Welcome to Graduate House

From the Master

In this eighth year of operation of Graduate House, I would like to welcome all of you who have chosen to be members of this community for the coming academic year. This is not a big community - only about 200 postgraduate students from all over the world doing research and study in different subjects – yet a unique one because you have excelled both academically and otherwise in the fierce competition of admission. I congratulate you on your success to be part of about 900 alumni of the House since its foundation.

As postgraduate students, you will certainly be busy in your research and study but I exhort you to take time during your sojourn in HKU to participate in the various social and intellectual activities in both the House and in the campus. HKU has been home to many outstanding graduates and alumni past and present. You are part of this fine living tradition with history in the making. Contribute to it not only with your academic excellence but also your interests and other noble pursuits in life.

As members of HKU, you are also part of the bigger family of society at large and therefore, an essential component of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, which will be celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2007. To join the HKSAR family at this historical juncture is something worthy of your reflection in what you may be involved beyond the university campus. Again, I would like to exhort you to take an active role not only as students but also as citizens to a civil polity in the making.

I hope that in the months ahead, we as a community and family will encourage and support each other in our growth towards both the university and social citizenship and in the process, help build a much stronger House.

Dr. Desmond Hui

From the Resident Fellow

Welcome to Graduate House! Theoretically, I should know everyone because I have screened all the application forms. Yet, there is no photograph on the form, so please don’t be shy to introduce yourself to me when we meet in the elevator and common areas.

I have lived in Graduate House since May 2002. Throughout the years, I have helped the In House Management Committee and Resident Committee in organising activities for residents and the University Community. It has been a very challenging but very enjoyable experience.

There are many successful projects, such as the Chinese Music Concerts, The Graduate Idol Competition, etc. Yet, we need your constant support! For example, we will need your submission of articles to this Newsletter and participation in different cultural activities. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to contact me at: hkwlaw@hkucc.hku.hk

Dr. Helen Law

From the Manager

As most of you will be staying here for at least one year, why not make use of this time to get to know more people, to make more friends, to learn from each other and maybe even to find your significant other? To help cultivate such opportunities, the Management seeks your co-operation in maintaining a harmonious environment for yourself and other fellow residents. If you are in doubt about issues related to residential life, ask our staff in the office. If you think there are things that may make your stay here a more pleasant and memorable one, make suggestions to us. If you see problems that may affect your daily lives, report to us. Remember, Graduate House is your house and we are here for you.

Mr. Rocky Tang
From the Resident Committee

Hi, I’m Ken Ho, from Vancouver, Canada, and currently a Year 2 PhD student at the Centre of Asian Studies. I’ve had the privilege of living in Graduate House since August 2005, and have been a member of the Residents Committee since October 2005. Since then, I have forged many friendships at Graduate House, some of which will last a lifetime. I hope that when you reach old age, you will not regret missing this valuable opportunity to make friends, to explore Hong Kong with them, to do things other than study (e.g. play sports, travel, etc.), and to enrich yourself in the process. So when you see a stranger in the lift, in the lounges, or in the hallways, say “Hi, my name is ___. How are you?”

Kenneth HO

Konnichiwa! I'm Natsuko from Japan. I joined RC last year, and Ken and I organize events for Graduate House residents. I enjoy encountering different cultures and learning languages as well as introducing my own culture. Last year's Japan Night finished with a big success, and I hope I can organize it again! Please feel free to talk to me if you are interested in Japanese culture or joining us to run RC together!

Natsuko FUKUE

RC Nomination / Election

To make GH our home away from home, we need YOUR HELP! Take a little bit of time out of your schedule to help us organize activities such as Movie Nights and Culture Nights and events such as the Annual Christmas Party. We especially need more representatives from Hong Kong – your familiarity with Hong Kong would really come in handy – and Mainland China, since students from the PRC make up 80% of the residents at Graduate House.

Your RC

Graduate House Orientation (12/9/06)

As the orientation concerns the safety and well being of every resident of Graduate House, attendance is obligatory.

The talks will be held at 4pm and a make-up session will be conducted in the late evening at 10 pm.

Dr. Desmond Hui (Master), Dr. Helen Law (Resident Fellow), Student Representatives will deliver the Welcoming speeches. Followed by representative of the Safety Office and Mr. Rocky Tang (Manager), talking on fire safety and house keeping matters.

Please remember, it is ultimately your responsibility to be familiar with the Fire escape route and procedures!!

Please sign up at P1!!

Tea with Tutor Fellow (28/6/06)

Social Sciences Students

Just want to thank Dr. Peter Cheung for organising the tea gathering and thanks Pei Yuxin, Ke Xue and Ken Ho for coming! It was a nice afternoon chat!

Please feel free to contact Tutor Fellow of your Faculty:

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We need your help in organizing the Cultural nights, Movie nights, Parties, and Ballgames. For more details, please come to the Welcoming Party!
**Artist in Residence**
The Master will invite international and local artist to stay in the Graduate House and to share their art, craft, talents and insights with the residents. If you want GH to invite any artists, please write to the master: gradhse@hkucc.hku.hk

**Le French May & Graduate House**
This is a joint function organised by Graduate House and Hong Kong Arts Centre

Misterious (C) is a yellow grinning cat created by the C.H.A.T. (La Communauté Harmonieuse des Artistes Taciturnes, or The Harmonious Community of Taciturn Artists). Since 2000, images of grinning cats have been popping up on walls all over Paris. Misterious (C) was born on the streets as a symbol of joy and hope, and is the city’s guardian angel. It is now seen everywhere in Europe. In May 2006, C.H.A.T. came to HK as artist-in-residence at Graduate House and did a wall “graffiti” for us on P4.

**Cityscaper in Time**
By Phil Shek

**Creation@Graduate House**
In June, we have called for the submission of artwork for Exhibition. There are really a lot of hidden talents in Graduate House! We have received paintings, photographs, video clippings and sculptures. We thank all the participants for their submission. Our Master, Dr. Desmond Hui, has selected some entries and we will arrange for the Exhibition very soon.

Please refer to Posters and Announcements!
Social Gathering

28/06/06

Having Fun!

Classical Music with Resident Fellow

Sorry to have cancelled the event on June 21 due to the World Cup Matches. Summer has been a bit quiet in the House and we will restart this program this month. Come enjoy the music and have a relaxing time!! Also, please feel free to suggest any title!

Sept 20, 2006 (Wed) 10:00pm GH Foyer
Yo-Yo Ma Plays Ennio Morricone

Oct 25, 2006 (Wed) 10:00pm GH Foyer
Loreena McKennitt – The Mask and Mirror

Recent Events in GH

26/8
Graduate House Movie Night (7:30 pm)
The chronicles of Narnia

6/9
Welcoming Party (8:30 pm)

12/9
Orientation Talk - compulsory (4pm/10pm)
If you cannot attend the orientation, please send a note to GH Office.

20/9
Classical Music with Resident Fellow
Yo-Yo Ma Plays Ennio Morricone

TBA
Mid-autumn Festival
RC Movie Series (9 pm)
RC Candidates Night/RC Election

-- Please refer to Posters for Details --

Are you interested in writing?
If you have any ideas, articles, or images to share, please email the Editor (Helen Law) at hkwlaw@hkucc.hku.hk

In - out Board

May - Aug

A warm welcome to all new residents!
A fond farewell to those who have moved out recently!

This is a section where we say hi to new residents and farewell the residents who have moved out recently. Due to the large number of “Ins” and “Outs” in the past few months, names are not listed in this issue. To find out who is living around you, please join our activities or check out the notice board in the lounges! Have Fun Friend Searching!!

Apply 3 months ahead if you would like to be considered for the (24+12) policy!