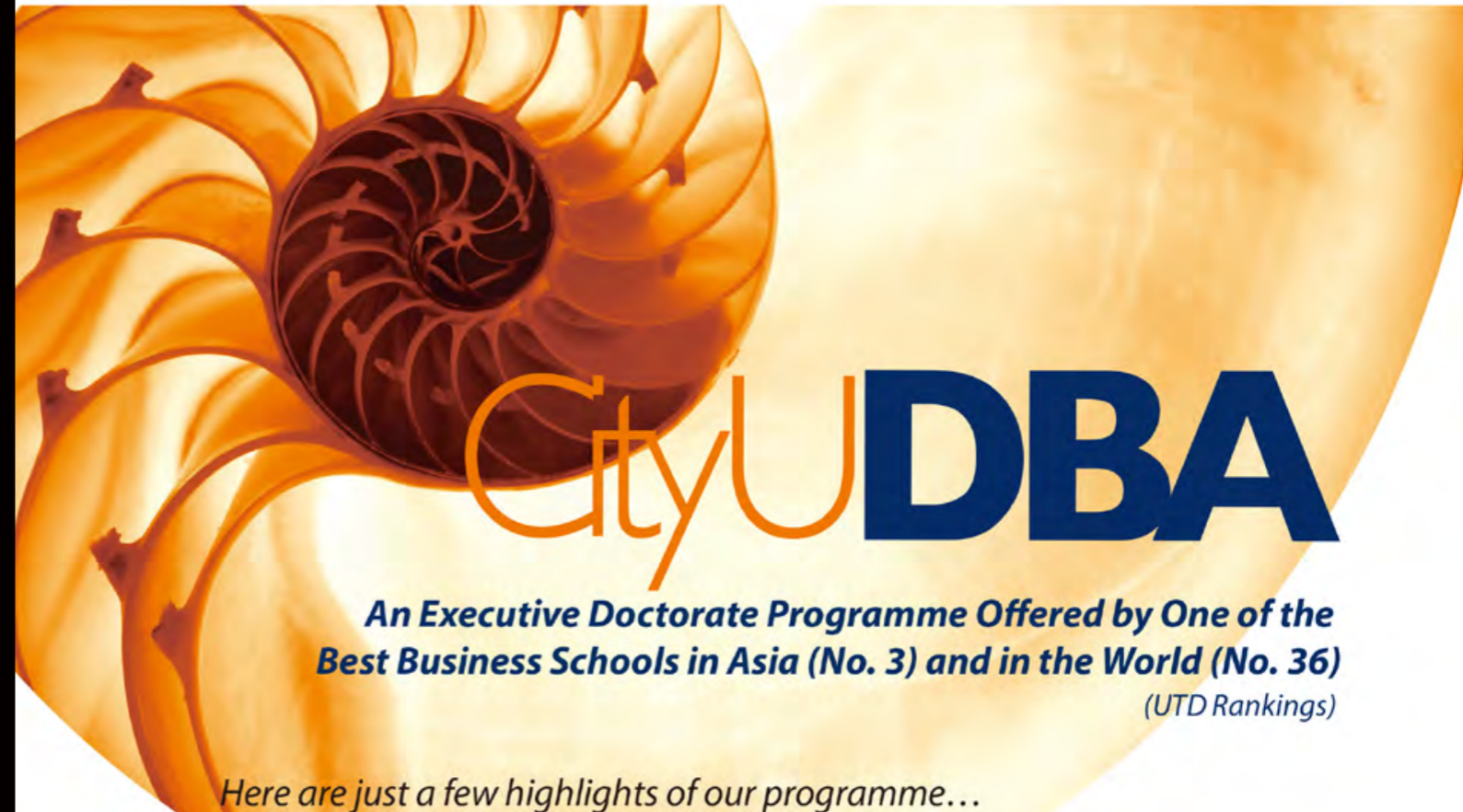
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- Master of Laws^{*}
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- Postgraduate Certificate in Laws

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UGC's Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme 2021/22 for Local Students

Background

The Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes Fellowships Scheme (the Scheme) was first introduced for 2020/21 intake cohort by the HKSAR Government for nurturing more talents for the strategic development of Hong Kong. Administered under the University Grants Committee (UGC), the Scheme is offered to provide local students admitted to the targeted taught postgraduate programmes with the award of fellowships. Funding allocation of the Scheme for 2021/22 intake is subject to approval by the Legislative Council.

Objective

The main purpose of the Scheme is to attract meritorious local students to pursue inter-disciplinary and in-depth postgraduate training in priority areas of strategic importance for Hong Kong and to meet the needs for talents speedily.

Eligibility

Local students who are admitted to the targeted programmes in full-time, part-time or combined study mode will be invited to submit applications for the fellowship award. To avoid double subsidy, students who are receiving other forms of government scholarship (except student financial assistance) for pursuing the same programme are not eligible to apply. The definitions of local/non-local status of applicants are available under the Notes for Applicants on taught postgraduate admission website: <https://www.cityu.edu.hk/pg/taught-postgraduate-programme-s/apply-now>

Award

The fellowship students are required to pay a minimum tuition fee of HK\$42,100, which is the prevailing rate of the UGC-funded programmes, and the differences will be subsidized by the fellowships subject to a cap of HK\$120,000 for each student regardless of the actual study period of the programme. The fellowships will be used for the settlement of the tuition fee only.

Targeted Taught Postgraduate Programmes

Prog. Code	Programme	Priority Area
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P10	Master of Science in Professional Accounting and Corporate Governance 理學碩士(專業會計與企業管治)	Business
P53	Master of Science in Computer Science 理學碩士(電腦科學)	STEM
P54	Master of Science in Electronic Information Engineering 理學碩士(電子資訊工程學)	Research
P56	Master of Science in Engineering Management 理學碩士(工程管理學)	Sustainable City
P58	Master of Science in Materials Engineering and Nanotechnology 理學碩士(材料及納米科技)	STEM
P69	Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering 理學碩士(生物醫學工程)	Research
P25	Master of Arts in Communication and New Media 文學碩士(傳播與新媒體)	Creative
P27	Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management 文學碩士(公共政策及管理)	Sustainable City
P30	Master of Arts in Language Studies 文學碩士(語言研究)	Culture
P70	Master of Science in Data Science 理學碩士(數據科學)	STEM
P95	Master of Science in Health Sciences and Management 理學碩士(健康科學與管理)	Health
P80	Master of Fine Arts in Creative Media 藝術碩士(創意媒體)	Creative
P81	Master of Arts in Creative Media 文學碩士(創意媒體)	Culture
P63	Master of Science in Energy and Environment 理學碩士(能源及環境)	Sustainable City
P41	Master of Laws in Arbitration and Dispute Resolution 法學碩士(仲裁及爭議解決學)	Business
P46	Master of Laws in Corporate and Commercial Law 法學碩士(公司與商事法)	Business

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