Faculty of Law

Happy Anniversary!

The 6th Asian Law Institute Conference
Sports & Family Fiesta
Law Alumni Reunion Dinner
Message from the Dean

The jolly festive mood filled the Faculty recently. The 40th Anniversary Law Alumni Dinner held on 27 November 2009 was a lovely, heartwarming event. The evening was opened by the speech of the Chief Justice, and over 300 alumni spent a very enjoyable evening at Loke Yew Hall. Many former teachers joined us at the event, including Professor John Rear, Mr Bernard Downey, Mrs Marjorie Evans, Mr Alan Smith, Mr Justice Ribeiro PJ, Mr Justice Stone, Mr Bob Allcock (former Solicitor-General), Mr Ronny Wong SC, Professor Peter Wesley-Smith, Professor Roda Mushkat and Michael Sandor. Our special guests included the Chief Justice, the Secretary for Justice, Sir T L Yang (former Chief Justice and former Council Chairman of HKU), Mr Justice Patrick Chan PJ, Mr Justice Geoffrey Ma, Mr Justice Litton NPJ (who founded the Hong Kong Law Journal in 1971), Mr Denis Chang SC (who succeeded Mr Justice Litton as the Chief Editor of the Hong Kong Law Journal), Dr C H Leong, our new Council Chairman, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor S P Chow (Pro-Vice-Chancellor), Professor K M Cheng, and Ms Bernadette Tsui.

My special thanks go to Lucy Yen, the then President of the University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association, the Law Alumni ExCo and the organizing team. It was a mammoth task to take up the organization of such a big event, and Lucy did it with grace. She also personally ensured that every detail was in order. Special thanks also go to Kenneth Kwok SC, who literally rolled up his sleeves to check every table setting at 4 pm that day, and even served at the reception desk, making our reception services probably the most elevated and expensive we could ever have.
I spent another lovely morning with Lucy, John Rear and Bernard Downey at the Marriott Hotel, doing an interview with SCMP. John and Bernard had many interesting stories to tell. When we started the law school, we did not have a proper library. With the support of Sir Denys Roberts, the then Attorney General, we were allowed to use the Colonial Office’s Law Library, which was a godsend. When John published a critical piece on the Emergency Regulations Ordinance, some members of the Colonial Office were apparently upset by the comments and threatened to withdraw the privilege of using their Law Library. Fortunately, Sir Roberts intervened with his usual humour. It seems that our great tradition of commenting on public law issues went back to the very first day of establishment of our Law School.

John and Bernard were very pleased to know that we are launching our clinical legal education programme. Bernard recalled that in the early 70s he took up a pro bono case involving a juvenile aged 13 being put in custody. He got Lucy Yen, Moji and Kenneth Kwok to help him and Brian Tisdall of JSM to serve as solicitors. John also did a radio programme called ‘This is the Law’, which was the first public programme on legal education in Hong Kong.

We have decided to choose the theme of “giving and serving” for our anniversary celebration. Indeed, many alumni have been very generous in giving their time to serve the community. We would like to pass on the torch to law students and to inculcate among our next generation a culture of giving back to our community. It is in this spirit that we are launching our clinical legal education programme. So far we have started a pilot scheme at the Small Claims Tribunal, assisting claimants to prepare their cases. We also work with an NGO to assist refugee claimants to prepare their claims for refugee status. We have also revived the Duty Lawyer Free Legal Advisory Service Scheme on campus whereby students can assist qualified lawyers in providing advisory services to the public. Eric Cheung is heading up our clinical programme and has exciting plans to further expand the programme which serves the dual purpose of education and community service.

Beyond the local community, we have been concentrating on our initiatives and programmes in international collaboration. Student exchange arrangements stretch across 180 universities in the world. We have double degree arrangements with 3 leading universities from 3 continents, and many research collaborative arrangements with leading universities in the United States, UK, and Australia. We have trained over 600 graduates, judges and government officials from the Mainland through our Master of Common Law Programme, and another 130 graduates from all over Asia through our LLM (Human Rights) Programme. Many of our LLM(HR) graduates have returned to their own countries where they have been doing great work. A former student of mine from Nepal recently visited me and told me of his work on disappearance, torture and transitional justice, a few of the projects that he has been working on upon his return to his country. The LLM(HR) programme is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year and a major conference will be held in March 2010.

We have an unusually large number of international conferences this year. In April 2010 we will be co-hosting with University College London a major conference on civil justice reform. Lord Neuberger MR and Lord Justice Rupart Jackson will be joining us, alongside many members of the judiciary. Please see our announcement page for more details.

I am also pleased to report that work on the centennial campus is slightly ahead of schedule. The reservoir has already been moved to a tunnel in the hillsise (fortunately there was no hiccup, as otherwise the Western area would have been deprived of water supply). The University contractors are working at full speed on site formation and, if things go smoothly, we may be able to move to our new home some time in early 2012.

Forty years is a good and probably appropriate juncture at which to look back. We have been tracking the history of the law school, and are preparing a commemorative volume. We hope to outline our development in the context of the development of the rule of law in Hong Kong. Dr Veronica Pearson, a former academic colleague in the Department of Social Work and Social Administration at this University, has kindly agreed to take on the task. You will find more details in this issue. If you have any good stories to share, please do let us know. In the meantime, 2009 has been an eventful year, and let’s celebrate the festive season and wish one another the best for 2010.

Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon)
Dean, Faculty of Law
March 2010
We Serve;
We Nurture; We Lead
“We all know that law schools do not merely teach law as a subject and produce lawyers as a profession but also play an indispensable part in educating the public to better understand and appreciate the rule of law.”

Patrick Yu,
“The Seventh Child and the Law”
**September 1964**
The Department of Extra-mural Studies offered part-time evening courses which led to the external Bachelor of Laws (LLB) of the University of London.

**February 1965**
Zelman Cowen, C. L. Parmam (Melbourne) and A.G. Guest (Oxford) submitted their report ‘Advice on Law Studies’ to the Vice-Chancellor.

**1966**
A Working Party was appointed which recommended the creation of facilities within the University for the study of law leading towards a professional qualification.

**1967**
The Faculty of Social Sciences was established, with Professor D.M.E. Evans as the Founding Dean.

**1968**
The then University and Polytechnic Grants Committee (UPGC) agreed in principle to establish a Department of Law in the University of Hong Kong.

**June 1969**
The then Chief Justice, Sir Michael Hogan and the Vice-Chancellor of the University appointed a Working Party to consider the professional stage of legal education in Hong Kong.

**September 1969**
The Department of Law was established under the Faculty of Social Sciences to offer a three-year full-time undergraduate programme leading to the honours degree of LL.B. Professor D.M.E. Evans was the Head of the Department and there were only 3 academic staff (Professor D.M.E. Evans, Professor John Rear and Mr Bernard Downey). Initial intake was 40 students and the Department was located at 154-158 Caine Road, Hong Kong.

**1970**
The first batch of LLB graduates proceeded to the PCLL (Postgraduate Certificate of Laws), which was just launched.

**1971**
The Hong Kong Law Journal was launched, with the Hon Henry Litton, QC as the first Editor-in-Chief. He was succeeded by Mr Denis Chang, SC.

**1972**
The Law Association published Justitia, a journal run by law students (till 1986).

**1973**
Moved to Knowles Building.

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**Once more with feeling**

This article by Mr Christopher Chan (LLB 1972, PCLL 1973) was taken out from the “Annual Magazine” by the HKU Law Association in 1970.

(From the left) Christopher Chan, Professor D.M.E. Evans, Roseland Cheung, David Cheong, James Tang and Mary Ko.
1978
Became an autonomous School of Law.

1986
Introduced Master of Laws (LLM).

1987
Mr Peter Rhodes succeeded Professor D.M.E. Evans as Dean of the Faculty.

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The Faculty celebrated its 20th Anniversary and organized the Twentieth Anniversary Conference.

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"Peter Allan Memorial Lecture on Public Law" was established with donations from the legal profession in Hong Kong in memory of the late Peter Allan, a former Crown Solicitor and Commissioner of the ICAC.

1995

Established the Centre for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL) to promote research in the fields of public and comparative law.

1996

Professor Albert Chen succeeded Professor Peter Wesley-Smith as Dean.

1997

Launched the Master of Common Law (MCL) and the LLM in Chinese Commercial Law.

1999

Established the Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL) and the LLM in Corporate and Financial Law.

2000

Introduced the LLM in Chinese Law to replace LLM in Chinese Commercial Law.

2001

The Report on Legal Education and Training in Hong Kong: Preliminary Review was released.

Launched the LLM in Information Technology Law (now known as the Information Technology Property Law (ITIP)).

Launch the first "Peter Willoughby Memorial Lecture".

2002

Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon) succeeded Professor Albert Chen as Dean.

The first "Jerome Chan Memorial Lecture" was inaugurated.

Launched the Law Mentorship Programme.
2004
- Introduced the 4-Year LLB programme.
- Established the then China Technology and Law Centre (now known as the Law & Technology Centre).
- Selected by WTO as its designated centre in Asia for the first Asia-Pacific Regional Trade Policy Course (RTPC), offering training to the representatives of 31 countries in the Region.
- The Faculty celebrated its 35th Anniversary.

2006
- Professor Hurst Hannum succeeded Professor Yash Ghai as Sir Y K Pao Chair in Public Law.

2007
- Professor Albert Chen was appointed Chan Professor in Constitutional Law.
- Professor Philip Smart was appointed Harold Hsiao-Wo Lee Professor in Corporate Law.
- Established the Kerry Holdings Professorship in Commercial Law (later as Kerry Holdings Professorship in Private Law) and the Paul K C Chung Professorship in Jurisprudence.
- Academic staff force increased to over 60.

2009
- The Cheng Yu-Tung Law Building, with the new Centennial Campus of the University, is targeted for completion by 2011-2012.

February 2008
- Received a $400-million donation from Dr Cheng Yu-Tung, Chairman of the New World Development Company Limited.
- One of our students won the Baxter Prize for the Best Applicant’s Memorial at the Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court competition in Washington, DC.

2009-10
- Established the Trans-Pacific LLB-JD programme with the University of British Columbia.
- Launched a double master degree with the University of Zurich.
- Entered the first double undergraduate degree arrangement with King’s College London.
- Introduced the Juris Doctor (JD) Programme.
- Established the Centre for Chinese Law

2012
- Professor Anthony Carty succeeded Professor Hurst Hannum as Sir Y K Pao Chair in Public Law.
- Professor Scott Veitch was appointed the first Paul K C Chung Professor in Jurisprudence.
- Professor Michael Tilbury was appointed the first Kerry Holdings Professor in Private Law.
The Asian Law Institute (ASLI) was established in 2003 through the concerted effort of several leading law schools in Asia. It has long been recognized that such an institute could have a significant role in nurturing legal scholarship and facilitating greater interaction amongst legal scholars in Asia and those working on Asian law-related issues.

The 6th ASLI conference was held at the University of Hong Kong on 29 and 30 May 2009. It was attended by over 200 participants with just over 120 papers presented. The Conference theme was “Dynamics of Change in Asia” and, as in previous years, there were seven parallel sessions, each with its own sub-theme: International Business Law, Human Rights, Constitutional and Administrative Law, International Law, Intellectual Property and Information Technology, Cross Border Issues, Corporate Law and Governance.

The conference was officially opened by the Honourable Secretary for Justice of the Hong Kong SAR, Mr Wong Yan Lung SC, who gave a very thoughtful presentation on law and justice in Hong Kong and the region. The conference dinner was graced by the presence of Mr Martin Lee SC, the former Chairman of the Hong Kong Democratic Party who gave a passionate talk on the importance of democracy and the rule of law. At the end of the conference, a Distinguished Lecture was presented by Dr Ramachandra Guha, an eminent historian and writer based in Bangalore, India who spoke on a highly topical issue, “Democracy and Violence: In Asia and Beyond.” The lecture highlighted the importance of recognizing and respecting pluralism, and argued that the failure to do so was often the cause of violent extremism by marginalised citizens.
“Happy Birthday!”
Toasting by (from left) Lucy Yen; Prof Lap-Chee Tsui; Dr The Hon Leong Che-Hung; The Hon Wong Yan Lung, SC; The Hon Chief Justice Andrew Li; Mr Russell Coleman, SC; Dr the Hon Margaret Ng; Mr Huem Wong and Prof Johannes Chan, SC (Hon)

2 The Hon Chief Justice Andrew Li giving his speech

3 From left: Mr and Mrs Bernard Downey; Lucy Yen; Jack Young; Mrs Marjorie Evans; Gerald To; Prof and Mrs John Rear; Mr Denis Chang, SC; and Mok Yeuk Chi

4 Mr Bob Alcock and members of Class 1980

5 Prof Michael Wilkinson and members of Class 1999
6 7 Law Alumni Choir

8 (From left) Raymond Cheng (Conductor), Stony Chen (Pianist) and the String Ensemble from the Hong Kong Festival Orchestra (Gordon Wong, Caroline Wong, Sean Li and Frank Choi)

9 Slideshow with live music

10 Lucy Yen, President of The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association

11 Mok Yuk Chi and The Hon Sir T L Yang

12 Dr the Hon Margaret Ng, Mr Bernard Downey, Mrs Valerie Downey, Prof Peter Wesley-Smith and Lucy Yen

13 Masters of Ceremony: Wesley Wong, Lo Mun Yi and Cheung Wing Leung
14 (From left) The Hon Mr Justice William Stone; Mr Russell Coleman, SC and Mr Ronny Wong, SC
15 Prof Michael Wilkinson and Mr Denis Chang, SC
16 Members of Class 1985, 1986 and 2001
17 The Hon Mr Justice Robert Ribeiro and Prof Roda Mushkat
18 Dr the Hon Margaret Ng and Prof Johannes Chan, SC (Hon)
19 The Chief Justice and members of Class 1982
20 Lester Huang, the Hon Wong Yan Lung, SC and Eric Cheung
21 Members of Class 1989
22 Prof Albert Chen and members of Class 1991

More photos are available at
The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association Fund (the Fund) was launched at the dinner. All donations will be used for the benefit and education of the rising generation(s). With alumni’s support and surplus from the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner (HK$43,803.8) a total of, HK$396,596.36 has been raised (as at 2 Feb 2010). We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the following alumni for their donation, which will be matched dollar-to-dollar by the Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge.

The Hon Madam Justice Susan Kwan
The Hon Mr Justice Barnabas Fung
His Hon Judge Simon Kwang
Mr Edward Chan, SC
Mr Andrew Liao, SC
Mr Benjamin Yu, SC
Ms Wendy Chan
Mr Moses Cheng
Mr Eric Cheung
Mr Keith Cheung
Ms Rosaline Cheung
Ms Stephanie Cheung
Ms Teresa Cheung
Mr Cheung Yuk Tong
Mr Ip Shing Hing
Mr Emmanuel Kao
Mr Billy Kong
Mr Kwan Man Kwong
Mr William Kwok
Ms Amy Liu
Ms Theresa Liu
Ms Gwen Lo
Ms Money Lo
Ms Barbara Mok
Mr Mok Yeuk Chi
Ms Jenny Ng
Mr Tang Chi Chuen
Mr Gerald To
Ms Daisy Tong
Mr Philip Tsui
Ms Clereza Wong
Ms Jennifer Wong
Mr Peter Wong
Mr Wong Pui Hon
Ms Rosanna Wong
Mr Wesley Wong
Ms Lucy Yen
Mr Benny Yeung

Members of the Organizing Committee
William Liu (LLB 2005) (Chairman)
Kwan Man Kwong (LLB 1975)
Agnes Yung (LLB 1978)
Clereza Wong (LLB 1980)
Carol Chen (LLB 1982)
Erik Shum (LLB 1984)
Francoise Lam (LLB 1986)
Martin Hui (LLB 1994)
Rachel Li, Public Relations Officer
United, we PLAY!
Sports & Family Fiesta 2009

More than 150 alumni, friends and families joined us for the Sports and Family Fiesta 2009 at Sandy Bay on 8 November 2009 (Sunday). Soccer teams from the Bar, the Department of Justice, the Judiciary and the Law Society took part in the Law Alumni Soccer Match.

Many families and their children had a great time participating in running races, face painting and other arts and crafts activities on the other side of the Stanley Ho Sports Centre. Parents had an enjoyable time catching up with one another. Between the matches, we had a very professional performance from 5 Dollar Tux. Among others, their American Pie and We are the Champions filled up the whole of Sandy Bay with their fabulous music.

The Judiciary team lost to the Law Society but managed to beat the Department of Justice and secured the place of 2nd runner-up. The championship match was between the Bar and the Law Society. Despite having one member (David Chum, PCLL 1999) injured during the final, the Championship went to the Bar! Congratulations!
Law Alumni Soccer Match

Champion

Law Society

Bar

DoJ

Bar

Judiciary

40th Anniversary Lecture Series

“Oxford Jurisprudence”
by Professor Tim Endicott,
Dean of the Faculty of Law, Oxford University
on September 9, 2009.

“Intellectual Property Rights: Too Important to Leave to the Lawyers?”
by Professor David Jewelyn,
Honorary Professor in Intellectual Property Law, HKU and Professor,
King’s College London, on October 27, 2009.

“Literature as Law’s Other”
by Professor Peter Brooks,
Sterling Professor of Comparative Literature, Yale University,
on November 3, 2009.

“How International Law Regulates the Global Market for Talent”
by Professor Joel Trachtman, Professor of International Law,
Fletcher School of Diplomacy and Law, Tufts University,
on November 10, 2009.

More to come...
Forty Year of Legal Scholarship at The University of Hong Kong
by Dr Veronica Pearson
“Constitutional Law Book Project” and “Pro Bono Service Scheme”
April 2010
40th Anniversary Dinner in Beijing

Major Conferences in 2010
5-6 Feb 2010
East Asian Law and Society Conference
“Changing Socio-Legal Landscapes in East Asia: Common Trends and Local Variations”
27 Feb 2010
International Conference on Legal Education
5-6 March 2010
Conference on Court of Final Appeal
12-13 March 2010
Conference on Human Rights and 10th Anniversary Re-union of LLM(HR)
15-16 April 2010
Civil Justice Reform: What has it achieved?
June 2010
Law and Literature Conference
5 Nov 2010
International Conference on Climate Change

If you wish to listen to these lectures, click http://uradio.cybercampus.hku.hk/programdetail.php?id=268
The University of Hong Kong and University College London will co-host a Conference on Civil Justice Reform as part of the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law’s 40th Anniversary celebrations. The conference will look at civil justice reforms in Hong Kong, England, Australia and Canada, assess their effectiveness and consider whether any further changes should be made.

Confirmed speakers to date include:
- The Honourable Mr. Justice Li, Chief Justice, HK
- Mr. Wong Yan Lung, SC, Secretary for Justice, HK
- The Rt Honourable Lord Neuberger of Abbotsbury, The Master of the Rolls, England & Wales
- The Honourable Mr. Justice Ma, Chief Judge of the High Court, HK
- The Rt Honourable Lord Justice Jackson, Lord Justice of Appeal, England & Wales
- The Honourable Justice Peter McClellan, Chief Judge at Common Law, Supreme Court of NSW, Australia
- The Honourable Mr. Justice Fung, Judge of the Court of First Instance, HK
- The Honourable Mr. Justice Reyes, Judge of the Court of First Instance, HK
- The Honourable Mr. Justice Lam, Judge of the Court of First Instance, HK
- Ms. Queeny Au-Yeung, High Court Registrar, HK
- Ms. Marlene Ng, Master of the High Court, HK
- Professor Malcolm Grant, President & Provost of University College London, UK
- Professor Dame Hazel Genn, Dean of University College London Faculty of Laws, UK
- Professor Michael Wilkinson, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong
- Ms. Diana Lowe, QC, Executive Director of the Canadian Forum on Civil Justice, Canada
- Mr. Rimsky Yuen, SC, Barrister-at-Law
- Mr. Nigel Francis, Partner, Minter Ellison, HK
- Mr. Joseph Kwan, Partner, Deacons, HK
- Mr. Martin Rogers, Partner, Head of Litigation & Dispute Resolution in Asia, Clifford Chance, HK
- Mr. William Clarke, Consultant, Brian Kong & Company, HK

### DAY ONE (Thursday, 15 April 2010)

**Conference Themes**

**Morning Session**
- **Overview of CJR (International and Comparative Perspectives)**
  1. Overview of CJR – What Have Been the CJR’s Achievements and Challenges?
  2. Litigation Process – Has the Litigation Process Become More Efficient?

**Afternoon Session**
- **Overview of CJR (International and Comparative Perspectives) (cont’d)**
- **ADR & Mediation**
  1. How Effective Have These Been in the Context of CJR?

### DAY TWO (Friday, 16 April 2010)

**Conference Themes**

**Morning Session**
- **Litigation Process / Case Management (HK)**
  1. Litigation Process in Hong Kong – Has the Litigation Process Become More Efficient?
  2. Case Management in Hong Kong – Has Case Management Been Effective?
- **Costs / Sanctioned Offers & Payments**
  1. Costs – Is Litigation Now More Affordable and / or Cost-Effective?
  2. Sanctioned Offers & Payments – Have These Been Effective?

**Afternoon Session**
- **Costs / Sanctioned Offers & Payments (cont’d)**
- **Concluding Comments & Closing**
Admissions Statistics LLB (2009-2010)

Average Scores of JUPAS Applicants Admitted to HKU in 2009

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Notes: Conversion of HKALE/ HKCEE grades into scores: Grade A=5, B=4, C=3, D=2, E=1, others=0

EAS Admissions 拔尖計劃

This year, the Faculty of Law has received over 90 applications from Lower Sixth Form applicants for admission to the LLB programme under the EAS scheme. The Faculty has admitted 29 students and their HKCEE results are as follows:

- 10As: 3.45%
- 9As: 6.90%
- 7As: 37.93%
- 6As: 51.72%

Congratulations!

With his research entitled “An Evaluation of Investment Incentive Regimes in China: A Policy-Oriented Approach”, affiliated with Columbia University, Mr Ling Lin (PhD candidate) was awarded the Fulbright Hong Kong Junior Scholarship. Ms Liang Jieying, also PhD candidate, was awarded the University Postgraduate Fellowship (UPF) recently. Supported by the HKU Foundation, the UPF scheme aims to attract the top students worldwide and is open to all full-time PhD candidates with excellent academic performances.

Congratulations to Doug Arner on his promotion to professor. Professor Arner is the director of AllFL and has played a leading role of its success. Besides his involvement in many financial development projects in Asia, Africa and Europe, Doug has also made important contributions to curriculum development, particularly the LLM over the years and he is now the Deputy Head and Director of LLM (Corporate and Financial Law).

2009 University Distinguished Teaching Award — Rick Glofcheski

Congratulations to Rick Glofcheski who has been awarded the 2009 University Distinguished Teaching Award, in recognition of his achievements and contributions in teaching and engagement with students; curriculum design, renewal and innovation; leadership and scholarship of curriculum design and innovation in teaching and learning. Rick was appointed University Teaching Fellow in 2004 and won the Outstanding Teaching Award in 2008.

2009 Outstanding Young Researcher Award — Simon Young

Congratulations to Simon Young who has won the Outstanding Young Researcher Award. Simon Young is the Director of the Faculty’s Centre for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL) and a barrister practising in HK. He has advised on a number of important constitutional law cases in Hong Kong concerning radio broadcasting laws, prisoners’ right to vote, and covert surveillance by law enforcement. He has completed many public policy research projects on topics such as the confiscation of proceeds of crime, enactment of security and anti-terrorism laws, public sector disciplinary processes, and screening processes for asylum seekers.

2009 University Research Output Prize — James Fry

Cora Chan, a graduate of HKU Government and Law Programme and Oxford, joined the Faculty in December 2009 after being admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong and having completed her training with Baker & McKenzie. Her research interests include Constitutional Theory, Human Rights Law, Public Law and Jurisprudence. She loves film, music and cycling.

Dora Chan became a member of the Faculty in August 2009. She is a graduate of the Faculty. She had practised with Baker & McKenzie and also worked as Government Counsel of the Land Registry and the Department of Justice, and legal counsel of the Airport Authority. Her main teaching areas are Land Law and Tort for the LLB. She has two young terminator-like sons. She loves fine dining and travelling.

Sarah Cheng joined the Faculty in August 2009. She is a graduate of HKU, and prior to joining the Faculty, she practised at Allen & Overy and was a visiting researcher at Harvard University. She is interested in criminal law and procedure, international law, legal theory, and law and humanities. She enjoys hiking and baking.

Dave Lau joined the Faculty in August 2009 having practised with White & Case and Richards Butler and taught at City University. His special interests are commercial litigation and international arbitration. He is passionate about photography and loves travelling.

Melanie Mitchell joined the Faculty in August 2009 having practised at Simmons & Simmons in Hong Kong for eight years and before that in Australia. Her special interests are corporate and commercial law. She has two daughters and two dogs. She enjoys hiking on Hong Kong’s trails and drinking wine, not necessarily in that order.

Sun Haochen joined the Faculty as Assistant Professor in July 2009. His research and teaching interests primarily include property, intellectual property and legal theory. Prior to coming to HKU, Haochen worked as a research fellow at the Harvard Berkman Center for Internet & Society and the Max Planck Institute for Intellectual Property respectively. In his spare time, Haochen enjoys training himself to become a professional writer and philosopher, listening to alternative and classical music, and watching European and Asian art films.

Gaynor Tallentire has been teaching for the Faculty as a part time teacher for many years. In August 2009, she joined as a full time senior teaching consultant. She has also taught on the PCLL at City University and Chinese University. Prior to teaching she was the Deputy Editor of the Hong Kong Law Digest. Gaynor was called to the Bar in England and has practised as a Crown Prosecutor, as well as a legal advisor to the Lay Justices. She was called to the Bar in Hong Kong in 1997. Her interests are in professional practice and management and criminal litigation. Gaynor has little time for interests; with four teenage children, a husband and a dog to care for, ‘time off’ is a luxury!

Meet Our New Staff

Dr Marcelo Thompson joined the Faculty in June 2009, being our first representative from Brazil (and South America). Marcelo has been practising, researching and teaching on the interplay between law and information technology since 1998. He has held a number of technology-related legal positions in the Brazilian government and studied and worked in Canada, the United Kingdom and, briefly, in Germany. Marcelo’s Oxford DPhil thesis looks into principles of neutrality in technology law and politics in the context of more established doctrines of neutrality in political theory and jurisprudence. He does not play football, but likes Bossa Nova, Ipanema, Feijoada and Manoel de Barros – preferably altogether.

Professor Scott Veitch joined the Faculty as Paul CK Chung Professorship in Jurisprudence in January 2010 from the University of Glasgow. He studied at the University of Edinburgh and has taught at universities in the UK and Australia. He has held visiting positions in South Africa, New Zealand, Belgium, and France, where he is an invited professor at the University of Paris V. His research and teaching are in the areas of jurisprudence and social and political theory. He has come to Hong Kong with his wife, and sons aged 8 and 6.
Congratulations to Our Alumni

Recent Appointment to the Judiciary

Justice of Appeal of the Court of Appeal of the High Court
The Honourable Madam Justice Susan KWAN Shuk-hing
(LLB 1977, PCLL 1978)

Judges of the Court of First Instance of the High Court
The Hon Mr Justice Anthony TO Kwai-fung
(LLB 1978, LLM 1988)
The Hon Mr Justice AU Hing-cheung
(LLB 1996, PCLL 1998)
The Hon Mr Justice Mohan Tarachand BHARWANEY
(LLB 1976)

Principal Family Court Judge
Her Honour Judge Bebe CHU Pui-ying
(LLB 1974, PCLL 1975)

District Judges
His Honour Judge Eddie YIP Chor-man
(LLB 1986, PCLL 1987)
Her Honour Judge Katina LEVY LAW Suet-mui
(LLM 2004)
His Honour Judge Simon KWANG Cheok-weung
(LLB 1985, PCLL 1986)
His Honour Judge WONG King-wah
(PCLL 1991)
His Honour Judge POON Siu-tung
(LLB 1990, PCLL 1993)
Her Honour Judge Anthea PANG Po-kam
(PCLL 1994, LLM 2001)

Magistrates
Miss Josephine CHOW Pok-fun
(LLB 1996, PCLL 1998)
Mr LI Kwok Wai
(LLB 1994, PCLL 1995)

Honorary University Fellowships 2009

Dr The Hon David K P Li, Pro Chancellor; Dr Victor Fung, the then Chairman of the Council, Professor Lap-chee Tsui, Vice-Chancellor and 10 Honorary University Fellows.

Congratulations also go to Mr Kenneth Kwok SC
(LLB 1972, PCLL 1973) who was one of the recipients of the Honorary University Fellowships this year.
Mr Kwok was a former President of The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association. During his presidency, he strengthened the Law Mentorship Programme among his many contributions. He is also a member of the Standing Committee on Legal Education and of our PCLL Academic Board; and in those capacities he has given valuable advice to our PCLL reform initiatives and the direction for legal education development. He was elected President of The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association again in Dec 2009.
Information Day for Undergraduate Admissions

The Annual Information Day, held on 24 October (Sat) 2009 is one of the most important occasions for potential students to obtain advice and acquire information on admissions. As in the past, the Faculty set up a booth in Loke Yew Hall and an exhibition at the concourse of K K Leung Building.

The Admissions Talk at lunch time was literally an overwhelming success when there was not one single standing space left in the Library Extension lecture hall (which can hold 350 people). The session was therefore taped and run again at our Moot Court in the afternoon, then uploaded onto our homepage. Apart from LLB and Double Degrees, visitors this year showed particular interest in our HKU-King’s College London programme and JD programme. For these two programmes, another two briefing sessions were held on 20 November and 18 December respectively.

Sun Hung Kai Properties – Kwoks’ Foundation donates 2.52 million for mainland students to study law at The University of Hong Kong

Sun Hung Kai Properties - Kwoks’ Foundation (Foundation) established a HK$2.52 million Law Scholarship, for mainland students to study law at The University of Hong Kong (HKU).

Set up in 2002, the Kwoks’ Foundation has provided numerous scholarships to foster the development of talented individuals on the Mainland. Mr Walter Kwok, Foundation Vice-Chairman, said at the Signing Ceremony on 14 July 2009 that the Scholarship would help provide first class common law training to promising legal personnel in the Mainland and facilitate legal and judicial modernization in China. The University and the Faculty would like to thank the Foundation for its generosity. With the availability of more scholarships, more law graduates from Mainland China will have the benefit of broadening their legal education and learning more about Common Law system.
LLB Graduation Ceremony 2009

The Ceremony on 14 November 2009 was presided over by Professor Michael Wilkinson, Chairman of the Faculty Board. This year we had a record high number of graduands (190). Our Guest-of-Honour, Dr the Hon Margaret Ng, member of the Legislative Council, encouraged our graduates to contribute to the community through political involvement by telling the story of Wu Tingfang, the first ethnically Chinese barrister in the history of Hong Kong.

On behalf of her peers, Miss Bonnie Tong shared with the audience how excited they were to complete their studies and how grateful they were to their families, teachers and fellow classmates. The Ceremony ended with a bilingual speech from the Dean and the Law Anthem.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

Congratulations!

At the University’s Long Service Award Ceremony on 23 June 2009, Professor Michael Wilkinson was among the recipients for 25 years of service.

Professor Wilkinson has been with us since 1982 and involved in teaching some 75% of Hong Kong’s legal professionals. Before joining us, he had his first job as a teacher in Cambridge, then went to Africa to teach law. He was the Head of the Department of Professional Legal Education and is now the Chairman of the Faculty Board and the Public Orator of the University.
Looking back, thinking back

It has been a year since I graduated from HKU. I started at the university in 2003. After obtaining my first degree in Government and Laws in 2006, I proceeded to complete the LL.B. in 2007 and the PCLL in 2008. Yet my experience at HKU can hardly be captured by just a couple of sentences. Those five years were some of the best times in my life. I am sure the same applies to many fellow students. All those memories, fresh still, must have put a smile on our faces: memories of how we trawled through case reports and journal articles in the law library; how we had stacks of distributed materials (or “DMs” as we called them) piling up in our pigeon holes; how we got frustrated at the K.K. Leung lobby, when morning class was about to start and yet all the lifts were packed; how we waited for our exams outside Lake Yew Hall, with notes in our hands and butterflies in our stomach...and, hard to forget too, the feel of that surge of adrenaline inside me when I had my first mooting competition. Of course, the best bit goes to those of how we posed for our graduation pictures and wore the gold proudly on our shoulders.

Back in 2003, I chose to do law because, firstly, as a “known” bookworm, I am rather confident that I should not have problem devouing and digesting tons of statutes and judgments; and secondly, I loved to argue with my little brother all the time and thought I would therefore make a good advocate. It turned out that the study of law does require not just a lot of reading and advocacy training; it goes way far beyond these. A good legal education involves the development of a critical mind to analyse – not just what the law is – but also what the law should be. In order to understand, interpret and critique the law, we need a broad command of knowledge – for the law does not exist in vacuum, but is intertwined with the political, economic and cultural aspects of society. I was fortunate to have benefited from the Faculty’s stimulating environment for learning and its increasingly interdisciplinary approach to teaching. I had also enjoyed thoroughly the Government and Laws programme, which offers a rich and nuanced understanding of both the legal and political systems, as well as the intricate relationships between them.

To me, the Law Faculty is very international in character, but at the same time it is also closely knit with the Hong Kong community. There was never a shortage of opportunities for us to gain exposures outside the classroom. Every year, students participate in the mentorship programme, which is a valuable chance to tap into the wisdom and wonderful life experiences of role models in the legal field. My previous mentor, a member of the judiciary, is lively, charming and supportive. I learned a great deal from her sharing about life, family and, of course, the legal profession. Another memorable experience with the Faculty was definitely the Red Cross mooting competition that I joined in 2007, along with two wonderful team-mates. We spent several months juggling between studying and mooting, and, occasionally, burning the midnight oil. Yet the sense of achievement we gained from the moot, and the bonding we built among ourselves and with our coaches, were worth every single bit of the hard work.

Towards the end of our studies, we were about to embark on different paths – the government, private practice, NGOs, and further studies for an academic career. I was, at that juncture, pondering whether to do a master’s programme overseas. Studying abroad is no doubt both exciting and rewarding, but it also means leaving one’s comfort zone, leaping into the unknown and facing new challenges. Thinking back, I am ever grateful to my teachers, who were willing to listen, support and offer guidance. They opened doors to wonderful opportunities, and encouraged me in every step of the application process. In the end, I decided to do not just one, but two programmes abroad, studying subjects in which I have always had an immense interest.

This summer, I completed my master’s programme at Oxford. The experience was fruitful and intellectually stimulating. I was exposed to issues in global governance, development and international diplomacy – areas which I had long wanted to explore. Of course, I have also had my share of the Oxford experience – eating in glamorous dining halls a la Harry Potter films, being caught in Britain’s biggest snow storm in twenty years, lying on the lawn during those rare sunny days, admiring the magnificent architectures of college buildings, and thinking about the rich histories and traditions of that centuries-old academic powerhouse...

Whilst writing this little piece of reflection, I have already landed on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, getting ready for a further year of legal studies in the United States. I feel much excited (and a little nervous) about diving again into the world of law. Yet I trust that this is going to be another exciting page of my life. I shall embrace the challenges with a brave smile and a grateful heart. And may I wish all who hold the same faith be filled with no less courage and determination in the pursuit of their dreams.

By Cheng Yan Ki Bonnie

Recipient of the Professor Dafydd Evans Memorial Scholarship (2006-2007)
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PROFESSOR DAFYDD EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bonnie Cheng is one of the recipients of Professor Dafydd Evans Memorial Scholarship, which was established by the Class of 1972 in 2006, in memory of the late Professor Dafydd Meurig Emrys Evans, OBE, founding Dean of the Faculty of Law. The scholarship is awarded annually to an outstanding final year LLB student. Recipients include the following:

2005 - 2006: Ms Kung Shun Fong
2006 - 2007: Ms Cheng Yan Ki, Bonnie
2007 - 2008: Mr Lee To Ching, Ken
2008 - 2009: Mr Wong Wing Hang

At the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner on 27 November, the class of 1972 generously brought home the founding members of the Faculty, Mrs Evans, alumni and these scholarship recipients happily revisited the achievements of the Faculty and, in particular, Professor Evans.

HKU ranked 24th in the 2009 THE-QS World University Rankings

HKU was ranked 24th amongst the top 200 universities globally and 1st in Asia by the 2009 Times Higher Education - Quacquarelli Symonds (THE-QS) World University Rankings.

TOP 10
1 Harvard University
2 University of Cambridge
3 Yale University
4 University College London
5 Imperial College London
6 University of Oxford
7 University of Chicago
8 Princeton University
9 Massachusetts Institute of Technology
10 California Institute of Technology

22 University of Tokyo
23 King’s College London

24 The University of Hong Kong
30 National University of Singapore
35 Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
46 The Chinese University of Hong Kong
49 Tsinghua University
52 Peking University
103 Fudan University
Reservoir Re-provisioning Project Completed on Time

The Centennial Campus, which will accommodate the new Law Building, is being constructed on the former service reservoir area of the Water Supplies Department (WSD). The University is responsible for the reservoir re-provisioning works for the WSD at a cost of HK$500 million. The works commenced in early 2007 and were completed on time in mid-September 2009. The works included the excavation of a cavern for the storage of saltwater, the construction of two new freshwater reservoirs, an Emergency Vehicular Access Road, and a pipe gallery.

Following the completion for the reservoir re-provisioning project, the Centennial Campus superstructure construction began in mid September 2009. The project was awarded to Gammon Construction Ltd for HK$1.97 billion. The construction is scheduled to be completed in March 2012, when we expect to move into our new home.

OBITUARY


Miss Rainbow Chan Wing Yan (BBA(Law)2) passed away on 1 January 2010. She was an EAS student and has done very well academically and socially. She will always be remembered. Our deepest condolences go to Rainbow’s Family.

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