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Once a Wilderness, Now a Shangrila for Scholars

It has become the cradle of talent for Hong Kong, China and the world. It has blossomed fully into a leading university. This is our University, our alma mater, HKUST.

The 10 Years

This coming 1 July will be the 10th anniversary of our HKSAR government. On 1 July, 1997, Hong Kong became an integral part of China. This reunification was brought home to members of the University community in a multitude of ways. The national flag has been flying in our campus since that day. The playing of the national anthem has marked the opening of every Congregation since the University's Fifth Congregation in 1997. However, our spirit to be the best remains the same.



Our Campus



▲ Annex



The newest building on campus - The HK Jockey Club

Our campus is still a popular attraction for local tours. You can find the elderly strolling on our campus during weekends. The campus has changed quite a bit and will change a lot in the years to come. To prepare for the 3-3-4 educational reform, the University has planned a big scale development work on the existing Clear Water Bay Campus. There are quite a number of new building names or new structures on campus. Business School Central located downtown is also in service, offering convenient venues for our PG business courses. Besides, HKUST has reached into the Mainland with a physical and intellectual presence in Beijing, Hangzhou, Shanghai, Shenzhen and Nansha.





The number of lecture theaters is increasing



◀ The new look of UC Bistro



Remember the days and nights you spent at the Library? It's now called Lee Shau Kee Library



▼ Business School Central located downtown



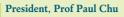
Figures: 1997's Vs 2007's

	1997	2007
Books in the Library	403,157	633,000
No. of lifts	28	32
No. of halls	8	9
No. of student rooms	2,078	3,828
		(be increased to over 4,500 in 2012)
No. of lecture theaters	8	10
Hall rent	UG twin-bed room \$7,800	UG twin-bed room \$9,600
per residential year	PG bunk-bed room \$6,750	UG triple-bed room \$7,190
		PG bunk-bed room \$7,980
No. of students	7,176	9,000
Size of the graduating class	2,175	3,200 (estimated)
Median monthly income	\$10,500	\$11,158
of fresh graduates (UG)	(Class of 1996)	(Class of 2006)

Our People

Despite the impact of the Asian economic crisis in 1997, the median monthly salary of our Class of 1996 was \$10,500. It was about the same as that of the Class of 2006. Based on the Graduate Employment Survey conducted by the Student Affairs Office, the median monthly salary of our Class of 2006 was \$11,158.

Some of the then professors of your faculty are now the Deans or even our Vice Presidents. Have a look at the photos below and see if you can recognize some of the faces.







Vice President for Administration & Business Prof Yuk-Shan Wong



Dean of Science, Prof Shui-Yuen Cheng



Dean of Engineering, Prof Philip Chan



Dean of Humanities and Social Science,

Dean of Business and Management, Prof K C Char





Our Achievements

The University has chalked up tremendous achievements over the past decade. Below are just a few recent rankings reflecting these achievements.

As at January 2007, we are:

university in Greater China (Newsweek rankings)

No. 1 in Engineering & Social Science in Greater China (SJTU survey)

No. 3 in Global EMBA ranking by Financial Times

World's top 17th university in technology (THES rankings)

World's top 52nd university in social science (THES rankings)

Our **Bond Endures**

The campus and the people here at HKUST may have changed. However, the bond we have with you endures and will never change. Visit our campus sometime to see your old friends here at HKUST. Our doors are always open for you. Mark your diary, call your old classmates and come join the Alumni Day on 29 July to relive your campus life! Read about our first Alumni Day on p.11.



Found Love @ UST

The first UST Valentine's Day program for alumni, "Found Love @ UST" Contest, was held on 1 February 2007. It is our pleasure to have Emily Nason, Alumna and Assistant Professor of Department of Management Organizations, and Karen Ma, Alumna and Assistant Director of PG Programs to be our judges. They both found their love at UST. Wendy, Senior University Development Officer of the Development & Alumni Relations Unit has also been involved in the selection process. It was no easy task for the judging panel to choose the UST sweethearts for the 3 awards. Read about their stories to discover how their love germinated and blossomed at UST!

The winning couples were invited to enjoy a wholesome lunch at Restaurant Petrus on the Level 56 of the Island Shangri-La Hong Kong Hotel overlooking the spectacular Victoria Harbour on the Chinese Valentine's Day.











the **Best Love Story**

Venus To, 2001 BEng (CPEG) Ivan Leung, 1999 BEng (CPEG)

Venus 與 Ivan 相識於 1997 年 7 月 18 日的科大工程夏令營,當時仍是中學生的 Venus 認識了科大學生 Ivan,經過五日四夜在科大的相處,Venus 除了加深對科 大工程系的認識,也加深了對 Ivan 的認識。那個夏令營除了影響了Venus 的升 學決定,也影響了她的終生幸福。

經過接近半年的熱烈追求,兩人終於在1997年的聖誕走在一起,兩人的第一幅合照也是攝於科大Concourse的聖誕樹前。這張合照為兩人在科大共同生活揭開了序幕。

Venus 放棄了其他大學,選擇入讀科大的 CPEG,與 Ivan 成為同系師兄妹。 Ivan 為了照顧 Venus,冒險在 O'camp 裏成為 spy,與 Venus 同組,其實是為了監視她。兩人在科大可謂經歷了很多風風雨雨,包括 99 年的 10 號風球,可是兩人的感情有增無減,連宿舍的阿姐也笑説二人恩愛非常,就算「打風都打唔甩」。

為了能繼續監視Venus, Ivan 決定升讀 MPhil, 更成為Venus 的 Lab Tutor, 而 Venus 得到 Ivan 的悉心指導,成為首個得到學業成就獎的 CPEG 女生,並在科大完成 MPhil,兩人在科大共花了十年時間取得四個學位。

Ivan 早於 2004 年 8 月 21 日正式向 Venus 求婚,他準備了八年來的第一打玫瑰花、一隻求婚戒指和一次求婚旅行,地點是充滿陽光與海灘的泰國布吉, Ivan 特別安排在星空下跪在酒店的泳池旁向 Venus 求婚。

2006年1月1日對於Venus 和 Ivan 應該是一個畢生難忘的日子,兩人終於結束了八年的愛情長跑。Ivan 為婚宴準備了一項神秘節目,神秘得連Venus 也不知道。婚宴的中段,Ivan 拿著八年來的第二打玫瑰花,唱著情歌從禮堂的後面走到台前,在所有賓客面前,講了八年來的第一句「我愛你」,使Venus 感動落淚。

雖然 Venus 和 Ivan 的婚禮已經完滿結束,但兩人的故事並未完結,反而是新一章的開始,婚姻是一生一世的承諾,但願兩人的故事也能延續一生一世。

For more information about the contest, please visit http://www.ust.hk/alumni/about/foundloveresult.html

the Most Look-a-like Sweethearts

Elkie Hui, 2002 BBA(ACCT) Jason Tsang, 2001 BBA(FINA)



the Happiest UST Couple

Sandy Mok, 1999 BBA (ACCT) Peter Ngai, 1999 BEng (ELEC)



School of Business and Management Alumni Dinner

24 February 2007











Kung Hei Fat Choy! Happy Birthday!

The School of Business and Management Alumni Dinner was held on the 7th day of Lunar New Year, known as "Everybody's Birthday". About 140 alumni and their families packed the China Garden Restaurant to celebrate the arrival of the year of the "Golden Pig".

All enjoyed the evening very much as it provided a good opportunity to re-engage with the School, reconnect with former classmates and celebrate the various achievements of the University and the School.

The Dinner started after Prof K C Chan, Dean of School of Business and Management (SBM) greeted the party for the Lunar New Year. Prof Angela Ng, Director of Undergraduate Programs, SBM, invited the alumni to extend their support to the trUST Program, a fundraising project initiated by current students. Through the program, more students will be able to afford their exchange studies.

The highlight of the evening was the game "Spring Greetings" which excited all participants. A lucky winner of each table was invited to express his or her greetings by using the Chinese words enclosed in the Lai See. Dean Chan together with the alumni coming up from different majors and graduation years conveyed their hearty blessings to the school and every guest. The night was filled with laugher and joyous applause.



29th July 2007

Clear your calendar and make your plans to come back for Alumni Day on 29 July. Alumni Day is a time for ALL ALUMNI to catch up with old friends and reconnect with their alma mater. The Development & Alumni Relations Team offers a variety of activities throughout the day to help you all relive your UST experiences and make new memories.

Events and programs are tailored for just about every taste, and all alumni and their families are welcome to participate and enjoy a fun-filled day at our gorgeous campus in Clear Water Bay.

Be sure to arrive before 12:30 pm to take a group picture together at our proud campus! See you all on 29 July.







Thanks to Our Donors

With all your support for HKUST, a lot of bright young students have benefited from different scholarship schemes. All of you have made a very wise investment by supporting your alma mater. These students benefitting from your donation will definitely make tremendous contributions to Hong Kong and to our future.

Mr and Mrs Liu Sing Cheong and Wong Po Yuk Scholarships



The visit of two special guests brought Christine Xu from Shanxi, Anthony Zhang from Jilin, Dayday Zhou from Sichuan and Noah Zhu from Liaoning together outside their classrooms. These four young and bright students are taking their preparatory year (Year 0) at HKUST. They are the first group of recipients of the scholarships offered by Mr and Mrs Liu Sing Cheong (SC) and Wong Po Yuk (Po Yuk).

In November 2005, Mr and Mrs Liu Sing Cheong and Wong Po Yuk made the largest-ever alumni gift – a HK\$10 million donation establishing a scholarship fund to recruit students from developing countries. SC is a graduate of the University's first MBA class, while Po Yuk took postgraduate degrees from HKUST in both business studies and social science.

The couple has been eager to establish personal relationship with the scholarship recipients. Having one of the biggest property agencies in Guangzhou and being the boss of over 2,000 employees, SC spent an evening with the four students on campus despite his busy schedule. The students enjoyed sharing their experience of adapting themselves to life in Hong Kong with SC and Po Yuk who also talked to the students about their families and their business, as well as their views on education.

SC and Po Yuk were very impressed by the students. They emphasized that they would become members of Hong Kong's vast squad of talents. They also look forward to meeting more awardees of the scholarship in the years to come.



▲ Jack was our MC of our Grand Finale celebrating HKUST's 15th Anniversary

Philip C.H. Chan Scholarship

Dr Jack Lau, the first PhD alumnus and an Adjunct Associate Professor of UST, has set up a scholarship fund for EEE Mainland students. He has also named the scholarship in honor of Prof Philip Chan, our Dean of Engineering School. Besides financial support, Jack has taken part in various university activities such as the Grand Finale celebrating the 15th birthday of UST last year, University Welcome for new students, and Confluence Dinners, etc.



Nicky wrote:

"Dear Andy,

Nicky wrote:

Allow me to introduce myself to you first. I'm Zhang Yi-ge, and you can call me Nicky. I was born and bred in Xi'an, a historical and mysterious city to many people. Born in July 1988, I'm the only child of my parents, who always have high hopes for me."

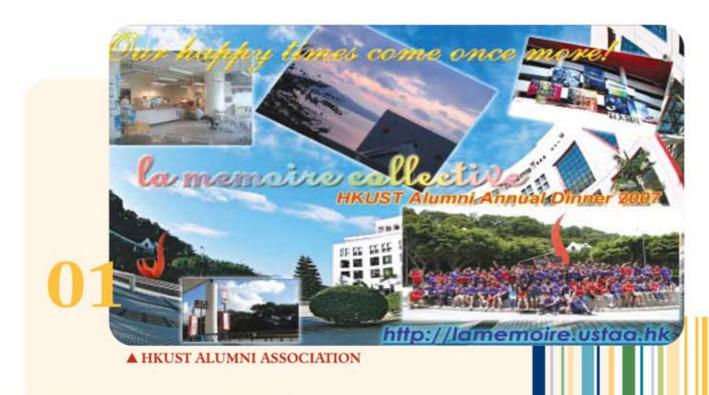
"As a freshman at first, sometimes I really felt lonely. Facing the language problem and a completely different learning style from my secondary school, I even found life hard. Fortunately, three months later, my life here turned better. I made more friends and adjusted to the teaching and learning style here. I also joined the Finance and Drama students' societies to make my life more interesting. The most important thing is, although sometimes I am alone, I know that, it is actually independence, not loneliness.

"I treasure the scholarship because it gives me both great support as well as encouragement and strong pressure. I don't mean that I like pressure, but I know that it is pressure that makes me keep in mind all the time that I need to work hard. Also I am quite encouraged by the scholarship through which I gain more self-confidence."

We are thankful to all of you and all the supporters in the community. We do look forward to your continuous support. Check out our alumni website at http://www.ust.hk/alumni/giving/giving.html and support us by participating in the various donation programs including Adopt-a-Seat Program, and Annual Pledge Program, among others.



Time really flies. Two years ago, many of you had supported the Alumni Scholarship Fund when Andy Wong (1995 ISMT graduate) initiated a personal matching scheme in July 2005. Since that time, 57 students benefited from the scholarship fund. Some of the awardees have already graduated. Are you one of the lucky awardees? In June 2006, Andy also contributed HK\$270,000 to support a young lady from the Mainland with a full tuition scholarship. Her name is Nicky Zheung. Like most of you in the past, Nicky has joined student societies and has been very involved in all kinds of promotional activities. Still remember the clamour on campus and the countless nights in preparing the banners?





MONTHLY-GET-TOGETHER

The HKUST Alumni Association organizes monthly-get-together to gather enthusiastic alumni from different backgrounds, countries, interests and majors. In March and April 2007, we organized a BBQ Buffet and a trip to Po Toi Island respectively. What is the theme of coming get together? Please visit http://together.ustaa.hk/ to know more.

CELEBRATION DINNER FOR HKUST's 15th ANNIVERSARY

On 29 October 2006, we had a big party at HKUST Lawn. Everyone was disguised in Halloween attire to celebrate HKUST's 15th Anniversary. Let's



see the feedback from one of the participants:

"Thanks to HKUSTAA for organizing such event and it just reminded us how fast time flies – at one hand we need to treasure every moment and on the other hand also realized that the friendship from the old time is already long but it will not get old. In addition, the event has given us another reason to be back in campus; and this time with my two boys – I told them that it will be great if they can end up studying in HKUST!" by Ding Hiu Kwong, '95 MBA PT

HKUST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CARE PROGRAM

The CARE Program is about caring, and it is more than caring. We Care. And we care by taking positive actions.

Since the launch of the CARE Program, we organized various CARE events, such as a visit to the Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation Centre with underprivileged children, English tutorial classes for new immigrants, Reclaim Paradise Chopsticks Sale for the conservation of tropical rainforest, etc.

As one of the awardees of Caring Organization

2006-07, we value social responsibility and strive to create a range of community development projects to promote this vision.







PHOTO GALLERY

Please visit our photo gallery at http://www.ustaa.hk/gallery/ to review our past events.

IOIN US NOW!

Just a one-off fee of \$2000, you can join our membership for LIFE. Moreover, we offer a special discount of \$1000 plus a gift of wine opener costs \$399 to all graduates of Class 2007. Special discount only valid until 31st August 2007.

How to make it? Follow this link: http://www.ustaa.hk/joinus.php

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HKUST ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - SHANGHAI CHAPTER

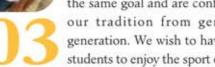
Alumni in Shanghai gathered for a festive Christmas dinner last December.



ALUMNI ROWING TEAM ◀

"Row Hard. It's better, not bitter!" is our slogan for more than 10 years. We launched a fund-raising event to raise fund to procure new rowing boats. Thanks for all the alumni's support to make the fund-raising a very successful one.

As one of the biggest sport teams in UST, we, the HKUST rowing guys, all share the same goal and are confident to pass our tradition from generation to generation. We wish to have more UST students to enjoy the sport of rowing and to join our big family!



▼ CENG ALUMNI GROUP

In the evening of 14 April 2007 (Sat), 33 CENG alumni, students and faculty members joined a dinner gathering at Hotel 36 in Prince Edward. Since 1996, the first batch of chemical engineering students graduated, this event had attracted the most number of

At the beginning of the event, we had 3 alumni speakers sharing with us on "To Be a Chartered Engineer". They were Jasper Yip ('97 graduate), Harry Lee ('99 graduate) and Jacky Fung ('99 graduate). They shared about the job application experience, the reasons why they are interested in the field and the good points of being chartered engineers.

student and alumni participants from different years.

While we enjoyed the meal, alumni and students had the opportunities getting to know each other. Students were eager to ask about career development related questions. Alumni also had fun knowing more about the present university life of the students.

All had a wonderful evening. Our alumni enjoyed meeting our "old" friends, faculty members and our younger brothers and sisters. Lastly, we all wish Jacky Fung good luck as he will continue his chemical engineering career in Australia.





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▼ DRAMA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION - PLAYZONE

科大戲劇新力量之童心未泯玩玩不斷 (www.playzone.hk) 成立於 2006 年 2 月 26日。玩玩樂園宗旨是透過不同創作,包括劇場,錄像,文字,攝影,設計等想得出做得到的,深信產品不是最終目的,讓大家在過程中嘗試,尋找,反省,發現,然後再嘗試,再尋找,再反省,再發現。透過作品,激發觀眾思想,引發觀眾同步自我嘗試,自我尋找,自我反省,自我發現。創團劇場作品《心洞_i stealove》,反應熱烈,四場爆滿。



玩玩樂園希望爭取每一個創作機會,所以定下些短期目標,希望四年內能做十個創作作品(包括劇場,錄像,攝影等),由於大部份人對劇場有認識,所以我們會比較看重劇場創作。除了舞台演出(要收錢的)外,我們都會積極參與科大劇社舉辦的[劇場革命],因為此活動絕對歡迎任何劇團演出一些三十分鐘以內的作品。

未來動向,玩玩樂園劇目《黃昏》順利打入由劇協主辦之戲劇匯演準決賽,而周年演出《馬戲》定於9月21-23日假牛池灣小劇場公演。最新消息可留意http://www.xanga.com/playzoner。



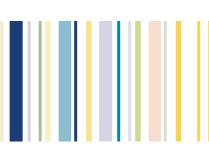
MBA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ◀

MBAAA has again prepared an array of activities throughout the year for alumni with diverse interests. These activities evolve around the framework built on 4 major themes: Reunion, International Network, Continuous Learning and Hearts. Major activities include dragon boat, in-school Mini-Olympics, Oxfam Trailwalkers, Biztral 730, mentoring, MBAAA alumni forums, contributing newspaper articles and much more.



Our efforts are also being recognized in the community with the award of the Caring Organization. So come on out and join us!

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MTM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MTMAA had the spring dinner on 17th March 2007 at the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce

Members Club. It recorded turnout with some 90 participants from all different intakes, and also guests from MTM Program (Prof Rachael Zhang and Prof Rao), HKUSTAA, MBAAA and HKUST Office of University Development and Public Affairs. Everyone enjoyed this fantastic opportunity to catch up with old classmates and to meet new friends. The AA is looking forward to another successful spring dinner in 2008.

Following the spring dinner, the association is organizing its second knowledge sharing session in May and a study trip to Taiwan in September. We welcome all MTM alumni to join. Besides the above mentioned activities, we will have our Annual General Meeting on 7 July.





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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.

1995 Windy Lee, BBA (MGTO)



There are always unexpected happy encounters in life. I am lucky to have many amazing inspirations and support from friends that I put all these in a very special book, suitable for all ages. The story of 'Wellmei the Mermaid'(人魚禾美)with many colorful paintings in attempt to demonstrate the remarkable power of creation and imagination, spread out the message of environmental protection and harmony between human beings and sea creatures. It also pursues and displays love in various relations. I am so happy that this book had received more than 300 orders before printing, was awarded a contract to print stamp covers and will participate in the coming book exhibition held at HK Convention and Exhibition Centre in July 18-24,2007. The book allows me to make lots of new friends and if you are interested to share my story of this or join our book exhibition in July or simply make a friend with me, pls feel free to email me at

pakfung@yahoo.com or take a visit to my website at www.windylee.com to share my feelings of life expressed in various poems.



1997 Philip Poon, BBA (ACCT) – MA



We have just got married on 10 March, 2007. On that day, we returned to UST campus for photo-taking, where recalls our sweet memories - we met at the Cafe. After marriage, we started to plan our internet trading business. If you have time, you can visit my own website: www.philipooncy.com and our net trading website: www.jppoon.com which will be open in June.

1997 Parker Lau, BBA (ISMT) - IS



開門復動竹,疑是故人來 Someone asked if what are the "gain" and the "loss" for my 3 years experience in Shanghai. The gain #1: proficiency in Mandarin/ shanghainese and chinese literature; #2: a beautiful wife and a good daughter; #3: some white hairs. The loss #1: fear of the future as I now have target in my life; #2: fear of uncertainty with the support of my family; #3: fear of job

security as the true understanding of my strength and weakness.

For those who know me, welcome to drop me some lines and invite me for lunch after August. For those who don't know me but wish to explore China/Shanghai, you are welcome to ask me questions about my experience.

Emily Nason, BBA (MGTO)



Stephen and I would like to share with all our UST friends the joyous addition to our family Rachael Leslie Nason (利盈) on February 21, 2007. Born in the Year of the Pig, Rachael enjoys her first weeks of life eating and sleeping (and filling diapers!). As a Pisces, she loves water very much. Stephen and I both work at the Management department at UST now and we live in a village house in Sai Kung country park. Feel

like a day out in the country side getting some fresh air? You are welcome to visit us!



Walter Leung, BEng (COMP)



I am a full time actor since 2004. This year is very special for me. I will lead a group of graduates from different universities. We will focus the

training on body, vocal and the most important one is -OUR MIND & HEART. After this year, I will make a show case for our training result.

1998 Angelica Leung, BBA (MKT)



Angelica and friends organise monthly gatherings that bring together good food, people and learning. Any money that remains after each event is put into the trUST fund.

It all started when Angelica joined InvestHK in June last year, her first time working in a centrally located office. A small lunch gathering of friends grew exponentially into a group of 30 alumni and their guests – all interested in spending one day a month learning about various topics and enjoying life.

Upcoming activities include an evening sharing on "Overcoming Cocktail Phobia" in an antique lights store and "Socially Responsible Shopping". In autumn, the group will charter a helicopter ride around Hong Kong.

2000/2006 Linus See, BBA (IS), MA (CHIN)



Somehow I've been affiliated on and off with UST after my graduation in 2000. Having worked as a research assistant in the Division of Humanities, executive officer in the School of Engineering, and obtained my master's degree in China Studies, I came back last year with an exciting assignment, which is to assist in the development of the newly established Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS).

As one of the major initiatives in UST's Strategic Plan 2005-2020, IAS aims at attracting stellar scholars to Hong Kong in building Asia's hub of academic research. Besides the talk-of-the-town visit of Prof Stephen Hawking in June 2006, we also invite top-notch experts in various fields of science and technology to give guest lectures and participate in conferences and panel discussions, including Nobel Laureates Aaron Ciechanover (Chemistry 2004), Klaus von Klitzing (Physics 1985), John Polanyi (Chemistry 1986) etc. During their visits, I have the opportunity of sharing our views on research, science and life in general. It turns out these 'crackerjacks' are much more down-to-earth than I expected and not like trapped in the ivory tower. They are in pursuit of certain ideals, panoramic rather than pedantic, which are for the betterment of the society and mankind.

It is my great honor to be inspired by these sages and involved in the IAS project. Do keep in touch and join us for our forthcoming programs! For alumni who are busy and not available to be inspired in person, you can go to our webpage http://ias.ust.hk for webcasts of our events.

2001 Alex Hung, MBA/MSc (ISM)



Studying in HKUST empowers my knowledge and helps a lot in my business development. I formed Crossover International, a business and IT consultancy firm since 2002. One of the exciting experiences is my last Bahrain (Middle-East) trip.

Before our plane descended at the international airport of Manama, the

capital of the Kingdom of Bahrain, I had little knowledge about this country. I'm rather knowledgeable about why I was heading for this place. I was attending the Global ICT Summit-Future IT Conference and Exhibition as one of the members of the Hong Kong delegation which includes ...IT professionals. I presided on the panel named "E-enterprise: Emerging Technologies". Five days of conference provided an unique opportunity for exchanging the visions and insights of the IT professionals from all over the world. Though business trip is always on a tight schedule, I endeavored to immerse myself into the local culture since it is always fascinating to explore the culture of a strange place and a kingdom afar. As an archipelago of 33 islands, the Kingdom of Bahrain, renowned as "the pearl of the Persian Gulf" is one of the richest and developed countries in the Arabian Gulf offering a blend of ancient and modern. Skyscrapers share the landscape with majestic mosques, embodiments of Islamic art, culture and architecture. The country, as many other Arabian countries, is abundant in oil production. The oil is cheap as the water here. So it is not exaggerate to name it as the "drivers' paradise": Cheap oil, wellplanned roads, and clean city. The government's determined passion for developing Barhain as the financial and information center in the Arabian Gulf invites financial investors and IT enterprises from the world. With 387 financial institutions serving only 700 thousand population, this merging market is really exciting. Weekends in Bahrain are Thursday afternoon and Friday. The navy workdays are Sunday-Thursday. Average temperature from May-September is in the 80 F. Average temperature from December-February is 64 F. However, air-conditioning is wellequipped in all buildings. Seven days trip to the Kingdom of Bahrain, an unique experience for me is the proof of my motto: "we travel to see the world and we never see more than when we're in the culture"

All graduates are welcome to submit their news on "Class Notes". The University reserves the final decision on whether the submissions will be published.



HKUST CLASS OF 1997

REUNION/07

Wanted: All '97 Grads!!!

Mark on your diary and make yourself available on 28 October 2007 (Sunday) to join the 10th Anniversary Reunion for Class of 1997. In planning the event, we need volunteers to give us ideas on how to make it a special gathering for you all. Send us a message to alumni@ust.hk and let us know if you can help.

Last year, the class of 1996 and their families had an unforgettable reunion coming back to campus to commemorate their 10th anniversary on 24 September, 2006. After the gathering, we invited all graduates of the Class of 1996 to view our online photo gallery. From their replies, you can tell how a wonderful gathering we had. For those who were not able to join, they wished they could have come.

Thanks for your great job in coordinating the re-union. I had a wonderful time chatting

with my old friends. It is also very nice to know that none of us are looking older, and our alma mater is earning more & more respect.

Looking forward to the future re-union activities

Best wishes, Yvonne

Thanks a lot for the photos! I do find some familiar faces from the album. It's a pity that I was unable to join.

Regards, Mei Kwan

I browsed the alumni photo gallery this morning and I have downloaded all photos of myself in the event. It was definitely a memorable occasion and I enjoyed it very much.

Thanks a lot for your kind notice.

Best Rgds, Gavin Ip

Thanks so much for your arrangement on Sept 24. I really enjoyed reliving the campus life.... Again, I appreciate your effort.

Thanks and Regards, Ken Yum

Further information about the reunion will be sent to your alumni email account. If you have not activated yours, please do so now at http://www.alumni.ust.hk/. Your participation and support will make this reunion a great success. We look forward to seeing you all in October.