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Dear alumni,

It is currently a very busy time for all of us at HKUST, with our 25th anniversary celebrations in full swing. In March, I got the rare opportunity to join our Founding President Prof Chia-Wei Woo and a number of other important early leaders of the University as they shared their stories and memories from those days and how the experience changed their lives. I was touched by their foresight, passion and persistence, which laid a solid foundation for HKUST – Hong Kong’s first-ever research university – to flourish and become what it is today.

The University has certainly experienced many milestones over the past 25 years that have shaped us into what we are today. I invite you to peruse the pictorial timeline on page 10 of this issue of Alumni News – you can relive some of these very precious moments!

The month of June is set to be a particularly momentous one. Aside from the celebration banquet on June 19, the Times Higher Education Asia Inaugural Universities Summit, with the theme “How Universities Nurture Creativity and Innovation”, is hosted by us on campus; 34 prestigious speakers, including 31 global university presidents from 16 countries, are speaking on this special occasion. Stay tuned for coverage in the next issue!

HKUST was delighted to welcome many young and talented scientific minds from high schools around Asia for the 17th annual Asian Physics Olympiad (APhO) in early May – the first time the event had been staged in Hong Kong, and its largest scale to date. The Hong Kong team attained remarkable results, competing against students from 25 other Asian countries and regions, proving that the city is home to many potential scientists; what they need is more support and nurturing, and at HKUST we are certainly playing our role.

Finally, I wish to draw your attention to our cover story – Alvin Lam is a fine role model for alumni and students, not just for his success in the business world, but also for the contribution he has made to the life of the University through his roles in the Convocation and the Alumni Association, and the opportunities he has given students through donations to boost the entrepreneurial spirit on campus.

Best wishes,

Professor Tony F Chan
President
On Top of the Digital World

Alvin Lam has put many of the lessons he learned studying business into practice in the real world. This has helped him achieve great success with his digital marketing company PacificLink – yet he still finds time to contribute to HKUST through donations and in his capacity as Chairman of the Convocation and President of the Alumni Association.
“It all started from a failure in Fall,” laughs Alvin Lam. The Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance graduate can reasonably be said to be sitting on top of the world right now. Last year he sold his highly successful digital marketing company PacificLink Group to global tech leader Accenture, he is Chairman of the HKUST Convocation and President of the Alumni Association, and is embarking on a new career in venture capitalism. And he is very proud to have been named one of Capital magazine’s Leaders of Excellence at the prestigious awards ceremony, held in May 2016.

While in Year 2 at HKUST, Alvin and two classmates set up a business helping small accessory shops promote items on the internet. “We took product photos in shops with an ordinary camera – no digital then – and uploaded them to the internet. But after a few months, it was only me doing all the work, so it failed,” he explains. However, he had long had a yearning to pitch into the hurly-burly of the competitive world of business, and this experience wasn’t enough to put him off.

Unfortunately for him, he graduated into the turmoil of the 1998 Asian financial crisis. “There were few jobs in finance and I got just three interviews,” he says. “But I was interested in the internet, which was still quite new, so I took my portfolio to a web design house – I’d designed websites for other students – and they asked me to start the following day!” He stayed for a short period, before getting an itch to run a business his own way – and in December 1998, PacificLink was born.

Today it is a leading digital agency with a staff of around 300, a client list that includes Adidas, Estée Lauder, Pandora, and Ocean Park, and is the winner of over 100 creative industry awards. In 2015, the company was acquired by Accenture, a New York-listed tech giant, but still retains its PacificLink identity.

It hasn’t been an easy ride, however. “Running a business has many ups and downs, especially in the internet business,” he says. “We initially grew from two people to 25 and were acquired by another company, but then the dotcom bubble burst and we bought back the company – and I learned a very good lesson. I was putting into practice what I learned about M&A in class.”

**Digital Marketing Era Dawns**

The Sars crisis was another crunch point – but it actually helped PacificLink. “People stayed at home, surfing the internet, so businesses wanted to do more promotions on the internet; digital marketing was now vital.” Alvin grew the business by acquiring small, related companies in web design, IT solutions and advertising, in order to enhance capabilities in meeting clients’ needs. A major project for Ocean Park in 2008 saw it safely negotiate the financial crisis of that year.

As mobile devices became popular with consumers, so PacificLink developed into a digital agency, helping clients grow through relevant solutions, and also opened offices in Taiwan and Shanghai. “Digital is changing the way we work,” says Alvin. “We have an in-house lab, but we cannot research everything ourselves, so I go to Cyberport and Science Park to look for startups to invest in and discover technology that can enrich our marketing solutions.”

**Sharing & Nurturing**

It’s about more than just enhancing his own company, however. For Alvin, nurturing the new generation of entrepreneurs is important, as is sharing his own experiences with students; he himself benefited from the advice of a HKUST alumnus he met at a networking event many years ago. “In 2008/9 HKUST Career Center asked me to give talks to students, and the student societies asked me, too,” says Alvin. “It also helps me – I can get closer to this generation, know their jargon and can develop apps geared to their tastes, for instance. People come to me for help to build a business, mentorship is very important. When you give, you always get something back – you know more about the problems in the market. The same with our...
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Internships – it is beneficial for both sides; they learn from us and we can hire young people to carry out internet research for new projects and help production teams during the busy summer period.”

Investing in People
On the other side, Alvin is operating an investment company, T12M Ventures, which has two key aims: as an angel investor in small startups and an accelerator fund that buys small companies to grow them together. HKUST alumni are among those who are benefitting. Alvin has invested in LINGSIK King, founded by fellow alumnus John Pang, which sells snacks through e-platforms. Another is Sensbeat, a music app set up by alumnus Leo Wong. When he talks about these two companies, it is obvious that what really excites Alvin is the people rather than the business plan. “I see it as investing in people who have a passion – I can change the project but not the person. For example, with John, he’s very energetic, I can see me 20 years ago in him now.”

Alvin cherishes his time at HKUST. “I particularly enjoyed Dr. Vichai Goyal’s finance 321 class. I made sure to sit right in front of him – he inspired me with the importance of enhancing enterprise value, in particular.” However, if there was one thing Alvin wishes he’d known as a student, it would be the importance of developing networks. Being involved in the Alumni Association has helped him “catch up”. “It offers a ready-made network – and as alumni get more mature, so HKUST graduates are now at a higher level, such as senior VPs – in another few years they will be CEOs of big companies.”

He says his own door is always open to students and alumni seeking advice and investment in HKUST-related startups. “They are welcome to contact me to talk with me about their ideas,” he advises.

Alumni-University Bridge
When the opportunity came to head up the Convocation, Alvin decided to go for it, despite his incredibly busy schedule. “I had already served five years at the Alumni Association and felt I could contribute in another area, give advice to the Council and deliver views on how alumni see things, and how the University can get closer to the alumni,” he says. “It also gives me a new perspective to see more on the planning, development and management side. I can act as a communication bridge between alumni and the University.”

He also helps startups through his donation to the Alumni Endowment Fund Student-Start-up Grant. “I see students who are passionate about starting a business, but they have no money. The fund helps with things such as the accounting and business registration fees. It helps them grow from nothing to something – and in future they will remember that the University and alumni backed them.”

Finally, Alvin has a special message for HKUST’s 25th anniversary. “I am touched to experience the 25th year of the University. I’m glad to see the alumni network growing alongside the institution’s reputation, faculty quality and facilities. I wish HKUST many more great years to come!”
“Big data” is everywhere today – it has spread out from computer labs and into everyday life, including finance, city planning, healthcare and education. HKUST is at the forefront of big data research, knowledge transfer and educational programs, and in the past few years has established a number of big data-related initiatives, including the WeChat-HKUST Joint Laboratory on Artificial Intelligence Technology (WHAT LAB), The Big Data for Bio Intelligence Laboratory (BDBI), MSc Program on Big Data Technology (BDT) and, most recently, the Big Data Institute (BDI).

Professor Qiang Yang, New Bright Professor of Engineering and Head of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering, is a key player in these developments. In order to provide a clearer explanation of what is meant by big data, he asks us to look at how people make decisions. “In the past experts in particular fields – scientists, managers, doctors – relied on experience. But now we are able to accumulate...
a huge amount and, more importantly, variety of data, which when integrated gives rise to new knowledge.

BRINGING DATASETS TOGETHER

“For example, let’s take city planning,” says Prof Yang. “We have accumulated a lot of data on weather and transport; if we put these together, we can find new information, such as the fact that certain traffic-jam patterns develop in stormy weather. Unless you look at both datasets, you don’t have this kind of exchange.” He provides another example: with the growth of online courses, academic institutions are accumulating huge amounts of data on students’ learning behavior. “We can see how students view a video or on line,” says Prof Yang. “They often rewind where they don’t understand something, and this data can be useful to see which part of the lecture is difficult for certain groups of students.”

Using big data to make predictions is one of the most high-profile applications. “Banks and investment firms are using big data to make predictions based on financial market behavior,” he says. “It is also being used to analyze potential trends in migration from country to country. And by correlating Twitter messages posted by people who say they are sick, with airline flights, we can predict the spread of viruses.”

MOBILE CONVERSATIONAL ROBOT

Prof Yang’s own work focuses on machine learning, data mining and artificial intelligence. He and his team are currently developing a mobile conversational robot. “Recently, we have moved from analyzing data to building systems that can work more easily with people, together with people, on behalf of people,” he says. “Our robot will automatically learn data from bulletin boards, conversations, call centers and so on. We will take this data and train the system to solve people’s problems. People say what they need in conversations; our robot can be very useful by not only chatting with people but also acting as a search engine, but more user-friendly. It can better learn people’s needs, and make more accurate and personalized predictions.” Possible applications include shopping, financial information, banking, hospital registration and recommendations for doctors.

The project is being carried out in collaboration with WeChat, one of the biggest mobile networking social apps, with at least 600 million monthly users. The WHAT LAB, opened last November, is dedicated to fostering artificial intelligence and big data research. “This facility allows us to test the system capability of our mobile conversational robot in real-world scenarios,” says Prof Yang. “In general, the lab provides excellent educational opportunities for our students, as they can put their inventions to the test and learn a large amount.”

As for the future, Prof Yang hopes to create a general learning machine that can learn in different datasets and not only through conversation, including biological, medical, health, education and city planning datasets. HKUST is currently setting up a lab with the Hong Kong government and Digital China to develop smart city applications. This project will bring together multiple datasets related to city operations, such as health, finance and transport, in order to support decision making. Another ongoing project involves the MTR, operator of Hong Kong’s mass rapid transport system, and French electronics systems company Thales for the analysis of train occupancy and platform crowding.

OVERWHELMING INTEREST

The new MSc program, run in conjunction with the Mathematics department and kicking-off in September, caters to the huge growth of interest in big data technology. “In two months, we received almost 300 applications for 60 places, including a lot of international interest,” he notes.

Prof Yang notes that virtually since its establishment 25 years ago, HKUST has been strong in research related to AI, machine learning, database systems and networking. “The University in general is doing most of the best work in big data technology in Hong Kong,” he says. “It is not just our team working on machine learning – other teams are focused on robotics, networking, fast learning and visualization. HKUST offers a whole package.” And as it looks forward to its next chapter, HKUST will continue to play a major role in the development of big data technology and data science programs in this region and in the world.
The Incredible Impact of Donating

The pledge of HK$2.5 million by Prof Roger King, 1996 PhD(FINA), for the Alumni Endowment Fund (AEF) has received overwhelming response from fellow alumni, and the total amount raised has now topped HK$24 million.

Every year since the establishment of the AEF, the interest income of donations has gone directly to benefit many students, helping them to live their university life to the fullest through a variety of initiatives. This will exert a lifelong impact on the personal development of each one.
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25 Years of Achievements

Mark the Memory

- 1987 The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust donates HK$1.5 billion for the construction of the campus
- 1988 Prof Chia-Wei Woo appointed as founding University President

- 1989 Nov, HRH The Prince of Wales is guest of honor at the ceremony to lay the foundation stone
- 1991 Iconic red bird sundial sculpture is put in place

- 1993 Oct, The first Congregation is held, with 66 degrees conferred
- 1994 The largest and most advanced compact shelving system in Asia is installed in the Library
- 1994 Feb, HKUST is granted its first patent in the US for a technique of producing diamond film from polymer sources through laser deposition
- 1995 Bill Gates talks about the future of the digital revolution on campus

- 1999 Apr, Yahoo! Chief Jerry Yang speaks on the future of Internet media on campus
- 1999 Dec, Prof Daniel Tsui, 1998 Nobel Laureate in Physics, visits the University

- 1999 Dr the Hon Sir Siu-Yuen Chung retires from the Council and is appointed the University's first Pro-Chancellor; Dr Vincent Lo becomes Chairman of the Council

- 2001 Founding President Prof Chia-Wei Woo retires and Prof Paul Ching-Wu Chu becomes the second President
- 2001 HKUST celebrates its 10th anniversary
In the 25 years since its establishment in 1991, HKUST has risen to join the academic elite in global standings. Along the way, the University had attained many milestones that have shaped it into the proud institution it is today. The Library has produced a number of videos that take you on a visual journey illustrating how HKUST has achieved excellence in the past 25 years.

2002 - 2006
- 2002 The HKUST President’s Cup is launched with an aim to heighten students’ interest in research and innovation
- 2006 Mar 29, Nobel Laureate Prof Yuan-Tseh Lee speaks about “Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century”
- 2006 Jun 15, Prof Stephen Hawking visits HKUST and delivers the inaugural lecture for the Institute for Advanced Study
- 2006 The Library is named after Dr Lee Shau Kee in recognition of his contribution to the University
- 2006 HKUST celebrates its 10th anniversary

2007 - 2011
- 2007 HKUST Fok Ying Tung Graduate School in Nansha is founded
- 2009 Prof Tony Chan succeeds Prof Paul Ching-Wu Chu as HKUST’s third President
- 2011 HKUST Shenzhen Industry, Education and Research Building is completed
- 2011 Mar, HKUST Convocation is established and its first Standing Committee is elected
- 2011 HKUST celebrates its 20th anniversary

2012 - 2016
- 2012 Launch of the Alumni Endowment Fund, created to support a variety of initiatives for students
- 2013 Lee Shau Kee Campus becomes a key infrastructural component of campus development
- 2013 Nov, HKUST hosts the Jockey Club Institute for Advanced Study (IAS) Naming Ceremony and Inauguration of HKUST-Jockey Club IAS Named Professorships
- 2015 HKUST is ranked 28th in QS World University Rankings and first in Hong Kong
- 2016 HKUST celebrates its 25th anniversary

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Californian Celebrations

In February, President Prof Tony Chan and Vice-President for Institutional Advancement Dr Eden Woon specially made time to meet alumni and students in San Francisco despite the tight schedule of their university trip. This North America celebration was a joyous and rewarding occasion marking the important milestone of HKUST’s 25th anniversary. Prior to the dinner, the School of Engineering presented a seminar entitled “The Role of HKUST in the East and West”. The University expresses its sincere gratitude to alumni in Northern California for facilitating the celebration and to DJI for its sponsorship of the event.

Blossoming in NC

The alumni community in North Carolina keeps on growing in size and strength. Reunions were organized in January and again in April, with several new faces joining in each time. Many are pursuing further studies at various institutions in the state.

Inter-alumni Networking

The past few months have been particularly eventful for alumni in Singapore. Keen to expand their network with alumni associations of other world-renowned universities, they kicked off collaborations with Berkeley, Cornell and NYU Stern on January 21 with a drinks gathering. The Inter-university happy hour has been held monthly at Empress bar at Boat Quay, while Vice-President Nico Eggert hosted a BBQ gathering at his condo again in late January, with several new faces putting in an appearance. In March, Sean Ferguson, Director of MBA Programs, the MBA Career Services Team as well as alumni were welcomed to the Happy Hour, with all those who participated declaring it to be a delightful evening.

Historic Occasion

Alumni in Atlanta invited Jeffery Pope, formerly a successful industrial leader and currently Senior Director of Habitat for Humanity International, to share his wisdom and tips on career building last fall. The event was held at the iconic Mary Mac’s Tea Room, which dates back to 1945.
**Hot Chat**

Laughter took the chill off winter as alumni in **Continental Europe** gathered for hot pot dinners - Zurich in January and Munich in February. The reunions were facilitated by our various alumni who took the lead in reconnecting with other USTers in Switzerland and Germany, both countries now home to a growing number of alumni.

A group of enthusiastic alumni in **London** shared with new students their insightful advice and valuable experience on studying at HKUST at the welcome event in March. It was the perfect occasion for new students to get a deeper understanding of university life in Hong Kong, and also highlighted the close bonds among overseas alumni.

**Packed Program**

The Spring Dinner staged by alumni in **Shanghai** in late February was well attended by alumni of diverse backgrounds. It featured a busy program of activities, and proved to be a cozy occasion to kick off the New Year while reminiscing about the good old days at HKUST.

Nearly 100 alumni were invited to the Spring Gala in **Shenzhen**, hosted by the HKUST Shenzhen Research Institute (SRI) in early March. Greeted by its General Director Prof Ricky Lee, alumni enjoyed a fruitful event as they visited alumni companies and facilities at SRI and learned a great deal from the sharing by alumni entrepreneurs. On March 16, SRI hosted an intellectual lecture series featuring Prof Michael Pecht, Chair Professor and Director of Center for Advanced Life Cycle Engineering, University of Maryland. It attracted a good number of alumni who found this lecture very rewarding.

**Fruitful Visits**

Alumni congregated at a dinner party in **Beijing** in late December to celebrate the festive season together. It was an appropriate opportunity for alumni to meet up and look forward to another prosperous new year!
Raymond Sumitra Lukman from Indonesia is a true champion – the Year 1 School of Science undergraduate recently won HKUST sports team’s first gold medal at the University Sports Federation of Hong Kong (USFHK) annual aquatic meet for 21 years. Let’s find out more about his swimming achievements and his life at the University!

When did you start swimming competitively, and what is your specialist event?  
Raymond: I started competitively in 3rd grade and joined a swimming club. My event is butterfly, but I also do freestyle, I'm a sprinter – 50m or 100m. I've won a lot of gold medals at 50m.

What have been your proudest moments in the pool?  
Raymond: Definitely the gold medal at the USFHK inter-university meet; I also got silver in the 100m freestyle there. Other memorable occasions include the Hong Kong International Open Swimming Championships – I was one of the youngest in the competition as I was only 18 at the time, so I was proud of achieving bronze in the 50m butterfly.

What was your feeling on winning at the USFHK meet? Did you expect to do so well?  
Raymond: It was HKUST’s first swimming gold for two decades, so I am proud of that. I was very happy, and I’m aiming for another gold in the coming years. Before the race I kind of aimed to get gold! I had competed against one of the other swimmers at the Hong Kong International Open Swimming Championships – on that occasion he was fourth and I came third; at USFHK - I was first, he was second! So I have beaten him twice; 50m is a short race so it was very close between us. My time was 25.68 seconds, so I just missed the USFHK record of 25.37s and I wasn’t far off the Hong Kong record of 24.12s.

When and what is your next big competition?  
Raymond: The national championships in Indonesia in September, where I hope to take part in the 50m butterfly, 100m freestyle and relay. I’m not part of the official Indonesian swimming team, but I have taken part in international competitions for the Indonesia team on occasion, including the ASEAN School Games, where I won two silver medals, and Singapore National Age Group Swimming Championships – I got a silver in the freestyle relay there.

Why did you choose HKUST?  
Raymond: I was thinking about my future – becoming a swimmer is not really promising career-wise, so I decided to focus on academic work. HKUST is a very good university, with high standards of excellence academically. As an overseas student, it is expensive to study in Hong Kong, so I really need to make the most of my opportunity here.

How about the sport facilities on campus?  
Raymond: The sports facilities are good; there are two swimming pools, one an Olympic size outdoor pool, so it is able to support my swimming career.

How often do you train and what is your regime, including diet?  
Raymond: I train for two to three hours every day – swimming and physical training. In Indonesia I train twice, at the pool in the morning, and the gym in the afternoon, but here at HKUST I need to focus on academic work, so I do one combined session. Swimming involves every muscle in the body, so I need to train all parts. In the gym I do weights, bench presses and cardio such as running. Being in the water means there is less stress on the body, so swimmers suffer fewer injuries compared with runners or those doing body-contact sports such as basketball and football. I don’t really watch what I eat!
Runaway Results

Runners of Team HKUST, comprising around 900 alumni, staff, faculty and students, showed exceptional persistence in braving adverse weather to achieve notable results at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon on January 17. This was a truly remarkable way to celebrate HKUST’s 25th anniversary! Thank you to Li-Ning Company Ltd for sponsoring the running t-shirts.

Training Hard!

The training season for the Alumni Dragon Boat Club started as early as February! On top of the regular water training, another session of land training has been added this season. This picture shows how satisfied participants felt after finishing rounds of sprints, push-ups and squat thrusts! Why not join them if you are eager to explore your limits?

Biochemistry Alumni Session

The Biochemistry Alumni Association launched its Alumni Sharing Series again in March. Two alumni, an occupational therapist and teacher respectively, were invited to share their success stories with alumni and students. Visit the Facebook page for updates on future sharing sessions!

Dinner Celebration

Over 300 Civil & Environmental Engineering alumni and students enjoyed a joyful reunion at the 25th Anniversary dinner jointly organized by the Civil and Environmental Engineering Alumni Association and the Department on April 29. Aside from this event, the association proudly co-presented the Asia-Pacific Forum on Mega Infrastructure and Urban Development Construction with The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers in late April.

Engineering Get Together

Over 100 Industrial Engineering and Logistics Management faculty members, staff, alumni and students had an enjoyable evening on campus at the IELM Alumni Dinner-cum-Annual Gala 2016 in late February. Prof Siu-Wing Cheng, Associate Dean of Engineering, and Department Head Prof Guillermo Gallego warmly greeted them on this special occasion, which featured a variety of fabulous programs.
Crowdfunding Advice

As part of the 25th anniversary Alumni Entrepreneur Series, Prof Po Chi Wu led an engaging conversation with experienced crowdfunders, namely Jeremy Chau of Jide Technology, Jeff Chen of Lumen Labs, and Derrick Pang and Rochelle Leung of Lifewire, in March. Speakers shared their experience and advice with students and alumni interested in embarking on their own crowdfunding journey.

Taking to the Water

The first HKUST Rowing Championships, organized by the Rowing Alumni Association in February, received overwhelming support. There were a number of hotly contested races among alumni and students, with the latter finally winning the championship for 2016. They also took this opportunity to thank those alumni who made donations in support of buying a new boat. Coastal rowing workshops at the Water Sports Center will be launched on campus soon. Stay tuned!

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Tee Time

Members of the EMBA Alumni Golf Club achieved their best results in recent years at the University Alumni Invitational Golf Tournament organized by CUHK in late May – they were the champions of the team gross score and second runners-up in the team net score! Members also won a number of prizes at different individual scores.

Expanding Networks

The third session of the executive committee of EMBA Alumni Association was officially inaugurated in November 2015, and the official inauguration ceremonies for Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western China chapters, alongside the Alumni New Year Party, were held in Beijing, Shenzhen and Shanghai and Luzhou respectively in the past few months. The alumni networks throughout China have been substantially expanded.
A1 Activities

The first A1 Start-up Award launched by the Entrepreneur Circle of the HKUST Alumni Association in March 2016 was a phenomenal success. Three alumni companies were named Start-ups of the Year by the judging panel, comprising seasoned professionals including Dr Allan Zeman.

The Community Service Team recently engaged in the YDC School Company Program; a mentorship program, Chinese So Happy, will be launched soon for ethnic minority children.

To cultivate closer ties among alumni, the Alumni Engagement Team will host an exchange tour to Shenzhen and a bubble soccer match in the near future. They have also joined events of alumni associations of the University from time to time.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the University, the Membership Affair Team is now offering a special discount rate of $1,500 (25% discount) for A1 life membership. Join in and enjoy a variety of exclusive benefits!

Happy Times

Established in July 2015, the Korfball Alumni Association aims to promote the happy korfball spirit and bring together those who love playing it. The team, Nova, joined the Hong Kong Korfball League in 2015-16 and was proud to be declared Champion (Group B), alongside several individual awards including Male & Female Top Scorer, Best Assist and MVP. Keep abreast of their forthcoming activities!

Diverse Inspiration

At the Reading Club of the Mainland Alumni Association in January, Cui Dacheng, a renowned Chinese calligrapher, introduced to members the treasured art of Chinese calligraphy, followed by appreciation of some masterpieces. In February, alumni were inspired by the success story and passion of William Shum, founder of watch brand Memorigin at another Entrepreneurship Forum.

Savoring Friendships

The annual dinner of the Engineering Enterprise Management Alumni Association and the Master of Technology Management Alumni Association at the Conference Lodge in mid-March attracted a good number of alumni, faculty and students. Prof Guillermo Gallego updated participants on the latest department developments.

Back Home!

The MBA Alumni Association kicked off the year with its annual dinner at the Conference Lodge in March – the first time for many years for an event to be hosted on campus. Generously co-sponsored by the HKUST Business School and Baume & Mercier, the reunion brought together 70 alumni, faculties and guests. Our dragon boat paddlers kicked off their 2016 season at the HKUST Water Sports Center, and took part in the Dragon Boat race in June. On the invitation of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service, members participated in the Future Camp deliberation day to discuss and generate short-to-medium-term solutions for alleviating housing issues in Hong Kong.
Sporting Spirit

Over 200 energetic alumni returned to campus on a Saturday afternoon in May for the **Sports Members Reunion Sports Day**, organized by the Sports Association, HKUSTSU with the support of the Student Affairs Office. One of the highlights was the fiercely fought volleyball match, with President Prof Tony Chan competing in a team with alumni and students, alongside other ball games as well as athletic events. The enduring sporting spirit was certainly in evidence!

Strengthening Bonds

The career insight workshop, one of the regular activities of the **Dual Degree Program in Technology and Management Alumni Association**, invited two alumni to share their job-hunting tips and work experience with students in late February. Bonds among alumni, students and faculty were further strengthened as over 130 spent a pleasant Saturday morning at the annual reunion party organized by the department on campus in March. Co-director Prof Chi-ming Chan and Associate Director Prof Betty Lin extended their warmest welcome to participants. Visit the Facebook page for highlights of the reunion.

Cheers!

The annual drink is the key program for the **Accounting Alumni Association**. Held at D26 in Hong Kong’s Lan Kwai Fong nightlife district in November 2015, it was a great occasion for alumni to reconnect with old friends. The first-ever brunch gathering on March 6 was another success. Alumni, their families and students congregated at the newly opened restaurant UniQue at the Conference Lodge on campus to catch up with each other.

Thumbs Up!

The **Volleyball Alumni Team** continues to participate in various competitions year-round. Among them was the 36th Hong Kong Volleyball Championships — see how proud they are, giving the thumbs up after winning the first qualifying match in April.

Fun-filled Day

The first CSE Alumni Family Homecoming Day was jointly organized by the **Computer Science and Engineering Alumni Association** and Department of CSE in November 2015. It was very well received by alumni and their families, students, faculty and staff. The fun-filled day was marked by Hour of Code sessions, badminton games and a tea party.
What’s Your News?

Let your former classmates know about the happy events in your life – marriage, babies, promotions, new business ventures, awards, sporting achievements and other professional and personal milestones. Contact us by filling in the online form at alum.ust.hk/your-networks/share-your-news or email alumni@ust.hk

Carol Tsang  
2008 BBA(MARK)  
Jason Hui  
2008 BSc(BIOI)  
We got married in May 2015. From now on, we will never walk alone!

Cheng Sau Ling  
2012 BEng(COM)  
Roger Ng  
2012 BEng(COM)  
Our love story began at the computer science orientation camp on campus in 2009. We started our new journey together on October 11, 2015.

Pansy Chow  
2006 BBA(FINA)  
2009 MA(LIBS)  
Robin Au  
2008 BSc(MATH-PM)  
A few years after graduation, we finally got married in 2015!

Chong Chek Yan  
2008 BSc(BIOI)  
Kenneth Chan  
2008 BSc(ECOF)  
HKUST is where we got to know each other. We are happy to announce our marriage on January 8, 2016.

Ginny Wong  
2011 BBA(MGT)  
Jeffrey Sha  
2011 BSc(ECOF)  
We have plenty of fond memories of HKUST, since we met at the Language for Business course in the first year of our study. We were blessed to have many HKUST friends witness our most joyous moment at our wedding on December 5, 2015.
Constance Yeung
2012 BSc(RMBi)
Yuen Chor Yiu
2011 BBA(FINA)
We started our new life together on October 10, 2015, after getting to know each other for a decade!

Mandy Cheung
2008 BBA(MGT)O
Steven Lam
2008 BBA(ACCT)
We began our love story on October 10, 2005. On our 10th anniversary, we tied the knot and began our next chapter!

Stephen Tao
2014 MSc(ICEM)
I am delighted to share with you that Meiqing and I have got married!

Hu Qihvei
2015 MBA
Yidan Wang and I had a wonderful wedding on October 30, 2015!

Jessica Shi
2014 MSc(ICDE)
Liu Shuangnan
2014 MSc(ICDE)
We got married this year! Shuangnan and I undertook master’s degrees together at HKUST in 2013 and we cherish every joyous moment we had on campus. After graduation, I started working with Qualcomm Shanghai, while he is furthering his PhD studies at PolyU.
Mukhtar Ali Soomro
2014 PhD(CIVL)
We are excited to share with you that we were blessed with a little princess on January 10, 2016. Her name is Mehwish Maria Soomro.

Stephen Chinn
1999 BBA(AACCT)
My boy Gilbert is already one year old!

Lam Wing Kit
2014 BSc(ECOF)
I am delighted to obtain the American Mountain Guides Association Single Pitch Instructor qualification – the only internationally recognized climbing instructor certification program of its kind in the United States.

Perry Lo
2001 BEng(CIVL)
On September 11, 2015, I was honored to receive the Silver Award of the Heritage Conservation Category of the Construction Manager of the Year Awards 2014 from the Chartered Institute of Building in Hong Kong.

Derrick Pang
2014 PhD(CIVL)
It was my honor to receive the Young Industrial Award of Hong Kong 2015 from the Federation of Hong Kong Industries. Apart from my current position as Deputy Chairman of Chun Wo Development Holdings Limited, I have founded "Lifewire", an online crowdfunding platform to support children’s health and medical needs, which is a new initiative to raise funds through campaigns to bring children hope and a better future.
25 YEARS OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Join hands to create a magnificent birthday gift for your alma mater - a mosaic made up of all your photos!

MOASIC MAGIC  This mosaic brings together our alumni, students, faculty and staff in a living, ever-changing tapestry of the HKUST campus. Your picture will be added to it and you can use the search and zoom in functions to spot yourself. You can also search the mosaic by city to look for photos of your buddies in different parts of the world!

Participants who submit a photo are automatically entered into a lucky draw on the 25th of each month until August 2016. Submit your photo today for more chances to win a Linjer leather cardholder!

There are many more celebratory programs on and off campus, including the Global Celebrations, Distinguished Lecture Series, exhibition at the Library and many more that welcome alumni to join in. Check them out here!