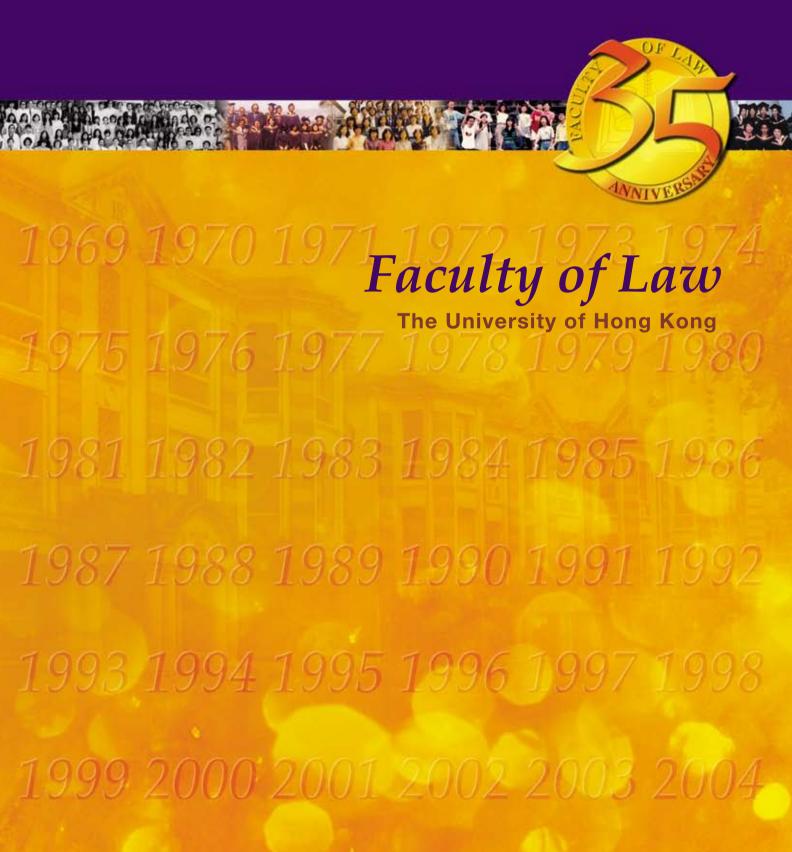
Building for Tomorrow on Yesterday's Strength



Foreword

In 35 years, HKU's law school has grown from a hitherto unheard of department to a leading law school. The Law Faculty has specialist teachers, top students and an excellent administrative staff. It enjoys widespread alumni, University and community support. In the pages which follow, we try to give you a glimpse of the development and the many strengths of the Faculty. Some writers spoke their minds. Some wrote on their fields of expertise. If you are tired of fine prints after a hard day's work, you may like to browse through the photographs. Go to the photo VCD for more photographs.

We publish a couple of articles in Chinese. My own view is that the locally trained law student should be equipped to communicate and practise in the local language, it being clearly to her advantage and sometimes even a necessity for her to be so equipped. After all, the Faculty does not exist solely for the benefit of the international or financial community.

Quite a few writers and senior teachers have retired or will be retiring soon and I wish them well. Unfortunately, some posts have not been or will not be filled. Even where recruitment is permissible, there is a school of thought that it makes commercial sense to replace one senior teacher by 2 junior teachers. My personal view is that this may not be in the long term interests of the Faculty. I doubt whether the Faculty can maintain its position as a premier law school without sufficient distinguished and renowned professors.

Youn Ling [LLB 1997, MPhil 2003] declined to be included in the Acknowledgment, but the rest of the Publication Sub-committee joins me in thanking her for all her hard work.

We hope you like this publication. If you don't, please start work on the preparation of a better one for the 40th anniversary.

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