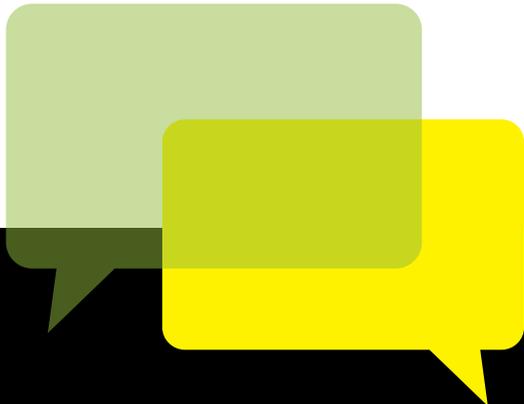


FOCUS

**THE UNIVERSITY OF
HONG KONG LIBRARIES**

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MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

With the start of the academic year it is again wonderful to see the Libraries operating at capacity with both new and returning students and academic staff. I take this opportunity to wish everybody a successful year and I hope that the Libraries will play a significant role in contributing to your achievements.



Find@HKUL

It has been a very busy start to the academic year for the Libraries. Shortly after the year's commencement, we launched a new search tool called Find@HKUL. Find@HKUL is a search tool that helps users discover the HKUL collection through a single search box. This includes searching the HKU collection of books, journals, audiovisual materials, microforms and so on, as well as the countless electronic journal articles to which we subscribe. The search interface is simple and intuitive making information retrieval efficient and painless. It is my belief that this tool will help our users to more fully discover and exploit our collections in both print and digital formats.

Exhibitions and Book Talks

We have held several cultural events during the beginning of semester and we have more planned for the near future. These include the exhibition "Beyond the Image" by the Dongguan Artists' Association from September 11 to October 3 and "Water Color" by noted alumnus Edward ST Ho from 9 October to 29 October. Similarly, we have held and will hold several book/author talks including: "Y. K. Pao: My Father" by Professor

Anna Pao Sohmen on October 3; “Stumbling Giant: The Threats to China’s Future” by Timothy Beardson on October 31; and, “Passage to Promise Land: Voices of Chinese Immigrant Women to Canada” by Dr. Vivienne Poy on November 23. We hope to contribute to the vibrant cultural environment that is such a critical part of the scholarly process here at HKU and I hope you will take the opportunity to participate in these events.

ETD 2013

From September 23 to 26 the HKU Libraries successfully held the 16th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD 2013), the first time the event has been held in Asia. Co-organised with the Networked Digital Library of Theses and Dissertations (NDLTD) and in association with the Hong Kong Public Libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the conference drew around 150 participants from all over the world. Despite being affected by typhoon Usagi, which led to many flight cancellations and therefore the failure of several participants and speakers to attend, the conference was a resounding success. With programme changes being necessary every day, it is testament to the flexibility, resilience and dedication of the HKU Libraries’ staff that the conference was so successful. Details of the conference, presentations and photos are available at <http://lib.hku.hk/etd2013/about.html>.

Further details and photos on these events can be found in this edition of Focus.

Once again may I take this opportunity to wish all a successful academic year and I look forward to seeing you in the Libraries and around campus.

Peter E. Sidorko
University Librarian





New Library Publication

Fung Ping Shan: The Man, His Life and His Library now Available in Chinese

The Chinese translation of *Fung Ping Shan: The Man, His Life and His Library*, co-authored by Mrs. Nelly Fung, granddaughter-in-law of Fung Ping Shan, and Dr. Y.C. Wan, Deputy University Librarian/Fung Ping Shan Librarian, has recently been published by the University Libraries in cooperation with the Commercial Press (商務印書館). Entitled 《皮藏遠見 – 馮平山》 the Chinese book aims to bring the life and work of Fung Ping Shan, a successful Hong Kong businessman, generous benefactor of many charities, tireless founder of educational institutions and keen supporter of libraries, to Chinese readers, local and overseas.

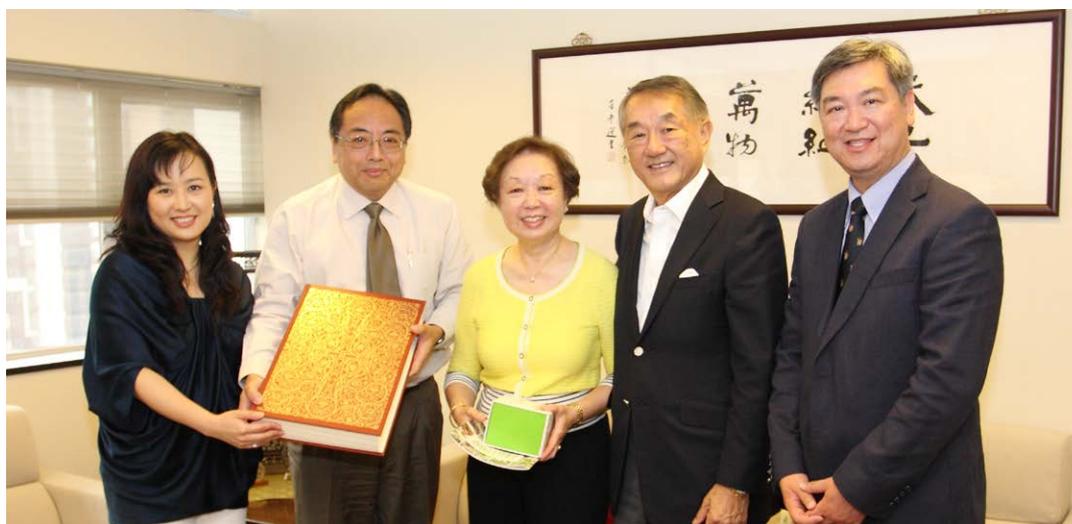
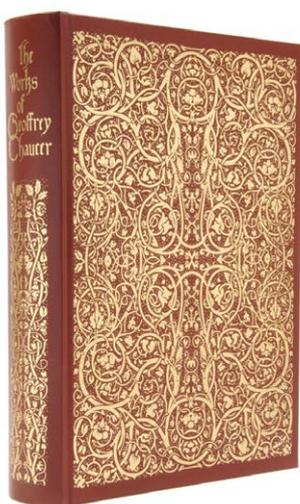
The new library publication is one of four titles selected by Sino United Publishing (聯合出版集團), a cross-regional publishing conglomerate based in Hong Kong, to celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary. This is also the first library publication translated into Chinese.

The English original was launched at the gala dinner celebrating the centenary anniversary of the University Libraries and the 80th anniversary of the Fung Ping Shan Library on 8 November 2012. The event was covered in the January issue of FOCUS: <http://issuu.com/hkulib/docs/2013jan-focus?e=4387075/1130592>

The book is available at sales outlets of Sino United Publishing, including the Commercial Press, Joint Publishing (三聯書店) and Chung Hwa Bookstore (中華書局).

Book Donation

At a presentation ceremony held in the Vice-Chancellor's Office on 15 August 2013, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui received a facsimile copy of *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer* from Mrs. Shirley Chiu Chan, who graduated from the University in 1961. The book has been added to the library collection and is available to members of the university community.



Mrs. Shirley Chiu Chan (middle) presenting the book to Professor Lap-Chee Tsui

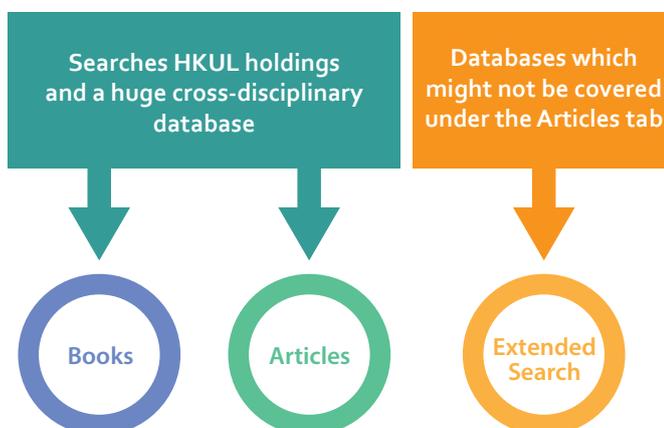
KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY

Find@HKUL: Discover the collection at HKUL in one go

Find@HKUL, the new search tool, launched on 17 September 2013 features a simple search interface and aims to help users easily discover the HKUL collection in one go.

The tool has four tabs, with the default set to the Books + Articles tab. Each tab encompasses a unique dataset. The Books tab enables users to search holdings of the HKUL library catalogue (Dragon). One can also place requests, view the circulation record or even connect to HKALL in this environment. The Articles tab provides access to a large index of articles, conference papers, overseas theses and book chapters. Searching the Articles tab is similar to searching a huge cross-disciplinary database, with full text articles just a click or two away. The Extended Search tab offers a real-time connection to specialized databases, resources which might not be covered under the Articles tab, providing deeper searches into the HKUL collection.

The search box on the Libraries Homepage serves the gateway to Find@HKUL. Or, you may choose to access it directly at <http://discovery.lib.hku.hk/>.



Pathfinding Exhibition on Learning Opportunities at HKU

“Top 10 Reasons to Visit the Library” is the HKUL theme at the Pathfinding event hosted by Academic Advising Office (AAO) and Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS) on 17 and 18 September 2013. Organized at the Student Advisory Services Zone, Chi Wah Learning Commons, the event is an exhibition on learning opportunities at HKU. Many interested students dropped by the Libraries’ booth to mingle with colleagues on duty there. Coupled with the 30-minute presentation entitled “Discover HKUL”, we were able to highlight the key services and facilities provided by the Libraries. It has indeed been a great opportunity for the Libraries to gain visibility among fellow students.



Vision

As a central player in the intellectual environment at the University of Hong Kong, the Libraries will be recognized on campus, regionally and internationally for its outstanding collections, client-centred services and innovative approaches that contribute to the teaching, learning, research and knowledge exchange pursuits of the University.



TOP 10 REASONS TO VISIT THE LIBRARY

1. Visit the **Main Library and the 6 branches**
Dental Library, Education Library, Fung Ping Shan Library, Lui Che Woo Law Library, Music Library and Yu Chun Keung Medical Library.
2. Access the **E-resources** anytime anywhere
Over 3 million e-books, 42,176 e-Journal titles and 691 databases all in support of your learning and research.
3. Borrow **books and audio-visual** materials
Almost 3 million books and audio-visual materials to quench your thirst for knowledge.
4. Visit **Level 3** in the Main Library
A learning commons style facility in support of various learning styles from reflective self-study to collaborative learning.
5. **Capitalize** on Endnote and Turnitin
Research tools that support Cite While You Write and plagiarism check.
6. Visit the library **round the clock**
Study Zone (Level 3) is open overnight year round and the Main Library is open overnight during examination period.
7. Attend the **HKUL training program**
Check out the training schedule or visit the DOW online tutorial.
8. Talk to one of our **Subject specialists**
12 Subject Specialists providing consultation services on information search.
9. Ask a **Librarian**
Get information help through various channels - Telephone, email, SMS or in person.
- 10 Access the collection **beyond HKUL**
HKALL: Book delivery service among the 8 local academic libraries.
Interlibrary Loans: Procure materials from overseas sources.



Stumbling Giant: The Threats to China's Future by Timothy Beardson

Speaker: Timothy Beardson

Moderator: Professor Zhigang Tao, Associate Dean, Knowledge Exchange & China Development and Director of HKU Institute for China and Global Development.

Date: 31 October 2013 (Thursday)

Time: 7:15 - 9:00 pm

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

Language: English



About the Speaker:

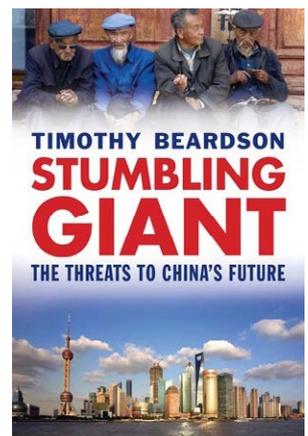
Timothy Beardson founded and ran Crosby Financial Holdings, at the time the largest independent investment bank in the Far East.

Since the late 1990s he has been a frequent speaker on economic and strategic issues at such events as the World Economic Forum at Davos and at prominent universities. He is a permanent resident of Hong Kong.

About the Book:

While dozens of recent books and articles have predicted the near-certainty of China's rise to global supremacy, this book distinctively counters such widely-held assumptions. Timothy Beardson brings to light the daunting array of challenges that today confront China, as well as the inadequacy of the responses. He presents bold policy prescriptions addressing these challenges and explains why – without substantial reform – China is unlikely to replace America as the next superpower.

Drawing on extensive research and experience living and working in Asia over the last thirty-five years, the author spells out China's situation: an inexorable demographic future of a shrinking labour force, relentless ageing, extreme gender disparity, and even a falling population. Also, the nation faces social instability, a devastated environment, a predominantly low-tech economy with inadequate innovation, the absence of an effective welfare safety net, an ossified governance structure, and radical Islam lurking at the borders. Beardson's nuanced, first-hand look at China acknowledges its historic achievements while tempering predictions of its imminent hegemony with a no-nonsense dose of reality.



To register for this book talk:

http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/bt2013_05.html



Passage to Promise Land: Voices of Chinese Immigrant Women to Canada by Vivienne Poy

Speaker: Dr. Vivienne Poy

Moderator: Professor C. F. Lee, GBS, SBS, JP, Director, HKUSPACE

Date: 23 November 2013 (Saturday)

Time: 4:00 - 6:00 pm

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

Language: English



About the Speaker:

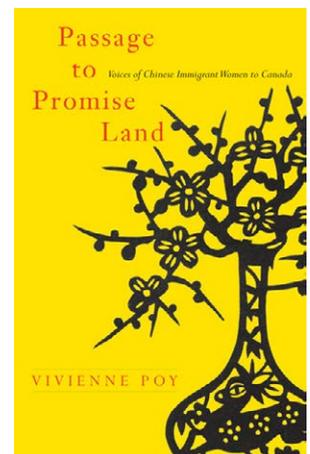
The Honourable Dr. Vivienne Poy is an author, entrepreneur, historian, fashion designer, and community volunteer. In 1998, she became the first Canadian of Asian descent to be appointed to the Senate of Canada where she focused on gender issues, multiculturalism, immigration, and human rights, and was instrumental in having May recognized as Asian Heritage Month across Canada. After her retirement from the Senate in September 2012, she continues to be actively involved with communities across Canada.

She is Chancellor Emerita of the University of Toronto, member of the Board of ORBIS (Canada), Member of the Canadian Museum for Human Rights National Advisory Council, Hon. Co-chair "For All Canadians" - Canadian Blood Services, Hon. Patron of Chinese Canadian Historical Project -SFU, Hon. Chair of Advisory Committee of "Hong Kong-Canada Crosscurrents Project, 1962-2012," Advisor to the Pacific Canada Heritage Centre - Museum of Migration Society, Member of the Advisory Committee of Journal of Modern Life-Writing Study, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

About the Book:

- Voices of Chinese women immigrants (from south China and Hong Kong) to Canada, after the 2nd World War to the present.
- Their immigration and settlement experiences, juxtaposed with the changes of Canadian immigration law and regulations.
- The book also explains how the status of the Chinese Canadian communities changed from Chinese exclusion to today.

Guest Speakers: Ms. Anna Wu, Dr. Elizabeth Sinn, Dr. Marie-Paule Ha



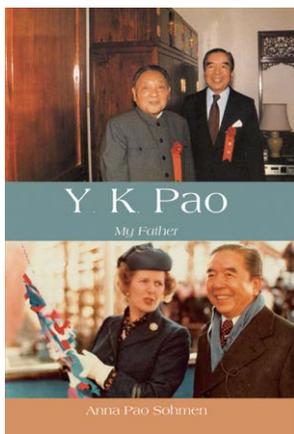
To register for this book talk:

http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/bt2013_06.html



READING CLUB

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http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/



Y. K. Pao: My Father by Professor Anna Pao Sohmen

Speaker: Professor Anna Pao Sohmen

Moderator: Mr. Peter Sidorko, University Librarian, HKU

Date: 3 October 2013 (Thursday)

Click here to revisit the book talk

<http://evideo.lib.hku.hk/play.php?vid=4497571>



EXHIBITIONS

Beyond the Image 境生象外: An Exhibition from the Nancheng Branch of the Dongguan Artists' Association

11 September 2013 - 3 October 2013



Edward S. T. Ho "Watercolour Journey" Art Exhibition

9 October 2013 - 29 October 2013



2013 Libraries Annual Planning Day
Taking our User's Experiences to New Heights
13 September 2013

EVENTS



Group Photo on Annual Planning Day



The Libraries' annual planning day was held on Friday 13th of September. The event brings staff, faculty, students, and alumni together to share the past year's achievements, ongoing initiatives, and to brainstorm ideas and suggestions for the coming year.



Staff's sharing



Discussion Session

16th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD 2013) 23-26 September 2013

The success of the ETD 2013 conference has generated a number of positive comments from our delegates.

John Hagen,
Renaissance Scholarly Communications, U.S.A:

"I cannot thank you enough for all the tremendous efforts you and your staff have done to pull off a hugely successful ETD Symposium in Hong Kong. I have heard so many compliments from conference attendees on all aspects. In fact I did not hear one complaint, in spite of our uninvited guest "Usagi". The outstanding venue, the quality of papers and presentations, the variety of relevant topics, the discussions, the congeniality and spirit of sharing and collaboration have been outstanding."

Steve O'Connor,
Editor Library Management, Australia:

"Can I thank you and your staff for the excellent ETD conference which has just concluded. I know that it was fraught with difficulties beyond your control but it was excellent in the end. The atmosphere of the conference was, as it should be, stimulating and revealing of new thoughts and approaches. It was also great to meet new colleagues and to hear of what they are doing and planning to do. I mark this conference as one of the very best I have had the pleasure of attending. Thank you so much for the opportunity and please thank you staff for all they have done."



For more photo and details, please visit:
<http://lib.hku.hk/etd2013/>



Dr. Shalini Lihitkar-Waghmare,
Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, India:

".. we enjoyed the conference lot and added in our sweet memories. The conference was very fruitful to us and we learnt lot many things from the conference."

Sten Christensen,
University of Sydney Library, Sydney:

"It was a great event and well organised under what must have been trying circumstances."



Prof. Dinesh K. Gupta,
Kurukshetra University, India:

"Thank U very much for organizing such a wonderful conference."

Satoshi Nakayama,
University of Tsukuba, Japan:

"I was very happy to have great experiences in ETD2013 Hong Kong! I had a big typhoon yesterday in Japan, so I remembered Usagi in Hong Kong."



Malcolm Quinn (1931-2013): An Appreciation

Malcolm Quinn, LL.B.(Lond.); MA (Sheffield); AKC; ALA; FHKLA

HKU Libraries former Deputy Librarian, Malcolm Quinn passed away peacefully in his sleep on Feb. 20, 2013, in his 82nd year. Mr. Quinn joined the Libraries in June 1969 as the founding Law Librarian of the newly established Department of Law. In March 1973 he was promoted to Deputy Librarian, a position that he held until his retirement in 1996. Malcolm Quinn played a key part in the development of the Libraries for nearly three decades and will be deeply missed by colleagues who had worked together with him. He is survived by his two older sons Robert and Alan, and three grandchildren. His third son, Steven died in 1995; His wife, Joan passed away in 2008.

Malcolm Quinn was born on Sept. 13, 1931. He studied for an LL.B degree at King's College, London and on graduation joined the staff of a local library in Newbury, Berkshire where his duties included driving the mobile library around the rural areas. Malcolm studied for his professional library qualification while working, as was the established practice at the time. He began courting Joan, a registered nurse, and the couple married three years later. Their first child, Robert was born in 1958, and was later joined by two younger brothers. In search of adventure, in the early 1960s Malcolm and Joan and their boys moved to Salisbury, Rhodesia as it was known then. Several years later the family moved to Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. (Rob Quinn writes,

"Mum was a registered nurse and whilst in East Africa practically ran a clinic by herself, being called out to the bush delivering babies and treating the locals and such like. A busy but interesting life, and bringing up us three boys out there as well!")

In 1969 the Quinns moved to Hong Kong, where Malcolm spent the rest of his working life at the University of Hong Kong Libraries.

In 1996 Malcolm retired and he and Joan returned to the UK to settle in Minehead, in the south of England. They enjoyed 10 years of retirement there, sharing

their home with their deceased son Steven's beloved cat and a succession of dogs. Life was leisurely and pleasant, centering on gardening, home improvements, local activities and family life. Robert, who had trained for the hospitality industry, worked nearby and Alan and Beverley and their three children lived not so very far away. Robert later came to live with his parents as age began to catch up with them. After Joan passed away in 2008, Malcolm and Robert moved up to Bexhill-on-Sea, much closer to Alan and his family, and that is where Malcolm spent the rest of his life.

Malcolm Quinn is fondly remembered by all who knew him in the HKU Libraries. He was a great source of encouragement to newly recruited staff, helping them to find their own place in the new work environment. Always very approachable, he could be counted on to give sensible, pragmatic advice appropriate to the situation. In his role as deputy librarian, he made frequent visits to the various library departments and branches, chatting with staff and teasing out information about any problems that might need addressing. He was always very supportive and staff of all levels felt they could approach him personally about any work-related worries they might have.

He also played an active part in the Hong Kong Library Association (HKLA), established in 1958 with Mrs Dorothea Scott, HKU Librarian 1950-1960 as founding president. Mr. Quinn served as president in 1974, 1983 and 1984. He was conferred fellowship of HKLA in 1992. Mr. Quinn also served on the HKLA Council over the years and took an active interest in the HKLA Journal, as a member of the editorial committee and as an author of articles published in it. He wrote on a wide variety of topics, including thoughts on law librarianship in his early days, bookbinding (a special area of interest and expertise) and copyright.

Anyone who wishes to write to Robert Quinn or email him with their own reminiscences of Mr. Quinn may contact the HKU Libraries Public Relations at friends@lib.hku.hk for further information.

Remembering Malcolm Quinn at the HKU Libraries



Libraries professional staff, 1986



Social occasions over the years



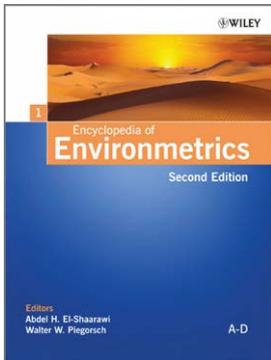
**New Main Library
opening, Dec. 19, 1991**



Retirement – Malcolm with his deerhound, Chloe in April, 2003

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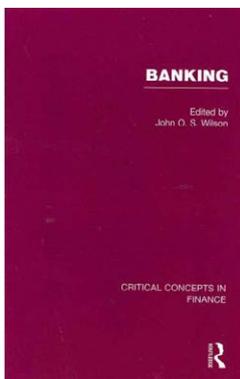
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Encyclopedia of environmetrics / editors-in-chief, Abdel H. El-Shaarawi, Walter W. Piegorsch.

2nd edition. Chichester, West Sussex : John Wiley & Sons, 2012

Encyclopedia is an invaluable aid to researchers, lecturers, students, consultants and policymakers engaged in ecological statistics, climate change, geostatistics, natural resources, risk assessment, environmental health, physical processes, chemometrics, stochastic modelling, forestry, acid rain, and pollution.



Banking : critical concepts in finance / edited by John O.S. Wilson. Abingdon, Oxon : Routledge, 2012.

This 5-volume collection meets the need for an authoritative reference work to map the existing scholarly corpus, and to make sense of the continuing explosion in research output. It brings together the very best foundational and cutting-edge contributions to the field of banking.



近代史所藏清代名人稿本抄本. 第一輯 / 中國社科院近代史所編；虞和平主編；閔傑, 段梅副主編. 鄭州市 : 大象出版社, 2011.

《近代史所藏清代名人稿本抄本》為國家清史編纂工程項目，是中國社科院近代史所圖書館館藏代從收集到的19萬件資料中整理出來最具價值的一套研究資料。內容包括100餘位清代名人的書札、日記及各種公私文檔，多屬手稿真跡。



北洋政府檔案 / 中國第二歷史檔案館編.

[北京] : 中國檔案出版社, 2010.

《北洋政府檔案》是一部頗具學術研究價值的民國檔案專題資料大型圖書，共一百九十六冊，十二萬多頁，集中選編了中國第二歷史檔案館館藏民國北洋政府各檔案全宗中具有利用和研究價值的史料共兩萬餘件，全面地反映了北洋時期政治、軍事、文化、外交及社會、經濟等各方面的發展狀況。

WORKSHOPS

Hone your Information Skills!

The library is a treasure trove of information and training sessions are organized to help hone your information skills. The orientations and Postgraduate Workshops offered in August and September help familiarize new students with the services and facilities in support of their study and research. Endnote Workshops began its offer in October and, as usual, the sessions were filled up quickly. We have also been offering subject specialized courses arranged in collaboration with Faculty members. Of special interest this year is the Author's Talk with Dr. Kaimin Shih from Department of Civil Engineering sharing his experience in academic publishing.

More training sessions will be offered this semester.

Highlights of upcoming courses include:

- Key Chinese Databases
- Finding Dissertations
- Cited Reference Search
- Impact Factor
- Turnitin Student Seminars

So, do watch out for our schedule at [HKUL Homepage > Training](#).

STAFF MOVEMENT

New staff member:

Ms. Gigi Lau, Library Assistant, Western and Electronic Resources Cataloguing
Ms. May Wong, Library Assistant, Public Relations and Development
Ms. May Yeung, Library Assistant, Special Collections
Mr. Andy Yu, Assistant Conservator, Preservation and Conservation Division

New assignment:

Ms. Eunice Chan, Senior IT Manager, Technology Support Services
Mr. Mak Ka Lai, Library Assistant I, Information Services, Medical Library
Ms. Nina Li, Library Assistant II, Acquisitions
Ms. Rebecca Tam, additional role as Interim Science & Engineering Faculties Librarian

With Appreciation and Fond Farewell:

Ms. Roberta Lau, Medical Library
Dave Low, Technology Support Services
Mr. Swallow Wan, Technical Services
Alice Wong, Information Services
Mr. Kevin Yiu, Technology Support Services

HKU Libraries USED BOOK

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Books from various subjects,
both in Chinese and English, are priced at
HK\$20 and up

Date:
5 November, 2013 (Tue)

Time:
11:00am - 6:00pm

Venue:
Main Library, HKU
Outside covered area



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- To support going green, please bring your own bag.
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- Used books are available on a first come, first served basis. There will be no reservation of used books.
- The used books are not displayed in any specific order.
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Drop by with your books and items and try it out!



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