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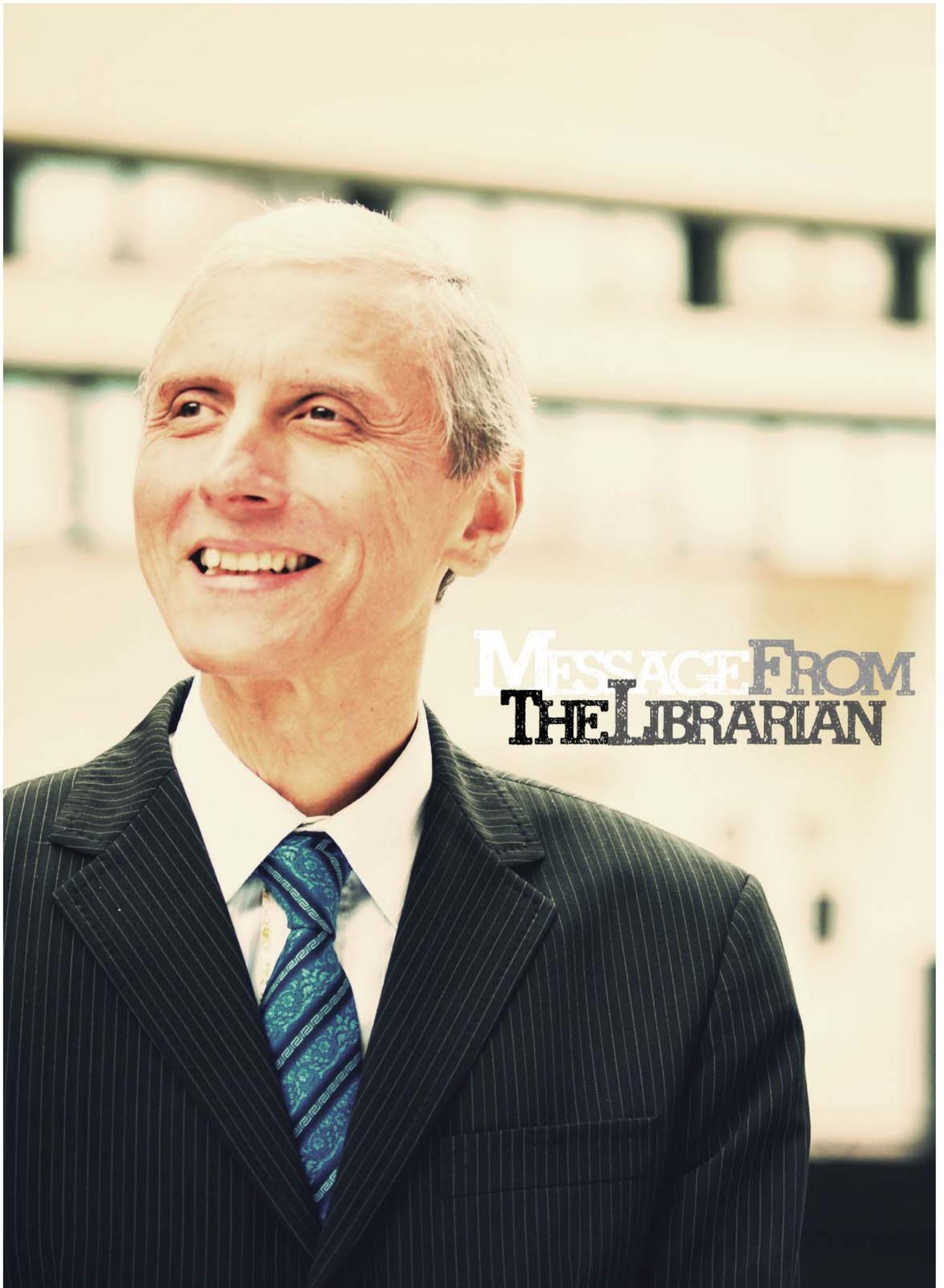
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MESSAGE FROM  
THE LIBRARIAN

## Celebrate, Reflect, Act!

2011 is an exciting time for me to take up the position of Librarian. With the University's Centenary Celebration and the place that libraries find themselves today, I believe we need to celebrate, reflect and act.

## Celebrate

As the Libraries join the University in celebrating 100 years of Knowledge, Heritage and Service, we have a number of events planned for 2011-2012 that will serve to highlight the Libraries' 100 years of achievements. Firstly, we have three exhibitions of these achievements which are now viewable in our Main, Dental and Medical Libraries, with others to soon follow. Additional to this we, have a number of events planned for 2011-2012:

- *HKUL Centenary Book Talk Series*: ten special book talks starting with Professor Wang Gungwu on March 25, 2011, talking about *Possible Dreams: HKU and a Changing Asia*.
- *Conferences* including the 10<sup>th</sup> HKU Libraries Leadership Institute and a conference celebrating our 3 millionth volume in late 2012.
- *Rare book exhibition & talks Celebrating Centenary: Gems of the University of Hong Kong Libraries* to be held in the Fung Ping Shan Building
- A competition to design a new bookplate for new library materials.
- *Publications* including a booklet commemorating the Libraries' centenary will be published.
- *Major acquisitions* on behalf of each of the ten faculties.
- *A Memories of the Library* campaign.

All of these events will be listed on our soon to be launched Centenary website at <http://lib.hku.hk/hkull100/>. I encourage you to participate when you can.

## Reflect

While these events provide us with an opportunity to celebrate our history and achievements, they also beckon us to consider our future and the role of libraries in academia and society. OCLC (The Online Center for Library Cooperation) recently published its *Perceptions of Libraries, 2010: Context and Community* (OCLC, 2010, <http://www.oclc.org/reports/2010perceptions.htm>). In this report we read:

*Not only are Americans using the library and its many services more, they also see increased value of the library for themselves and for their communities. They agree – overwhelmingly - that librarians are valuable. And they believe – overwhelmingly - that libraries equal books.*

Notwithstanding the differences between American libraries and those in Hong Kong, this statement is both reassuring and perplexing. While the recession has hit the United States more dramatically than it has locally, Americans have taken to their libraries with added zeal, choosing to purchase their own books less and to borrow from their libraries more. This, of course, reflects the strong social and cultural role that libraries play, not only by public libraries but also academic libraries. Overwhelming agreement that librarians are valuable is also reassuring as many libraries and librarians struggle to redefine their activities and roles in a world that is increasingly digital and stretched in terms of financial availability.

This brings me to the final statement in this quote, the belief that libraries equal books (overwhelmingly, no less). Any person who enters a library is confronted with traditional print materials and other physical objects. The same is true in academic libraries, and while a small number of libraries have aimed to be e-only it is doubtful how successful they have been in this pursuit. Our own library now spends far more on digital content than it does on traditional print. In fact 70% of our annual resources budget is spent on digital versions of scholarly content. The effect of this is that our library users decreasingly associate themselves with libraries as they are able to access great volumes of content remotely. The advantages of digital are numerous. Yet when tragedy strikes, when power fails, when servers crash, the access dies. It has been stated that the Libraries at HKU are like the lights, you don't miss them until they are turned off. Were we to, heaven

forbid, turn off access to our digital resources, would library users continue to identify the library brand as equating to books? This is not to diminish the role, and what I believe will be the continuing role, that print will play in our library collections but only to highlight the impact of digital publishing on libraries today. We are more than books.

## Act

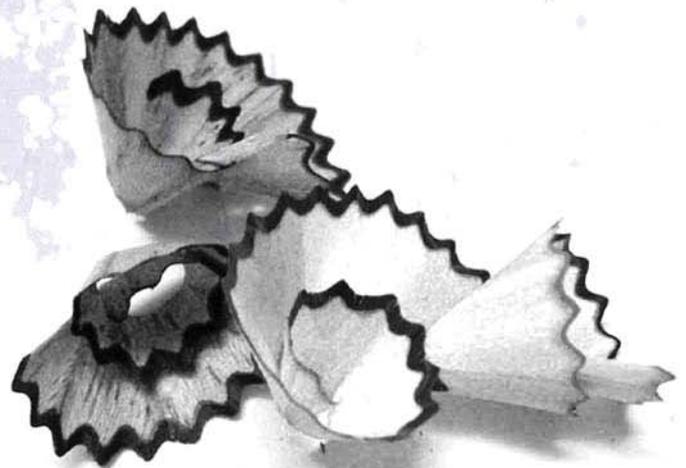
Recent reports of difficulties facing traditional book stores (Borders, for example) seem to suggest that these problems have arisen due to an inability, or complacency, to recognize the trends of change. Libraries face similar threats. An inability to act on trends in publishing, user behaviours and preferences leaves us vulnerable to exclusion from our user community. So what have we done and what can we do to ensure that we remain on top of our game?

- **Listen and participate:** Perhaps our most important means of remaining in touch with trends affecting us is by listening and participating. We need to continue to listen to you, our users, to understand your evolving needs. Our biennial survey helps us in this regard but we rely on you to continuously provide us with feedback on what you need. We also need to participate in conferences and seminars where new developments are brought to our attention and where, in the interests of knowledge exchange, we can tell the world about our own initiatives.
- **Provide seamless access to print and digital:** While digital will continue to dominate, we must continue to provide access to the print resources that are still required. The creation of the Joint Universities Research Archive (JURA) will see a significant percentage of the Libraries print collection relocated to that facility. We need to ensure that these resources do not become lost orphans and that delivery of these to our users will be expeditious and as seamless as possible.
- **Provide an ideal physical environment:** The influence of digital content is felt beyond the impact on access. It is having a significant effect on the physical structures of libraries and in particular academic libraries. This global trend has seen academic libraries transform themselves into places of learning that encompass new collaborative and flexible spaces with digital

resources and print materials. The Main Library's 3rd floor renovation (<http://lib.hku.hk/mlr/>) will be such a place and we have already seen several of our branch libraries undertake similar changes within the limited spaces that they occupy.

- **Demonstrate our value:** While usage of the library is measured through traditional means such as loans, entry statistics, articles downloaded, etc, and these remain useful indicators, libraries need to move beyond these qualitative indicators, which are often considered as a given (much like the analogy of the lights). Recently the HKU Libraries participated in a return on investment (RoI) study sponsored by Elsevier. The report, *University Investment in the Library, Phase II: An International Study of the Library's Value to the Grants Process* (<http://libraryconnect.elsevier.com/whitepapers/roi2/2010-06-whitepaper-roi2.pdf>), provides an interesting approach to determining an academic libraries' value to its parent organization, albeit in terms of only one factor, being grants. If you read this report I can tell you that HKU Libraries is University number 3. While not flawless, this approach does signal a shift in academic library thinking in terms of value.

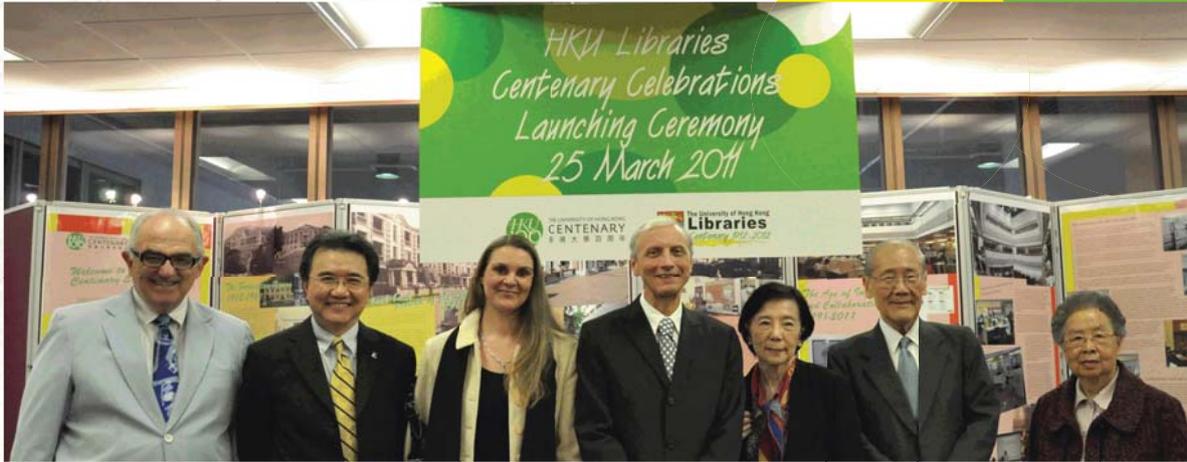
All of these actions require us to think differently about what we do and how we do it. We need to remain agile in our responses to challenges, we need to innovate and lead and we need to ensure that the lights stay on.



# LIBRARIES CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS



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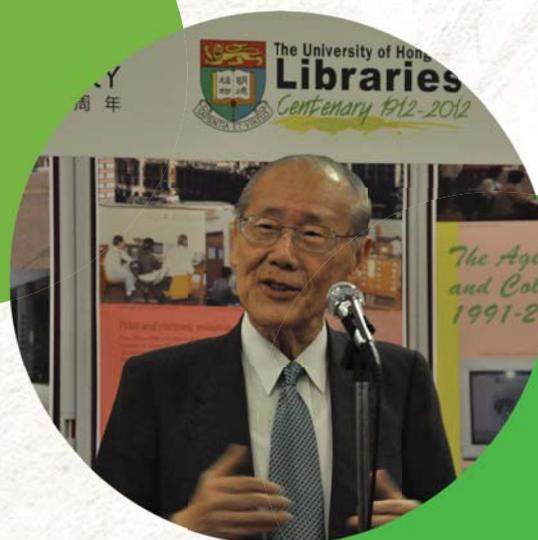


We have great pleasure to share with you the moment of the kick-off of the Libraries Centenary Celebrations. It marked the 100th year of achievements realized through our support to the University's vision.

To commemorate this occasion, on 25 March 2011 we had held the Exhibition Opening of "The University of Hong Kong Libraries: 100 Years On" and the Launching Ceremony of the Libraries Centenary Celebrations at the Main Library.

We were very much honoured to have Professor Wang Gungwu as the Guest of Honour and our Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Roland Chin to officiate at the ceremony.

As we look to celebrate with book talks, exhibitions, conferences and many more, it is important we share with all of you our milestones and heritage. Please keep abreast of our upcoming celebration activities at <http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/>.





## 細味東華——追蹤香港近代史

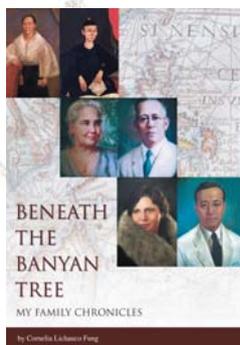
**Theme Book:** 《善與人同-與香港同步成長的東華三院》  
 (*Organizational History of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals 1870-1997*)

**Speaker:** 丁新豹博士 Dr Joseph Ting

**Moderator:** 史秀英女士 (東華三院檔案及歷史文化總主任)  
 Ms Stella See (The Head of Records and Heritage Office  
 of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals)

**Date:** 13 January 2011 (Thursday)

Click here to revisit the book talk by Dr Joseph Ting.  
 < <http://evideo.lib.hku.hk/play.php?vid=4497132>>



## Coming Full Circle - a Return to Chinese Origins

**Theme Book:** *Beneath the Banyan Tree, My Family Chronicles*

**Speaker:** Mrs Cornelia (Nelly) Lichauco Fung

**Moderator:** Dr Anthony Ferguson (Consultant for the Joint University  
 Research Archive)

**Date:** 20 January 2011 (Thursday)

Click here to revisit the book talk by Mrs Cornelia (Nelly) Lichauco Fung.  
<http://evideo.lib.hku.hk/play.php?vid=4497155>



## Is the Writer Her Character(s)?

**Theme Book:** *Habit of a Foreign Sky*

**Speaker:** Ms Xu Xi (許素細女士)

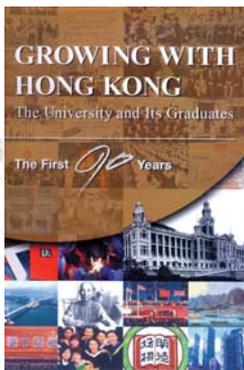
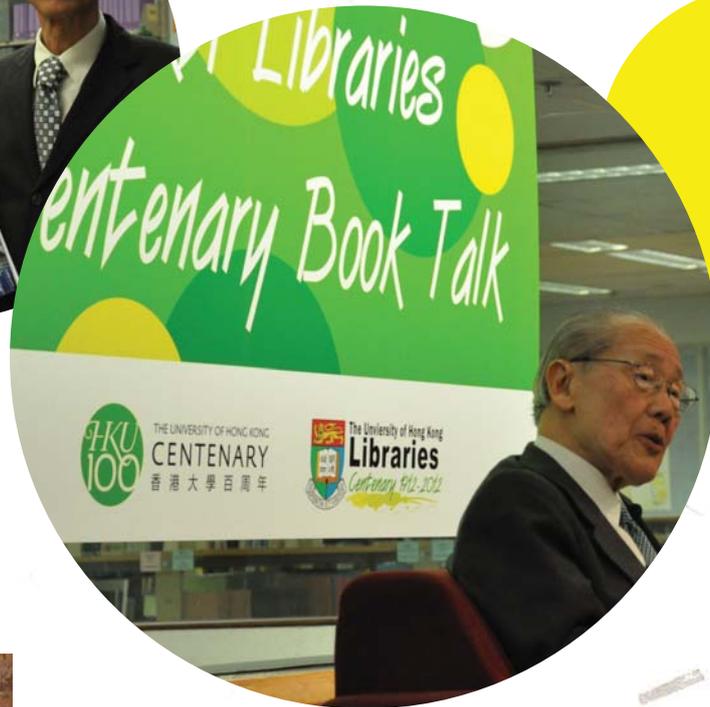
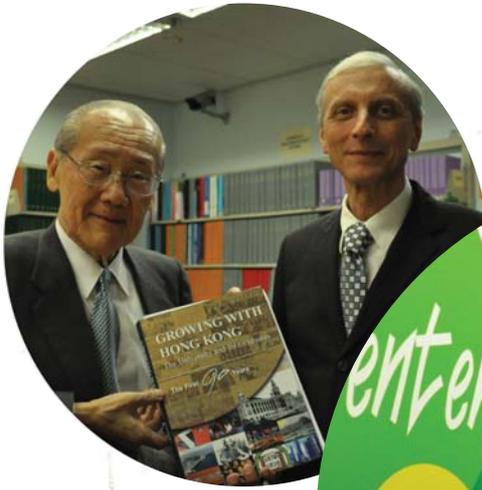
**Moderator:** Mr Richard Lord  
 (Hong Kong-based freelance journalist)

**Date:** 24 February 2011 (Thursday)

Click here to revisit the book talk by Ms Xu Xi.  
<http://evideo.lib.hku.hk/play.php?vid=4497247>

# CENTENARY BOOK TALK

For more about upcoming Centenary Book Talks  
[http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading\\_club/](http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/)



**Possible Dreams: HKU and a Changing Asia**

**Theme Book:** *Growing with Hong Kong: the University and its Graduates*

**Speaker:** Professor Wang Gungwu (王賡武教授)

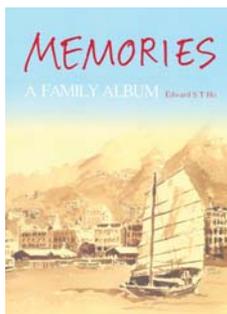
**Moderator:** Mr Peter Sidorko, HKU Librarian

**Date:** 25 March 2011 (Friday)

Click here to revisit the book talk by Professor Wang Gungwu  
< <http://evideo.lib.hku.hk/play.php?vid=4497382> >

We were honoured to have Professor Wang Gungwu to be the first speaker for the HKUL Centenary Book Talk Series. Professor Wang talked about some imaginaries that explore various possible “dreams” in the history of the University, of its academics past and present and its alumni, and also about HKU’s “national” and international links. We were also pleased that the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-chee Tsui was there with us to officiate at the event.

## UPCOMING CENTENARY BOOK TALK



**University Life and Other Episodes**

**Theme Book:** *Memories, A Family Album*

**Speaker:** Mr Edward Sing-tin Ho (何承天先生)

**Moderator:** Mr Peter Sidorko, HKU Librarian

**Date:** 14 April 2011 (Thursday)

**Time:** 7:15 pm – 9:00 pm

**Venue:** Special Collections, 1/F Main Library, HKU

**Language:** English



# EXHIBITIONS

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Experiential Learning of Ecology & Biodiversity: East Africa  
非洲探索之旅 - 海報展覽  
22 November - 27 December, 2010

## Tung Wah Group of Hospitals 140th Anniversary Exhibition 東華三院一百四十周年展覽 (1870-2010)

11 October 2010 ~ 4 November 2010

at Main Library: 28 December 2010 - 17 January, 2011

at YCH Medical Library: 17 January - 21 February 2011



In celebration of the 140th anniversary of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, Medical Library coordinated with TWGHs to set up an exhibition displaying the development and growth of the hospitals in Hong Kong. Publications concerning the TWGHs from Main Library and Special Collections were also displayed in the exhibition cabinets.



## Chinese Landscape Painting 中國山水畫

18 January - 12 February, 2011



## 100th Anniversary of Aviation in Hong Kong 香港航空百周年

14 February - 13 March, 2011

Talk by Ir. James Ng February 22 and March 5, 2011.

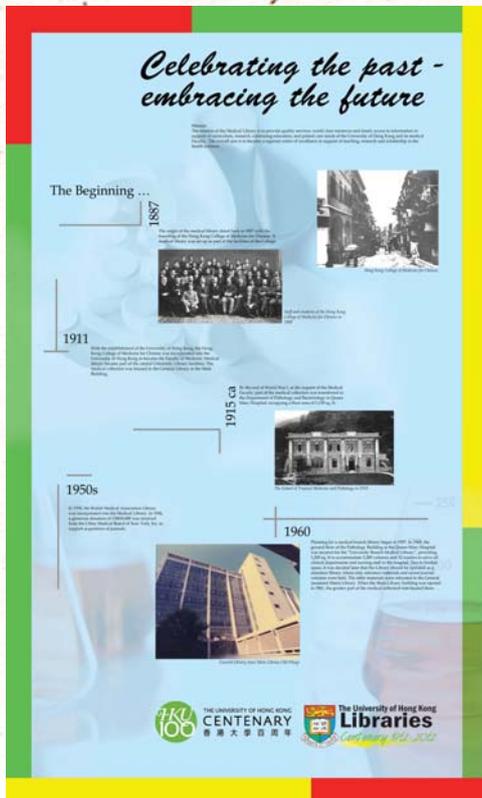
## HKU Libraries Centenary Exhibition

at Main Library

14 March – 16 April, 2011

View the exhibition online

< <http://lib.hku.hk/general/research/guides/HKULCentenaryExhibition.pdf> >



## YCK Medical Library: Celebrating the Past - Embracing the Future

at YCH Medical Library

14 March – 16 April, 2011

< [http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/Medical\\_Exhibition.pdf](http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/Medical_Exhibition.pdf) >

The exhibition features the medical library's history, milestones, significant events and visitors where students, staff, alumni and friends may share their memory.

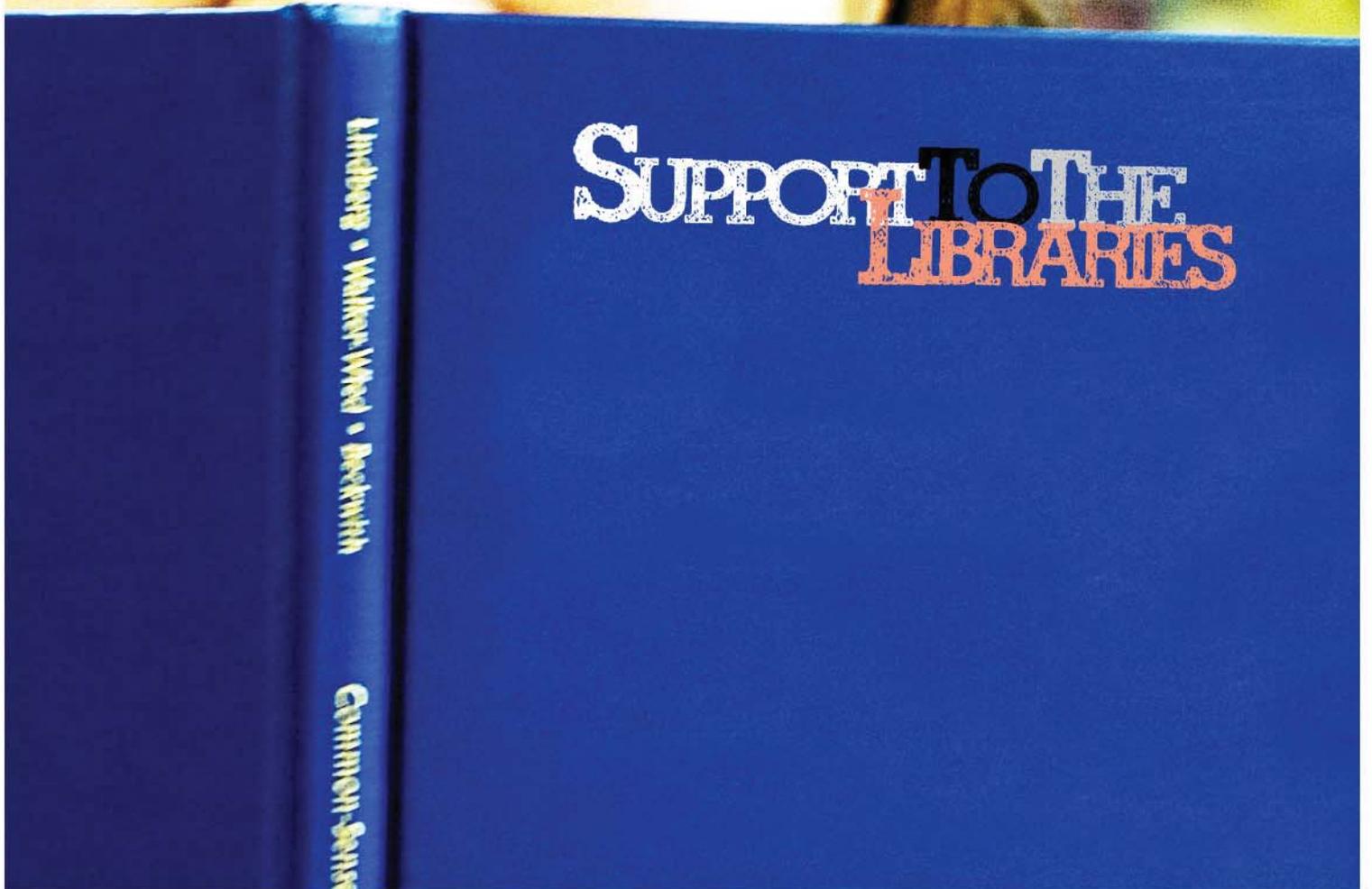


## Then and Now - 30 year: Dental Library History Exhibition

at Dental Library

14 March – 16 April, 2011

< [http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/Dental\\_Exhibition.pdf](http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/Dental_Exhibition.pdf) >



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# SUPPORT TO THE LIBRARIES

We are very grateful to receive the following donations to the Special Collections:

1. Professor To Cho Yee donated 70 carbon boxes of materials including his published papers, research raw data, manuscripts and artefacts, etc.
2. Mr. Au of GeoCarta donated 95 Hong Kong-related satellite photos.
3. Center of Asian Studies donated 7 boxes of gifts including: 1 box of 南音 (111 冊); 1 box of 木魚書(283冊); 70 volumes of Chinese medical manuscripts; 1 box of medical books (published in 1960s), 2 boxes of artifacts and miscellaneous items.
4. Dr Elizabeth Sinn donated 9 boxes of materials including copies of biographical data of Hong Kong people and newspaper clippings on annual meetings of Hong Kong companies back in from 1904 to 1941.
5. Dr Lee Pui Tak donated three boxes of materials on local chamber of commerce.
6. Mr Patrick Au donated three boxes of materials of his father, the late Mr Philip Au who was an active member of the Reform Club of Hong Kong and was elected to the Urban Council several times in the 1950s. The materials include his speeches, photos and newspaper clippings.
7. Mr Charles Snyder, a former reporter, donated 36 audio reels on current affairs back to 1971/72 which are mainly oral interviews on featured issues of Hong Kong during that time.
8. Mr Cheng Kar Foo, the Legislator of Hong Kong donated ten boxes of materials.
9. Ms Emily Lau, the Legislator of Hong Kong donated four boxes of materials.

# KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY



## Westlaw Student Representatives (WSR) are back for the new semester

Second Semester Lab Hours (24 January 2011 - 21 April 2011)

Monday	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Tuesday	12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
Thursday	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Friday	2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

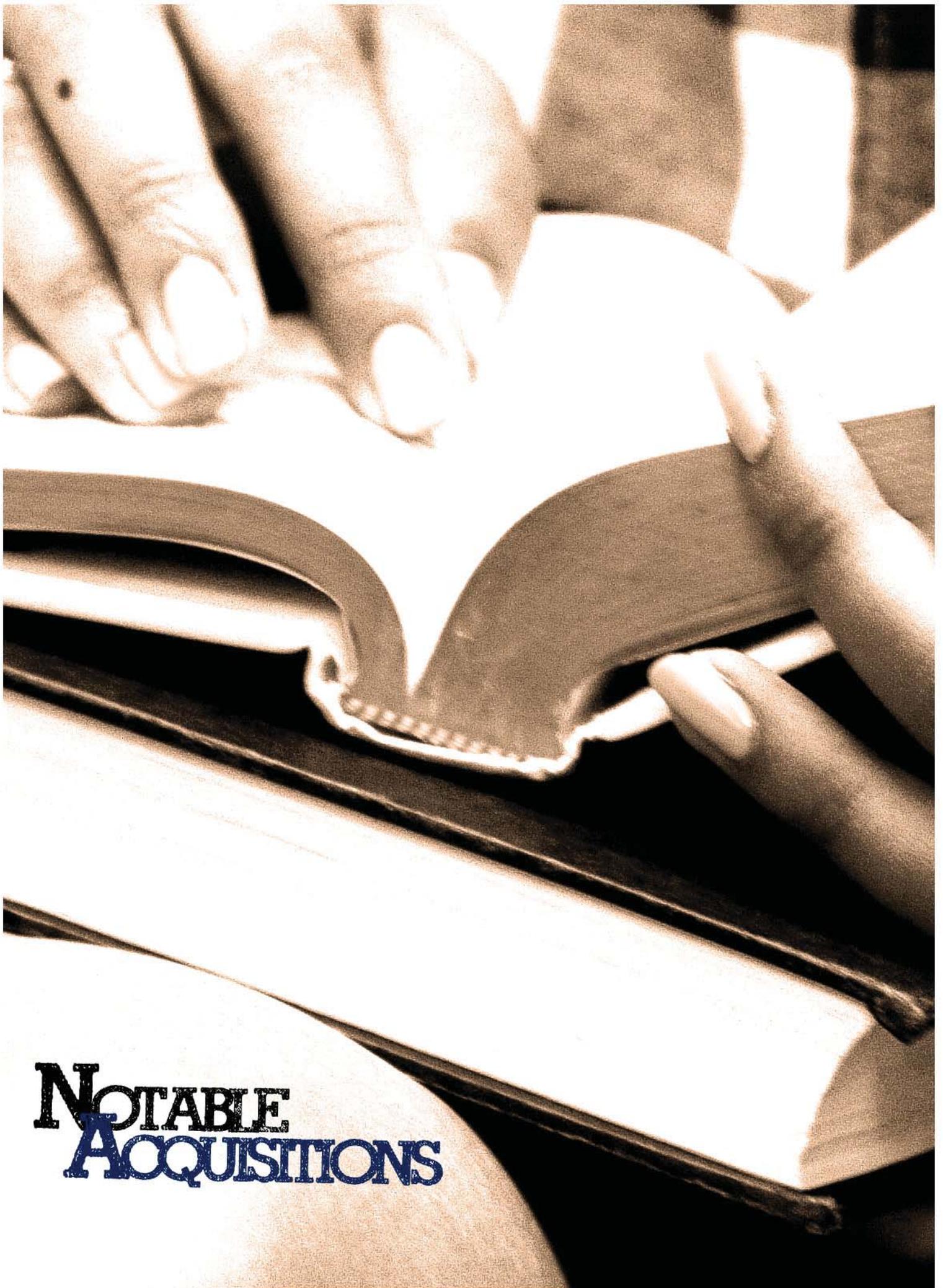
After a semester recess, HKU's Westlaw Student Representatives (WSR) programme has resumed since January 2011 at the Law Library. The WSR programme is designed to assist and support law students in developing legal research skills through peer assistance. All WSRs have received advanced level training from Westlaw. Whether you have a quick query or have problems locating databases for your Westlaw research, feel free to seek help from the WSRs or to update your skills during the weekly "lab" hours in the Law Library WSR Zone.

## Library Course @ Main Library

Venue: e-Learning Lab, Room G-02, ground floor, Main Library

Register at: [http://obelix.lib.hku.hk/cgi-bin/course/list\\_gp\\_m.cgi?category=2](http://obelix.lib.hku.hk/cgi-bin/course/list_gp_m.cgi?category=2)

1. Endnote Workshop I  
14 April 2011 (2:00-3:30 pm)
2. Endnote Workshop II  
14 April 2011 (3:30-5:00 pm)
3. Turnitin Seminar  
15 April 2011 (2:00-3:00 pm)
4. Endnote Workshop III  
18 April 2011 (2:30-4:30 pm)



**NOTABLE  
ACQUISITIONS**

清文海 / 南開大學古籍與文化研究所編。  
北京市 : 國家圖書館出版社, c2010.

《清文海》由南開大學古籍與文化研究所於上世紀80年代開始編纂, 是全國高校古籍整理研究工作委員會組織實施的大規模斷代詩文總集編纂工程“七全一海”之一。《清文海》旨在通過入選文章反映清代社會文化全貌, 入選文章注重其學術價值、文學價值、資料價值等, 體裁包括辭賦、詔令、奏議、書信、序跋、論說、傳記等, 共收入清代1576位作者18383篇文章, 共計105冊, 為原版標點影印出版。

**Time machine, 3-Episode [DVD] / a BBC/Discovery Channel co-production ; series producer, Bernard Walton ; BBC Bristol.  
Frenchs Forest, NSW : BBC Active, [2006].**

From milliseconds to millennia. Discover the spectacular events that shaped the world - as if you were there. Time-lapse photography techniques are combined with cutting-edge graphics to condense millions of years into seconds, bringing the incredible history of Earth vividly to life.

**Encyclopedia of aerospace engineering / editors-in-chief, Richard Blockley, Wei Shyy.  
Chichester, West Sussex, U.K. ; Hoboken, N.J. : Wiley, 2010.**

The Encyclopedia represents a major publishing initiative to establish a high quality, carefully coordinated reference work that will enhance education, training and research in this complex and demanding field. Coverage ranges from core disciplines such as electrical and electronic engineering, mechanical engineering and physics, to advanced materials, digital technology and environmental science, all of which have an ever-increasing, interactive role in modern air and spacecraft design.

**Comprehensive nanoscience and technology / editors-in-chief, David L. Andrews, Gregory D. Scholes, Gary P. Wiederrecht.  
London : Academic Press, 2011.**

Nanotechnology and its underpinning sciences are progressing with unprecedented rapidity. Against this background, this comprehensive work is designed to address the need for a dynamic, authoritative and readily accessible source of information, capturing the full breadth of the subject.



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## Staff Recognition Award

This quarterly award is given periodically to recognise a staff member whose presence contributes in an extraordinary way to the Libraries. Award winner will receive HK\$500 and a book plate to honor his dedication.



Mr Francis Poon of the Scholarly Communication Team has been selected as the award recipient of the Staff Recognition Program for the fourth quarter of 2010.

### Past Staff Recognition Award Recipients:

Mr Angus Lun (Access Services Department)  
Mr Leong Chau Iu (Access Services Department)  
Mr Jimmy Sung (Systems Department)  
Ms Lillian Lucke (Medical Library)  
Mr Chan Wai Sun (Administrative Services Team)  
Ms Chan Min Sze, Ivy (Lui Che Wo Law Library)  
Ms Marine Yip (Administrative Services Team)  
Mr To Siu King (E-resources and Serials Cataloguing Department)  
Ms Connie Lam (Western and E-Resources Cataloguing Department)  
Ms Carol Lam (Acquisitions Department)  
Ms Alice Wong (Collection Development Team)  
Mr Lai Chun Ying (Bindery Department)  
Ms Esther Woo (Administrative Services Team)  
Ms Betty Lam (Lui Che Wo Law Library)  
Mr Leung Kai Kwong (Access Services Department)  
Ms Molly Lam (Acquisitions Department)  
Ms Polly Leung (Education Library)  
Mr Peter Wong Hung Chiu (Medical Library)  
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