So Long, Farewell
KK LEUNG BUILDING
Message from the Dean

Moving to our New Home
At the time of writing, we have moved to our new home. This is the fourth home of the Faculty (or Department of Law before 1984), having first been housed at the Caine Road campus (1969-1972), then on the fifth floor of Knowles Building (1972-1989), and then at K K Leung Building (1989-2012). The Caine Road campus was the former Married Staff Quarters of the Police at the junction between Seymour Road and Caine Road. I was given to understand that next to the Caine Road campus was a church and right opposite was a psychiatric hospital – perfect matches for law. The site is now a park. I joined the Faculty when we were in Knowles Building. It was amazing that the entire Faculty and the Law Library could be squeezed into one single floor. We later extended our territory to the bridge between Knowles Building and the Main Library. It was a happy corridor: Housed in that bridge were Professor Albert Chen, Agnes Yung, Anne Carver and myself, and maybe one or two more colleagues. The inhabitants of the Knowles Building were haphazard. One floor below us was the studio of Architecture. There was once a fire in the studio, which was put out by firemen very soon. Unfortunately, Professor Peter Wesley-Smith, whose office was right above the studio, forgot to close his window, resulting in a nice bath for all his books and journals!

We have been in K K Leung for almost 23 years. There must be a lot of interesting stories about this building. In this issue we are asking for such stories, so please share with us your special moments here. A mystery that we are trying to solve is the road sign of Old Bailey Street, which first appeared in the corridor at Knowles Building and was later brought to K K Leung Building. I once asked Bob Allcock whether the road sign was stolen property, and he just smiled.

At the centennial campus, we will have for the first time an entire building of our own. It is a 11-storey building situated at the far western end of the existing campus. There is a lovely conference room at the top of our building, which is badly needed given the large number of conferences and seminars we have these days. There is an alumni room, which will also serve as a common room and is adjoined by a board room next door so that our Law Alumni Association can have its meeting there. There are also a lecture theatre, a moot court, various advocacy laboratories,
and of course, the Law Library. We hope to provide a better environment for both our students and staff. Beneath our building is the Learning Commons, which is a sizeable lounge-type area with lecture centres, discussion rooms, library, teaching and computer facilities, a bookstore, a bank and various cafes and eateries. There is also a first rate auditorium for about 1,000 people with what I was told the best acoustics in town. We hope to organize our graduation ceremony in the auditorium in the coming year. There are also plenty of open spaces and landscape garden in the centennial campus.

While you must be excited to see what the new law building and the centennial campus would look like, our first major challenge is to greet the double cohorts of students who will be admitted to the University this September. The last batch of A-level students and the first batch of DSE students will join the University at the same time, and there will be 3,000 more students than usual on campus this September! As things now stand, the University plans to hold the formal opening of the centennial campus in the second week of November. We are also working with the Law Alumni Association to plan a series of events around that time, including a concert, a home-coming event and various public lectures. Please watch out for more details.

LLB and PCLL Admissions
We are pleased that we continue to attract the best students to the law school. Last year, out of the top twelve programmes in the University, five of them are in Law, including LLB and our four double degree programmes. Admissions are so competitive that we regret that we have to turn away many good students. Even with a double cohort of admissions this year, we expect we will be able to maintain such high standard of admissions. The same applies to PCLL. Competition for admissions to the PCLL has also been ferocious. We decided to add an extra 30 part-time places last year so that we did not have to turn away too many good students. I am glad to have received very positive feedback on our PCLL programme. While we do not guarantee that everyone will pass, we do guarantee that everyone will receive good training and education. After all, this is what education should be about.

818 Review
I served on the Panel reviewing the controversies arising from the visit of the Vice-Premier to the University last summer. It has been a difficult time for the University. The incident raised many difficult and challenging issues that we have to face in light of our changing relationship with the Mainland and the increasingly close partnership between the University and the community. With the submission of our report earlier this year, we hope we are able to learn from our mistakes and move forward in a positive spirit. It is never an easy task to review one’s own colleagues. Sometimes your concern is not that you will be too lenient towards your colleagues; instead, one may swing to the other extreme of being too harsh in order to demonstrate one’s fairness. It is on these occasions that our legal training becomes invaluable: it enables us to keep a fair mind, focused on the issues, with an understanding of the human factors and tension but not be carried away by our personal feelings or emotions.

Deanship
Having been in the Deanship for over a decade, it is time to pass on the leadership to other capable colleagues. My current term will expire at the end of June 2013, and the University has started a global search exercise for the next Dean. It is not the time to say goodbye yet, as before stepping down, there are a number of tasks that need to be accomplished including moving to our new home, the smooth implementation of the double cohorts of students, a major review of the Faculty by the University scheduled for January 2013 as part of the University’s regular review process and preparation for the next major Research Assessment Exercise to be conducted by the University Grants Committee in 2014. I would like to thank every one of you for your support over the last ten years, but let me do it properly next time.

Professor Johannes Chan SC (Hon)
Dean, Faculty of Law
June 2012
THE CENTENARY Gala Dinner
港大百周年校慶晚宴
18 December 2011
Brighten Me with Virtues

Anyone who had participated in the HKU 100 Gala Dinner on 18 December 2011 would never forget the spectacular sight of over 5,000 guests and alumni gathering at the Grand Hall of the HK Convention and Exhibition Centre to celebrate the centenary of HKU. Standing on the stage of the Grand Hall facing thousands of distinguished guests, one would not be easily overtaken by nervousness. What fills your heart is pride. I, together with 17 friends from other faculties, sang the song “Brighten Me with Virtues” with our hearts filled with the pride of being a HKU student.

I was lucky enough to have the honour to join the Gala Dinner as a student performer and have recorded “Brighten Me with Virtues” as a gift to HKU. These all started when a poster of an audition caught my attention. The huge green “HKU 100” logo on the poster aroused my interest in signing up for the audition as I thought it would be memorable if I could join any of the activities celebrating this joyous and precious occasion which I am quite sure that I can experience only once in my entire life. The day when I received the email telling me I was selected as one of the chorus members for the production of a HKU 100 celebration song still sounds like a dream to me. The fantasy continued to build up. Calling it a fantasy perhaps is not an exaggeration when I was informed that the song I was going to record is written by the Canto-pop legend Sam Hui with Lin Xi’s lyrics. The beautifully composed melody touched me at the very first time I listened to the demo and it is surely complemented by the lyrics. My favourite stanza is –

“Let wisdom be our shield,
Guard our intellect as we tread the path,
Even through the darkest night our spirit remains ablaze,
Abounding in truth - this is our motto.
Standing fast against the wind and storm - this is our motto.”

Besides the participation of the above famed composer and lyricist, Adrian Chow (LLB 1981), a producer known for making enlightening pop-songs about current social issues, also took part in the music arrangement. The moment I sang into the microphone in the recording studio, my heart was full of thankfulness and pride. I am thankful for the contributions made by generations of alumni and proud of being one of the many successors of the long-standing traditions of “Knowledge, Heritage and Service”; and thankful for being offered the chance to pay tribute to HKU and proud of contributing to the celebration with my own voice, even only as a chorus member.

On the grand stage with alumni-singers Kay Tse and Alfred Hui, we sang ever so proudly and joyfully. We dearly wished the guests to love the song as much as we do. We were so glad that compliments were so unreservedly given when we bade farewell to guests with the song along the corridor outside the Grand Hall.

My Gala Dinner fantasy did not end there. A no less memorable chance to sing the Law Anthem on stage with distinguished alumni from the Law Faculty was offered soon after the performance of “Brighten Me with Virtues” was over. The solemn melody is not unfamiliar to HKU law students, yet to sing it on stage again facing thousands of guests was a whole new experience, especially to sing it together with numerous figures from the legal profession. The unison of the voices of different generations of faculty members did stir the pride and joy of being a law student in me. Although often overwhelmed by the unbroken waves of duplicated materials and the demanding workload, life as a law student indeed contributes the greatest portion of enjoyable memories in my HKU life. At such an early stage of my legal studies, there is much for me to explore and to learn in the coming years and I am truly looking forward to the journey ahead.

Singing twice on such an occasion for the HKU 100th Anniversary is undoubtedly one of the most honoured and unforgettable moments in my HKU life. “Brighten Me with Virtues” gives me more than these precious opportunities, it also calls forth reflection. It takes a hundred years of continuous contributions from countless alumni to reach this milestone. HKU Centenary is the time for us, the younger generation, to be grateful for the past achievements made by our seniors and to recognize our responsibility to uphold the fine traditions of HKU. As the lyrics of the song reads:

“The world advances, a heritage built by generations.
From the last hundred years to the next,
we learn from history, we create history.”

世界演進靠傳人
上世紀傳下世紀 鎮古創今

Sharon Siu (LLB 2)
Events
Congratulations to Rick Glofcheski on his promotion to professor. Apart from his work on Tort Law and Employment Law (with which he won the Faculty Research Output Prize lately), Rick has swept virtually every possible teaching award, both within and outside HKU.

Research Output Prize (Faculty of Law) 2011

Farzana Aslam and Rick Glofcheski
Employment Law and Practice in Hong Kong (Sweet & Maxwell, 2011)

New Books by colleagues

Johannes Chan & C L Lim (eds)
Law of the Constitution of Hong Kong (Sweet & Maxwell, 2011)

Richard Cullen, Jefferson VanderWolk & Yan Xu
(Contributing Editors)
Green Taxation in East Asia (Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, 2011)

Nigel Davis & Melanie Mitchell
Hong Kong Listed Companies: Law and Practice (Wolters Kluwer, 2012)

Keith Hotten

Gary Meggitt

Gary Meggitt
‘Privilege - A Hong Kong Perspective’ (2011) 30 Civil Justice Quarterly 429

Funding

HK$300,000 with the HK Committee for UNICEF to research Children’s Rights Education in Hong Kong. The Research team is led by Puja Kapai Paryani and Dr. Filiz Polat of the Faculty of Education. The project team comprises an interdisciplinary group of academics including:

- Kelley Loper and Shaha Ali from Law
- John Bacon-Shone from Social Sciences and the Social Science Research Centre
- Peter Kutnick, Sam Winter and Linda Lehml from Education

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Congratulations also go to Benny Tai, whose project “Faith and Public Values Project: A multidisciplinary project under the Faith and Global Engagement Initiative”, jointly developed with Professor Daniel Chua from the School of Humanities, received a donation of HK$5M from Tony Blair Faith Foundation. Under this project, a multi-disciplinary teaching course on faith and globalization, close to the Law and Religion course that Benny has been working on for years, will be developed. Research in this area will also be supported by the Foundation. The Tony Blair Faith Foundation also has similar cooperation with leading universities including Yale, McGill, Peking, Western Australia, Durham and NUS.
Honorary University Fellowship 2011

Besides our colleagues and students, congratulations go to our dear friend and alumnus, The Honourable Anna Wu Hung-yuk (LLB 1974, PCLL 1975), member of the Executive Council of the Hong Kong SAR, Chairperson of the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Authority, and member of the Law Reform Commission, who received the Honorary University Fellowship on 29 September 2011, right after typhoon Nesat hit Hong Kong.

Anna is no stranger to the legal profession and the community. After graduation, she became a solicitor in a leading law firm, and soon pursued a distinguished career with an outstanding record of public service. She was a member of the Legislative Council from 1993 to 1995, during which time she initiated the Equal Opportunities Bill, the first Private Member’s Bill dealing comprehensively with all forms of discrimination. The current anti-discrimination laws, albeit of a narrower scope than what she has proposed, and the Equal Opportunities Commission came about as a consequence of her initiative.

During her term as the Chairperson of the Equal Opportunities Commission (1999-2003), she successfully litigated against the government in several high-profile cases on gender bias in education and discrimination against people associated with mental illness in employment. She is also a member of the Operations Review Committee of the Independent Commission against Corruption of Hong Kong, ensuring that the watchdog against corruption is itself being watched and that it operates within the realm of the rule of law.

Anna has served as Chair of the Consumer Council and was extensively involved with the development of the Consumer Legal Action Fund to fund strategic litigation for consumers and the sectorial studies on Hong Kong’s competitive environment in business during her association with the Consumer Council. Her efforts have laid a strong foundation for the current bill on competition law.

Anna has been actively promoting alternative dispute resolution mechanisms through use of ombuds systems, mediation and conciliation processes to provide wider access to redress and justice, in addition to the court system, in Mainland China and in Hong Kong and is a Council Member of the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre.

Being committed to higher education, Anna helps set up the law school at Shantou University. She is currently the Chair of the HKU Academic Board for Postgraduate Certificate in Laws, an Honorary Lecturer of the Department of Professional Legal Education and an Honorary Fellow of the Centre for Comparative and Public Law at HKU. She is a strong supporter of our public law programme, particularly in the areas of human rights and anti-discrimination.

Students’ Awards

PhD student, Ms. Chi Shan, received an “Excellent Article” award for her paper entitled “The impact of the criteria for ‘person skilled in the art’ on the assessment of inventiveeness: case study on biotechnology” which was submitted to a thesis competition 2011 organized by China Patent Agents Association.

北京十佳留學歸國律師
(Ten Best Lawyers in Beijing who returned from overseas studies)

Mr LIU Xiangwen 劉相文 (MCL 2005) was awarded the inaugural “Ten Best Lawyers in Beijing who returned from overseas studies” which was set up by the Beijing Lawyers’ Association in 2011 to recognize lawyers in Beijing who made remarkable achievements in the legal profession after studying abroad.
When debater becomes eBayer

Summer vacation is well a high time for university undergraduates to find a job. We like summer jobs because it gives them a valuable real life experience on working in different companies. More importantly, it also makes our resume looking better. However, in recent years, the job market is becoming more and more competitive for university graduates, let alone that for undergraduates. Moans about overtime working, exploitation by boss, unchallenging work, low payment, and so forth, are always our fellow schoolmates’ feedbacks. “Only if I were the boss, only if I have my own business or company, only if I can do what I like...” These are not only dreams, they are in fact accomplishable if you take the first step.

Why and How We Started It?

We did not have any plan of doing business ourselves until one of our friends invited us to participate in the “eBay Entrepreneur Selling Competition 2011”. We checked the details from CEDARS’s email, then there we started selling internationally, and by then we discovered our future path.

We were really newbies and knew nothing about eBay. (Maybe selling second-hand textbooks on “Yahoo Auction” is a “related experience”). Everything were like a dream, we have never thought of winning the competition, not to say having a sales value of $0.4 million within 6 months.

I remembered clearly at first our eBay personal tutor asked whether we were confident in winning the competition, we answered with a very firm “NO”, we sell clothing and accessories, how can our sales value beat those other participants who sell electronics?

Sourcing is an essential element of doing retailing, finding the right item from the right manufacturer was our first task. Bargaining and negotiating, together with the anticipation of the real product are the most interesting part in our business so far.

Our Strategies

The most exciting thing about this competition is that eBay announced preliminary results from time to time, we used to be the first in the first round. In the mean time, we found that the seller ranked second started selling some high-end electronics such as iPhones at USD700. This was threatening to us because at our price range at that time, we have to sell 15 bags or 20 pairs of shoes when he sold 1 iPhone. Facing this challenge, we knew it was time to change our strategies.

We then improved the layout design of our listings and with relevant marketing techniques, and the introduction of new and high quality trendy items at a relative high price, we succeeded in securing our leading place in the end.

Difficulties We Met

Selling on eBay is a totally new experience to both of us. We tried to apply what we learned in our business courses in it and we even tried to seek help from our professors. We found that what we learned in business textbooks or lectures are to some extent too abstract, we encountered totally new circumstances. (In fact, contract law is really useful in retailing business, we regret for not paying full attention in class last year, LOL)

The most controversial system of eBay is the feedback system. It is really unfair to sellers that it only allows buyers to leave negative feedback but not sellers. So in some occasions that customers are rogues, what we can do was to refund so as to keep a good record of our reputation. There is nothing we can do, just like beggars who cannot be choosers.

Our Future plan

Steve Jobs once said, “I think we’re having fun. I think our customers really like our products. And we’re always trying to do better.” Looking back on what we have done in this summer, we shared the same views as Jobs. We were and we are still having fun in doing this business, every transaction is exciting, every function is challenging.

If it is always happy to see that others are satisfied by your product or service, the anticipation of receiving feedbacks, making friends from all over the world, sharing our fashion views, and seeing pictures of them using our goods on Facebook are our incentive apart from profit to continue the business.

Li Wai Ho BBA(Law)3
Chan Sze Wing Vivian BBA(Law)3
CLIC into the Legal Domain for the Youth

“I asked a girl under 16 years old to touch my private parts. She agreed to do it but I didn’t touch her. Is that a crime?”
“I’ve logged into my boyfriend’s email account and read his emails secretly. Is it illegal?”
“Does it constitute assault if there were no fists and kicks?”
“I’ve joined a drug party in the Mainland and brought some dangerous drugs back to Hong Kong. The drugs were sold to my friends. What penalties am I facing?”

These questions may be frequently asked by young people in Hong Kong. Where can they find the answers?

The Law and Technology Centre of The University of Hong Kong has set up its first legal information website specially designed for young people in Hong Kong – Youth CLIC (youth.clic.org.hk).

Sponsored by the Home Affairs Bureau of the HKSAR Government, the bilingual website provides free legal information on more than 70 offences and legal issues concerning young people.

Topics covered by Youth CLIC are divided into four groups:

1. crimes relating to prostitution, child pornography and other unlawful sexual activities;
2. intellectual property offences and crimes on the Internet;
3. school bullying, violence offences and triad-related offences;
4. theft, shoplifting, burglary and drug offences.

More than 20 videos are shown via Youth CLIC to illustrate different crime scenarios based on true cases. The relevant laws and legal concepts are explained in plain language.

Dr. Anne Cheung and Dr. Kevin Pun, the Directors of The Law and Technology Centre, would like to acknowledge Mr Anthony Upham, Mr. Samuel Yip Chung Him and Mr. Hayson Ka-sze Tse for their valuable contributions to writing the answers to the questions posed in the videos.

Besides the website (youth.clic.org.hk), Youth CLIC has set up a channel in YouTube and a page in Facebook to enhance interaction with young people.

Some basic information about Youth CLIC:
Website: youth.clic.org.hk
Youtube channel: www.youtube.com/YouthCLIC
Facebook page: www.facebook.com/YouthCLIC

Left: Youtube channel and Facebook page of Youth CLIC are to provide new channels for young people to know more about the law. Bottom (from left to right): Snapshots from Youth CLIC’s videos – “Videos of Love and Hate”, “My Wayward Girlfriend’s Punishment”, “Midnight Battlefield” and “The Little Drug Dealer”. 
FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS COME GREAT THINGS:
LAW LIBRARY HISTORY EXHIBITION

This exhibition traces the history and development of the Law Library from its humble beginnings at Caine Road and looks back at some of its milestones and achievements - a fitting farewell to its home in K.K. Leung Building before moving to the Centennial Campus this summer.

This exhibition is also part of the University Libraries' Centennial Celebration events.

Date: May 14 – June 17, 2012
Venue: Lui Che Woo Law Library (1/F, K.K. Leung Building, University of Hong Kong, Pokfulam Road, Hong Kong)
Enquiry: (852) 2859 2914
Email: lawlib@lib.hku.hk
What's your KK Leung Building Moment?

Do you remember when you and your loved one first met at the KK Leung Building as a law student? To generations of students, the building is a place of classrooms, teachers' offices and library. It is where they learned, they think, they dream and most importantly, they grow. In this building, let's take a last glance and explore the other side...
Did you ever meet? Do you remember the first moment you stepped into this building? For the millions of law students, the K K Leung Building is more than just a place to study. It is where they talk, they moot, they fight, they fear, they cry, they laugh, and hopefully, they fall in love. Before the Faculty and the Law Library move to the new site of this Building!
1 Classroom in K K Leung Building
2 Lui Che Woo Law Library
3 Law Association: Notice Board, letter box and Discussion Room
4 Opening Ceremony in 1989, officiated by Sir T L Yang and Professor Rayson Huang
5 Writing “Superpass Fai Chun” on the Concourse
6 Pigeon holes and Moot Court on the third floor
Turn over a new leaf

In September 2012, there will be two cohorts of university entrants – the HKALE and HKDSE students. It poses challenges to all local universities in different aspects, from number of lockers to campus space, curricula and resources allocation. It is time to take a brief look back at what preparation the Faculty has made.

Curricula

Since the new Academic Structure for Senior Secondary Education and Higher Education (known as 3+3+4) was adopted in 2005, the University has been working on the creation of a new 4-year curriculum. After numerous discussions and meetings at different levels, the Faculty of Law has finally decided to retain its current 4-year LLB programme, which was adopted in response to the Final Report of the Consultants on Legal Education and Training in Hong Kong: Preliminary Review (2001) and launched in 2004, incorporating new elements including Common Core and Language Enhancement courses; so the two cohorts will complete their LLB and joint degree programmes in four and five years respectively, just as current students do.

The Common Core curriculum is the centerpiece of the new undergraduate curriculum which has 4 goals:

- To enable students to develop a broader perspective and a critical understanding of the complexities and the interconnectedness of the issues that they are confronted with in their everyday lives;
- To cultivate students’ appreciation of their own culture and other cultures, and the interrelatedness among cultures;
- To enable students to see themselves as members of global as well as local communities and to play an active role as responsible individuals and citizens in these communities; and
- To enable students to develop the key intellectual skills that will be further enhanced in their disciplinary studies.

Another feature of the new HKU curricula is the common first year experience. In fact, the first two years of our LLB and joint degree programmes are designed to be foundational years to build up a solid knowledge of common law, focusing at the same time on learning outcomes such as transferable skills (including oral and written communication skills, analytical skills and problem solving skills). All first year students need to complete an interlinked series of “introductory courses”, the Year 1 Law Core, comprising: Legal System, Law & Society, Contract I and II, and Legal Research and Writing I; followed by a Year 2 Law Core comprising Tort I and II and Legal Research and Writing II.

Staff and Space

Before the University’s Centenary Recruitment Plan was launched, the Faculty has been expanding its academic and administrative staff force for the new 4-year curriculum. As a result of proactive recruitment, the number of academics has increased by nearly 50% in last 5 years. To accommodate the increasing number of students and teachers, the Faculty moved to the new law building in May.
New Law Building

The new Law Building has 11 storeys of offices, conference rooms, different types teaching facilities, plus a Law Library and a Moot Court with about 340 seats. To support small group teaching, which is an important part of HKU’s legal education, there are seminar rooms, small conference rooms and advocacy laboratories, as well as ‘interview rooms’ dedicated for the Clinical Legal Education programme.
RES IPSA LOQUITUR
(THE FACT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF)
(Previously Entitled as "Forthy Years of Legal Scholarship at University of Hong Kong")

‘In this Colony, where two great civilizations meet, each with a long established legal tradition of its own, law should be taught in a school where knowledge of both traditions exists, and where they may be studied in close association with other disciplines’.
(Sir Lindsay Ride, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, 1961)

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Visit to SWIMS (The Swire Institute of Marine Science)

22 October 2011

The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association organized a visit on 22nd October, 2011 to The Swire Institute of Marine Science (SWIMS), a research institute of The University of Hong Kong’s School of Biological Sciences. SWIMS is located at the southernmost tip of the Cape d’Aguilar peninsula (south of Shek O) and right on the shores of Hong Kong’s only Marine Reserve, access to which is strictly controlled.

Upon arrival, the visitors were warmly greeted by Professor Gray Williams, Honorary Director of SWIMS. Prof Williams introduced us to SWIMS and its research focus and objectives. The presentation was informative, interesting and inspiring. Prof Williams also shared with us his personal experience in witnessing the growth in students’ environmental consciousness – when they change their focus from “how are we going to cook this mud crab” to “what can we do to conserve this species”. A lively Q&A session ensued, after which everyone was persuaded that Hong Kong is endowed with a rich diversity of marine species and we should do more towards their conservation.

We were then shown round SWIMS’ outdoor laboratories, where various species of algae, sea urchin and coral reefs were kept. Visitors were allowed a “close encounter” with these marine species whilst Prof Williams explained how, by observing the growth and development of these marine species, they can monitor changes in the condition of the Marine Reserve and assess their impact on the species found in its waters.

Prof Williams then led us on a “mini field trip” to the rocky shores of the Marine Reserve. Climbing up and down the rocky shores was an experience which “took our breath away” (in more than one respect)! The scenery was amazing, and so were the coastal rock formations. We could see a distinct dark basalt dyke intrusion into the volcanic rocks. If the area had not been designated a Marine Reserve, it would probably have qualified for alternative protection due to its geological significance. We all became enthusiastic students again, asking numerous questions about the crabs, snails, sea urchins, rock barnacles and other species we saw in the wild.

Everyone had a great time, especially the children who could not bear to pull themselves away from the star fishes when it was long past our scheduled departure time. May be we have seen some marine biologists in the making?

Some members expressed interest in visiting SWIMS again and spending a weekend at their Residence. Those who are interested can email swims@hku.hk.

Jessica Young, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong
HKULAA Souvenirs

Alumni may purchase the following HKULAA souvenirs at the General Office, Faculty of Law. Cash only.
For enquiry, please call 3917 2952.

01 HKULAA Pin
02 HKULAA Scarf
03 HKULAA Tie
04 HKULAA Umbrella

HK$10
HK$100
HK$100
HK$100
Life in the past few days was more hectic than usual. In addition to the routine office work, I happily answered loads of compliments and positive comments sent by fellow alumni and friends who came to our concert last Saturday (5 November 2011) night at Loke Yew Hall, The University of Hong Kong. The concert, with “The Wonderful World of Love” as its theme, was the second one presented by The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Choir (the “Choir”).

It all began with the ephemeral choir formed to perform at the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Faculty of Law in 2009. The experience of singing together as a group was awesome and that soon led to the formation of the Choir. The successful inaugural concert last year encouraged the Choir to perform again this year.

When preparation for the concert was kicked off, the first problem faced by the Choir Sub-committee set up to organize the event was to identify and secure suitable venues for practices. We were lucky that not even one practice session was skipped due to non-availability of practice venue, though members had to check Coordinator William’s email every week to know where they should go for the next practice. Our footprints can be found in the music activities room of the Music Department and the common room of the HKU Staff Association at the Main Building, the practice halls at Sheung Wan Civic Centre, the community hall of Sai Ying Pun Community Complex, as well as the halls at St. John’s Cathedral. The busy work or school life of members was the cause of another challenge. To make things easier for members who wished to practice on their own when absence from practice was inevitable, our understanding Conductors gladly posted up midi files of the songs on the Alumni web page. And then we must also try to fill Loke Yew Hall with enough people as our audience. Fortunately, we have always been blessed with many caring alumni and friends. Their unending support turned what might have been a daunting task to very reassuring experiences.

Every one in the Choir enjoyed the concert thoroughly. The crowd in the hall laughed heartily when MC Edwin came out with his creative and hilarious prologue. We were so proud when everyone stood up for the Law Anthem. Our soloist Rayne and her accompanist Cecilia surprised the audience with a powerful voice and lovely music no less captivating than those heard in opera houses and recital halls. We imagined ourselves part of the chorus singing at the 10th anniversary concert of Les Miserables at the Royal Albert Hall soon after we started to sing the Medley from this timeless musical, trying our best to keep up with the very rapid rhythm of the music and the directions of Conductor Raymond. After the intermission, Conductor Jeffrey appeared on the stage with the ensemble group, each of them wearing a lovely hair band from the Disney shop and ready to perform Disney
Dazzle for the younger ones and those young at heart in the audience. Perhaps the not so satisfying part was for fans of Winnie who Tam were disappointed that she was not able to perform because of a lengthy trial. When we finished What a Wonderful World which was the last song on the programme, encores were chanted everywhere. We were right to have prepared the extra song Love Changes Everything just in case. The ovation from the enthusiastic audience was quite unexpected but was received most appreciatively.

We are thankful that we were able to share with alumni and friends a memorable night filled with lovely songs and music. We are mindful that our success would not have been possible without the unconditional and altruistic help of many friends like Mr. Aric Hung who designed our programme, banner, poster and tickets; Ms Rachel Li of the Faculty of Law Development Office who had been by our side from day one and was our sales officer, secretary, stage manager, floor manager and receptionist; the Law Association of the students of the Faculty of Law and the student helpers who helped with the errands at the concert; our honorable guests Professor Johannes Chan and Professor Michael Wilkinson of the Faculty of Law who graced the event; and last but not least the executive committee of The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association (the “Association”) who were most willing to underpin and provide assistance whenever we needed it. We are most grateful to these dear friends.

Speaking for myself, I would also like to thank the members of the Choir Sub-committee from the bottom of my heart for their unparalleled dedication and support to make our dream performance possible. Credit should go to all of them for all the organization work undertaken by the Sub-committee.

The passion and hard work of the Choir members were also fundamental to the success of the concert. The members are a great pleasure to work with. I hope concerts of the Choir will become long-running events of the Association and look forward to meeting more alumni and friends at future concerts of the Choir.

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