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# 2009

**Y**ear 2008 has almost come to an end, and it has been a very eventful year for both China and the rest of the world.

In May, there was the devastating earthquake in Sichuan in which hundreds lost their lives and thousands their homes. And then in August there were the Beijing Olympics. The Games have been described as the best Olympics ever. The opening ceremony, held in the Bird's Nest, the National Stadium, was attended by thousands and watched by millions on television. And then shortly after the Olympics there was the financial tsunami, which has affected millions.

In this issue, we will share with you the stories of some HKUST alumni for whom 2008 has been a particularly significant year.

Engineering graduate **Nelson Chu** has a lot to be proud about. His breakthrough technology, MoXi, was used in the Beijing Olympics opening ceremony. The innovative MoXi brought the animation of Great Wall to the millions of viewers around the world.

**Kylie**, also an Engineering graduate, was involved in a dream project – helping to build the Bird's Nest, which was the main venue for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

And **six HKUST alumni** spent four weeks in Sichuan helping earthquake victims. All six said they gained a lot from the Sichuan experience, and that it had given them a new perspective on life.

As we prepare to bid farewell to year 2008, let us wish all our readers the very best for year 2009.

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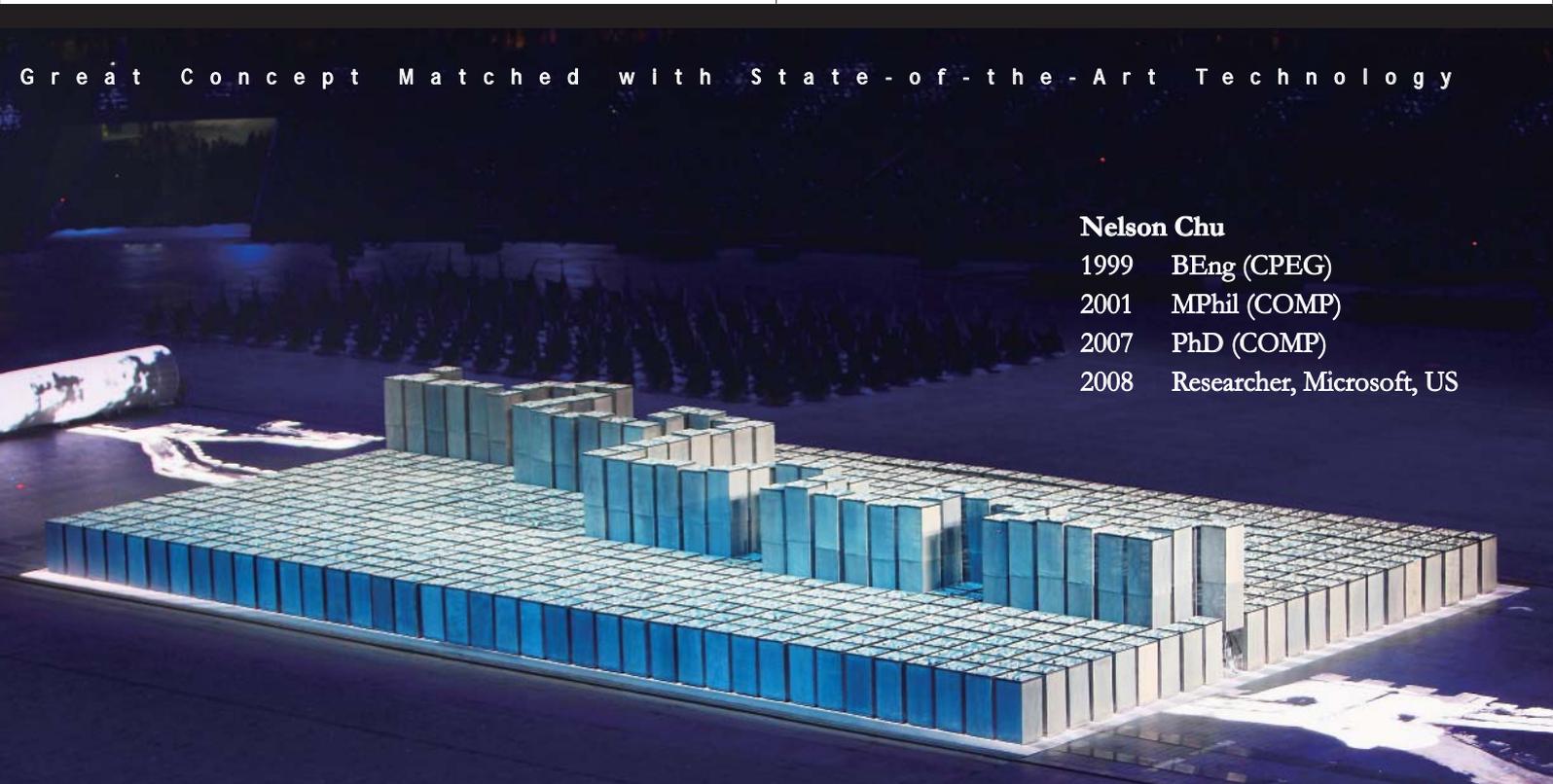
**Nelson Chu**

1999 BEng (CPEG)

2001 MPhil (COMP)

2007 PhD (COMP)

2008 Researcher, Microsoft, US



# GREAT CONCEPT MATCHED WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY

MoXi (墨戲) is a digital painting software package that uses a pressure sensitive pen and tablet device to simulate Chinese calligraphy and ink painting on the computer screen. MoXi licenses were granted to Adobe Systems Inc in 2006 and Sony Electronics Inc in 2007. The MoXi prototype has been used in film production, studio work and other areas. For more information about Nelson Chu's work, see <http://www.cse.ust.hk/~cpegnel/>.

“In May 2008, the company responsible for the Beijing Olympic Games opening ceremony contacted me. They used my technology to create the scene of the Great Wall and the movable blocks. I am so happy they used my MoXi!”

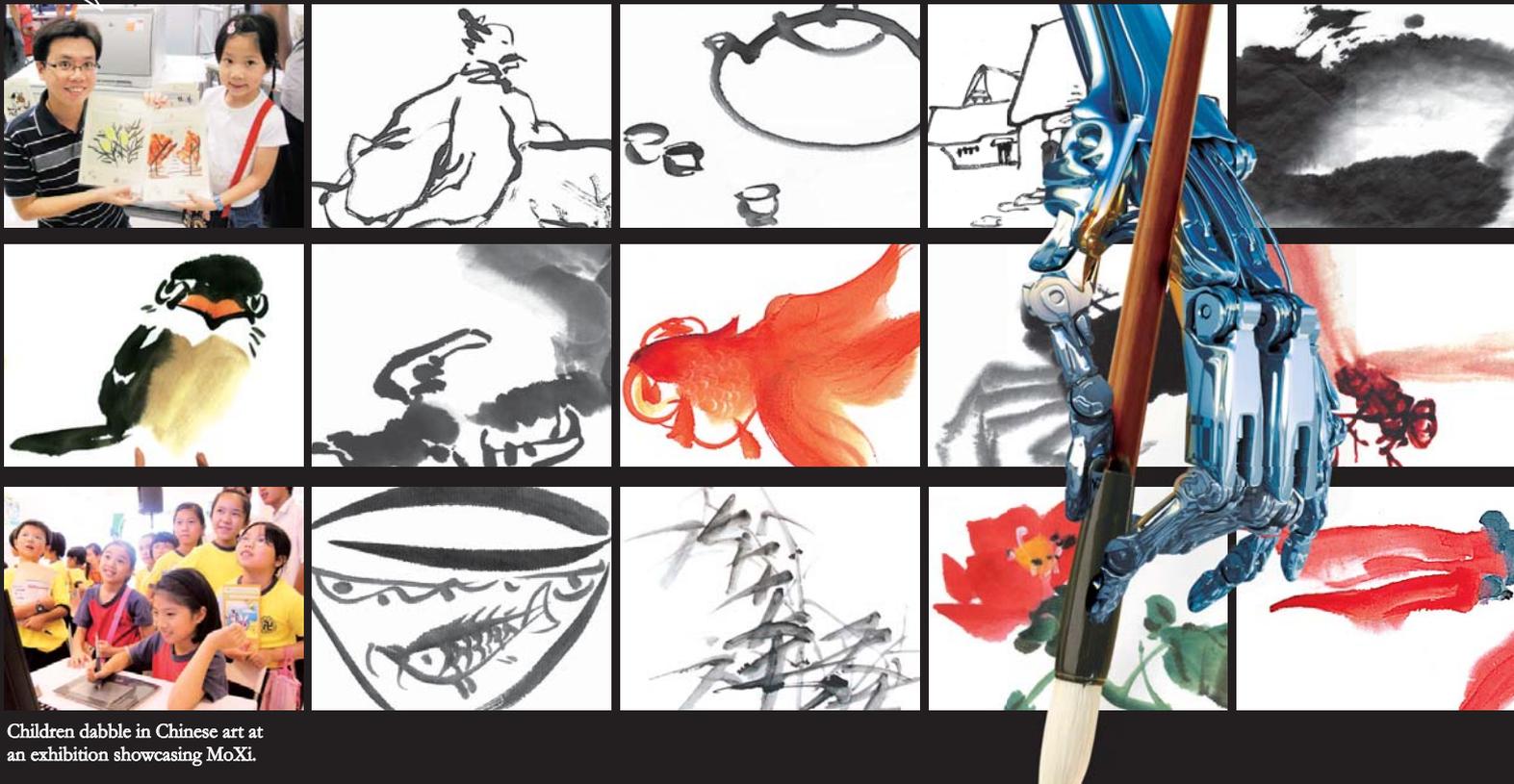
In 2005, Nelson presented a paper on his breakthrough technology at the annual computer graphics conference, SIGGRAPH (Special Interest Group on GRAPHics and Interactive Techniques), held at the Los Angeles Convention Centre, California, US. SIGGRAPH is the most prestigious event of its kind, and is attended by computer graphics and animation artists from around the world. Papers are presented on the latest research, and hardware and software vendors compete to demonstrate state-of-the-art technologies.

Nelson started to attract worldwide attention at SIGGRAPH 2005, which was attended by some 25,000 people. In 2006, he was invited to transfer the MoXi

technology to Adobe at Adobe Systems Inc, in the US. The US assignment was a welcome break for Nelson, who had spent years doing research at HKUST. It was also his first taste of working in a large company overseas. In 2007, Nelson was invited by Sony Corporation to work on an important project for Sony in Japan. He is presently (December 2008) working at Microsoft, in Redmond, Seattle, US.



"With MoXi, anyone can be a Chinese painter," says Nelson (on the left). "You don't have the hassle of handling ink, and you can go on practising on your computer screen over and over, without wasting paper!"



# MoXi 墨戲

Nelson showed an interest in Chinese painting and calligraphy at an early age. He is happy that he has been able to combine his recreational interest in Chinese art with his career in computer graphics. Nelson believes that computers and his MoXi will help revive an interest in traditional Chinese brush techniques and promote Chinese art and calligraphy among the younger generation.

According to Nelson, a lot of people mistakenly imagine that research, especially at university, is relaxing work. Quite the contrary, it is very hard work, Nelson insists. The researchers at HKUST are extremely hard-working, he says, and many are under great stress as they strive to complete projects on time and take their work to the next level.

Nelson is modest about his achievements.

"It is still too early for me to consider myself a success," he says. "I think one of the keys to success in anything is persistence. In my case, although the financial support for my project stopped for a period, I did not stop my research. If I had not persisted, I may never have come up with the MoXi concept."

It is hard to tell that this piece of Chinese art is not drawn with traditional black ink. That is the magic of MoXi.





# DREAM PROJECT FOR AN ENGINEER

## Kylie Lam

1999

BEng (CIVL)

2003

MSc (CIVL)

2003-Present

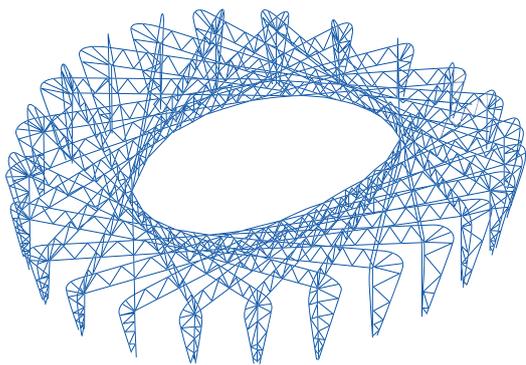
Project Engineer, Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd.

After completing her undergraduate and postgraduate studies at HKUST, Kylie joined Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd, a global company of designers, engineers, planners and business consultants. She is a project engineer, and has been involved in a number of major initiatives, the most notable being the Bird's Nest, Beijing's National Stadium and the main venue for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

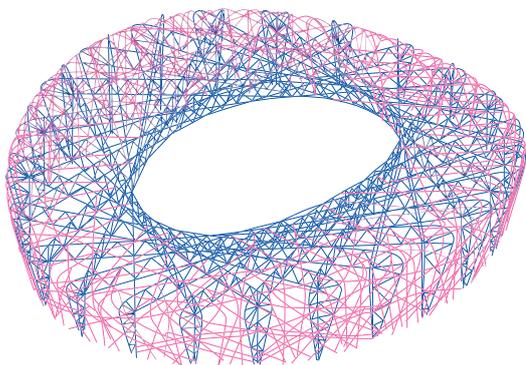
Kylie says her six months in Beijing working on the Bird's Nest were both challenging and memorable. One of her main responsibilities was developing an

analytical model for the main steel roof structure of the Bird's Nest. She also worked as a liaison engineer at the Beijing design office, co-ordinating with architects and design teams in Hong Kong and London.

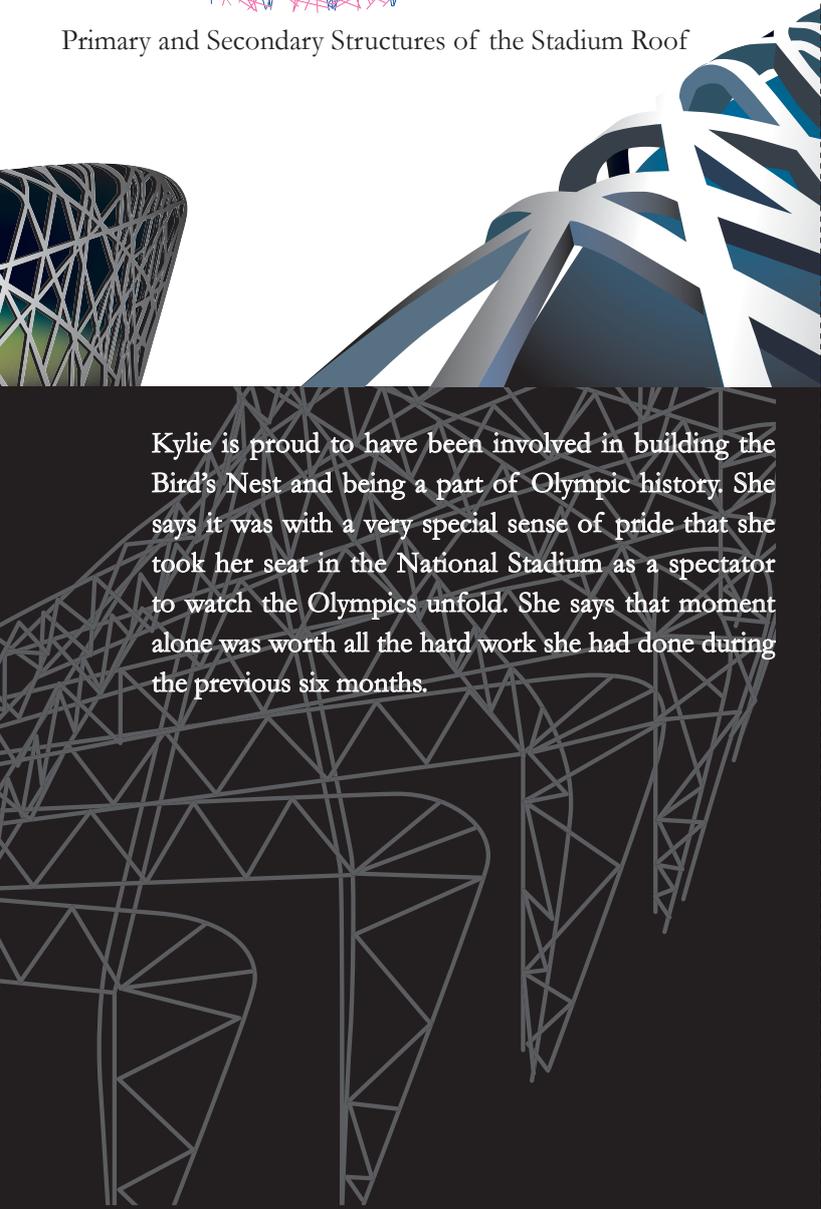
"The overall architectural form, with primary and secondary structures, is like a nest," Kylie says. "It was an amazing experience working on the 3-D analytical model and conducting static and seismic analyses of the roof structures. My colleagues and I had to overcome a lot of technical problems building the model, which has a very special geometry and more than 10,000 elements."



Primary Structure of the Stadium Roof



Primary and Secondary Structures of the Stadium Roof



Kylie is proud to have been involved in building the Bird's Nest and being a part of Olympic history. She says it was with a very special sense of pride that she took her seat in the National Stadium as a spectator to watch the Olympics unfold. She says that moment alone was worth all the hard work she had done during the previous six months.

# ANNUAL PLEDGE PROGRAM

You have been privileged to receive superior education in a top-notch university. Your ongoing support will help to propel the growth of your Alma Mater. Be a part of the excellence. Give to UST!

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# LABOR OF Love

It is heart-warming to see children of families affected by the devastating earthquake in Sichuan Province, China, returning to normal life and relaxing and enjoying what they have. There is probably a tragic story behind each smiling face. What matters is that the survivors are showing tremendous courage and strength, and that they are determined to get on with their lives.

In August 2008, six young HKUST alumni joined World Vision's team of volunteers to work on disaster relief, rehabilitation and development programs in Sichuan. The HKUST contingent comprised: Keith Ng, 06' BBA (IS&FINA); Connie Liu, 05' BBA (MARK); Martin Au, 05' BBA (ECON); Gilbert Chong, 05' BBA (MARK); Kelvin Wong, 05' BBA (MARK), and Ma Ka Ki, 05' BBA (MGTO). On

their return to Hong Kong, all six described their Sichuan experience as "most rewarding". They said they came back with a different outlook, and a greater appreciation of the many benefits and advantages they enjoyed back home in Hong Kong.

"The rebuilding and reconstruction of Sichuan is going to take a long time," says Keith. "Although our stay was comparatively brief, we did what we could to help and to show our concern. We helped distribute tents, cooking utensils and stationery supplies. We organised mental health programs for children, and we got involved in research and analysis work for redevelopment projects. We did what we could to help the victims in their material, psychological and spiritual needs."



Carrying heavy loads of relief goods in the blazing sun over quake-devastated land, with sweat and dirt all over their bodies, was an experience the alumni will never forget. They walked miles and miles, from village to village, reaching out to the old, the middle-aged, and the young. What kept the team going were the smiles of welcome and gratitude that greeted them at every village. At the end of a day of hard work, the team would go to bed with a feeling of deep contentment.

It was three months after the quake, and life in Sichuan was slowly but surely returning to normal. The children were going back to school. The alumni volunteers visited several elementary schools and talked to the students and played with them. They had also brought hundreds of schoolbags to distribute among the children. The pupils lined up in the playground to receive their gifts, one by one. They all had a smile on their faces and a look of joy and gratitude in their eyes.

The alumni volunteers were impressed by the warmth and friendliness of the teachers and the pupils of Sichuan. The children gave the team a big welcome by clapping and singing. They also asked the alumni for their autographs, and requested to have photographs taken with them.

“We did not expect a little thing like a schoolbag to make the children so happy,” says Keith. “But they were genuinely happy. You don’t see children in cities like Hong Kong smiling like that. People in mainland China have a quality of life that we in Hong Kong don’t, despite our material advantages. The average Sichuanese family earns about HK\$2,000 a year. The average monthly income of a Hong Kong family is at least five times the annual income of a Sichuan family. With all our benefits, I wonder whether we are happier than them.”

Acknowledgement:





# THE 1<sup>ST</sup> HKUST ALUMNA JOINS LEGCO

**S**tarry Lee Wai-king, who graduated from HKUST in 1996 with a BBA degree in Accounting, was elected to the Legislative Council (Legco) in September 7. As the youngest female Legislative Councillor, she is dedicating her political career to raising education standards in Hong Kong and contributing towards building up the economy.

Starry's decision to change her career from accounting professional to politician was based on a deep desire to serve the community. Like many aspiring accounting students, she joined one of the Big Four accounting firms upon graduation. Despite the pressures of her career, she found time for volunteer work. Her social service brought her in touch with people from different walks of life, and gave her insights into their lives.

Back in 2000, Starry became the youngest female District Councillor when she joined the Kowloon City District Council on the strength of her social service work. Clearly, she was not thinking of monetary rewards when she gave up a senior accounting post to enter politics and work for the community.

At university, Starry was a member of the Debate Team, an experience that would stand her in good stead when she became a politician. Debating various issues raised her awareness of social and economic problems, while helping her to hone her public speaking skills, an essential skill for any politician. She also helped to run various student groups and associations, where she developed her leadership skills.

## HKUST RISING IN GLOBAL RANKINGS

**A**s an alumnus, you will be naturally proud to see HKUST rising in world academic rankings.

Among the world's top universities, HKUST has moved up 14 places to **39th** spot this year in the *Times Higher Education Supplement-Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings*.

Among top MBA rankings, the HKUST Business School was ranked **No. 1 in Asia and Australia** for the third consecutive year by the *Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)*. The School ranks No. 11 in the world, up from No. 20 last year.



The HKUST Executive MBA Program, jointly offered with the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, topped world rankings once again this year. The program was ranked **No. 2** in the *Financial Times' EMBA global rankings*. In an integrated ranking that included Kellogg and all its international partnership programs by the *Wall Street Journal* in September, the Kellogg group of programs ranked **No. 1** in the world.

Congratulations to the faculty, students and alumni. The honors are well deserved.



Making a splash ... true-blue alumni make a great diving squad.

# BRAVING THE DEEPS



On September 28, the HKUST jetty was crowded with divers participating in “Dive Into Your Full Potential at HKUST”.



Diving for a good cause ... participants helped the less privileged to experience the fun of diving.

Our Deputy to the President, Professor Roland Chin, was the first to take the plunge, launching the event with a big splash. Accompanied by more than 80 HKUST alumni, students and staff, the spirited divers braved the deeps off the shores of our beautiful campus.

It was the first time that outsiders were invited to join in this annual event.

Sponsorship from HKUST

divers made it possible for variously disabled persons and youngsters from the underprivileged families to join in the fun at zero cost.

Alumni Mike Choi and his wife Midco

Au were among the participants.

“It was an unforgettable day for me and my wife!” said Mike. “Over the summer we had wonderful scuba diving training here at HKUST. And it was here, a decade ago, that I met my wife. Today we were certified as divers, while we helped the less privileged to experience the fun of diving. This event was an opportunity to show our love for both our community and our environment. It was very moving to see disabled divers determined to overcome their handicaps in order to take part in the event. Thanks to all for making this wonderful event possible.”

Our heartfelt thanks to the Hong Kong Underwater Association and the Sai Kung District Council for their support and for co-organising the event.



# NATIONAL HEROES GET A ROUSING WELCOME



A warm and festive atmosphere greeted China's Olympic gold medalists when they visited the campus on August 30.

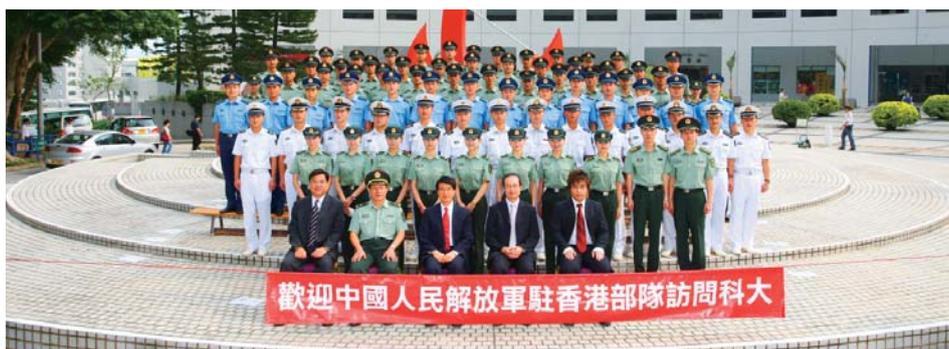
The Beijing 2008 Olympics mark a glorious milestone in our nation's history. It was a red letter day for the University when China's gold medalists visited HKUST. The grand celebration was held at the Jockey Club Atrium, which was packed with Olympic fans. The students were thrilled to get close to the national heroes and ask them questions.

Another exciting on-campus event was the visit by the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Hong Kong Garrison on October 24.

The PLA visit was a whole-day event, with PLA members being invited to experience life at the

University and meet staff and students. They were taken on tours of the campus, played a game of basketball with the students, and sat down to share lunch with them.

Trees were planted around the One-World Fountain and on the LG7 lawn to mark the visits of the Olympic stars and the PLA.



# THE PRESIDENT GETS IN ON THE ACT



Dr Super and five TechnoRangers presented a colourful drama, titled “TechnoFrontiers”, highlighting outstanding innovations and new technology developed in Hong Kong. Many of these innovations originated at HKUST. The purpose of the program was to inspire young people and stimulate their interest in science and technology, as well as design. Our President, Professor Paul Chu Ching-wu, also got in on the act, playing the part of Dr Super.

The 10 episodes covered examples of innovativeness from Hong Kong’s community of scientists and tech-heads.

One example was the unmanned model helicopter, developed by MPhil student Wang Tao. The invention was used to take an aerial scan of Sichuan after the

earthquake. The scan helped the authorities assess the extent of the damage and draw up plans for rebuilding and rehabilitating Sichuan.

The world’s first indoor air monitor, developed by School of Science graduate Teresa Law, was also featured in the program.



The world’s first indoor air monitor developed by Teresa and her team at AKOS Advanced Technology Ltd.

In case you missed the show, visit <http://www.rthk.org.hk/> and check out the program archive.



Aerial photos of Shifang, in Sichuan, taken by the unmanned model helicopter developed by HKUST MPhil student Wang Tao.

# HKUST SPIN-OFF COMPANY SHINES AT HK ELECTRONICS FAIR 2008

Perception Digital, an HKUST spin-off founded by our first PhD alumnus, Professor Jack Lau, showcased the world's first multi-functional "Fitness" MP3. The functions include jogging/walking step counting and heart-beat monitoring. The device can count steps, distant traveled and calories burnt, and compute heart beat rate in seconds with the user simply laying his finger on the sensor.

Visitors at the exhibition were also much impressed by a sleek ear-piece that reads heartbeats.

The Waterproof TV was another big draw. Designed for bathroom and outdoor use, the wireless device can be operated in water at a depth of one meter. Watching TV while taking a shower or swimming in the pool is no longer a luxury.

Perception Digital delivers innovative, cutting-edge solutions for consumer electronics applications.

Function is combined with style to create exciting, enjoyable digital products that are distributed around the world. An innovation powerhouse, the company emphasizes research and development to maintain competitive edge. Perception Digital employs over 300 staff in Hong Kong and Shenzhen. At the forefront of technological advancement, the engineering team is the largest team with 200 engineers. As Perception Digital was incubated from HKUST, not surprisingly, 26 out of the 40 engineers in Hong Kong Office, are HKUST alumni.

Perception Digital, which has numerous patents to its name, has won many prestigious awards in the industry, including honors for technological achievement, consumer product design, and innovation and technology.

The Health Index Monitoring MP3 Player



Wireless Waterproof LCD



## KOREAN ALUMNI MEET IN SEOUL

Prof T C Pong, Associate Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Mr. Vincent Cheung, Head of Postgraduate Studies of the Office of Vice-President of Academic Affairs met our alumnus Dr Han Yo-Sub at the QS Postgraduate Students Fair held at J.W. Marriott Hotel in Seoul on 3 November 2008. Having received his MPhil and PhD degree in computer science at HKUST, Dr Han is now a senior research scientist at Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST). We were so pleased to have his help in the fair.





## ACCOUNTING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### DRINKING TOGETHER 2008

On 2 October 2008, we threw a nice party at California Bar in Causeway Bay. Our alumni enjoyed the relaxing gathering very much. It was a good chance to meet up the old friends. Everybody had a great time.

### ANNUAL DINNER 2008

On 11 November 2008, our annual dinner was held at I Cup Café, Causeway Bay. The reunion dinner has attracted over 30 accounting graduates from various batches. It was an evening of reminiscing and networking. The dinner was filled with laughter and thrills. Everybody had fun with the wonderful games which featured the exciting university news.

## VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI TEAM

A volleyball alumni team gathering will be held on 6 December 2008. Volleyball team players spanning the batches of 1995-2004 would have chance to meet again. We will organize a women-men mixed match in the afternoon. Tables will be reserved on-campus for reunion dinner too. All volleyball team players are warmly welcome.

### VOLLEYBALL ALUMNI TEAM GATHERING 2008

Date: 6 December 2008 (Sat)

Time: 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Venue: HKUST Sports Hall

Dinner: 7:30pm at China Garden

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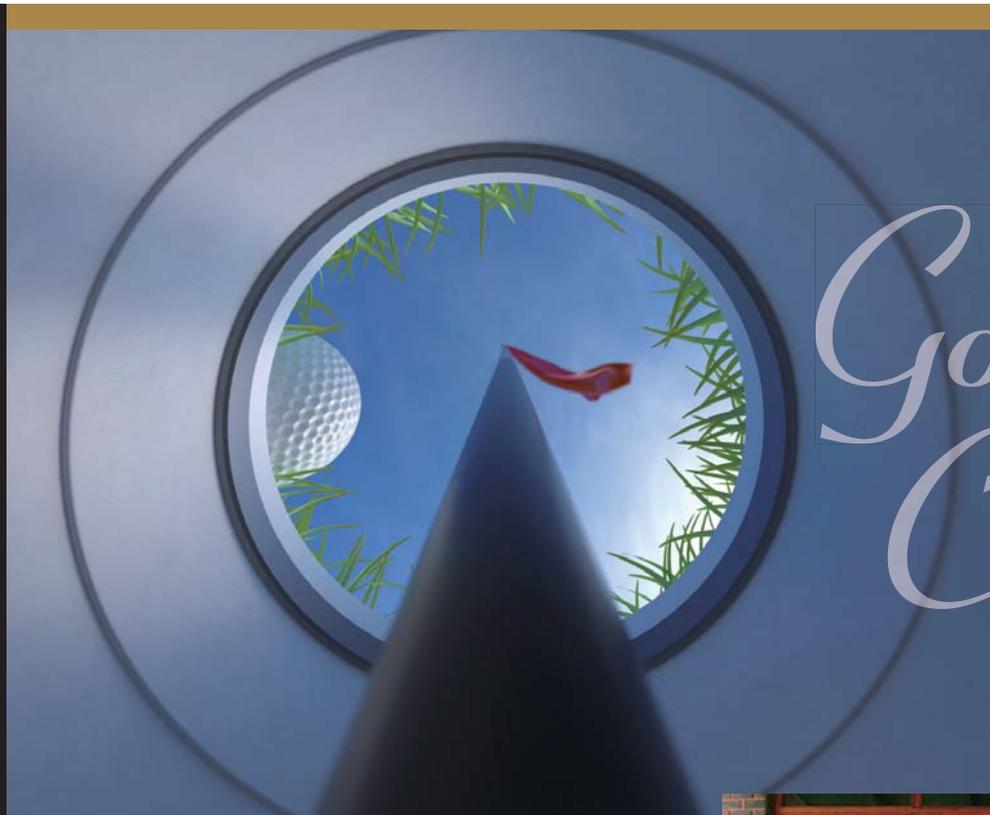
CHAN wing-man Polly  
President  
HKUST Volleyball Alumni Team

## UNIVERSITY CHOIR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

科大合唱團校友會(UCAA)，成立至今已踏入第五個年頭，而新一屆幹事會亦順利交接。我們一直抱著「唱好科大」的心，為各位科大合唱團舊生提供多元化的歌唱活動。去年我們曾聯同科大合唱團，於科大舊生周年晚會上獻唱三首經典歌曲「Edelweiss」、「All Things Bright and Beautiful」及「Bridge Over Troubled Water」；以及在聖誕節於尖沙咀海傍表演多首聖誕音樂，包括「Jingle Bells Through the Age」、「O Holy Night」等。

來年我們將繼續為大家提供不同的活動，務必讓大家繼續擁有一顆愛唱的心！





# Golf Club

## HKUST ALUMNI GOLF CLUB

It has been over six months since the launch of our golf club in late May. Four tournaments were successfully held in different golf courses. Following the first tournament held at the Jiulong Hills Golf Club in Shenzhen, the next two rounds took place at the brand-new scenic East Course of Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course in Hong Kong. We also tried the fun-filled Valley Course of Nansha Golf Club, Guangzhou for the recent tournament. Had it not been affected by typhoon in August, another tournament would have been held at the prestigious Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club in Hong Kong.

While promoting golf as a leisure sport, we would not forget about our pledge to help the needy through the means of charity donations. In support of Sichuan earthquake relief efforts, we had raised HK\$8,000 for the Hong Kong Red Cross at the inaugural tournament held at Jiulong Hills. Thanks to our members for their generosity. In addition, another program called “Swing for Charity Program” has been put in place. Over a period of 3 years, we hope to pledge a gift of HK\$40,000 every year. This on-going charity pledge of HK\$120,000 will go towards supporting 30 high school students living in Guizhou. To date, we have raised HK\$18,000. Donations are made to the U-hearts Hong Kong, a non-profit charity organization.



For more information about HKUST Alumni Golf Club, please visit our official website <http://www.ustgolf.hk>



## HKUST ALUMNI DRAGON BOAT CLUB

### The Sport

Ever want to play in the sun? Cruising, skateboard surfing and water-skiing are all popular water sports. Rowing dragon boat however seems not be your usual choice.

Dragon boat racing is a festive event held in the Tuen Ng Festival. It is taken in varied forms among different racing boats as well as the gender groups. The Alumni Team usually takes part in races for 20-paddlers and 8-paddlers boat.

Fitness training usually starts by end of the year while water training takes places during February to July in Sai Kung.

### The Spirit – One dragon, One dream

Having said it's a good cause for social gathering, we aren't a team of those with big bellies. In addition to winning prizes, we aim at challenging ourselves. Thanks to Mr. Chan Cheung Hung, the Head coach of HK Fire Services Department dragon boat team for synergizing the team. Thanks also to the teammates



### The Team – Only boys can join?

Founded in 2000, the team now consists of over 50 alumni paddlers which are not boys only. Besides, we found it very interesting to partner with many others during training. You can imagine how fun it is to row in the same boat with firemen, policemen, accountants and many more. To me, it looks like a social gathering for each to share his or her stories rather than a simple sports training every time.

### Trainings and Matches

Though boat racing was a once-a-year event, our preparation is far more than just a single-day match. Regular water and fitness trainings are scheduled months prior to the matches. We strive hard to equip ourselves with the best synchronicity and stamina.

for the mutual encouragement. The satisfaction after a match – be it a winning or losing game, pays off.

### Come Join Us !

Whether you are joining us for losing some pounds, looking tanned or even making friends, HKUST Alumni Dragon Boat Team will be your great choice.

I believe that once you join us, you will fall in love with this sport and everyone in the team. Don't hesitate, get some sunblock and join us as a paddler!

For further details, please feel free sending email to us at: [HKUSTAlumniDragonBoatClub@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:HKUSTAlumniDragonBoatClub@yahoo.com.hk)

Enjoy our Year 2008 Video at YouTube!  
[http://hk.youtube.com/watch?v=NxG8\\_hZDGRM](http://hk.youtube.com/watch?v=NxG8_hZDGRM)

## HKUST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



# Open Up new Opportunities



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Heidi Fung, '08 Physics graduate joined HKUST Alumni Association while she was still a university student.

Joining the alumni association has opened up many new opportunities for Heidi. It has enriched her social network, practical skills and career profile.

Heidi has embarked on an exciting career. The extensive HKUST alumni network has provided her with the support she needs. In addition, she has engaged herself in a variety of activities, ranging from get-togethers, enrichment events and CARE programs. Together

with many other fellow alumni from different industries and diverse backgrounds, she is certainly going to lead a life of excellence, thereby forwarding her best.

[www.ustaa.hk](http://www.ustaa.hk)

## UST ALUMNI THRUST INTO THE SPOTLIGHT- HKUSTAA ANNUAL DINNER

The HKUST Alumni Association Annual Dinner 2008 came to a successful close on 15 November 2008. It brought together over 150 UST alumni, professors and honorable guests.

Prof. Yuk-shan Wong, HKUST Vice-President (Administration & Business) addressed the alumni with the latest development of the University. We also bade farewell to Mr. Sean Lin who had served as the president of the association over the past 6 years. Mr. Almon Kwan, the new president of the next term, shared about his vision.



Yo Yo Performance, hip hop dance, beat box rap, singing and saxophone performances drove the dinner atmosphere to a high point.

Miss Connie Lee, HKUSTAA Vice President (Events) gave a year-round summary on the event highlights of the association. A video showcasing all the memorable moments of CARE programs and monthly Get-Together was screened.



Interested alumni and students are welcome to join us! For enquiries, please reach us at [al\\_hkust@ust.hk](mailto:al_hkust@ust.hk) or register at <http://www.ustaa.hk/register/>.

All eyes fell upon Mr. S.H. Yiu, the Hong Kong Yo Yo Champion who shown to all his superb dexterity in the Yo Yo show.

## MTM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The new term of executive council of Master of Technology Alumni Association (MTMAA) was nominated at the 5th AGM, which was held in June 2008. Our newly elected president, Mr. Stephen Chan, had laid out a clear set of grand vision to promote the MTM spirit:

- Discover MTM talent: Provide a platform for MTM students and alumni to learn from each other
- Foster cooperation: Network with other associations or organizations and expand our reach
- Learn with fun: Organize professional seminars, study trips, visits and other social activities

The past few months were packed with fabulous programs. The first luncheon of our professional speaker series was held in October 2008. We had the honor to have Dr. David J. Pang, currently CEO of Kerry Group Kuok Foundation Ltd and former CEO of HK Airport Authority, to share with us his expertise in the airport industry and the latest challenges for



the logistics industry. The topic, "What the airport industry is all about?" was particularly well-received. Everyone was impressed by our high quality and energetic speaker. Of course, we also have to convey our appreciation to the HKUSTAA and MBAAA for their coordination and support of our event.

Stay tuned for the upcoming events and we are looking forward to your enthusiastic participation of the activities we have contemplated.

Regards,  
MTMAA Exco



Dr. David J. Pang



## MBA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

### A JOYFUL MINI-O PLUS FAMILY 2008

The Mini-O plus family 2008 was successfully held on 12 October at the S H Ho Sports Hall. It drew more than 400 attendees, including alumni, students, staff, faculty and their family members. It set a record numbers of turnouts!

After rounds of keen races, we finally came up with a list of winners. The overall championship went to the student class of FT Yr 1. Congratulations! The team received the Champion trophy in great pride.

### TRAILWALKER CHALLENGE

Since 1999, HKUST MBAAA has taken part in Oxfam Trailwalker for a decade. Joining as both trail walkers and support team members, over 180 alumni have involved in this charity event so far. This year HKUST MBAAA sent 2 teams to take the Trailwalker challenge.



## FOOD TASTING

The food appreciation group has been established to unite people who love food and want to gain different types of food tasting experiences. A wide range of activities had been organized. “Meet the famous chefs”, Carnival brunch buffets and visits to special gourmets were the tasty moments that we couldn’t afford to miss!

Check out more at <http://www.mbaaa.ust.hk>.



## REUNION IN LONDON

On 22 November 2008, we organised the first HKUST alumni gathering at London China Town. 10 people (including 1 toddler) joined this dim-sum lunch. In fact, more people expressed their interest although they couldn’t join this time. During the gathering, it was nice to hear stories after HKUST and lives in the UK. Although some of us planned to go back to HK while others wanted to stay longer, it was a good opportunity to catch up with everyone. The good old days, such as sceneries at LG1 restaurants and the closely packed PG Hall 2 were mentioned. Current issues such as whether it would be easier to bring up a boy or a girl, are interesting. Each of us also was delighted to receive a souvenir from the alumni office!

Although our gathering was in central London, we discovered that in fact none of us lives nearby. Some even travelled more than two hours e.g. from Ipswich or Nottingham for

the gathering. We have scheduled our next gathering in the Chinese New Year on 7 Feb 2009 (Sat). If you are currently in the UK, we wish to see you on the day. Email to [alumni@ust.hk](mailto:alumni@ust.hk) if you would like to join.

Helen Cheng  
Contact Person of HKUST Alumni (UK Chapter)



# SO, WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

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1996  
Christine, Chow Wing Shan,  
BBA (MARK)  
1996  
Samuel, Lee See Wai, MSc (BIOT)

We have finally tied the knot!! On September 13, 2008 we shared the happiest day of our lives with our dear friends and families.



1996  
Tony Yip, BEng (IEEM)

Love is Destiny! We met in 2001. We fell in love in 2006. We got married on Saturday, 15 March 2008 at Regal Riverside Hotel.



1997 / 2002  
Kelvin Leung,  
BEng (CPEG) / MSc (COMP)

I got married on Oct 4, 2008.



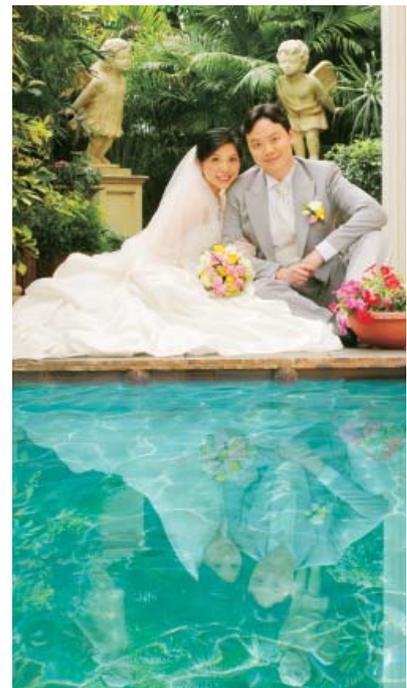
1997  
Donald Chan, BEng (CIVL)

Clara and Donald got married!



1998  
Raymond Cheung,  
BBA (ACCT) – MA

Susanna Fu and Raymond Cheung were married on 26 Feb, 2007.



1999 / 2002  
Monica Ho, BSc (CHEM) /  
MSc (EVSC)

My 2 year-old girl, Dorothy, with my Baby Dennis born on 9 April 2008.



# Class Notes

1999

Clara Ma, BBA (MARK)

Our thanks to Angelica Leung, our enthusiastic marketing alumna who often arranges fabulous alumni gatherings. On the last occasion, we met at Parekh House, where we had a relaxing afternoon and chatted over excellent food. It is always a great pleasure to meet up with former classmates and hear about their work in different industries, such as IT, finance, the government, HR, advertising, and the performing arts. It was a fantastic lunch gathering. Thank you again, Angelica, for the excellent work you do for us.



2000

Amy Tam, BBA (MARK)

After graduating from HKUST I took up a job in finance, while devoting almost all of my spare time to theatre performance. In 2005, I decided to start a career in theatre. I spent three years in Singapore, following an intensive full-time training program in intercultural theatre performance.

The Theatre Training and Research Program, organised by the Practice Performing Arts School, Singapore, gives a comprehensive training in contemporary theatre performance.

We studied both Western theatre and traditional theatre in Asia, including Japanese Noh, Indian Kutiyattam, Beijing Opera and Indonesian Wayang Wong.

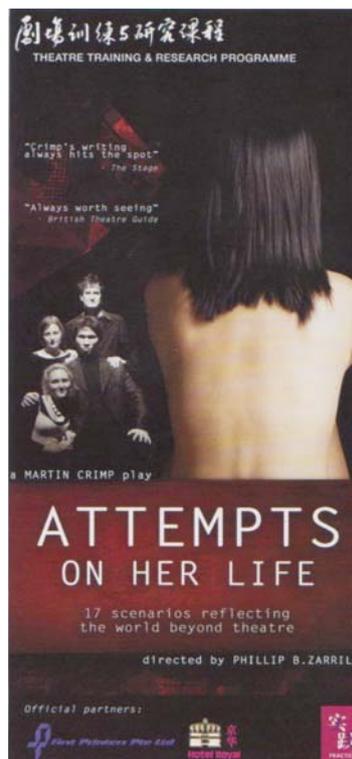
It was a very exciting journey for me.

Ours was a small class of six students. One of the students was from Mexico, and the others were from Asia – India, Malaysia and Singapore. In our final year we presented four theatre programs.

The final show was titled Hamlet Machine, a piece of physical theatre using different languages. The director was a Japanese, Mr Uichiro Feuda. The show was given at a new experimental venue. We had an audience of 80 at each performance. We gave seven performances of Hamlet Machine. The show was a huge success.

I look forward to launching my career in theatre when I graduate at the end of this year.

*Amy received the inaugural Hong Kong Drama Scholarship, presented by the Hong Kong Federation of Drama Societies, for her involvement in the Theatre Training and Research Program, in Singapore.*



2001

Frankie Kwan, BEng (EEIC)

We met when we were teenagers at HKUST, back in 1998. We left the campus in 2001, taking happy memories with us. In 2008, we returned to HKUST to celebrate our wedding. With our families, friends and especially our HKUST alumni as witnesses, we got married on March 21, 2008. Thank you, friends! From Fiona Cho, BSc (BIOL) and Frankie Kwan, BEng (EEIC), Class of 2001.



2002

Hydro Wong, BSc (CHEM)

Hope our great news was not late for you. My wife, Cherry Law, 02' BSc (Chem) and I, Hydro Wong, 02' BSc (Chem) got married on 27 Oct, 2007.



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2004  
James Ng, BSc (MAIE)

My dear friends, I am happy to announce that my wedding party will be held on November 22 this year. The handsome guy in the photo is me, James Ng, and the beautiful girl is my bride, Hikaru Lau. Welcome to my wedding party. For details, please contact me directly. I look forward to seeing you.



2004  
Polly Chan, MSc (EVSC)

Polly Chan and Danny Lo will be getting married at the University Centre Bistro, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Clearwater Bay, Kowloon, at 3.30pm, Monday, December 22, 2008.



2004  
Dai Tinglong, MPhil (IEEM)

I just got married to Ricci, after a profound four-year relationship. Now we are the happiest people in the world.



2007  
Sandy Chan, BEng (CSIE) – MC

We started a new chapter in our lives on March 8, 2008. We are Sandy Chan, '07 BEng (CSIE) and Sharon Lee, '06 BSc (BIOL).



## Memoriam

Everyone at the University was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Xu Yan, who passed away on October 2, 2008. She was suffering from leukemia. Miss Xu was a second-year PhD student in the Division of Social Science and an MPhil (SOSC) alumna from the Class of '07. Miss Xu exemplified the finest qualities of a good scholar and a good daughter during her brief but eventful life. She will be fondly remembered for her selflessness, nobility and affectionate character. We offer our sincerest condolences to her family, colleagues and friends.

