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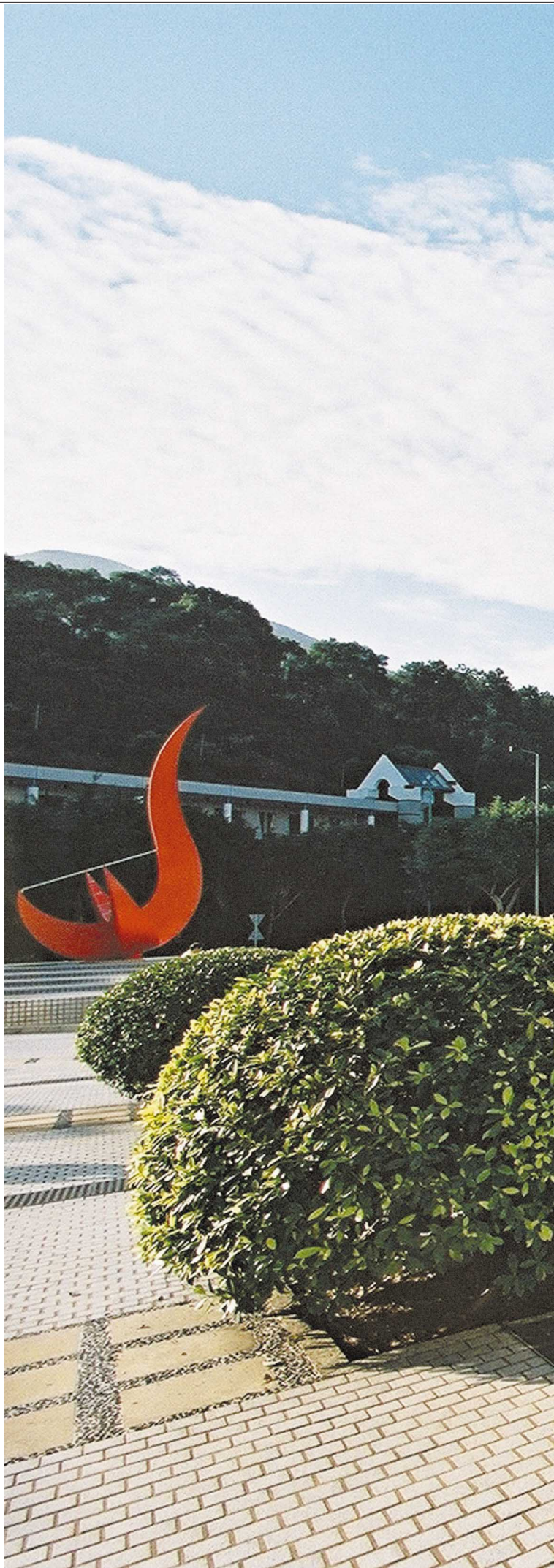
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Our Young Achievers



With merely 15 years of history, UST has trained many outstanding alumni. Recently, Sean Lin, the President of UST Alumni Association, has been honored with the Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award (TOYP) 2006. In September, Gigi Ng won the Gold Medal in 2006 Final Examination of Certified Public Accountant Qualification Program. In August, Koni Lui walked away with the 2nd Runner-up of Miss Hong Kong Pageant. Dr Jack Lau, the first PhD alumnus and an Adjunct Associate Professor of UST, also was honored as the awardee of TOYP 2000 and Young Industrialist Awards of Hong Kong (YIAH) 2005. There are many other outstanding UST alumni all over the world contributing to society or scoring significant achievements in their career.

In November 2006, another batch of young graduates got their diplomas. They may have already been working or be about to serve the community. What about the Class of 2005? How are they doing now? Six alumni from the Class of 2005 from different disciplines were interviewed.

“A degree in BBA from UST and one in Law from Cambridge really open doors in job hunting!”

“My colleagues needed to count the number of cows on the farm but not me.”

“I finished my master degree in one and a half years and was again “early admitted” as a PhD candidate.”

“For normal days, I work from 7 am to 10 pm.”

“I work long hours constantly but I still love my job!”

“I am now in Yale doing my PhD. My life is very rewarding, learning a lot from both professors and peers.”



Jack Lau



Koni Lui



Sean Lin



Gigi Ng

Our Young Achievements

Working in the top management consulting firm in the world is a dream to many people. The story of Chu Pak Sun, Felix, who studied Economics and Finance in UST, is a dream comes true. He is now working for McKinsey & Company as a business analyst affiliated to corporate finance practice.

What Felix considered when he chose his job were just the same as most people: financial attractiveness, career prospects, interesting job and lifestyle. Working for McKinsey could offer him a perfect balance in these. McKinsey & Co. is a managerial consulting firm mainly helping business leaders to create impact through deep analysis and problem solving. Felix is responsible for various analyses for a wide industries from banking to petroleum, across different issues for example M&A, post-merger management, operational strategy etc. Hence Felix can have exposures to international business leaders in the most critical topics of corporations. He finds his job interesting mostly because of the supporting colleagues. His colleagues come from different countries and with different backgrounds, among them Chinese, Americans and French. It is encouraging to work there as everyone is friendly and without office politics. "You get promoted if you are outstanding, not until somebody above you quit." It is also the perfect training ground for business school, a lot of McKinsey consultants go to top business schools in the states like Harvard, Penn, Stanford, Chicago etc. As a fresh graduate, Felix believed that it is the best job.

McKinsey&Company

Felix Chu,
BSc(ECOF) 2005

One of the uncommon experiences assigned by the company to Felix was to go to Fujian by himself after joining the company for a few months. Felix had to interview a man who had rich experience in chemical trading, who wore a suit and slippers, wondered how the boy in front of him could help him boost his business. The learning curve in Fujian was steep and unforgettable. "Some people need more coaching before they work, but no one would teach you how to do it in the real world. If you don't try, you don't know if you could make it, you need to stay out of your comfort zone." said Felix.

There's no doubt that Felix learned a lot at UST. He is thankful that UST provided him an opportunity to study at the University of Pennsylvania during the exchange program. He became more mature after he went on the exchange program. "If I didn't go to the University of Pennsylvania on exchange, I could not get a summer internship at Citi-Group. Then I could not get a job at Mckinsey." Felix emphasized. He also learned a lot in the case course which focused on practicing presentation skills. Good presentation skills are very important and useful for landing a job.



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With a double major in Maths and Physics and a minor in Information Technology, Ivan, one of the first EAS students in UST, graduated with an Academic Award. He was then directly admitted by Yale University, as a PhD candidate without a master degree.

“The flexibility of UST syllabus really helped me a lot in terms of academic development.” As an undergraduate, Ivan was permitted to take advanced postgraduate courses that stimulated his interest and matched his academic level. He was attracted by the beauty of Maths and Physics in his early days of UG studies, reinforcing his determination to develop his career in mathematical research.

“I am particularly thankful to Prof Shiu Yuen Cheng and Prof Kin-Yin Li.” He recalled that Prof Cheng provided him with very good support in all aspects, by allowing him to take advanced courses. He joined International Mathematics Olympics in secondary school, and was glad that he was taught by Prof Li whose teaching enabled him to build a good mathematical foundation, while spurring his interest in this area.

Ivan was admitted into Yale University with a full scholarship. “There are many international scholars in Yale University and most of them are very enthusiastic in delivering knowledge to the next generation. Apart from scholars, students in Yale are also willing to share knowledge and findings with each other. It is a very harmonious place for learning.” He finds his PhD life very rewarding, learning a lot from both professors and peers.

Ivan is planning to pursue his career in the education and research sector of Hong Kong tertiary institutions after he obtains his PhD.

Ivan Ip,
BSc(PHYS)-PM 2005



Fipping *Career Times* and going to job interviews are activities final year students do most of the time. But Lau Kit Han, Irene, who studied Global Business and Accounting at UST, decided to apply for the law degree program at Cambridge where she is studying law and going to pursue a career in law.

Why did Irene make such a decision? “Basically, there are four reasons behind such a decision,” said Irene in the assuring tone of a lawyer. First, she graduated from university one year earlier as she was an EAS student. Therefore, she could choose either pursuing a career or further study. Second, she took more of an interest in law after she studied a course about common law. (Accounting students are required to study two law courses.) Third, her business background is also an advantage in studying law. She could be exempted from taking some courses at Cambridge and finish the law degree in two years instead of three. What’s more, the combination of BBA and Law is the best selling point during job hunting. Finally, the family influence is the largest motivation. Irene’s uncle is a lawyer. She found it inspiring to talk to her uncle and know more about the field. Her family is supportive of her decision, especially her father.

Irene was determined to further her study. She therefore applied to Cambridge where competition is keen. It is not easy to get accepted by Cambridge, especially for a non-local student. “You’ve to catch their attention when filling in the application form. Both academic results and ECA (European Consortium for Accreditation in higher education)) are important as they are looking for an all-rounded student. Certain working experience is a plus because they value life experience,” said Irene. She went to England to have an interview in October, 2004. She had to make special arrangements with professors as it clashed with examinations. “It didn’t mean I must be successful in getting a place at Cambridge once I went there. But it did show my sincerity,” said Irene. She was admitted in December, 2004.

Irene has studied at both UST and Cambridge. How does she feel about these two schools? She thinks that there is strong learning atmosphere in Cambridge as it has been the academic center for hundreds of years while UST is energetic and has enormous potential to grow. The learning style in Cambridge is quite different from UST. Cambridge and UST represent the British and American styles respectively. The British style puts the emphasis on one final exam while American stresses continued assessment. One thing could not be denied is that Cambridge attracts an elite corps of students from around the world. Keen competition in Cambridge puts much pressure on Irene and makes her stronger.

Accounting and law are two entirely different subjects. “Accounting requires absolute answers. You get it right if you get the numbers balanced. But there’re lots of grey areas in law. There’s no absolute right or wrong. It depends on how you present it,” said Irene. She found that the knowledge in business was useful in studying law, especially corporate law. Her business sense would be an asset for being a solicitor in the future.

Irene is glad that she has studied at UST. “It is my pleasure to represent UST in the case competition,” said Irene, conjuring up the images of coming up with the solutions in 24 hours in a room. Going on an exchange program is an important milestone in her life. She was transformed into a mature person by leaving Hong Kong and reaching other places. She said admiringly, “UST is a famous school with good teachers and inspires me in learning.”

Irene Lau,
BBA (GBUS) 2005



David Pow,
BBA (GBUS) 2005



Lui Chun Hung is famous for being a student in the “early admission scheme” (EAS). He is equally well-known for finishing his bachelor degree in Physics and Math within two and a half years and was “early admitted” to his master degree program. He then finished his master degree in one and a half years and was again “early admitted” as a PhD candidate. He is now studying a PhD program in Columbia University, a top-ranked Ivy League university.

Lui Chun Hung,

BSc(PHYS)-PM 2005



When Lui was first admitted to UST as an EAS student, he applied to major in Electronic Engineering. Soon after the semester started, he found that he profoundly loved Physics and changed to a double major in Physics and Math. “Four years at UST really enabled me to find out what Physics is.” He was deeply attracted by modern physics as taught in university and found it so different from the kind of classical physics that he learnt in secondary school.

The four years at UST also ignited his future career interest. He is so passionate about condensed matter physics that he believes that he would probably go for research in this field. “I particularly want to thank Prof Michael M T Loy and Prof Xudong Xiao. Prof Loy provided me with full support in my research and taught me the necessary social skills in team work while Prof Xiao showed me the conscientious attitude and critical thinking in research.”

Lui truly believes the PhD road ahead will be rewarding and enriching.



Our Young Achievers

Pow Kwong Yan, David, a graduate of Global Business and Finance, is now working in Goldman Sachs which is a leading global investment banking and management firm.

Many business students, to a certain extent, worship jobs in investment banks. How is David's job then? He is working in the department of Global Investment Research in which he is a business analyst responsible for research in stocks of Asian commodities, like copper and steel. The job is challenging as he has to construct financial models, analyze data and industries. He also needs to give analysis

and recommendations to institutional clients. Working in the frontline, he is used to working from 7 in the morning to 10 at night, and that's only for normal days.

The investment bank is famous for its tough employment application process. How did David get through it? “The interview is tough because the company judges applicants by its own special criteria,” said David. Knowledge in finance and economics would be a competitive edge, but it is not a deciding factor. The bank is looking for people to match the

firm's culture and demands good presentation skills. They also like employees who are keen to learn and humble. They may challenge interviewees by designing a harsh interview so that they could find out which ones could do the analysis in adverse circumstances. That's why people have a misconception that staff in investment banks are aggressive. “In fact, my colleagues are helpful and easy-going,” David clarified.

One of the uncommon experiences assigned by David's company is the annual off-site conference. All staff from Asia-pacific, both senior and junior, would be gathered together to have a conference. This conference is unlike the regular conferences. Corporate values and goals, instead of research results, are the focus. “We always communicate through the telephone on working days. But we could have face-to-face interactions with one another in this conference and establish relationships. It would be useful to our work by inspiring us in generating ideas, sharing our experience and exchanging our views interactively,” said David. This year the conference was held in Thailand and David had a nice holiday there to boot.

David learned much at UST, especially the case course in which he could polish his presentation skills. He is glad that he could represent UST, one of only two schools in Asia to participate in the case competition at McGill University. It was an eye-opening experience. And the flexible course registration system at UST enabled him to pursue his interest in China studies which turns out to be value-enhancing in his job.

Five years ago, James left his home on the mainland and came to Hong Kong alone. He entered UST and started a new life here. After a year in BBA, he chose to major in Accounting as he believed that it was easier to find a job in that field. What's more, UST has excellent teaching resources in Accounting. After three years of hard work, he graduated from UST and became a member of KPMG, one of the Big Four accounting firms.

Most people may think that being an accountant is boring. But James told us a different story. Many people think that accounting focuses on day-to-day entries, which is only part of accounting. James is responsible for auditing financial statements of clients from financial services sector, like security and insurance companies. "It is interesting and challenging to be an auditor. I have to understand the needs of different clients. So, good communication skill is important," James said. He also mentioned that some of his colleagues have to count the number of cows on the farm when they did auditing. Every job has its irritants, but also its charms. The accounting field is no different.

James decided to work in Hong Kong instead of going back to his hometown as he thought that the capital market in Hong Kong is much more mature and better-developed than the mainland. The high income and good career prospects are also reasons why he chose Hong Kong as the starting point of his career. Recently, more and more mainland students continue their study in Hong Kong. He pointed out that companies are willing to employ fresh graduates with such background. Since the closer connection between Hong Kong and the mainland, they need people who could speak fluent Putonghua. So, it is not difficult for a mainland student with good academic results and a willingness to work hard to find a job in Hong Kong. When James was asked whether he would go back to the mainland one day, he said it may take another five or six years until its market becomes mature enough.

The turning point of his life came when he entered UST. The diversity of professors and students in UST broadens his horizons. He still remembers the happy time when he lived with a foreign student in Year 1. It is UST which gave him a chance to go to University of California, Santa Barbara. He not only improved his English there, but also had a better understanding of the world. The teaching style in Hong Kong is very different from the mainland's. The open learning environment in Hong Kong enables him to learn critical thinking and liberal study, resulting in changes to his life. If James could choose again, he would not hesitate to choose UST again.

James Xue,
BBA (ACCT) 2005



Our **Young Achievers**



Update Your Contact Information

We need your help!

Keeping updated contact information for the growing number of alumni is a big job! If you have moved, changed jobs, or are not receiving University information, simply login to Alum-e-Nation (AeN) at <http://www.alumni.ust.hk> and update your information on-line. Alternatively, you could fill in the attached and fax it back to us at 2358 0537 or email it to alumni@ust.hk

Name

Address

Email Address

Telephone No.

Year of Graduation

Degree Obtained

Student No.

Company Name

Class of 1996 10th Anniversary Reunion Gathering



◀ Smiles from everyone.

The Tradition

The University has a tradition to celebrate the 10th Graduation Anniversary for our alumni. This year is the 10th Anniversary of Class of 1996. The reunion drew 200 guests including alumni, their families and friends.

The Fun-filled Afternoon

The event was fun-filled with magic performances during the reception, balloon-blowing competition with the old school balloon-blowing tubes and the intense question game about the campus. Alumni joining the campus tour visited the Council Chamber, EMBA Classrooms and Hall VI. These were the places they had never visited before. They were pretty amazed by these facilities. They were also reminded of their university lives in 10 years back.

Call for Reunion Rep from the Class of 1997

Next year, the Office of University Development and Public Affairs (OUDPA) together with four schools will hold a reunion for the Class of 1997. If you are one of the 1997 graduates, be our reunion representative and help us out on the planning. Your help is crucial in making a reunion that you will remember for life. Send an email to alumni@ust.hk and we will try hard to incorporate your wishes.

Special Thanks

A number of alumni had offered valuable input to OUDPA during the planning stage of the event. Special thanks go to the following alumni who had helped making the event a great success:

Barry Wong, BSc(CENG)
Benny Lam, BSc(CENG)
Bonnie Lam, BBA(ECON)
Carol Li, BBA(ACCT)-MA
Carrie Law, BSc(APHYS)-LO
Sam Chiu, BSc(BIOL)



▲ "We know the answer!"



▲ "Which is bigger?"



▲ Everyone was busy blowing a balloon.



▲ "Let's take a nice picture together."



▲ "My daughter is kind of shy."

Prof Paul Chu

to Continue Serving as Our President Till 2009

Good News! Voted the best Hong Kong university head* in 2006, Prof Paul Chu, will continue to serve as our President until the end of August 2009 and lead us towards our next 15-year goal – To be the “World Academic Leader” where the best scholars and students congregate. Now, let us introduce our president to those alumni who graduated before July 2001 when Prof Chu took office at UST.

His Education

Born in Hunan, Prof Chu received his bachelor degree from National Cheng Kung University in Taiwan. Subsequently earning his master degree from Fordham University in New York and working in the US for years, Prof Chu has had the experience of working on both sides of the globe. With his international connection and exposure, he leads UST to remarkable successes within a few years. The University has dramatically risen to be one of the top in the world, becoming a regional leader in areas such as nanotechnology. It is now recognized world-wide as a leading international research university.

His Research

In the research field, Prof Chu is an authority in high temperature superconductivity. He achieved many scientific breakthroughs and received numerous awards, including the U.S. National Medal of Science, the Texas Instruments' Founders' Prize and the International Prize for New Materials. His strong academic background has been instrumental in developing and expanding UST's relationship with government and industry, and establishing international academic networks so useful in launching academic initiatives such as the “Institute for Advanced Study”.

His Red Ties and Cute Cantonese Accent

Apart from all these achievements and contributions, what comes to mind when his name is mentioned? His favorite red ties or his accented Cantonese? Or his cheerful approachability?

* Prof Paul Chu was judged the best university head based on a survey conducted under the University of Hong Kong's Public Opinion Programme in July 2006.



Alumni Participation in Prof Hawking's Lecture



On 15 June, Prof Stephen Hawking, the most influential living scientist and cosmologist in the world, delivered an inaugural lecture "The Origin of Universe" to a wildly excited Hong Kong audience at the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), UST.

Over 2,200 lucky ticket-holders, including VIP guests, members of the public and members of UST community with over 300 alumni attended the lecture.

Our alumni were the privileged ones, being able to register for tickets through their own alumni email service (Alum-e-Nation). Over 1,000 alumni clicked into the website for ticket registration. 300 lucky ticket holders took a half day off their busy schedules to be part of this huge UST event.

During the lecture, Prof Hawking discussed cosmology from the era of early thinkers such as St. Augustine of Hippo to pioneers of modern age including Dr Albert Einstein. Addressing the questions of why we are here and where we come from, Prof Hawking reflected on the relationship between space, time, relativity and quantum theory.



Prof Hawking was born in 1942 in Oxford. Although he was physically handicapped by Luo Gehrig's disease, he continued his research on cosmology, winning numerous awards, medals and prizes, such as the Albert Einstein Award, the most prestigious in theoretical physics. In order to communicate with others, he typed words with an infrared emitter activated by the muscle in his right cheek. Asked about his American accent, he explained that the voice he uses is generated from an old speech synthesizer made in America in 1986. "I have been offered one upgraded software package with a French accent. But if I used that, my wife would divorce me!" he joked with a glint in his eyes.

Concluding the wildly successful lecture, Prof Hawking said, "I am very proud of being invited by HKUST to deliver the inaugural lecture. HKUST's vision and enthusiasm have rendered a great impression on me, and I look forward to the IAS making many important contributions to the progress of science and technology in the years to come."

Prof Hawking's bullish sentiments reflect the aspirations of all members of UST.



Q&A on IAS

You may have heard about the IAS (The Institute for Advanced Study). But what exactly is the IAS? What does it do? Who works there? Will there be a physical building for the institution and where will it be?

What is it?

The Institute's goal is to be a premier intellectual center in China, Asia and the world, to be a trailblazer in the frontiers of knowledge for the betterment of mankind. It is modeled after Princeton's legendary Institute for Advanced Study, which was instrumental in shifting the world's intellectual center from Europe to America. The time is ripe for Asia's rebirth into a global intellectual and innovation center, a movement in which IAS as part of UST and Hong Kong will be proud to play a catalytic role.

What does it do?

The IAS will have substantial impact on research and education.

Research

IAS will be a lively hub of research activity. It will

- Lead innovation and discovery-driven research;
- Foster collaboration across disciplines between local, national and international researchers in high-impact areas;
- Sponsor regular series of, workshops, panel discussions, conferences, and short courses.

Education

IAS will offer teaching and outreach programs:

- Postgraduate courses and seminars;
- Undergraduate courses, mentorship and internship programs for the most gifted undergraduates;
- Popular science and general knowledge lectures.

<http://ias.ust.hk>

Who works there?

With Prof Paul Chu as the founding Institute Director, IAS will comprise a community of eminent academic stars, including 10 permanent Institute Faculty Members, 20 Visiting Members, 40 Associate Members and 60 Postdoctoral Fellows.

An International Advisory Board will guide the general direction and uphold the highest standards for IAS.

Will there be a physical building for the institution and where will it be?

The IAS will be located on the site previously occupied by Shaw Studio, adjacent to the existing campus. The expected completion date of the building is 2011.



In June 2006, Prof Stephen Hawking visited the future site of the IAS and took part in the tree planting ceremony

International Advisory Board

C N Yang (Chair)	Tsinghua University and The Chinese University of Hong Kong	1957 Nobel Prize in Physics
Alexei Abrikosov	Argonne National Laboratory	2003 Nobel Prize in Physics
Michael Atiyah	University of Edinburgh	1966 Fields Medal
David Baltimore	California Institute of Technology	1975 Nobel Prize in Medicine
Steven Chu	University of California Berkeley	1997 Nobel Prize in Physics
Tord Claeson	Chalmers University	Former Chair, Physics Panel, Nobel Prize Committee
Marvin Cohen	University of California Berkeley	2002 US National Medal of Science
Robert H Horvitz	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	2002 Nobel Prize in Physiology
Neal Lane	Rice University	Former US Presidential Advisor
Y T Lee	Academia Sinica	1986 Nobel Prize in Chemistry
Ferid Murad	University of Texas Medical School-Houston	1998 Nobel Prize in Medicine
Douglas Osheroff	Stanford University	1996 Nobel Prize in Physics
Samuel Ting	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	1976 Nobel Prize in Physics
Andrew Yao	Tsinghua University	2000 Turing Award

The Spirit of Giving

Alumni are a key asset of the University. Our alumni are now making an impact in a wide range of fields in Hong Kong, the Mainland, and around the world even though UST has been established for only 15 years. A successful university relies on alumni support. And UST is grateful to its alumni for their generous support over the years. You are a part of UST's growth and development.

Your Support will Make a Difference

We value and treasure every gesture of support from each alumnus. Let's help HKUST become a global academic leader. As a UST alumnus, you will benefit from the University's achievement through its enhanced prestige, while Hong Kong benefits in its economic development from the University's technological advances.

Updates on HKUST Alumni Scholarship Fund

Remember our 1995 ISMT graduate Andy Wong? He initiated a dollar-to-dollar personal matching scheme in July 2005. His pledge of HK\$250,000 to match other alumni's donations on a one-to-one basis was supported by other graduates. The Government then further matched the combined HK\$500,000, making the grand total of \$1 million to the HKUST Alumni Scholarship Fund.

As requested by Andy, the funds he donated are for the benefit of SBM students. As a result, from the \$250,000 donated to the HKUST Alumni Scholarship Fund, 10 SBM students will each receive \$25,000 to support their participation in exchange programs. Six students have already departed to their exchange universities. (Two of them from Economics and Finance going to the University of Pennsylvania while one goes to Copenhagen Business School in Europe. The rest are heading to other famous universities in the U.S.) Another four students will be nominated soon. As for the balance of the funds raised, it has been used to recruit outstanding first year students for the academic year of 2006-2007.

In support of the 3rd Matching Grant Scheme, in June 2006, Andy has donated another \$270,000 to the Scholarship Fund supporting a full tuition scholarship for a mainland student.

A vote of thanks to Andy's continued generosity and support!

Annual Pledge Program

Take action now! Participate in our Annual Pledge Program. For any pledge of HK\$20 per month or more for at least 12 months, you will receive a special UST souvenir figurine showing the year of your graduation and the appropriate graduation gown for your field of study and degree. For more details, please visit www.ust.hk/alumni.



The 3rd Matching Grant Scheme is On!

The University Grant Committee's matching fund is accepting applications NOW! If UST acts fast, for every \$1 donated, we can get another \$1 from UGC. As the fund is distributed on a first-come-first-served basis amongst the 8 institutions, we must act fast to submit our applications ASAP before the total fund of \$2.5 billion is exhausted. Act Now!

HKUST Credit Card

You can also support your Alma Mater by becoming a BOC HKUST Gold/Platinum Credit Card holder. You can enjoy a life-long annual fee waiver and an array of shopping privileges offered by the Bank of China. The University also offers special benefits such as discounted parking on campus and first-year annual fee waiver on your Library Card. In addition, the BOC will donate 0.4% of your spending to the University on an on-going basis. In other words, every time you shop, you are supporting your Alma Mater. If this sounds great to you, please apply online now at http://www.ust.hk/alumni/benefits/alumni_credit_card.htm

Donation Form – Matching Grant Scheme 2006-2007

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UST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ▶

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◀ UST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - NORTH AMERICA CHAPTER

Happy faces from Julie Xing - '97 PhD (BIOL), Yue Chen - '97 PhD (ELEC), Yifan Liu - '00 MPhil (COMP), Jie Zhu - '98 PhD (ELEC), Qinglong Hu - '99 PhD (COMP) and their family members gathered for a great picnic on a superb day at San Francisco Bay Area.

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▶ UST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - SHANGHAI CHAPTER

In June, alumni in Shanghai participated a local dragon boat race held in Qing Pu Water Ground, on the outskirts of Shanghai. Although they did not win any prizes, they all had great fun under the nice and hot weather.

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◀ **UST ACCOUNTING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

An Improvisation Workshop was conducted by Mr. Walter Leung in July. Mr. Leung is experienced in training and is active in the performance sector. All of the participants enjoyed the workshop. After a few interesting games helping the participants get to know each other, the workshop was ended with a sharing session led by Mr. Leung. He talked about what is meant by "Improvisation", and explained what the purposes were of the games we had. All in all, the workshop was a success.

News on Associations/Groups

VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI TEAM ▲

The HKUST Volleyball Alumni Team is newly formed! Our objectives are: 1) to develop a network for our team alumni; 2) to serve as a platform for better communication among our team alumni; 3) to serve as a linkage between the university and our team alumni; 4) to broadcast the activities or functions held by the team group to our fellow alumni.

Up to now, we've got around forty alumni team members inclusive of the committee members. Many of us were graduated in year 2001 to 2004. We welcome all of you to join us.

Visit our website at <http://ihome.ust.hk/alvbt/> or send us an e-mail to al_vbt@ust.hk so that you can be one of our members and receive news about activities or functions held by our Alumni Team Group. Your support is important to us!



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UST COMPUTER SCIENCE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ▼

In May 2006, over 100 alumni joined the CSAA annual dinner held at a very cozy western restaurant overlooking a beautiful view of TST. Alumni there enjoyed the gathering with loads of laughter, loads of good memories and loads of souvenirs. CSAA does organize periodic activities. Check out their website at <http://alumni.cs.ust.hk>.

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EAS NETWORK ▶

Since the admission in 2002, the first batch of Early Admitted Students (EAS) celebrated their graduation in the 13th congregation ceremony! In November 2005, EAS network, the alumni group for EAS, organized a photo-taking day for the graduates. We also organized regular gatherings for the members. If you want to know about the upcoming activities, please contact us at al_eas@ust.hk.

UNIVERSITY CHOIR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
大學合唱團校友會

大學合唱團校友會 (UCAA) 於 2004 年正式成立。能夠凝聚到一眾有心人繼續「唱好科大」，發揚科大人的音樂精神，不僅是因為對合唱團生活的不捨，也是因為受到團友、以及指揮蔣慧民先生對合唱音樂的熱忱所感染。蔣先生自合唱團創團以來，一直身體力行支持科大，相信每位團員都不會忘記蔣先生的循循善誘。合唱團是我們大學生活裏不可磨滅的一部分，每一次排練、表演、比賽、即興演唱，都在我們心中留下歌聲與笑聲。

科大創校至今已已經十五年了，為了慶祝這個特別的日子，校方於本年 11 月 24 日假香港文化中心舉辦一場音樂會，科大合唱團亦將為表演嘉賓之一。當晚各表演團體的演出都非常成功，大家都有一個難忘的晚上。

歡迎所有合唱團校友電郵至 al_choir@ust.hk 或致電 9330-5470 查詢 UCAA 的最新動態及表演詳情。

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鄭志忠
 大學合唱團校友會會長
 2002 BEng (CPEG)

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Laughters from the MBA Alumni Forum (26 July 06)

MBA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ▼

MBAAA had an array of alumni activities throughout the year. With the establishment of taskforces to cover Community Services, Lifelong Learning, and Sports and Interests, the association successfully addressed the needs of alumni with diverse interests. Activities held include: volunteering for mentoring and advising different group of students, MBA alumni forums, contributing newspaper articles, Dragon boat practices and races, in-school Mini-Olympics, Oxfam Trailwalkers, wine tasting, soccer games, golf outings, monthly roundtable lunch (in different districts).....



Dragon Boat Practice & Races 2006 (April - June 2006)

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Class Notes

So, what's new with you?

Just married? Just Moved? New job? New Baby? Started a new business? Your fellow alumni want to know. Send us a Class Note to share your news. Simply fill out the online form at www.ust.hk/alumni/classnotes or email your news to us at alumni@ust.hk.

1994/2003
Sean Lin, BBA (MGMT) – OM,
MBA/MSc (ISM)
2002 Karen Ma, MBA



Hello uncles and aunties, my name is Alicia Lin. This is very exciting for me to be here – my first presence on a publication in my life since my birthday on 25 September 2006. My dad took many gorgeous pictures of me. He even took a picture of me when I was sleeping. It's unfair! Mom, Dad and Laetitia have beautiful smiles on them but I WAS SLEEPING!!! Visit my website at www.alicialin.com to know a bit more about me. You will see all of my sweet and cute smiles when I am AWAKE!

1994
Venus Lee, BSc (BIOL)



The above picture was taken at NTU Singapore with the first batch of students for the first course taught in Venus's life.

I was among the first class of biology major and the first batch of residents of Hall III (Is it still called Hall III?) I would like to take this opportunity to send my regards

to my fellow classmates, friends from the Physics Class of 1995, hall-mates, teachers and staff of the Biology Department. I hope you are all doing well in Hong Kong or other parts of the world. I am currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Psychology (yes, I switched my major) at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and working on research about human and computer interaction. If you happen to come to Singapore or would like to catch up with me about your current development, please feel free to send me an email. (bolsl94@alumni.ust.hk)

1997
Philip Poon, BBA (ACCT) – MA



I think I am a proactive and optimistic person. I would like to share my experience with my friends. For example, how did I strive to build up my wealth? How did I manage my ups and downs in love matters? Because of this, I write a book about myself. It is called "28歲成為百萬富翁, 38歲已可生活無憂". It is not a typical investment guide or textbook. It is a book sharing my real experience in the past 30 years. After reading, you will not only learn how to be a successful investor, but also learn how to cherish the things you have, the place you live, your family, friends, and the person you love. Would you like to share your view and experiences with me? Feel free to send email at philip@ustaa.hk.

1998
Raymond Fok, BEng (EE)



Every time when I step on the campus of UST, I would feel life is always full of hope and love!

The dancing with camp fire, the playing of society games and the cheering of slogans around the campus in mid August made me aware of the rushing of time. But time also testifies to a piece of valuable friendship, since 1996 in UST, between me and Lewis Lam (EE '98), Bernard Chow (EE '98), Steve Cheng (EE '98), Turbo Chan (EE '98), Anson Lee (EE '98), Jasmine So (ACCT '98), Clifford Phung (CIVL '99). We are lucky to be the witness of each other with an improving life and growing at the same pace at UST. What we carried with us when leaving UST was knowledge! But the knowledge did and continues to pave us a promising path to take up key positions as Manager, Engineer and Accountant in respective industries. Many of us are married and now with a happy family. Lewis Lam (EE '98) and Jasmine So (ACCT '98) will also have his little lovely son "Chun Chun" going to kindergarten starting Sept 2006. The more we have experienced together, the tighter the bonding we have. I sincerely wish our friendship and the close relationship between our families & UST can be carried on forever!!! UST is a place to create miracle and make things possible!!! Let's stay in touch, my UST brothers and sisters!