Message from the Newsletter Editorial Team

Dear Residents,

Greetings. Another academic year has come nearly to an end. With the summer at its peak, it’s time to enjoy bright sunny days with your beloved, while planning for the next lap of your life’s voyage.

It has been six eventful months since the last issue of the newsletter was published. In these months the House organized and enjoyed a number of activities namely High Table Dinner; movie nights; series of interactive session with the Master in the form BBQ parties, Karaoke nights, Pool game, Ping Pong games; launching of cultural corner and cultural newsletter; gatherings with Tutor Fellows and music sharing nights. Also in these months, in-house facilities have been enhanced noticeably with the addition of overnight guest rooms at P1 level, piano and new wide-screen TV set in the common room, new sofa sets in the student lounges, new Ping Pong table etc. Undoubtedly, the house has been much livelier. In the coming days the house will nurture this liveliness through organizing events which will be full of fun and joy - together with the residents. By all means, the management team is striving to enhance and broaden its services. As a member of the HKU family, the management aims to make more meaningful and significant contribution to the visions of the university.

By the time next issue of newsletter comes out, a number of you will be moving out of graduate house, or graduating and starting your professional carrier. The house wholeheartedly wishes you every success in the coming days.

Enjoy the summer!!

Newsletter Editorial Team
High Table Dinner

This year’s high table dinner was organized at Loke Yew Hall on 14 April 2010. The dinner was attended by the Master of Graduate House, Professor Billy Chow and 175 residents. Mr. Tao Kit, a famous scholar and writer in Hong Kong, was the Guest of Honour. It was also attended by Ms. Sandy Fok, Chairlady of Graduate House Committee of Management and Dr. Albert Chau, Dean of Student Affairs. The guest of honour, Mr. Tao, delivered a speech titled “The Path of University Education”. The speech was highly appreciated and aroused great interest amongst the residents.
In the event residents had the opportunity to get along with each other and with the guest of honors.

Cultural Performance by the Residents

Residents impressed the audience with their marvelous cultural dexterity
New Appointments - Honorary Resident Tutors

Three Honorary Resident Tutors Miss Jessie Li, Miss Tina Wei and Mr. Golam Moinuddin have been appointed in Graduate House. Their affiliations are as following:

Miss Tina Wei  Faculty of Medicine
Miss Jessie Li  Faculty of Medicine
Mr. Golam Moinuddin  Faculty of Architecture

The Honorary Resident Tutors, along with the Resident Fellow, will be assisting the Master with the general administration, maintaining the moral, social and general well-being of the house residents.
and organizing activities for the Graduate House community. House management’s outreach to residents hopefully will be strengthened with these appointments.

Messages from Honorary Resident Tutors

Tina Wei

Hi, everyone! This is Tina. I am a PhD student in department of Obstetrics and Gynecology with a specific interest in ovarian cancer research. Easy going and energetic, that’s probably the reasons why I participated in various activities and community services besides academic research.

I was a volunteer working as the National Olympic Committee assistant for Swiss national team during the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games - Hong Kong equestrian event. I worked as the volunteer leader during the 2009 Hong Kong 5th East Asia Games. I was the project officer in “Climate Chance”, a student coalition aiming to promote climate change awareness in the University of Hong Kong. I enjoyed all those activities because I believe that such different elements of life help to fully explore ourselves.

In the last couple of months, through a series of house activities we had the opportunity to know each other better. I would like to thank you all for your support in the formation of house sports interest groups. We now have badminton, tennis, table tennis, basketball, football, squash, volleyball, hiking and photography interest groups.

I wish graduate house becomes your second home where you can share your joy and sorrow, recharge yourselves, and later on retrospect to be ‘a walk to remember’.

Jessie Li

“404 Error: Page Not Found.”(!) Yes. This is my room number. I am Jessie, having been the honorary residential tutor of Graduate House since April. I am a second year PhD student from the Faculty of Medicine. Before that, I completed my master’s degree from Tsinghua University, China. I like music, movie, swimming, hiking and cooking. In the past four months, I learned more about Graduate House, got involved with the house management and made lots of new friends.

It has been my great pleasure to be able to organize activities such as music sharing, Karaoke night and BBQ night in the last couple of months. It’s good to see that we have numerous
activities going on now in our house. Through pursuing the tutoring assignment, I now deeply feel the important responsibilities of it - taking good care of the housemates, listening to and helping the residents to the optimum. So if you have any trouble and want to find a friend, I will always be there.

I hope Graduate House will become a big warm family for you with full of love.

Golam Moinuddin

I am a 3rd year PhD student from the Faculty of Architecture. I obtained my M.Sc (Urban Planning) from the same faculty as well.

Through out my university life I’ve played active role in hall and central students’ body and took part in a number of activities such as flood relief, charity events for autistic children etc. I served as the Vice-president of St. John’s College Post-Graduate Students’ Union during 2007-2008. Last year I was nominated to be a mentor for “Summer Institute 2009: Asia as the Global Future” program organized by the faculty of social sciences, the University of Hong Kong. As part of that program i travelled with my mentees – who were mostly from North America, in different parts of China, Macau SAR and South Korea.

I enjoy socializing, making friends, getting active in community welfare activities etc. I have keen interest in music, movies, literature and architectural heritage. Feel free to contact me whenever you deem it necessary.

Addition of New House Facilities

A number of facilities have been added since December 2009. These are as following:

A. **Overnight Guest Rooms**

   The construction of the two guest rooms on P1 Level was completed on 18 January 2010 and 10 February 2010 respectively. These guest rooms are meant to provide accommodation for residents’ overnight guests.
B. **Grand Piano for Common Room at P1-04**
With the significant effort of GHCoM Chairlady Ms. Sandy Fok, a donor had kindly donated a grand piano to Graduate House. The piano with good sound quality has been made available in the Common Room of P1-04 for residents’ playing since 11 March 2010. Hopefully, the piano will encourage music learning and appreciation while cultivating cultural environment of the House.

C. **Ping Pong at P1-01**
On 12 March 2010, a new table tennis table (ping pong table) has been purchased as part of house’s initiative to boost residents’ interest and skills in sports. It is now available at P4 Foyer and residents can enjoy playing on it by borrowing table net from the service counter according to a reservation system.

D. **New Leather Sofas for Floor Student Lounges**
New sofas have been purchased for all lounges and have been in place from 11 June 2010 afternoon. The new sofas are leather covered with a nice look and are more comfortable than the previous ones.
E. **New 46” LCD High Definition TV for the common room at P01-04**

Courtesy to Master’s prompt initiative, the common room at the P01-04 now houses a 46” LCD High Definition TV. For the sports enthusiasts – specially the soccer fans; this new hardware has been a delight indeed as it boosted the fun of watching World Cup Soccer 2010 to many fold.

F. **Cultural Newsletter and Cultural Corner**

A cultural newsletter has been launched since January 2010. It is a unique platform to promote and create awareness regarding cultural activities around Hong Kong amongst the Graduate House members. To keep the house residents informed on forthcoming events and points of interest, the cultural newsletter will be the medium for casual exchange of information. This will hopefully encourage the house member to take advantage of living in such a vibrant and diverse city that offers a constant variety of activities. The Graduate House members are invited to contribute highlights, upcoming events and their personal experiences of cultural activities into this newsletter. To facilitate the display of leaflets, pamphlets of cultural activities in Hong Kong and cultures in general, a cultural corner has been established near the newspaper stand at P1 level. If you are interested to share and inform your fellow residents about cultural events in Hong Kong, please visit the following web link -

Formation of Sports Interest Groups

The house has formed a number of sports interest group to stimulate residents' participation in sports activities. Residents can enquire about the weekly sports activities/reservation of sports venue by visiting following sports interest group websites. Have fun, and do join the group you find interesting.

If you are interested in BADMINTON, please go to:
http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dDdVQnBhU0pSbjV5ZF82ekNoZmtNRUE6MA

For TENNIS, please go to:
http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGJUMEs2X3F0MEFnX1JhVIFNdHk1d0E6MA

For SWIMMING, please go to:
http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dE9CRG1YVzBkeWE5d1ZBWHhGS3A5NEE6MQ

For PING PONG, please go to:
http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dHgzeTNDX04zLWpxNXpS2tRNEY5N1E6MA

For VOLLEYBALL, please go to:
http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dE9JakZyTm9oNUJicm9WbHdqSTFFdlE6MQ

For HIKING, please go to:
https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=zh_TW&formkey=dGJPcl9zOBs1h0STQ5azZtOHA0cUE6MQ

For SQUASH, please go to:
https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=zh_TW&formkey=dE1HOTR4V0hTb2swUGh2TUg1d0Y5eE6MQ

For in BASKETBALL please go to,
https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=zh_TW&formkey=dG5XcnlRQUl1cG5FTWZQUFZCdjc3NEE6MQ

For FOOTBALL, please go to:
https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=zh_TW&formkey=dFZzNEVWanBqd0w0d2x4RWItT2RVRIE6MQ

For PHOTOGRAPHY, please go to:
https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=zh_TW&formkey=dGVuQjBTM2XSFZfeVpocGt2SHBauUmc6MQ

Tutor Fellow Gatherings with Residents

Three lunch gatherings with the concerned Tutor Fellows were organized. These gatherings provided a good channel for residents to seek necessary guidance from staff within their own Faculty.
A.  **Faculty of Arts** (held on 5 February 2010)

Graduate House Tutor Fellow (Faculty of Arts) Dr. C.M. Si (centre) along with the Graduate House Master (3\textsuperscript{rd} from the left) of and fellow residents.

B.  **Faculty of Education** (held on 19 March 2010)

Graduate House Tutor Fellow (Faculty of Education) Dr. Li Hui (first row 4\textsuperscript{th} from left) along with the Graduate House Master (first row, centre), Resident Fellow (first row, first from the right) and the residents.

C.  **Faculty of Medicine** (20 May 2010)

Graduate House Tutor Fellow (Faculty of Medicine) Dr. M.H. Sham (first row, centre) along with the Resident Fellow Dr. Gennifer Gao (first row, 3\textsuperscript{rd} from the left) and the residents
Recent Events

Music Sharing Night by Morton Wan

The event took place on 26 May 2010 between 8:30 to 9:30 pm at P01-04. Morton played several classical pieces and, not to mention, impressed the audience. It was a lively session where the pianist responded to queries from the audience. Residents along with the Master, the Resident Fellow, Honorary Resident Tutors and the manager were the audience. At the end of the event, the Master presented souvenir to Morton on behalf of the house.

BBQ Gathering

A barbecue gathering was organized at the Graduate House Garden on 23 April 2010 attended by the residents and their guests. The house Master also participated in that event. The participants enjoyed meeting one another in a beautiful and relaxed environment.
Music Sharing Night by Siu Ying

The session was held at the Foyer on P4 Level on 23 April 2010. Miss Siu Ying, the guitarist/songwriter who performed in this year’s High Table Dinner was invited by the Management to share her music. Miss Siu Ying played the guitar and sang a few of her own original songs. It was indeed a touching event that provided a unique experience for many.
Movie Show – Sharing Session
Two movie shows were organized jointly by the Management and the RC. One show was on 12 March 2010 screening “Ip Man” and another was on 23 March 2010 screening “Bodyguards and Assassins”. Post-movie sharing session was also held after each show. The session enabled the residents to enjoy movies in the multi cultural environment of the House and to express their appreciation afterwards.

A Date with the Fellow Residents and the Master
A series of gatherings were held for the residents to meet one another and the new Master. These included BBQ Night, Pool Game, Karaoke Night, Ping Pong Night and BBQ Night. These gatherings acted as a platform for the residents to bond with each other and the Master through friendly communication in a relaxed setting to build a sense of community.

BBQ Night: 2 April 2010
A Date with the Fellow Residents and the Master: BBQ Night
30 March 2010
A Date with the Fellow Residents and the Master: Ping Pong Night
1 April 2010

A Date with the Fellow Residents and the Master: Karaoke Night
31 March 2010
A Date with the Fellow Residents and the Master: Pool Game
29 March 2010
An Afternoon in Shau Kei Wan  
Professor Billy KC Chow  
Master, Graduate House

The small island of Hong Kong holds many interesting places for day trips. Like sparkling gems, each one is uniquely polished by time and the development of Hong Kong.

Over the weekend I visited Shau Kei Wan, a town located in the Eastern District of Hong Kong with a very rich local history. It began as a storm shelter for fishermen in the early 18th century and it grew from a small fishing village to a successful fish trading market that supported the local community for many years. Today, the fishing market is still active but Shau Kei Wan is no longer a little fishing village but a well-populated area that can be reached by all means of public transportation. Old style bakeries, dry goods stores and open wet markets line the street along sides of large chain brands and supermarkets. Shau Kei Wan is definitely a mish mash of the old and the new but it is the blur in between that makes it so difficult to label.

We began our trip with a visit to the famous fish ball noodle store “On Lee” located on the #22 Shau Kei Wan Main Street East. This little gem opened its doors in 1966 and its fame has spread far and wide. One can’t miss seeing it due to the large group of people queuing up for a tasty meal. Since the wait is usually more then thirty minutes, we took a number and visited the Tin Hau Temple across the street.

“Tin Hau”, also known as the Queen of Heaven and the Goddess of the Sea is held in high esteem by fishermen because they believe that she can predict the weather and protect fishermen from the dangers at sea. Since the decline of the local fishing industry, her role has expanded to the care of families and bringing prosperity to her believers. On special festival days, the temple is packed with people and the smell of joss sticks can be quit intoxicating. It is a small temple but holds many pretty features for photos. Followers can also get their fortune told with ‘tsim’ after offering of joss sticks. This done by shaking a set of bamboo sticks marked with numbers in a bamboo case. The person will need to think of the question that needs to be answered. The first bamboo stick that falls out indicates a number that corresponds to a message.

We went back to “On Lee” after the temple visit in perfect timing because they had seats for us. Don’t expect a quiet table just for two because you will probably be sharing your table with a group of strangers. It makes the experience quite fun since you can catch bits of conversation here and there while trying to keep your elbows from knocking into the person sitting next to you. You can also peek at what others are eating before ordering. There are no limitations to the number of dishes or the combination you can order. And seeing your neighbor diners with plates and bowls all around them, it seems to justify the saying ‘the more the merrier’
and lessens the guilty feeling of over eating. We start off the meal with the deep fried fish skin. These little crisps are served in a white paper bag and are a little salty but in a good way. It always wakes up the appetite. We usually get my favorite; beef brisket served on a bed of thin egg noodles with soup on the side. The texture of the noodles is firm and chewy which soaks up the flavors of the beef sauce perfectly, but it is only complete with a spoon of their special hot sauce. We also order the all-time-favorite fish ball noodles, which consist of fish balls, fish cakes on rice noodle in soup. The fish balls are bouncy to the bite; just the way Hong Kong people like them. We finish off our meal with a hot milk tea. The dark bold tea is smoothed by the creamy evaporated milk. It is the perfect companion to On Lee’s special butter and condensed milk on toast. I have not tasted anything quite like it anywhere else. It certainly is a 'little piece of heaven' that should not be missed on any account. It is not for the people who worry about fats or clotted arteries, the butter is so thick that it resembles a piece of cheese. One bite of this delicious combo and you would be hooked.

With our bellies full and in great need of burning off some calories, we headed towards our next stop, “The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defense”. It is just a short fifteen minutes walk from the noodle shop. The museum building was originally built in 1887 as Lei Yue Mun Fort used for costal defense. It has now been transformed into a comfortable exhibition center. It is situated at the top of a hill that offers a breath taking view of the harbour and the park-like greenery around the out door display makes it a very relaxing place to visit. It holds permanent displays on the history of Hong Kong’s coastal defense from the time of Ming and Qing, the British, the Japanese invasion, to the time after the resumption of Chinese sovereignty over Hong Kong. The highlight exhibition: “Escape From Hong Kong” which documents the risky escape of sixty-eight British and Chinese officers to the coast of mainland China in 1941 will be held until next year. The $10 entrance fee is a great value for such an informative and visually stimulating display. The Tam Kung Temple and the Fisherman Wholesale market are also interesting places to visit, located just a few minutes away from the museum. I hope you will take some time to
enjoy a day in Shau Kei Wan. For more information, please visit the following sites, and pictures of a couple of restaurants there:


As I have mentioned before, please share your cultural adventures in Hong Kong with everyone in Graduate House.

**Residents’ Corner**

**Tong Liangliang**

MPhil candidate
Computer Science Department

To all the friends in Graduate House,

I am Tong Liangliang, a Computer Science MPhil candidate who is about to graduate this August. Sad to say goodbye, but grateful to meet you guys in this Graduate House Family.

Just like most of the engineering geeks, I am a little “otaku” and prefer reading more than speaking. It is kind of perfect for me to wake up in the morning with bird twitters, soft sunshine and such a big window of silently unfolded green leaves. Got bored with the experiments in laboratory? Grab a cup of coffee and taste it on the balcony. Wanna escape from the routine of dining at university canteens? Call several friends to make a hotpot in the lounge. Gaining weight recently? How about playing Pingpong or walking in the mountain backyard? There are so many things to do in and around Graduate House, but so many times I just stayed in a small room alone. You can see my regret now. So take my advice - open yourselves up and enjoy living at Graduate House.

Best wishes for all.

Liangliang
Life in Graduate House - Live it, Love it
Liu Yang and Li Guijun

It was really a long way for us to travel 2,300 KM from Northeast China to Hong Kong. During the day long travel, we came across people of different culture from all over the world and everything seems unfamiliar. But the feeling of arriving Graduate House is from one home to another home: comfortable, warm and full of love. Residents helped us a lot during the check-in and made us felt comfortable in the new campus environment.

Living in Graduate House is a wonderful experience. North is the sea, surrounding is the green mountain, the air is really enjoyable. Every morning the singing birds wake us up; opening the window comes in the forest fresh smells; walking around, everyone is saying morning. What a wonderful morning!

Outsides the house, flowers bloom throughout the year. Butterflies and bees are roving around our House. The pink flowers, the green grass and the deep blue sky, all inducing good emotions on us through out the day.

In the House, we chat, we read, we play piano, we play Ping Pong, we have Christmas parties, we climb the mountain behind and we BBQ together with all the residents like a family.

Well, if using one sentence to describe the life in Graduate House, it is the old way - Live it, Love it!

Good Bye