GRADUATE HOUSE
15th ANNIVERSARY
NEWSLETTER
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From the Editor

Marching towards the 2\textsuperscript{nd} century of HKU, year 2013 also marks the 15\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary of the Graduate House.

Within these 15 years, the Graduate House has remarkably progressed and transformed into a full-fledged residential complex. Now, the Graduate House stands tall as one of the most sought-after residential halls.

This special edition captures the momentous snapshots of the House. Watch out for a series of celebratory activities throughout the year of 2013.

Lastly, we would like to extend our warmest gratitude to all staffs and residents for making the House a special and unique residential hall in HKU.

Congratulations, Graduate House!

Best wishes,
The Editorial Team
3 April 2013
It give me great pleasure to congratulate the Graduate House at it celebrates its 15th Anniversary.

The University of Hong Kong is a world-class research-led comprehensive university, and its research accomplishments are internationally acclaimed. One aspect of our on-going research strategy has been to prioritise the recruitment of leasing scholars in their field, as we believe that outstanding academics attract outstanding postgraduate students who want to learn from and work with the best people in their field. And outstanding young researchers help to attract outstanding scholars who want to work in vibrant academic environment where the students are bright motivated and enthusiastic about tackling challenges.

Postgraduate university life would not be complete and memorable without a dynamic and fulfilling intellectual environment. Since its establishment in 1998, the Graduate House has represented both a place and space for the lives and endeavors of our postgraduate students. In addition to being the only hall of residence on the HKU campus offering accommodation exclusively to full-time postgraduate students, it has also helped them develop a sense of camaraderie, understanding and mutual respect. It is a place for the meeting of minds, and for scholarly exchange to flourish. I am sure the memories they build while at Graduate House will be ones they will cherish for the rest of their lives.

My best wishes to all the members of Graduate House on this happy and historic occasion.

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui  
Vice-Chancellor
It is my honour and privilege to have served as Chairperson of the Graduate House Management Committee for over 5 years and have since witnessed the continuous evolution of a vibrant postgraduate community right in the heart of the HKU campus. The Graduate House, kindly donated by the Hong Kong Jockey Club in 1998 is a totally self-funded residence hall for postgraduate students. All of you have worked very hard in the past 15 years to ensure the Graduate House is first of all financially viable to support the facilities and maintenance of the premises so that it is a safe and pleasant place to live. More importantly, all of you had given your passion and love to this place, the key ingredients making the Graduate House so much more than just a “dormitory”. The Graduate House had become a living space where students bond, make friends, share laughter and tears. It has become a place full of memories for many students who had graduated and moved on in their lives.

The Graduate House is in a prime location at the HKU Campus. It is my wish as well as I am sure for many postgraduate students to see that the Graduate House becoming an anchor for postgraduates who may not have a chance to live there. We have in the past years explored ways to integrate other postgraduate communities and student bodies through our activities and events. It is our vision to see the Graduate House becoming an open academic learning and exchange focal point, a place where all post graduates could still call “home” even if they do not physically live there. It requires from all residents, the whole post graduate community of HKU, the Master, the Management Office, and the Management Committee of course, leadership, an open mind and determination to lead the Graduate House to a new era in the next 15 years and beyond. I wish the Graduate House, its residents and staff good health and success.
I feel very honored to be taking part in the Graduate House 15 year anniversary celebration. Since its completion just before the turn of the new millennium, it has been the home of many students from all around the world. Graduate House has grown and matured since its early days, developing its own culture and distinctive personality. When I first became the Master three years ago, my knowledge of halls was limited to the positive experience of my own early student days. I recall the sense of a cohesive community that nurtures character building and lasting friendships and knew this would be of paramount importance also to residence at the Graduate House.

The diverse background of the resident creates an interesting mix of talents and interest. On a regular night, one can see residents practice lively Chinese string instruments or sing-a-long with a piano while a card game and/or a pool competition unfold on the opposite end of the common area. Groups of residents inviting their friends are having hotpot upstairs in the lounges. Currently there are twenty some active interest groups that provide the platforms to encourage continuous participation and interaction among groups of residents, contributing to exchange of life experiences, building of new friendships that could last for a life time. These are the memories that we all share together being residents of the Graduate House.

In the past, we have already build a reputation of our house, we have organized popular music sharing nights, magic shows, seminars and talks for post-graduates to survive and to adapt to the academic world. I believe that the success of Graduate House has been made possible by the open mindedness of the staff and residents. Every new idea has been received with enthusiasm because we all share a common goal of making this community better. Besides being one of the most sought after halls, Graduate House also acts as gateway linking the university and graduate student community through social activities and wholeness development opportunities. Moving forward, this would be one of our main focuses, with many new projects already underway, including the building of intellectual and cultural hub for all post-graduate students. We are also closely linked with the post-graduate student societies, collaborating with them for many activities. Indeed, Graduate House has a very exciting future ahead.
Ex-Master, Prof. Bernard Cheung 張文勇 (1999-2001)

Sun Chieh Yeh Heart Foundation, Professor in Cardiovascular Therapeutics
Department of Medicine, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

For a university that is over one hundred years’ old, the Graduate House at fifteen, in comparison, is like a child about to reach adulthood. I had the honour of being the first Master. Like the father of a newborn child, you can imagine how thrilled I was, but at the same time, my trepidation in learning to cope with this baby. I am therefore very pleased to see that the Graduate House has grown and matured, and found its niche among the various colleges in the university.

The Hong Kong SAR celebrated its 15th Anniversary last year, so the Graduate House is about the same age as the SAR. Being young has its advantages; it is vibrant, energetic, creative and forward-looking. The 15th Anniversary is also known as the Crystal Anniversary. How apt it is to describe the bonding of different elements to form an orderly, strong, transparent, shiny and beautiful structure. Through the crystal ball, one can see the future. I believe that through the Graduate House, under the wise leadership of its Master and the dedication of its management team, and the enthusiasm and excellence of its residents from diverse backgrounds, you can have a glimpse into a future society that is pluralistic, meritocratic and caring. Congratulations and many happy returns!
Talk Series

1st Talk : Planning and Managing Your PhD for a Better Academic Life

A talk concerning both current and prospective PhD students was given by Dr. Li Hui, an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education.

Dr Li is an Associate Professor in the Division of Learning, Development and Diversity, Faculty of Education, The University of Hong Kong. He is the coordinator of PGDE (Early Childhood Education) Program. He got his first and second degree from Beijing Normal University, and obtained his PhD from the University of Hong Kong in 2000. His research interests lie in developmental psychology, developmental psycholinguistics, curriculum and pedagogy, school-based development and educational policy.

2nd Talk : Academic Publishing: Our Long March

GAO, XUESONG (ANDY) is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education, the University of Hong Kong. He graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 2008. His current research and teaching interests are in the areas of language learning narratives, language teacher education learner autonomy, reading, and sociolinguistics. His major publications appear in journals including Applied Linguistics, English Language Teaching Journal, Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development, Language Teaching Research, Studies in Higher Education, System, TESOL Quarterly, and World Englishes. He is an associate editor for The Asia Pacific Education Researcher and serves on the Editorial and Advisory Board for TESOL Quarterly. He is also current president for Hong Kong Association for Applied Linguistics.
15th Anniversary Events

Social Service – A Day with the Kids

Wetland Park Exploration

In collaboration with Caritas Hong Kong

Campus Visit


**Hillside Story**

How many roads we have traveled
How many places we have been
Before we came to this island
And to know each other’s name

The green green hills
The blue blue sky
How many joys we had
The green green hills
The blue blue sky
How much tears we shed

How many roads we will travel
How many places we will go
Before we meet again on this island
And remember each other’s name

The green green hills
The blue blue sky
How many stories we shared
The blue blue sky
How much love we shared

Lyrics and melody by Liu Yang

http://youtu.be/jkaq6Y8Z9yY

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**The Best Home We Know**

Graduate house is the home that we all share
When we came home, we’ll put down our despair
With a caring and liberal
master and fellow
So come and sing this song
About the best home that we all know

I still remember all the events we have held
For this my second home, the best house no doubt
Our tutor and RC
made this place so free

join me and sing this
for the best home we’ve know

Late afternoon we walked down the mountain way
The blossoming flowers and twilight made my day
Take a breath at the fresh mountain air

So come and sing this song
About the best home
About the best home we know

Lyrics by Terry
Melody by Tangkk

http://youtu.be/SfHpLUiVHio
Graduate House – Live it and Love it

Graduate House our lovely home
Founded among flowers and trees
By the mountain side
We are living here
As a second home
Studying living singing here
Memory forever
Live in Graduate House
Love in Graduate House
Now I reside here
Stronger everyday
In the Graduate House
Graduate House
In the Graduate House
Graduate House!

Our House Song

We Are One

In this life the road ahead is long and hard
But in the end there’s a place that we call home
Like a tree giving us so warm a feeling
This is where I really long to be

Home away from home
Friend may come and go
But Graduate House is where I want to be

And when our time is done
We'll remember we had fun
All the joy and laughter makes me want to stay

For the friends we made for life
And then times we laughed and cried
Know that in our hearts that
We Are One

Lyrics and melody by Mitch

http://youtu.be/5hI6JoA8EkQ

Lyrics and melody by Mr. Jonathan de la Cruz
Honorary Fellow of Graduate House
The Winner of House Song

http://youtu.be/bE09WDUvogk
WE ARE ONE

dedicated to the residents of Graduate House past and present

Jonathan de la Cruz

Moderately

\[\text{\#\#\#} E \quad B \quad E/G# \quad A \]

In this life the road ahead is long and hard. But

\[\text{Cm} \quad Bsus \quad B \]

In the end there’s a place that we call home.

\[E \quad B \quad E/G# \quad A \]

Like a tree giving us so warm a feeling.

\[Cm \quad A \quad Bsus \quad B \]

This is where I really long to be.

\[Fm \quad G7/C \quad Cm \]

Home away from home. Friends may come and go.

\[Fm \quad B7 \quad Bsus \quad B \]

Graduate House is where I want to be. And

\[E \quad A \quad B \quad E \]

When our time is done we’ll remember we had fun.

\[Fm \quad Cm \quad B \]

All the joy and laughter makes me want to stay.

\[E \quad A \quad G7/C \quad Cm \]

For the friends we made for life and the times we laughed and cried.

\[A \quad B \quad E \]

Know that in our hearts that we are one.

http://youtu.be/bE09WDUvogk

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15th Anniversary Events

**Photography Competition**

This moment, our love blossom under the witness of our dear Graduate House brothers and sisters.

The “LIFT” seems to be the best place to meet new faces within each other’s busy schedules in our house.

Floor gathering, we played a game called "To untie a hand chain". Hand in Hand to make a perfect circle.

Resident Committee members were carting goods on the slope outside GH for X’mas party!

Bustling but lonely harbor out of the window, serene and cozy house in HKU. Miss Hu Shuting 胡舒婷 (Rm210) The Winner of Photo Competition

This photo is to show our appreciation to those hard working ladies who make GH a cozy home.
15th Anniversary Dinner

Join us in celebrating our 15 years of success

April 5, 2013
Friday
6:30 p.m.
Loke Yew Hall, Main Building, HKU
Momentous Snapshots

Spring Lunch Gathering

2012 X’mas Celebration

Floor Meeting
Momentous Snapshots
Interest Group Activities

GH has over 20 interest groups, actively organizing regular activities.
“Home” away from home

“……This year’s Lantern Festival was quite special for me, because I celebrated it with my dear friends---residents in Graduate House instead of my family. …. the Master surprised us with a bottle of champagne, creating warmer and unforgettable moments…I love our big family!....”

-- Jiao Fangfang

“……. Most importantly, it builds a big family which shields people from ignorance, vulgarity and callousness. It is permanent home for people with passion for pursuit of truth and love; it is where they learn to be considerate, open-minded and prepared to make the world a better place.....”

-- Dai Ying

“……last Winter Solstice was special and memorable as it felt like home; enjoying with new friends in my new ‘home’, the Graduate House…. giving me a sense of belonging, just like a family....”

-- Han Ye

“……It’s my 1st ‘HOME’ in HK; holding us together as one big warm FAMILY….I love the House and community.....”

-- Fiona Fei Xue

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2013 ..... Standing tall after 15 years

Special thanks to Architect Mr. Rocco Yim, who designed Graduate House, for providing these building photos.