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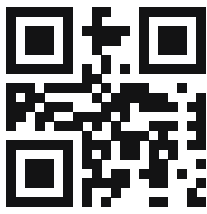


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It was not smooth sailing all the way for The Education University of Hong Kong since its establishment. It had its fair share of challenges. However, the University is driven to forge ahead by the encouragement, support and participation of its loyal alumni, and has assumed as its missions the nurturing of fine educators, the promotion of strategic development of teacher education, and the promotion of educational research. In this issue, we interviewed three outstanding alumni who always have the University in mind. Some had donated for the University's development; others had offered their time for alumni affairs such that past students could pool their strength together for the advancement of their alma mater.

Alumnus Ho Man-sum graduated from the Grantham College of Education. Beginning from 1958, he worked as a general teacher at the Eastern Hospital Road Government Primary School. He then teamed up with other educators to start a publishing company to produce popular primary-level supplementary exercises and exercises based on past exam papers of the School Certificate Examination. Through his teaching and publications, he had directly and indirectly helped many students to succeed. Alumnus Ho is always grateful to the Grantham College of Education for preparing him to be a teacher, a career that brought him security and changed his whole life. He said, "When you leave this world, you cannot take anything with you. So, we should contribute towards the social good while we can." Ho not only had donated generously to the University himself, but also had introduced other donors to his alma mater in support of the University's various educational projects.

Alumna Mak Tse How-ling is the Founding Principal of St. Monica's Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten (Wah Kwai Estate). Through different platforms and in various capacities, she has led colleagues in the field of early childhood education to raise their professional skills as well as social status. Though wearing many hats, she never forgets the University that trained her. She and other alumni jointly set up the "Past Students' Association of the Grantham College of Education In-service Kindergarten Teacher Training" (forerunner of "The EdUHK Past Students' Association of Early Childhood Teacher Education"), aiming to unite the alumni and make a concerted effort to advance their professional knowledge and enhance their professional status at the same time.

Alumnus Chan Hon-ming was selected by the Government for a scholarship to enroll in a special one-year course at the Northcote College of Education. He was also studying mathematics at United College of The Chinese University of Hong Kong. Then he went overseas to further his studies. After returning to Hong Kong, he joined the Hong Kong Telephone Company and the Mass Transit Railway Corporation in succession. Equipped with his knowledge and a forward-looking mindset, he was able to improve corporate efficiency and was imitated by similar corporations in other regions. Despite his career success, Alumnus Chan never forgets to give back to his alma mater. He and his wife Mrs Chan So Wah-fuk had made generous donations to the University earlier, hoping that others will follow them and do the same.

We hope that big-hearted alumni of the University will join hands in giving the University more support and help build the University an even greater future. In conclusion, let us quote the words of Alumnus Ho Man-sum. He said, "As alumni, we should repay our alma mater with a thankful heart, for we were all nurtured by her."



An Enterprising Educator

Alumnus Ho Man-sum graduated from the Grantham College of Education in his early years. Starting from 1958, he taught in Eastern Hospital Road Government Primary School (EHRGPS) as a general teacher. Many of his students attained remarkable achievements later in their lives. By coincident, Alumnus Ho set up a publishing company that put out popular primary-level academic exercises and many school children benefited from them. With the knowledge and experience gained at Grantham, he went on to become the Fundraising Committee Chairman of the Education Foundation of the Federation of the Alumni Associations of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), and assisted the Foundation to establish two secondary schools, one primary school and three kindergartens, serving also as a member of their management committees. In 2006, CUHK conferred Honorary Fellowship on Alumnus Ho.

As a veteran educator and publishing professional, Alumnus Ho contributed towards education for over sixty years, either directly through teaching or through his supplementary exercise books. He helped children to grasp knowledge and enhance it, fulfill their lives and serve the society. He is grateful and always seeks to repay his alma mater and support the younger generations. It is appropriate, therefore, to view him as an enterprising educator.



Teaching Career

Alumnus Ho already demonstrated his unusual gift when he was still in school. When everyone was content to learn one thing at a time, he wanted to make full use of his time and pursued different courses simultaneously: he followed a one-year teacher training programme at Grantham College of Education during the day, and did his final year in economics at United College during the night. His unsurpassed hard-working spirit won the day and he managed to complete the two entirely different courses with success. Alumnus Ho said both colleges of Grantham and United impacted his life, family and career immensely, for that he was forever thankful.

Alumnus Ho recalled and said, "Although teachers and students at Grantham College of Education in the

1950s had no academic degrees, they were all intelligent and bright, and were full of passion for education." After graduation, he joined the education frontline and had been a general teacher of EHRGPS since 1958. He taught numerous students in his teaching career of twenty-odd years; among them many had evolved into outstanding members of society. In the field of education, for instance, we have the former Acting President of the then Hong Kong Institute of Education, Professor Cheng Yin-cheong; former Pro-Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, Professor Ching Pak-chung; and incumbent Pro-Vice-Chancellor of CUHK, Professor Fok Tai-fai. They were all studying under Alumnus Ho when they attended EHRGPS.

In May 2006, The Chinese University of Hong Kong conferred Honorary Fellowship on Alumnus Ho Man-sum. Mr and Mrs Ho Man-sum (first and second from right) took a photo with Professor Lawrence J. Lau, the then Vice-Chancellor of CUHK (first from left).



Publish for School Children

In 1966, Alumnus Ho started the Chi Wai Publishing Co., Ltd. with several fellow students of Grantham College of Education. Eyeing on the commercial opportunity offered by the Joint Primary 6 Examination, they turned learning materials and their teaching experiences into popular mathematics supplementary exercises. The wife of Alumnus Ho, Mrs Ho Lo Mai-ying (alumna of Grantham College of Education), served as editor and a series of 12 books were produced to help children tackle the exam. Later on, Alumnus Ho again worked with other educators to establish the Mill & Dales Press Ltd. which prepared secondary-level supplementary exercises for Chinese, English and Math. Exercise books based on past exam papers of the Hong Kong School Certificate Examination (HKSCE) were also prepared for prospective exam candidates. Alumnus Ho said, "Many people regarded our past-exam books as bibles because answers, mock questions and statistics predicting the probability of certain questions being asked are all included in our books. This was something unique in the publishing market at that time." Also, they had a special column on the Education Page of Wah Kiu Yat Po detailing the essentials of studying the 14 subjects offered by the HKSCE. It had become practically the must-read for all exam candidates. The breakthrough ideas of Alumnus Ho and his friends had made their HKSCE exercises a great success and benefited a lot of students. More importantly, the exercises helped students in their learning as well as in mastering exam techniques, enabling them to obtain better exam results and thus better opportunities for further studies or employment. In this respect, Alumnus Ho and his friends were the unsung heroes of these students' achievements.



Alumnus Ho Man-sum (first from left) joined other members of Grantham College of Education Past Students' Association to attend EdUHK's Time Capsule Opening cum 25th Anniversary Commemorative Publication Launch. They took a photo with Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, President of EdUHK (fifth from left).

Thankful Repayment

Alumnus Ho was grateful of Grantham College of Education for training him to be a teacher. As a result, his life took on a new course in which he enjoyed much stability and social esteem. He said, "When we drink, we should remember where the water comes from. I must repay my alma mater—The Education University of Hong Kong (see note)." He went on to explain that in those years teachers were paid well and punctually. Male and female teachers earned over \$500 and \$400 respectively (equal pay was not enforced then). If a male teacher and a female teacher got married, they were entitled to additional living allowance and their total income could surpass \$1,000. The so called "Thousand-Dollar Movement" actually was responsible for many teachers to decide to tie their knots. In the days when a deep-fried breadstick cost a mere 5 cents, a \$500 salary was sufficient to support a middle-class life style. Moreover, the teaching profession was highly respected by society; to be a teacher simply meant that you did not have to worry about problems of living any more.

Alumnus Ho continued, "When you leave this world, you can't bring any possessions with you. One should therefore contribute towards the social good while one still can." Alumnus Ho had initiated many fundraising activities. He had also introduced quite a few donors to The Education University of Hong Kong. Alumnus Ho not only had donated to the University himself, but also had facilitated other donors such as "EHRGPS Foundation of a Beloved Teacher" and "Greenfield Educational Fund" to give to the University in support of its various projects. Meaningful donations like these could materialise only with Alumnus Ho's go-between efforts. He encouraged fellow alumni with these words, "As alumni, we should repay our alma mater with a thankful heart, for we were all nurtured by her."

Note: Grantham College of Education and the other four teacher-training colleges were merged in 1994 to form The Hong Kong Institute of Education, which subsequently was renamed The Education University of Hong Kong.



Ongoing Long-term Contributions

Alumna Mak Tse How-ling is the Founding Principal of St Monica's Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten (Wah Kwai Estate). She has devoted herself to Early Childhood Education since graduating from matriculation school and has spent most of her working life in this area. Through different platforms and positions in this sector, Alumna Tse has led her peers to improve the professional standard and social status of kindergarten teachers, and has indeed contributed a lot to the sector. Even though multitasking in different positions, she never forgets where she came from. She and other alumni co-founded Past Students' Association of the Grantham College of Education In-service Kindergarten Teacher Training (the predecessor of the "The Education University of Hong Kong Past Students' Association of Early Childhood Teacher Education"). For more than three decades, effort has been dedicated to bringing together alumni influence, advocating expertise in Early Childhood Education among alumni, and enhancing the professional status of the sector.



Alumna Mak Tse How-ling (first from left)

Leading peers and contributing to the sector

An old saying goes like this, "A teacher is one who preaches truths of life, imparts knowledge, and resolves baffling issues." The teacher's teaching and guidance will play an important role in the future growth and development of students. From this point of view, education focuses not only on the quality of teaching, the professional standard and inner workings of teachers is equally significant.

Alumna Mak Tse How-ling pointed out that Early Childhood Education is a heavy burden with a long way to go and for her, Early Childhood Education is a mission. She said, "Our work is not limited to helping children develop and grow, but also helping kindergarten teachers grow. Only when the two complement each other can Early Childhood Education develop even better." Alumni Tse has, therefore, stood with her peers in the front line for many years, on the one hand speaking on behalf of the sector and kindergarten teachers, and on the other, fighting for more resources

from the government to develop Early Childhood Education. Enhancement is sought not only in the quality of Early Childhood Education, but also in the professional standard and social status of kindergarten teachers. In this way, compatibility of such effects will bring benefits to both teachers and students in Early Childhood Education. They have witnessed the progress in the government's focus on the "quantity" of kindergarten teachers in the early years, to that on the "quality" of kindergarten teachers currently (in the 1980s junior secondary school graduates only received on-the-job training, whereas for now one must possess "a Qualified Kindergarten Teacher qualification or its equivalent" before teaching). The process of specialisation in preschool teaching is the result of their joint efforts together with other people in the sector and the government.

Over the years, Alumna Tse has actively participated in the Advisory Committee of the Education Bureau and reflected the needs for teacher qualification and training in the sector to facilitate the Bureau's formulation of policies that are beneficial to the sector. For example, in the early years, the Education Bureau planned to raise, across the board within three to four years, the education level of kindergarten teachers for entry into the sector, and required kindergarten teachers to obtain an education certificate before they could continue teaching.



Nonetheless, many kindergarten teachers, while having to balance work and family, could hardly make an instant adjustment in their family life and habits so as to participate in further studies. Therefore, Alumna Tse reflected the voice and situation of the sector to the officials of the Education Bureau, hoping that the Bureau would also consider the practical limitations of the sector and kindergarten teachers while improving the education level of serving kindergarten teachers. In the end, thanks to the efforts of Alumna Tse and her peers, the Bureau agreed to extend the deadline for kindergarten teachers to raise their education level according to requirement.

With her heart in education, she gives back to her alma mater



From left: Alumna Mak Tse How-ling and Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, President of EdUHK

Alumna Tse wears more than one hat and has a hectic schedule, but she never forgets where she came from. In the 1980s, Alumna Tse and a group of like-minded graduates in preschool teaching organised the Past Students' Association of the Grantham College of Education In-service Kindergarten Teacher Training and had it registered as a non-profit charity. Later on, after the five Colleges of Education merged into The Hong Kong Institute of Education, the Association was renamed "The Hong Kong Institute of Education Past Students' Association of Early Childhood Teacher Education", and to be in line with the University title further changed its name to "The Education University of Hong Kong Past Students' Association of Early Childhood Teacher Education". The Association has altogether existed for more than 30 years. Alumna Tse later became the Chairperson of the Association. Besides leading her peers to speak for the sector, she also dedicated her efforts in giving back to her alma mater, which included organising fundraising activities, supporting student exchanges for pre-service training, and actively supporting and attending academic activities initiated by their alma mater. On the way fighting for a University title, the Association has spared no effort in giving their full support. In addition to publicly supporting the re-titling of the Institute in an open letter, they have also, on several occasions for various stakeholders, given recognition to their alma mater's teaching philosophy, pursuit of excellence and outstanding academic achievements. All in all, we can identify the original intention of the Association to "gather alumni influence, advocate the professional knowledge of Early Childhood Education among alumni, and improve the professional status of the sector."

Reconnecting to education beyond retirement

Looking back, Alumna Tse told us that by opportunity and fate she had enrolled in The Grantham College of Education Early Childhood Education Programme, and was fortunate to have received the enlightenment of the great educator, Dr Angela Luk Chiu Kwan-hung, to appreciate the essence of Early Childhood Education. She became the Founding Principal of St Monica's Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten (Wah Kwai Estate), and has since embarked on a journey of Early Childhood Education for more than 40 years. She will retire from the Principal position later this year. In spite of this, her passion for Early Childhood Education still exists and will not stop upon retirement. She will continue to do the best she can for the Kindergarten and the sector in her role as a Kindergarten Supervisor and make way for her ongoing long-term contributions to Early Childhood Education carry on.



An Interview with Alumnus Chan Hon-ming

The first encounter with Alumnus Chan Hon-ming was at The Education University of Hong Kong's Classroom Naming-cum-Cheque Presentation Ceremony for the "Hong Kong Primary School Principal So Mo Han Room", when he was accompanied by his wife and donor, Ms Christina So Wah-fuk, to be the officiating guests of the ceremony. Alumnus Chan, gentle and refined in manners, is a knowledgeable and multi-talented person. In our conversations he impressed us as being wise and far-sighted.



A Talented Young Man Enrolled in Northcote College of Education

Alumnus Chan's academic results always came top of his class since early childhood. He went on to achieve outstanding results in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination and was selected by the then government for the award of a significant scholarship. He enrolled in the special one-year course at the Northcote Training College (renamed as Northcote College of Education (NCE) later) and the Mathematics programme at the United College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). This scholarship was of great significance because only the top 30 students in Hong Kong were eligible. In addition to tuition fees, the scholarship also included a monthly living allowance of \$200. Alumnus Chan told us, "In those days, my elder male cousin only earned \$200 a month, which was enough to support a family of four. It showed that the scholarship was worth a considerable amount of money!" Not only did this scholarship allow Alumnus Chan to enroll in NCE, but it also gave him a beautiful time in the area close to the now Cyberport in Pok Fu Lam. He recalled, "NCE was located in Mei Lai Bay (Beautiful Bay). At that time, eight students would sit at a table for dinner every day. There would always be four female students from the one-year programme sitting with four male students from the one-year special programme. After every dinner, it became a routine for us to buy ice cream for our four feminine fellow students. We walked along the slopes, sipping ice cream, watching the red glow in the sky and the golden glitter on the sea, counting the number of returning sailboats. What heartwarming and uplifting moments they were! There I enjoyed my happiest academic year to be remembered for the rest of my life."



From left: Alumnus Chan Hon-ming, Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung, President of EdUHK, and Ms Christina So Wah-fuk

Showing Remarkable Foresight and Strong Leadership



Alumnus Chan Ho-ming took a photo outside the Student Hostel of Northcote College of Education.

After Alumnus Chan completed the NCE and CUHK programmes, he taught in a secondary school for two years (this was one of the conditions for the scholarship) before going overseas for further studies. Alumnus Chan's overseas study experience once again bore witness to his extraordinary talents. During that period, he studied not only Mathematics at the Graduate School, but also Industrial Engineering in a Master's programme, on top of six hours of classroom teaching work every week. It would be particularly hard for an average person who was less talented to cope with such challenging coursework and heavy workload.

On returning to Hong Kong, Alumnus Chan joined the Hong Kong Telephone Company and used his knowledge of industrial engineering to help the company improve its work processes, save costs and increase production efficiency. Afterwards, he joined the MTRC (currently MTRCL) and became the head of the Organisation and Methods Department of Management Services. He conducted either value-for-money assessments for various departments or feasibility studies for the company, which were submitted directly to the General Manager under confidential cover. When he was working at the MTRC, he led his team to help the company improve its organisational structure and working methods for the enhancement of production efficiency. The most widely quoted example was the Customer Service Centres in the MTR stations. With an innovative approach, he proposed setting up a Customer Service Centre midway between the Paid and Unpaid Areas. By applying an ergonomic design, it allows the staff inside to reach out to the various forms and tools by simply turning the chair, so that one staff member can easily handle the needs of customers in both the Paid and Unpaid Areas. In contrast to setting up one customer service counter and one staff member in each of the two Areas, Alumnus Chan pointed out that "This arrangement saved one staff member without undermining the service quality, which greatly reduced manpower and enhanced operational efficiency." This forward-looking Customer Service Centre design has become very popular and attracted railway companies in other places such as Mainland China and the US to follow suit.



Strengthening Science and Technology Education

To sum up, Alumnus Chan's excellent mathematical analysis ability and his insights into opportunities coupled with speedy action are the three elements that brought about his ever success in his endeavours such as work and personal investment. As for a message to The Education University of Hong Kong, Alumnus Chan believed that more should be done in science and technology education to enhance people's interest in technology. He said, "The Industrial Revolution has changed the whole wide world. The next wave to change the world will be a Technological Revolution." The more people can master technology, the more they can take advantage of technological knowledge in a highly competitive world.

Summer Baking Class

The “Summer Baking Class”, organised by the Alumni Affairs and Development Office and co-organised by The Graduate Association of Colleges of Education and The Education University of Hong Kong Past Students’ Association of Early Childhood Teacher Education, was completed with success on 20 July 2019. Under guidance of the tutor from Shun Hing Cooking Centre, a group of alumni made Souffle Pancakes and Tear and Share Bread. The class was filled with a joyful atmosphere.

The Alumni Affairs and Development Office is also thankful for the generosity of some alumni, whose on-the-spot donation to their alma mater supports the setting up of bursaries for their junior fellow students in need.



Make a donation



Alumni Benefits

The Alumni Affairs and Development Office has been sourcing various benefits for the alumni of the University. Alumni can now enjoy a host of privileges in areas ranging from hotel accommodation to travels. Please scan the QR code for details:



Alumni Benefits

Penmanship Workshop

Alumni and their friends enjoyed taking part in the “Penmanship Workshop” organised by the Alumni Affairs and Development Office on 18 September 2019. The workshop provided participants with an opportunity to practise writing in ink strokes and appreciate the unique beauty of the art form.



AADO Booth Welcomed New Graduates on Gown Collection Days

The event for gown collection took place on campus between 11 and 13 October 2019. The Alumni Affairs and Development Office took this opportunity to set up a booth during the three-day event for welcoming new graduates of EdUHK and introducing to them a variety of alumni services and special offers.

To congratulate the graduates, the Alumni Affairs and Development Office has launched a “Graduation Bear Programme”. The 14-inch-tall cute bear, holding a graduation certificate in its hand, wears a graduation

gown embroidered with the EdUHK badge. It certainly bears a commemorative value! For just HK\$500 you can take the lovely and warm EdUHK Graduation Bear home!

Graduates of the current year who wish to participate in this programme are invited to contact Ms Lian of the Alumni Affairs and Development Office (Tel: 2948 8467; Email: alumni_affairs@eduhk.hk). The EdUHK Graduation Bear is available while stock lasts.



* Organised by the Registry

Chief Executive's Award for Teaching Excellence 2018/2019

The Chief Executive's Award for Teaching Excellence 2018/2019 was announced in November 2019. Out of the 30 recipients in the areas of “English Language Education Key Learning Area”, “General Studies” and “Personal, Social and Humanities Education Key Learning Area”, 19 were graduates of EdUHK and the former Colleges of Education, with nine receiving an award and ten a certificate of merit. Since the Scheme's inception, 655 out of 908 (approximately 72%) awards/ certificates have been presented to our alumni.

Alumnus Philbert Li King-yue, Winner of Music Competitions

Alumnus Li King-yue (Department of Cultural and Creative Arts) won the second prize and the Casio Special Award in the Monegrarte International Piano Competition (Spain), and another second prize in the North International Music Competition (Sweden). The Alumni Affairs and Development Office would like to send their congratulations to Alumnus Li!



Alumnus Philbert Li King-yue (fourth from right)

EdUHK Honorary Fellow Dr Kwong Kai-to at the “Ceremony of the Best Teacher of the Elders Award Scheme”



Dr Kwong Kai-to, Chairman of the Rural Training College Alumni Association, made a speech and presented awards on 8 July 2019 at the “Ceremony of the Best Teacher of the Elders Award Scheme”, organised by The Education University of Hong Kong Elder Academy and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Hong Kong. The purpose of the “Best Teacher of the Elders Award” is to promote “Third-age education” to the government, the education sector, the social welfare sector and the public, and at the same time invite more people to acknowledge the contributions made by teachers to senior education so as to applaud their enthusiasm in teaching. Other officiating guests at the award ceremony included both Dr Leong Che-hung, former Chairman of the Elderly Commission and Founding Chairman of the Committee of Elder Academy Development Foundation, and Mr Chan How-chi, Chairman of the Committee on Elder Academy Development Foundation. The winners shared their observations, experiences, difficulties encountered and solutions at the ceremony.



EdUHK Alumni Short Films

The Alumni Affairs and Development Office has launched a new series of “EdUHK Alumni Short Films” featuring alumni and their vision, teaching excellence and tips for success. The latest short films introduce:

[In order of release date of short film]

(1) Alumnus Chan Wing-chiu

[Graduate of Bachelor of Education (Honours) (English Language) Programme
Recipient of the Li Ka Shing Foundation Scholarship for Field Experience]

(2) Alumna Kai Yi-ni

[Graduate of Bachelor of Education (Honours) (Secondary) Programme
Independent Music Education practitioner]

(3) Alumnus Yan Siu-kang

[Graduate of Bachelor of Education (Secondary) Programme
Recipient of the Chief Executive's Award for Teaching Excellence]

(4) Alumna Chan Tin-yan

[Graduate of Bachelor of Education (Chinese Language) Programme
Recipient of the Hong Kong Outstanding Prospective Teachers Award]

(5) Alumnus Leung Siu-tong

[Graduate of Grantham College of Education
Honorary President, Hong Kong Aided Primary School Heads Association]



Mourning for Alumnus Silva Wu Kin-hung (Northcote College of Education 1972)

Alumnus Silva Wu Kin-hung (NCE 1972) passed away in November 2019. Alumnus Wu was engaged in the education field since graduating from NCE. He was committed to promoting extracurricular activities and in particular “Invitational Education” among the education community. Alumnus Wu, serving as the Vice Chairman of the Northcote College of Education Past Students' Association for many years, was also committed to developing the Association's affairs. Alumnus Wu made a lot of contributions indeed to the education community. We are deeply saddened by his death and our deepest condolences go to his family.



Gala Dinner to Celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Northcote College of Education

On 30 November 2019, the Northcote College of Education Past Students' Association hosted a Gala Dinner to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Northcote College of Education (NCE). Guests of Honour at the Gala Dinner were Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung (President of EdUHK) and Dr Lau Wai-kin (Former Vice-President, Northcote College of Education). Also present at the Gala Dinner were around 200 NCE alumni, former NCE teachers, their family members and friends, and staff members of EdUHK. The NCE alumni and teachers reminisced about the good old days and the harmonious relations between teachers and students. Special thanks go to Dr Lau Wai-kin, as well as Alumnus Dennis Koo Hok-chun (Chairman, NCE Past Students' Association) and his family, who gave great musical performances to grace the occasion.

EdUHK Receives Generous Donation from the Tin Ka Ping Foundation

The Education University of Hong Kong received another generous donation from the Tin Ka Ping Foundation (the Foundation) on 4 July 2019 to enhance the existing Visiting Scholars Programme.

Attending the donation ceremony were Mr Sam Tin Hing-sin and Mr Tai Hay-lap, Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Foundation's Board; Professor Cheng Yin-cheong, Advisory Board Chairman; Mr Tin Wing-sin, Director of the Foundation; Mr David Day, Chief Executive of the Foundation; and senior management members of EdUHK. EdUHK President Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung extended his sincere appreciation to Mr Sam Tin and the Foundation for their generous support for EdUHK over the years.

Mr Sam Tin said, "We believe the future of China lies in education. The enhancement of the Visiting Scholars Programme will enable the University to bring in new ideas and perspectives to foster research collaboration opportunities, while promoting innovative educational approaches in the Greater China region. We are confident to collaborate with EdUHK again in this regard."



HK\$18 Million Donation Received for Special Education Needs Project

The Centre for Special Educational Needs and Inclusive Education (CSENIE) at The Education University of Hong Kong has received a donation of HK\$18 million from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust in support of a project for lifelong learning of school leavers with special education needs (SEN) in the coming three years.

Over 3,270 participants, including SEN school leavers, parents, carers and students, will benefit from the on-campus project. It will cover course development and implementation, e-learning, knowledge-transfer seminars, empirical studies, resource development, and training for pre-service teachers, community helpers and parents.



Professor Kenneth Sin Kuen-fung, Director of CSENIE, said, "The project involves academics, schools and NGOs. It will help develop practices that meet the current service gaps in continuing education and lifelong learning for SEN youths." He said he believes that the intelligence and talents of SEN youths will be addressed and further developed by using the course materials.

Seminar on Mathematical Concept Development for Secondary School Students through E-Learning cum Launching Ceremony of Cornerstone Maths Chinese Version

To promote mathematics e-Learning in local secondary schools, The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK) initiated a project titled "Mathematical Concept Development for Secondary School Students through E-Learning" with a generous donation from the Li Ka Shing Foundation (LKSF). The project aims at equipping local pre-service and in-service teachers with quality teaching methods as well as rich learning and teaching resources, which will in turn enrich the learning experience of students in Hong Kong.

To give teachers a wider perspective on e-Learning, the Centre for Learning, Teaching and Technology (LTTT) of EdUHK organised a Seminar on Mathematical Concept Development for Secondary School Students through E-Learning cum Launching Ceremony of Cornerstone Maths Chinese Version on 29 October 2019. The event attracted a total of 58 secondary school maths panels, maths teachers and EdUHK pre-service teachers.



Dr Cheung Ka-luen, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mathematics and Information Technology of EdUHK, delivered a speech about pedagogies in teaching Mathematics through e-Learning. During the seminar, the participants also learned more about the e-Learning platform and resources of Cornerstone Maths which was developed by SRI International, together with the UCL Knowledge Lab.

In 2018/19, a number of local secondary schools adopted the use of Cornerstone Maths platform and resources to help students in learning Linear Functions. To benefit more students, a Chinese version of the resources was developed and was introduced during the seminar.



“Let’s Talk” Initiative

Owing to difficulties in language, social interaction or communication, children with speech and language disorders are often misunderstood. More often than not, they are regarded as shy, and hence are not identified early enough to receive professional speech and language training. With their capability and restraints misunderstood, they are often punished and scolded by adults, and ridiculed by peers. Yet early intervention and parental support and education will avert the tides and are no small steps in their speech development.

“Let’s Talk” initiative is dedicated to serving toddlers, pre-school and school children with speech and language problems and their families. Our services include: equipment tests, speech and language assessment and individual training as inspired by Montessori Method, Hanen’s It Takes Two to Talk® workshops to equip parents with communication skills to interact with their children, and social skills training sessions. It is our belief that with appropriate support and training for children with SEN and their parents and caregivers, they can be motivated to communicate and become better integrated into school and social life and have a joyful childhood.

Support this meaningful project by making a donation. Let’s talk, let’s walk!



Make a donation



Donate to Support Students in Need at The Education University of Hong Kong

According to EdUHK Student Affairs Office’s “Profile of New Full-time Students 2018-19”, nearly half of the freshmen respondents expected financial difficulties during their university studies. In fact, a large number of students come from low-income families (family’s monthly income being less than HK\$20,000), which is even lower than the median monthly household income (HK\$28,000) announced by the Census and Statistics Department in the fourth quarter of 2018. These students may need to work part-time to make money, and quite a number of them are working not only for themselves, but also to help provide for the family!

In view of this, EdUHK would like to invite your generous contribution and donation to set up bursaries for helping these poor students. With donations reaching a fixed amount of money, we will set up a bursary to alleviate the financial burden of these students. When they are studying hard and working hard, they will get to know that there are a group of enthusiastic alumni and helpful community people standing by to encourage them put effort into their studies as well as putting their educational ideals and life goals into practice. To make a donation, please visit the website of The EdUHK Foundation and select “Bursaries” for “Use of Donation”, or complete the donation form and return it to the Alumni Affairs and Development Office, The Education University of Hong Kong, 10 Lo Ping Road, Tai Po, New Territories together with the cheque (if applicable). For enquiries, please call 2948 6049 or email to aado@eduhk.hk.

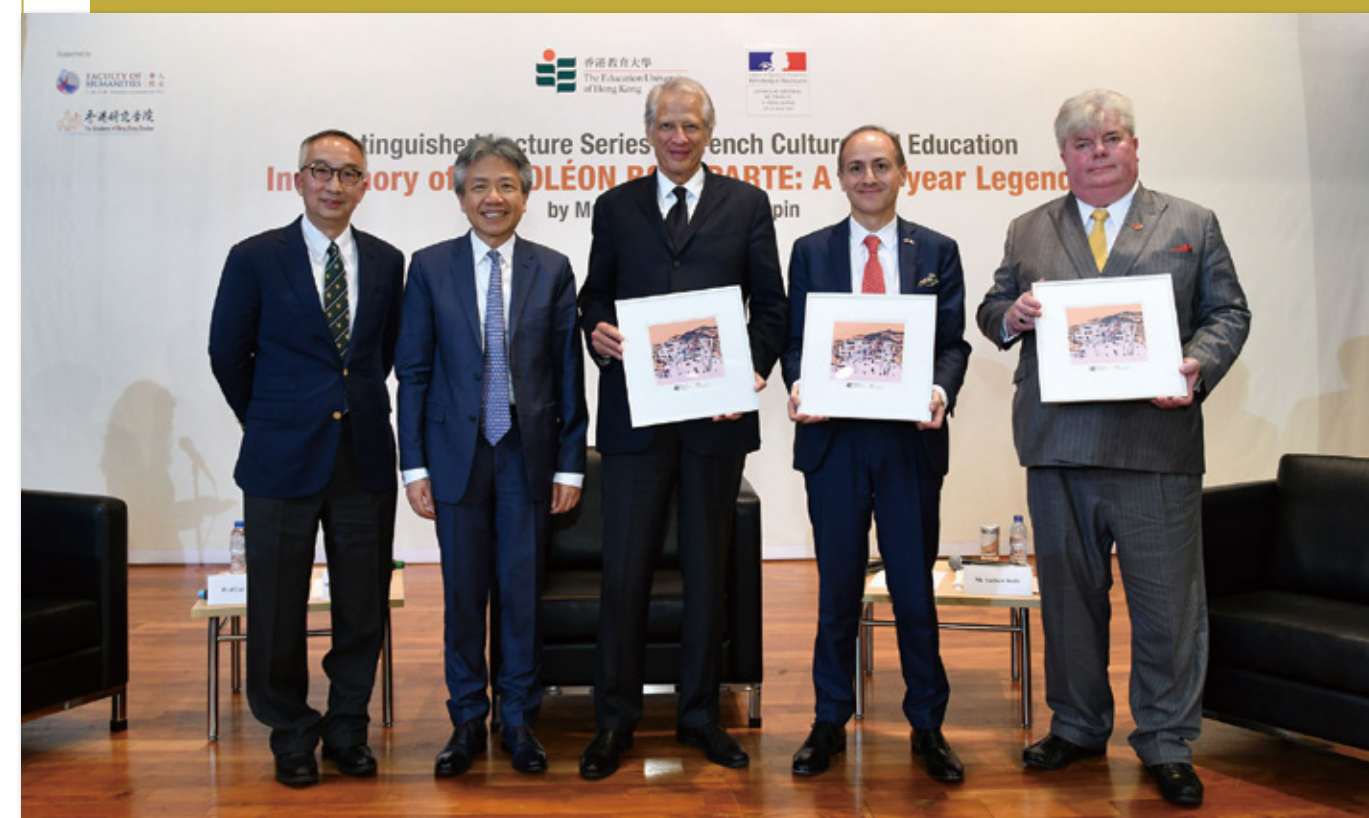
Distinguished Lecture: Mr Dominique de Villepin on the Napoléonic Legend

Mr Dominique de Villepin, a former French Prime Minister and a historian famous for his award-winning book on Napoléonic studies, gave a lecture on 23 October 2019 on the campus of The Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK).

Themed “In Memory of Napoléon Bonaparte: A 250-year Legend”, the talk was the second lecture under EdUHK’s Distinguished Lecture Series in French Culture and Education. It was also part of the French Consulate’s campaign to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the birth of Napoléon.

The audience comprised a mix of distinguished guests from the academic, business and diplomatic communities, apart from EdUHK scholars and students. The lecture provided a glimpse of the legend of Napoléon, who left an indelible mark on modern Europe and its civilisation in the realms of law, religion, culture and education. Joining the discussion were Mr Andrew Wells, former Chief Secretary and Acting Governor of St. Helena Island, where Napoléon spent the last years of his life; and EdUHK Vice President (Research and Development) Professor Lui Tai-lok.

EdUHK President Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung said, “It is a great honour for EdUHK to welcome Mr de Villepin, a former Prime Minister of France who excels in history, art and literature. I am sure his lecture will be intellectually stimulating and rewarding for us to better understand the legacy of the historic giant.”



EdUHK Music Education Innovations Awarded in iENA Nuremberg

The Education University of Hong Kong recently won two Bronze Medals for its innovations in technology for music education at the 71st International Trade Fair “Ideas – Inventions – New Products” (iENA) held from 31 October to 3 November 2019 in Nuremberg, Germany.

The winning entries are:

(1) A Mouthpiece with a Supporting Windway

Principal investigator:

Dr Koji Matsunobu, Department of Cultural and Creative Arts

This innovative mouthpiece, for which a PCT patent and a Japan Utility Model Patent are filed, is designed for musical instruments with a tubular structure, such as flutes, to (i) direct the air stream towards the blow edge of the flute’s top opening to exercise easy sound production; and (ii) enable players to position their chin and cover or partially cover the top opening to vary the effect of sound production – the “pitch bending effect”. This makes pitch bending possible in musical instruments, like recorders and flutes.



Dr Koji Matsunobu (left) and Dr Leung Chi-hin (right)



(2) A Mouthpiece with a Supporting Windway

Principal investigator:

Dr Leung Chi-hin, Department of Cultural and Creative Arts

The Grid Notation, for which a Hong Kong patent and a China patent are filed, is associated with an innovative music notation software programme, called The Grid. Using the grid to represent rhythm – solfège/letter names for pitch, colour for dynamics, and tailor-made symbols for articulation – lowers the barrier for music score reading and provides unlimited possibilities for music performance and composition under the tablet orchestra e-Orch setting.

EdTech Projects Recognised with Canadian Awards for Innovation and Creativity

The Education University of Hong Kong achieved a remarkable performance at the International Invention Innovation Competition in Canada (iCAN), held on 24 August 2019. EdUHK’s four EdTech innovations in language learning and assessment automation showcased in the competition won a total of six awards: one gold, three silver and two special awards.

Professor Lui Tai-lok, Vice President (Research and Development) of EdUHK, congratulated the winners, “The integration of technology into education opens up new possibilities for teaching and learning. It is very encouraging for our EdUHK colleagues’ work to be recognised internationally. We look forward to continuing to demonstrate how innovation can add new value and experience to education.”

The winning projects were as follows:

(1) Personalised Vocabulary Learning System Based on the Checklist of Technique Feature Analysis

Principal Investigators:

Dr Zou Di, Assistant Professor, Department of English Language Education

Dr Xie Haoran, Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Information Technology

Awards: Gold Medal and Special Award – British Innovation Award

This system recommends personalised word-learning tasks based on the technique feature analysis scores of different tasks and user models. It provides personalised learning experiences based on learners’ needs, preferences and learning history. It provides fun, effective vocabulary learning, especially for self-access learners.

(2) GMoodle: Online Evidence-based Assessment System for Student Group Activities

Principal Investigator:

Dr Winnie Lam Wai-man, Lecturer I, Department of Mathematics and Information Technology

Awards: Silver Medal and Special Award – Special Inventor Award

This system was developed to assess collaborative learning. The whole process of collaboration is recorded by the system to provide an objective measure and fair evaluation to reflect the actual contribution of each student in a group project.

(3) Chinese: Take a photo and Learn

Principal Investigator:

Dr Tse Ka-ho, Associate Professor, Department of Chinese Language Studies

Award: Silver Medal

Combining optical character recognition technology and our Chinese corpus, this mobile app allows users to look up a Chinese character by taking a photo of it and selecting it in the picture. This is especially useful for learners of Chinese as a secondary language.

(4) Literacy Play Kit for Supporting Young Children’s English Learning

Principal Investigators:

Dr Susanna Yeung Siu-sze, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology

Dr Ng Mei-lee, Assistant Professor, Department of Early Childhood Education

Award: Silver Medal

This literacy play kit for English language learning is for parents’ use at home. The kit, composed of a play manual, learning materials and a web-based portal, enhances children’s motivation and their home literacy experience, and equips parents with play skills.



Prof Wong Ming-hung Ranked as the World's Most-cited Chinese Environmental Scientist

According to information provided by Scopus (covering total citation number, H-index, coauthorship-adjusted Schreiber hm-index, etc.), Stanford University released in August 2019 a list of the "Top-100,000-ranked scientists" among the nearly seven million scholars in the world. Among the "Top 1,173 Most-Cited Scientists" in the Environmental Science field (one of 176 sub-areas), based on publications spanning 23 years (1996–2018), Professor Wong Ming-hung, Advisor (Environmental Science) of the Department of Science and Environmental Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong, was ranked 24th and was also listed among the top Chinese environmental scientists in the world.



EdUHK Organises Advanced Workshop on IB Concepts and Teaching Chinese as a Second Language

The 2nd Advanced Workshop on IB Concepts and Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (TCSL), an 11-day workshop, concluded successfully on 27 July 2019 at The Education University of Hong Kong.

Among the keynote speakers were Professor Chou Chih-ping, from Princeton University, Professor Yuan Boping, from the University of Cambridge, Professor Chew Cheng-hai, from National University of Singapore, and EdUHK scholars. On the occasion, experts on the International Baccalaureate (IB), together with some principal examiners and practitioners, gathered to share their experience in launching the IB Chinese curriculum. More than 30 attendees from Africa, the United Kingdom, mainland China and Hong Kong took part in the workshop, including some doctorate degree holders and PhD candidates.

Professor Si Chung-mou, Head of the Department of Chinese Language Studies, said, "The Advanced Workshop established a platform for experts and practitioners in the field of IB education to exchange ideas and experience. As the second university in Asia to offer IB-recognised teaching certificate programmes, EdUHK has demonstrated excellent academic strengths in teaching Chinese as a second language, and we are obliged to strive for improvements in Chinese language education through continued exploration and experience sharing."

EdUHK Holds International Symposium on the Transmission of Cantonese Opera and Traditional Music 2019

The Education University of Hong Kong organised the International Symposium on the Transmission of Cantonese Opera and Traditional Music 2019 as part of the 25th anniversary celebration of the University and the 10th anniversary of UNESCO's inscription of Cantonese opera on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on 5 and 6 December 2019. The symposium provided a platform for local and international scholars, researchers and practitioners to share their views on professional training, school education, local and community transmission, and international promotion of xiqu.

Supported by Cantonese Opera Development Fund, the two-day symposium was co-hosted by the Research Centre for Transmission of Cantonese Opera (RCTCO) and the Department of Cultural and Creative Arts at EdUHK, as well as the Xiqu Centre in the West Kowloon Cultural District. Officiating at the opening ceremony were Dr Frankie Yeung Wai-shing, Chairman of the Xiqu Centre Advisory Panel; and Dr Thomas Tam Cheung-on, Associate Dean (Quality Assurance and Enhancement) of Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences of EdUHK. Famous actors Mr Wang Zhiliang and Ms Lin Yingshi delivered a singing performance to highlight the ceremony.

Professor Leung Bo-wah, Director of RCTCO, said the symposium provided a platform for cultural and academic exchange and fostered cross-disciplinary discussion. He said he hoped that bringing together local and international experts in the field would facilitate the nurturing of new talent and transmission of this art form.



Hong Kong's First Ever International Geography Olympiad

The Education University of Hong Kong held the opening ceremony for the International Geography Olympiad (iGeo), an annual event intended to arouse interest in geographical and environmental studies among the young people around the world, on 31 July 2019. Organised by the Department of Social Sciences of EdUHK, the seven-day event was held in Hong Kong for the first time.

The Olympiad brought together 166 top geography students and over 80 education practitioners from 43 countries. At the Olympiad, students showcased their map, inquiry and graphicacy skills in the component tests to compete for top honours. To recognise the efforts and accomplishments of the participants, medals were awarded to students who achieved a strong performance at the Olympiad.

The theme of this year's Olympiad was "Discovering a vibrant city for our smart future". A lion dance show was performed at the opening ceremony to introduce traditional Chinese art and culture to the world. A Chinese couplet, "Familiarising astronomy and Understanding geography; Knowing seven continents and Learning five oceans", was written to convey the best wishes for iGeo 2019. At the Olympiad, a series of activities, including poster presentations on smart cities and sustainable development, cultural exchange programmes, excursions to Ap Chau and Lai Chi Wo in Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark, and a Victoria Harbour tour, were held for participants to discover Hong Kong's fascinating blend of East and West, unique geological features and glamorous night view.



Five EdUHK Students Receive The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships

Five students at The Education University of Hong Kong received The Hong Kong Jockey Club Scholarships this year at a presentation ceremony cum graduation celebration dinner. The event was attended by President Professor Stephen Cheung Yan-leung and Acting Director of Student Affairs Ms Angie Yeon Yuk-mei on 4 July 2019.

HKJC Scholarships are awarded to students in recognition of their outstanding academic performance and commitment to serving the community. Each of the nine participating institutions awards four scholarships to local students (including one student with special educational needs) and one to a mainland student.

The student awardees are encouraged to continue their community service through the Jockey Club Scholars Alumni Association to channel their time and resources to benefit society.



Men's Basketball Team scores first JBI victory

The final of the Jordan Brand Invitational 2019 (JBI), held on 1 September, marked a remarkable and unforgettable journey for the EdUHK Men's Basketball Team, who chalked up a strong finals victory, taking home its first-ever championship since 2017.

JBI comprises a double round-robin phase, followed by play-offs, semi-finals and the final. This year, about 60 matches among teams from 11 universities and colleges kicked off the tournament in July. After defeating the defending champion, the EdUHK team advanced to the final against the Vocational Training Council. EdUHK led throughout the heated final match, defeating the VTC 88 to 76, cheered on by enthusiastic EdUHK fans.

In addition to the gold medal, team members Man Chun-ho scooped three awards – Final Most Valuable Player (MVP), Best Defensive Player and First Team Player – while Siu Chun-kit won the Seeded Group MVP and First Team Player awards.



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