 seals原是無疆界
打开窗户 豁达胸怀 ——「無界醫生」義工李家文

如果提起「無界醫生」Medecins Sans Frontieres（MSF），你會想
起什麼？醫生護士在烽火連天的戰區救死扶傷，還是工作人員在遠天
遠地的國家派發救援物資？

原來，不一定要親身義工才需勇闖生死邊緣。李家文（Carmen Lee）
（1997 BBA（ACCT））於2001年獲宣佈赴非洲肯尼亞，為MSF南蘇丹項
目收穫工作推動數月後，也因活躍一線備受三支手槍光焰，差點
性命不保。

九歲時在書本上的義工生涯，令當年只得25歲的Carmen倍增後患
恐，勇闖異國，區區幫助的痛種滋味。

眼前的Carmen一樣美麗。回憶起剛剛踏入大為改觀的非洲經歷時，她
無怨無悔。並且欣然說道：「人生可選擇的方向多得很！我
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無分國界的貢獻 — 李家文

國家名稱：貢獻自己

Carmen 97年以甲丙榮譽畢業於卡加利大學，後於2000年在加拿大東莞大學取得社會學學士學位。在校期間，他積極參與各種社會服務活動，包括在社區中心當義工，並在當地的華人社區中心當義工，幫助當地的華人社區解決各種問題。在畢業後，他選擇在加拿大東莞大學攻讀社會學碩士學位， flavours lipid metabolism and reduce the risk of cardiovascular disease.

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Forging Ahead in Times of Adversity

Prof Paul Chu

The recent SARS outbreak posed yet another critical challenge to the people of Hong Kong. I am proud to see that the community has triumphed through concerted efforts and professionalism, as exemplified by the medical officers battling the epidemic. The incident has also shown that — research and the dissemination of information play a key role in our society — two areas in which HKUST faculty and researchers have devoted their efforts and gained recognition.

New institute demonstrates research strengths

A number of HKUST faculty members have been granted prestigious awards or fellowships, all of which epitomize HKUST’s accomplishments in basic research. I am also glad to note that we have made good progress on the midstream research front too. HKUST has successfully secured research grants from the Innovation and Technology Fund (ITF), which allows the University and its industry partners to develop new applications in online multimedia services as well as nanomaterials and nanotechnologies. The work will result in higher value-added products and services, thereby enhancing the competitiveness of industry and business in Hong Kong.

Universities in Hong Kong are facing increasing financial constraints. A 10% budget cut for universities in Hong Kong has been proposed for 2004-05. Cumulative reductions in recurrent grants might amount to 28% in 2006-07, according to the latest information we have. Such massive reductions will have a serious impact on Hong Kong’s higher education, especially on an up-and-coming young university such as HKUST, I, and the heads of the other local tertiary institutions, expressed our grave concerns in a recent letter to the Secretary-General of the University Grants Committee (UGC). The University will try to tackle these financial constraints by exploring all means, such as internal savings, fundraising and refocusing our goals, without losing sight of our vision. Thanks to the stringent measures taken over the last few years, we have succeeded in reducing 23% of the non-teaching staff establishment since 1997-98. We will continue to reduce expenditure on non-salary items, which are already stretched to the limit, while striving to maintain academic quality and minimize as much as possible the impact of a slashed budget on faculty and staff.

Tertiary institutions are being encouraged to step up their fundraising efforts and to capitalize on the HK$1 billion matching fund from the UGC. In the year starting from 1 July 2003, the UGC will first disperse HK$500 million to the higher education sector on a first-come-first-served basis. Competition for the fund is expected to be very keen. We are devising a series of fundraising initiatives to mobilize every member of the HKUST community. Backing from HKUST graduates is important, and I urge all alumni to lend their generous support to their alma mater.

The University will continue to forge ahead despite the many challenges it faces. The knowledge that our scientists and scholars have amassed can be transformed into an energy that fuels Hong Kong’s economic revival. To this end, we will continue to work closely with business, industry and the Government to contribute to Hong Kong’s well-being.
President Emeritus Welcomed Stateside

Prof Chia-Wei Woo, the University’s President Emeritus and Honorary President of HKUST Alumni Association, was the guest of honor at the Chinese American Faculty Association’s 32nd Annual Convention, held in California on 22 March.

Prof Woo delivered a keynote address at the convention, entitled “Fulfilling the Dreams of an Academic”. Commenting on the University’s founding mission, which included advancing knowledge and learning, as well as contributing to the region’s economic and social development, Prof Woo outlined just how great HKUST’s achievements have been in only 11 short years and thanked the many friends of HKUST in America who gave their valuable time and advice during the University’s founding years.

A topping-out ceremony was held for the new student hostel in January. Upon completion in 2004, the new hostel will provide 527 additional spaces. The University needs to raise around HK$19.5 million for construction, with 75% of the total cost being funded by the Government and half of the remaining 25% by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

Continuing Success at Chip Olympics

Our researchers have, for the 6th time, presented their latest research findings in integrated circuit design technology at the IEEE International Solid-State Circuits Conference (ISSCC) — the top international forum in the field, commonly known as the “Chip Olympics”.

Two HKUST teams from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering presented at this year’s ISSCC, held in San Francisco from 9 to 13 February. They were Postdoctoral Research Associate Dr Vincent Cheung (2002 Ph.D.ELEC) and Associate Professor Howard Luong; MPhil graduate Mei Xue and Associate Professor Mansun Chan.

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Studying in Sydney Brings Fresh View of Life

I am now pursuing a Master Degree in Social Science at the University of New South Wales in Sydney and am finding life here unbelievably different from Hong Kong. You can read and relax comfortably on the couch or enjoy a cup of coffee in an outdoor cafe. Such a way of life is hard to find on a Hong Kong campus where the hustle and bustle of daily existence is always intruding (although HKUST is an exception).

BY AIR MAIL

Parker Lau
2002 BBA(TINA)

Boosting HKUST at Cambridge University Forum

Dear fellow alumni,

After graduating from HKUST, I joined Cambridge University's Geotechnical Research Group to pursue a PhD degree. On 8 March I was invited to take part in an international study forum, organized by Cambridge University Students' Union, at which Cambridge students and I recounted our experiences at different Asian universities.

Taking part in this event brought back all my memories of studying at HKUST. My presentation included photographs to illustrate the beautiful City Water Bay campus, advanced facilities and colorful university life. I could tell by the questions the audience asked that they were impressed and considered the University a very good option for further study or exchange. So, an interesting personal experience and a chance to promote HKUST excellence to overseas students as well.

Best wishes,

Cheuk Chi Yin
1999 BEng(CIVIL), 2001 MPhil(CIVIL)

Parker Lau's Diary

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In Loving Memory of Derek Ho (1975-2003)

The University was very much saddened to learn about the passing away of Derek Ho Wing Tat (1997 BBA(ISMT)). Derek, an Amoy Gardens resident, was diagnosed with SARS and passed away on 25 April. He too fleetingly entered our lives, and will be sadly missed by all of us.

Messages from some of our 1997 alumni:

On behalf of Derek’s family, I would like to thank all of you for your condolences. The solidarity of the 1997 ISMT class is most touching. Life is tough, especially under the fear of SARS. But what enlightens me from Derek’s case is that “Health” and “Love” are the most important things in life. I learn that taking care of yourself is a precious gift to your family and people around you. If you have capacity, learn to care and love others too!

Loretta Chin 1997 BBA(FINA) from Hong Kong (Loretta is Derek’s cousin)

Derek was a genuinely kind person. He was my classmate, groupmate and teammate. We met again some years after graduation, when he joined ESDlife.com in 2001. We worked together to deliver secure Internet services to Hong Kong citizens. That was his passion, his mission, and he did it from day one. We worked closely for the HKCEE and HKALE results announcement projects last year before I left for Montreal to further my studies. The warmth of Derek’s smile is forever in our hearts, and he will be greatly missed by us all.

Fiona Tam 1997 BBA(ISMT) from Montreal, Canada

Life is fragile. Let’s seize the day, do the best we can, and fill our lives with love.

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