



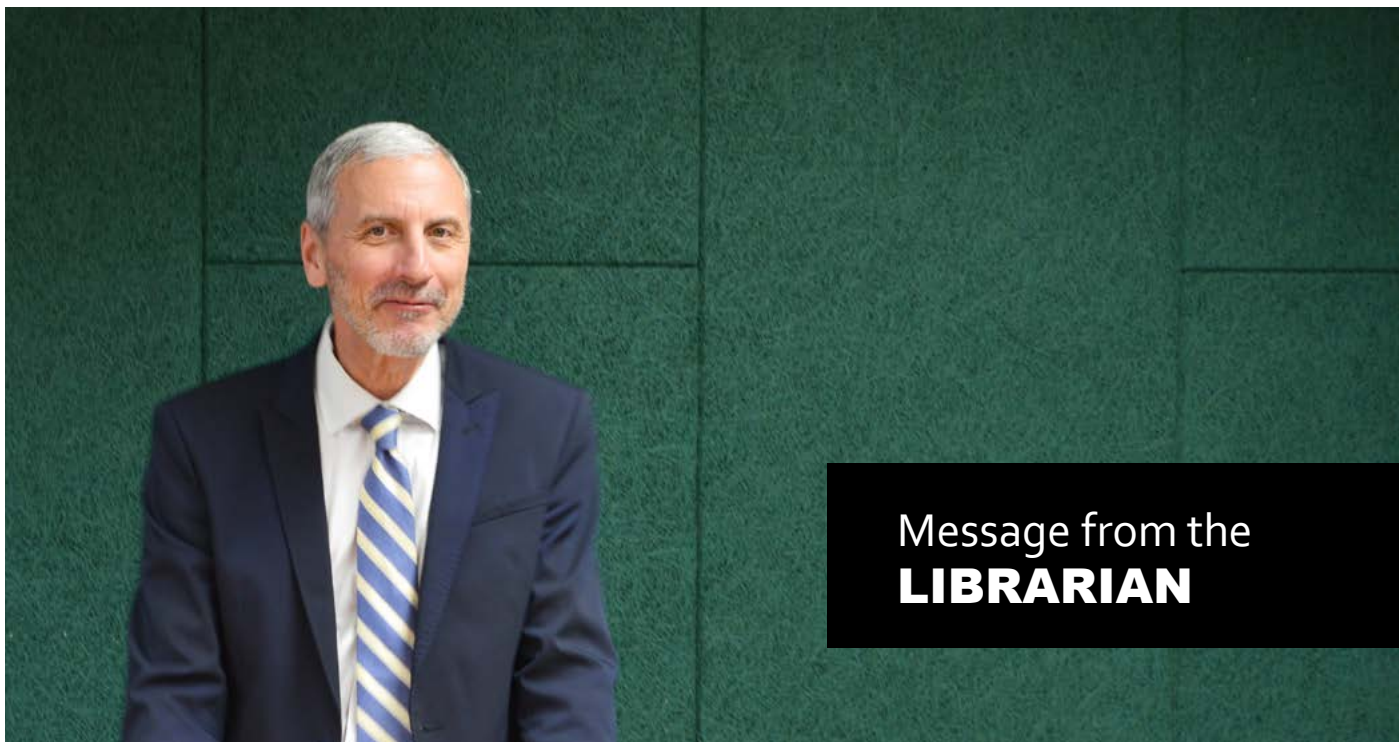
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TEACHING, LEARNING, RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE



Message from the
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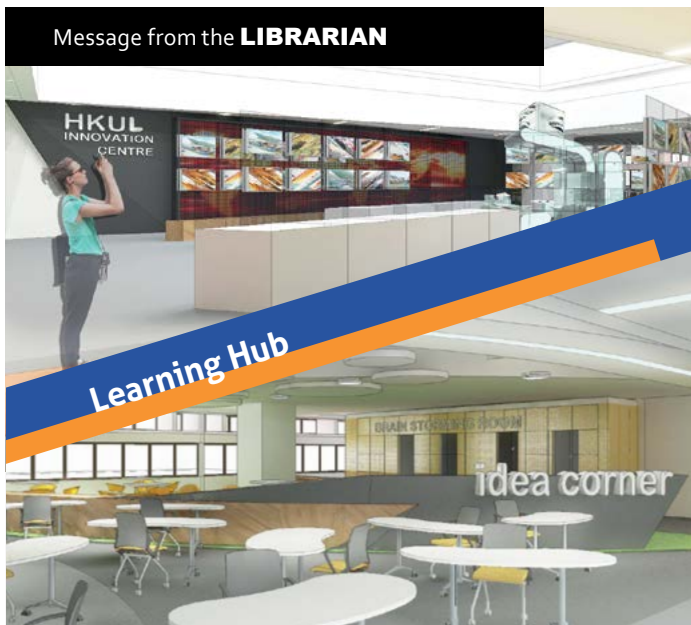
With the beginning of the new academic year the Libraries are again teeming with energy and enthusiasm.

Much has transpired since the last issue of FOCUS in February, 2017. Exhibitions, book talks, workshops, surveys, the naming of the Education Library, the launching of the Libraries Research Data Services website and related services, and other activities are discussed in this issue but represent only a fraction of developments over the past months.

New Shared Integrated Library System

As I mentioned in the previous issue, the introduction of a shared integrated library system (ILS) for the 8 UGC libraries was anticipated for the 2nd half of 2017. The system was soft launched across the 8 libraries on July 17. The shared system has the potential to enable greater sharing of resources across the 8 libraries as well as the opportunity for deeper collaboration in the areas of integrated and shared workflows, among others. Efficiencies to be gained will be realised with time as the new system is fully settled. At present, we appreciate that the system is new and requires some readjustment and the 8 libraries are working closely with the company, Ex Libris, to make improvements. Library staff are running workshops on the new system and providing individualised support as needed. Feedback may be sent to ilsfeedback@lib.hku.hk.





Upcoming Renovations

The next phase of library renovations is set to begin at the end of the year with the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library. The first phase of this renovation will provide for the establishment of a much needed 24 hour study facility while the second phase will provide general enhancements across the majority of the ground floor. Full details, plans, architects impressions and phases can be found at <http://lib.hku.hk/mlr/index.html>.

The Main Library ground and second floors will also undergo significant enhancements beginning January 2017. Starting with the ground floor, there will be a range of study spaces provided there from a social space through to quiet study as well as some discussion rooms. The initial phase (January to March 2018) will necessitate the temporary closure of the ground floor entrance and exit. **The second floor entrance and exit will be the only means of access to the Main Library from January to March 2018.** The second and final phase of the ground floor work (March to May 2018) will be less disruptive and the ground floor entrance and exit should be functional during that time. Full details, plans, architects impressions and phases for the ground floor can be found at <http://lib.hku.hk/mltt/index.html>.

The second floor renovations will provide facilities for study and research including a reading corridor, an idea corner, a multi-purpose area, and an innovation centre where a range of multimedia and research related facilities will be available. The emphasis on this space is flexibility. To this end, much of the space will have the capability of being reconfigured for various purposes and over various periods depending on seasonal demands. The second floor renovations will extend from June 2018 through to January 2019. Full details, plans, architects impressions and phases for the ground floor can be found at <http://lib.hku.hk/lhub/index.html>.

In addition to enhanced spaces and services enabled through these renovations, seating/study space capacities for both libraries will be increased with the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library increasing from 265 to 299 and the Main Library from 193 to 318.

Peter E. Sidorko
University Librarian



Peru Consulate donation

On 15 February 2017, the Libraries received the *Complete Collection of Books of Inca Garcilaso de la Vega* from the Consulate General of Peru in Hong Kong and Macao.

The generous donation was officiated by Professor Peter Mathieson, President & Vice-Chancellor of HKU, Peter Sidorko, University Librarian, Mr Sergio Manuel Avila Traverso, Consul-General, Mr Gonzalo Talavera Alvarez, Deputy Consul-General, Ms July Wu, Consular Assistant, and Bernadette Tsui, Director, Development & Alumni Affairs Office.

2016 marked the 400th anniversary of the death of Garcilaso de la Vega (12 April 1539 – 23 April 1616), contemporary of Spain's Miguel de Cervantes and England's William Shakespeare and one of the best Peruvian writers of 17th century¹.

¹ Mr Sergio Manuel Avila Traverso



Ms Tsui, Prof Mathieson, Mr Traverso, Mr Sidorko, Ms Wu and Mr Alvarez



Naming Ceremony of the Tin Ka Ping Education Library

To honour the Tin Ka Ping Foundation for their generous support to the Faculty of Education and The University of Hong Kong since 1991, the Education Library has been named the Tin Ka Ping Education Library.

The naming ceremony was held at the Library on 12 April 2017 hosting nearly 80 guests to celebrate this momentous occasion.



Welcoming speech by Professor Peter Mathieson, President & Vice-Chancellor of HKU



Speech by Mr Sam Tin Hing-Sin, Chairman of the Tin Ka Ping Foundation



Revisit the event at:

<http://web.edu.hku.hk/photo/naming-ceremony-of-tkp-edu-library>

FIND@HKUL Roadshow

From 30 August to 8 September, the Libraries welcomed freshmen as well as returning students with a daily roadshow held at the Main Library and the Branches. Students who dropped by were treated to quick demonstrations on the Libraries' new search tool FIND@HKUL, lunch-time workshops, a quiz, games, and prizes. This initiative is a collaborative effort of three major teams: Branch Services, Information Services and Lending Services.



A Patron's Review

"As a scholar of Chinese literature, I'm constantly hunting for books: original texts mostly in traditional Chinese characters, sometimes also mainland editions in simplified characters; secondary scholarship in Chinese, English, and Japanese, and occasionally also French or German; monographs on related subjects, on history, religion, philosophy, linguistics, or comparative literature.

But before I even start reading a book, I need to know what is out there, and so the HKUL catalog is one of my main research tools. On a normal day I might check it dozens of times, sometimes just to survey what sources are available on a given topic, or to compile a bibliography, or to check a citation or even just the spelling of an author's name.

So when the new HKUL catalog first appeared replacing Dragon, it was at first quite a shock for me. I was disappointed to see how long it took to load in the first place, and confused by all the online articles that appeared in my searches. After a bit of experimentation, though, I figured out how to turn the new tools to my advantage. I have a bookmark in my browser for "search by title in HKUL for books only," and a similar one for author search, so that I can start out with my default search conditions and not lose any time. I have also been taking advantage of the "request a book" button as well, to have books sent directly to the Music Library right above my office.

Now that I've gotten used to the flexibility and efficiency of the new catalog, I wouldn't want to give it up. It's a terrific tool for research that integrates a number of different functions from the old system. That said, it could probably be made a little bit more user-friendly. It wasn't till after I had experimented with hundreds of different searches that I really felt in control of it. And the opening screen still takes a little too long to load, even if it is worth the wait."

Nick Williams, Assistant Professor in the School of Chinese





Find@HKUL and your borrowing experience

On the 17 July, the Library introduced a re-vamped Find@HKUL and a new integrated library system to manage it behind the scenes. Here's how the new Find@HKUL affects your borrowing experience:

- Eligible patrons can request available materials for delivery to any Branch Library by simply clicking "request this copy". There's no need to fill out and submit any e-forms.
- Eligible patrons can search UGC-funded library collections in Find@HKUL and request materials to be delivered to HKU Libraries through the HKALL service. Patrons can select their preferred pickup location without filling out any e-forms.
- Patrons can click **MyAccount@HKUL** regularly to find their loans, requests, and fines information.
- If a loan is eligible for renewal, patrons can renew their loans any time, up to a maximum number of days for that item (<https://lib.hku.hk/cdd/br-renew.html>). There's no limit to the number of times patrons can click the renew button, so consider using the 'renew all' feature!
- The Library will remind patrons via email and SMS when their loans are coming due. Courtesy reminders are sent 3 days before a loan is due, and a final reminder is sent on the due date.

We welcome your feedback, email ilsfeedback@lib.hku.hk if you have any comments or suggestions. Thanks to patron feedback, we are currently working with the software company to add features like multiple-item selection and renewing.

Learn how to make the most of the new Find@HKUL here: libguides.lib.hku.hk/FindatHKUL

Info Session: How Mainland engagement could enhance your teaching, research, scholarship and knowledge exchange.

September 12, 2017

Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global) Professor W John Kao and Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Staffing and Resources) Professor Terry Au shared with HKU faculty and staff members HKU's Mainland Strategy and the accompanying "HR Framework Guideline" to encourage and to facilitate deployment logistics for HKU staff to take full advantage of opportunities in the Mainland. Thanks to the support of the Main Library in terms of space and logistics, attendees were given opportunities to familiarize themselves with HR and financial policies on outside practices, duty leaves, promotion, etc. Establishing a more flexible HR policy is one of the actionables to increase the utility with research and teaching activities in existing key assets (such as HKU-Shenzhen Hospital, SIRI, ZIRI) with local and international partners.

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2017 Library User Survey Results

Thanks to the overwhelming responses of over 4,400 patrons, our User Survey was completed in March 2017 with lots of useful data. Apart from identifying performance gaps in different service areas, the data has helped us explore patron behaviours and needs to facilitate our planning of future developments as well as to improve our services. The results and key finding are available at <http://lib.hku.hk/survey2017/>.

As a token of thanks to our patrons' support to this survey, the earliest respondents and some lucky participants were presented with prizes by the University Librarian. We look forward to your participation in our next biennial survey in 2019!



STAFF Matters

Irene Fung's Retirement

Ms Irene Fung, former Education Librarian, retired this summer after loyal service of over 25 years with the University Libraries. Succeeding her is Ms Kendy Lau, who joined us on 3 August. In addition to the daily operation of the Education Library, Ms Lau works closely with the Faculty in contributing to its teaching and research as well as student learning. Kendy can be contacted at kendylau@hku.hk.



Ms Kendy Lau,
Education Librarian



Branch Librarians:
Irene Shieh (Law), Dr Y C Wan (Fung Ping Shan), Irene Fung (Education, retired),
Lucinda Wong (Medical), Sam Lee (Dental), Kwan Yin Yee (Music)

INFORMATION SERVICES Division

The Information Services Division continues to provide support to research, teaching and learning.

Top 1% Scientists at HKU

The Division completed this year's Top 1% Scientists at HKU in September based on the July 2017 update of Clarivate Analytics' Essential Science Indicators. Congratulations to the 118 HKU researchers identified! The list has been posted in the HKU Scholars Hub.

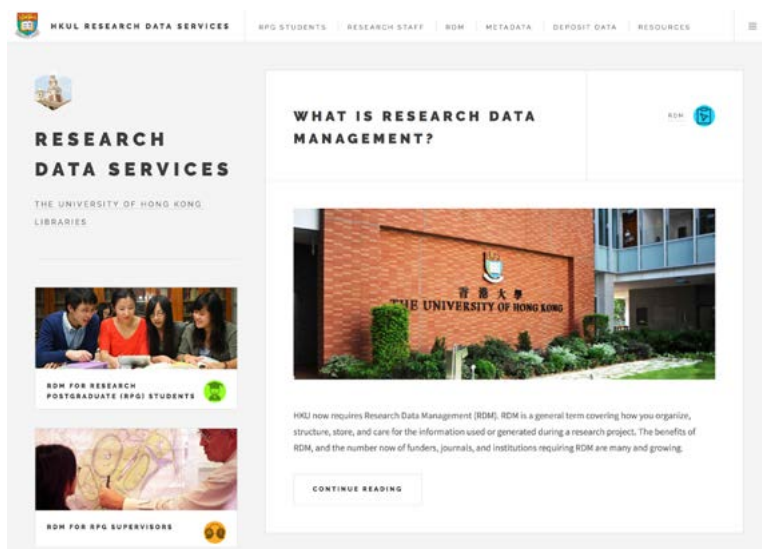
<http://hub.hku.hk/>

Research Postgraduate Hub (RPG Hub)

The RPG Hub launched in April 2017 features profile pages of HKU Research Postgraduates in the Scholars Hub, similar to the ResearcherPage for HKU academic staff. The first phase includes 654 new RPG students for the period 1 July 2016 to 31 January 2017. It is hoped that the RPG Hub will enhance the visibility of HKU research students and foster new research collaboration. Please visit the Hub at <http://hub.hku.hk/> and then choose "Research Postgraduates" under "Researchers" from the top bar menu.

HKU Libraries Research Data Services website:

<http://lib.hku.hk/researchdata/rds.htm>



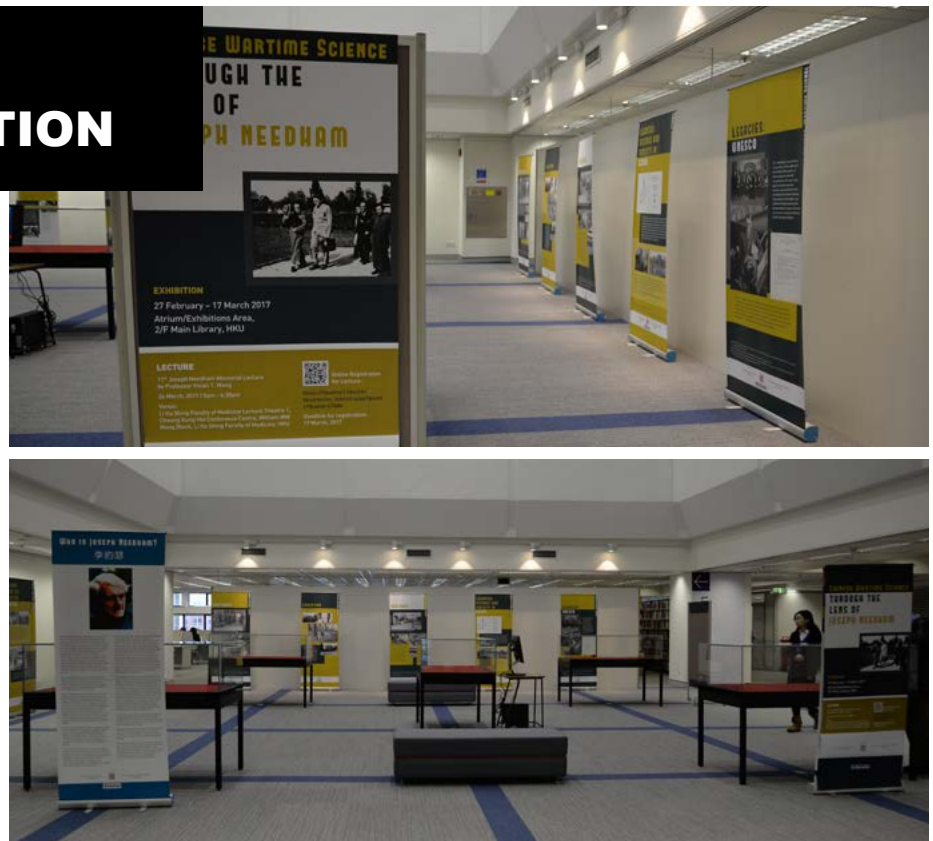
A revamped Research Data Services website was launched in late August. This website aims to provide information and resources to support Research Data Management (RDM) at HKU. Complementing the website is the video, *A Dialogue on Research Data Management at HKU*, introducing RDM to HKU research postgraduates. This informative video was produced in collaboration with Technology-Enriched Learning Initiative (TELI) and we would like to say a big thank you to Professor John Bacon-Shone and Miss Rachel Yiu for starring in the video.

Library Training

A full series of training programmes has been launched since August to equip staff and students with the library skills in support of their learning and research. Registration to the Postgraduate Library Workshops, Freshmen Orientations, Endnote Workshops and FIND@HKUL Show & Tell were all filled up quickly. More sessions have to be arranged to quench the overwhelming response. For the latest training schedule, please visit http://lib.hku.hk/cgi-bin/course/list_gp_m.cgi?category=2

Customizing unique research needs, Faculty Librarians have so far offered some 30 tailor-made sessions. A series of library training to HKU SPACE International College Students has also been offered at the Admiralty campus. More customized training will be offered as needs arise.

Past EVENTS / EXHIBITION



Chinese Wartime Science: Through The Lens of Joseph Needham

27 February - 17 March 2017

The East Asian History of Science Foundation Hong Kong (EAHSF HK) in collaboration with The University of Hong Kong Libraries presented the exhibition "*Chinese Wartime Science through the Lens of Joseph Needham*" from 27 February – 17 March, 2017 at the 2nd Floor Atrium/Exhibitions Area, Main Library.

Amongst all his achievements and accolades at Cambridge University, the late Dr Joseph Needham (1900-1995) was best known for his continuing "*Science and Civilisation in China*" series. While he was visiting China in the 1940s he came into contact with a significant amount of historical documents regarding Chinese science and technology as well as a number of promising young scholars, in the process igniting his passion in the history of science and technology in China. His main question, now known as the "*Needham Question*", asks "*why modern science had not developed in Chinese civilization but only in Europe given China's remarkable scientific achievements before the 15th century*". This had always been his focus during his decades of research on the history of science and technology in China.

Dr Needham provided valuable advice in the post-World War 2 re-opening of HKU in 1945. He stayed close to HKU, particularly with the late Sir Murray MacLehose (Governor of Hong Kong from 1971-1982) whom he befriended in Xiamen while Mr MacLehose was the British Consulate General there during wartime. For his contributions, HKU awarded Dr Needham an honorary "*Degree of Doctor of Letters*" at the 87th Congregation in 1974.

In 2012, The University of Hong Kong established a permanent endowed chair, "*Joseph Needham - Philip Mao Professorship in Chinese History, Science and Civilization*" in honour of Dr Needham and the late Dr Philip Wen Chee Mao, founding chairman of the East Asian History of Science Foundation Hong Kong.

For photos of exhibitions and events, go to our Facebook Event Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/hkulevents/>

Exhibition & DIY notebook making workshops in the Main Library, March 2017

18 & 23 March 2017

Last March, staff prepared an exhibition to introduce preservation and conservation activities at the Libraries. In conjunction with the exhibition, the staff of the Libraries' Preservation Centre held *DIY Notebook Making Workshops*. In six sessions held over two days, 96 participants including students, alumni, staff and members of the public gathered in and around the exhibit cases to make their own sewn booklets. Preservation Centre staff introduced the classic and versatile pamphlet style binding. Participants made a single signature notebook with paper cover and double signature notebook with cloth cover. Examples of ways to modify the stitching and cover for a more personalized notebook were discussed and demonstrated.



About Preservation and Conservation Division

Established in 2010, the Preservation and Conservation Division of HKU Libraries is the first and only academic unit in Hong Kong to offer preservation and conservation services. The Preservation Centre supports the mission of the Libraries and the broader university community by working to make HKU's collections accessible for future generations.

Over the past five years, the Libraries has responded to the enormous need for preservation expertise, expanding its services and making significant contributions to the safeguarding of cultural and historical heritage at HKU and across Hong Kong. The Preservation Centre continues to develop in line with international standards to meet the growing needs for preservation expertise in the region.

Prior to 2010, the Libraries supported a production bindery that performed minor repairs on general books. Today Preservation Centre staff are responsible for the conservation treatment of rare books and documents as well as general collection items. Books displayed in the exhibition cases presented an overview of the most typical forms of damage found in HKUL's circulating collection. One case focused on specialized tools and materials used to repair books and paper documents.

USED BOOK SALE

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Book Sale

29 March 2017



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Big Shots: Photo Exhibition in Celebration of 130 Years of Medicine in Hong Kong

5 - 27 April 2017

The Main Library hosted the *Big Shots – Photo Exhibition in Celebration of 130 Years of Medicine in Hong Kong* from 5 – 27 April 2017 at the 2nd Floor Atrium/Exhibitions Area.



Talk on Academic Archives

A Jewel in Queen's Crown: An Introduction to Queen's University Archives and Canada's Academic Archives

Speakers: Ms Shan Jin
Date: 23 May 2017 (Tuesday)
Time: 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Venue: e-Learning Lab, G/F Main Library, The University of Hong Kong



HKU SPACE 60 Years of Growing Exhibition

9 - 25 May 2017

In collaboration with HKU SPACE, the Main Library presented the HKU SPACE 60 Years of Growing Exhibition from 9-25 May 2017 at the 2nd Floor Atrium/ Exhibitions Area.

HKU SPACE was first established as the Department of Extra-Mural Studies of the University of Hong Kong in 1957. The School emerged amid the rapid development of the society, providing the most needed education to different sectors of the community. As the exhibition walked through the 60 years of the School, it was also walked through Hong Kong's history and the city's education development.

Old publications and pictures reminded the audience of the good old days when a 10-lecture course only cost HK\$45 in 1968!¹

¹ HKU SPACE



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Lost & Found

2 - 15 September 2017

In collaboration with the School of Modern Languages and Cultures, the Yuezhong Museum of Historical Images and The University of Hong Kong Libraries, the Main Library presented the *Lost & Found - Views from Teochew & Swatow Itinerant* Exhibition at the 2nd Floor Atrium/Exhibitions Area from 2 – 15 September 2017.

The exhibition starts with an 8-minute video filmed in the Chaoshan region in east Guangdong, China in the early 20th century. The exhibition will feature more than 600 images, videos, and a number of literary pieces to complement the 8-minute video.

“It can be found that the exhibition is full of perspectives from young researchers. There are two parts for visiting the exhibition. One is the main line of traditional historical image studies, which discusses “when, where, who and what” from the films. The second part displays the related historical information explored from the video by researchers. The displayed information constitutes the research examples which represent the researchers’ perspectives on historical images. The method of finding “lost” history became the content and value of the exhibition.”¹

The Yuezhong Museum of Historical Images, located in Shenzhen, China, is a private non-profit academic institution that specializes in collecting, researching and exhibiting Chinese historical images.

¹The Yuezhong Museum of Historical Images



The Auschwitz Album

Organizing partners: HKHTC, SMLC, HKU
In cooperation with Yad Vashem HKU libraries

Exhibition: 11-18 September 2017, Level 3, Main Library

Talk: 'The Auschwitz Album and its Historical Significance'
11 September 2017, Lounge Area, 2/F Main Library

The Auschwitz Album is one of the most significant photographic collections of 20th century European history. They are the only surviving images documenting the systematic murder of European Jews by Germany between 1941-1945 at the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp. The images capture the arrival at Auschwitz of a Jewish transport from Carpatho-Ruthenia in May 1944. The most striking fact of the album is its discovery by Lili Jacob, a survivor of that very same death transport. The Auschwitz Album is a critical primary source reminding us of the horrors and barbarism that took place at heart of Europe over 70 years ago.

Dr Roland Vogt is Assistant Professor of European Studies in Hong Kong. He is also a Director of the Hong Kong Holocaust and Tolerance Centre. His teaching and research interests include 20th century European history and the Holocaust, European foreign and security policy, as well EU-China relations.¹

¹ School of Modern Languages and Cultures

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Professors Ma Kiam and Ma Meng: An Exhibition in Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of The School of Chinese

18 September - 8 October 2017

In collaboration with the School of Chinese of The University of Hong Kong and The University of Hong Kong Libraries, the Main Library presented *Professors Ma Kiam and Ma Meng: An Exhibition in Celebration of the 90th Anniversary of The School of Chinese* Exhibition at the 2nd Floor Atrium/Exhibitions Area of the Main Library from 18 September 2017 to 8 October 2017.

"The School of Chinese of The University of Hong Kong was founded in 1927 by scholars who dedicated years of their lives to cultivate the learning of the Chinese language and to foster cultural exchange between the East and the West. Through the early Scholars' immense efforts and commitment to their cause, the School has made important progress in many aspects of teaching and research in the past 90 years and is recognized as an internationally-renowned institution for the teaching and research on Chinese language and culture. 2017 marks the goth anniversary of the School's establishment and in honour of two of our distinguished former faculty members, Professor Ma Kiam and Professor Ma Meng, the School has organized an exhibition to celebrate their achievements and to also showcase the School's proud history and its many contributions to Chinese education in Hong Kong.

Professor Ma Kiam and Professor Ma Meng served as Head of School respectively during the early to mid-twentieth century and their tenures as Head of School are recognized by the academic community to be instrumental to the progress made in Chinese education in Hong Kong and the School's various achievements."¹

桃李不言，蹊徑垂蔭 — 馬鑑教授、馬蒙教授 香港大學中文學院九十周年誌慶展覽

香港大學中文學院成立於1927年，以傳承國粹、貫通中西文化為辦學宗旨，歷經幾代學者辛勤開墾耕耘，奠定規模，建立傳統，成為國際上深具影響力之教研機構；九十年間步履相接，薪火承傳，有以成之。今年正值中文學院成立九十周年，為隆重其事，特意舉辦兩位前任系主任馬鑑、馬蒙教授的展覽，穿梭歲月，鈎沈翰墨文牘，意在景仰前人，亦展示香港大學中文學院於香港中文教育的重要貢獻。

馬鑑、馬蒙教授父子，先後出任香港大學中文系主任，兩位的經歷與清末民初的教育發展、香港中文教學的演進、香港大學中文學院今天的成就緊密相連，為學界所稱譽。

¹ The School of Chinese of The University of Hong Kong

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Take a
BREAK



iHP Sessions

2 May 2017

Students come to the Libraries by the hundreds during assessment period to study and to research. Last year, the Library introduced a range of activities to help students relax and re-focus on their studies, including stretching and kickfit sessions and a visit from Animals Asia's *Dr Dog* therapy dog programme. The end of the academic year is an equally busy time, and the Library worked with the Centre for Sports and Exercise in May to offer yoga and stretching sessions to help students find some balance. 130 library patrons took a break from the books to stretch and re-energise during one of the six sessions offered.

The sessions were well received with positive feedback.

“Great to have stretching + exercise in the Library :) ...”
(Stretching and Core Training 19th May 1-2pm)

The Libraries will continue to arrange sessions to help students and staff *Take a Break* during the assessment periods.

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Dr Dog at Libraries

17 May 2017

The Main Library held another round of Take a Break sessions during the May Assessment period. A one hour *Dr Dog* session was coordinated to allow current students and staff to take a break from their busy schedules.

19 May 2017

Close encounter of the pawed kind

A *Dr Dog* session was jointly organized by the Law Library, the Library's Public Relations and Development team, and Animals Asia Foundation on 19 May 2017, at the Library's foyer. The first ever *Dr Dog* session held in the Law Library, was very well received and was attended by both students and faculty alike. Everyone enjoyed their brief hour of close encounter with our pawed friends to help take a break from everyone's busy schedules.



Some of the feedback we have received include:

"It was a fantastic idea - especially as it raises awareness of animal rights."

"We ended up discussing ways the Trial Advocacy students could help effect social change and help with Animal and environmental law."

"We were all extremely de-stressed and relaxed too - a great bonus."

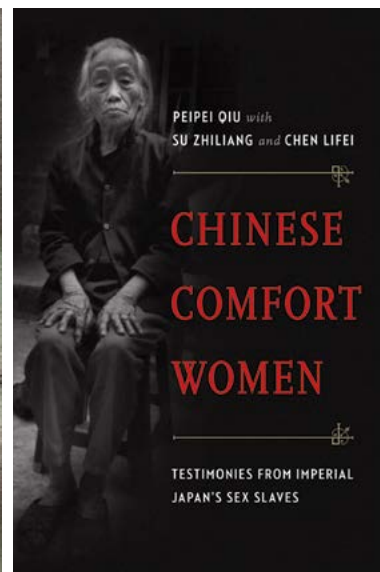
Revisit the event:

Library web: <http://lib.hku.hk/cdblog/?p=23187>

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/hkulevents/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1044710135664365

READING CLUB

This month Book Talk



Chinese Comfort Women: Testimonies from Imperial Japan's Sex Slaves

Speakers: Professor Peipei Qiu 丘培培 (Vassar College, USA)
Moderator: Professor Clara Wing-chung Ho 劉詠聰 (Hong Kong Baptist University)
Date: 19 October 2017 (Thursday)
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Venue: Special Collections, 1/F, Main Library, The University of Hong Kong
Language: English

About the speaker

Peipei Qiu is The Louise Boyd Dale and Alfred Lichtenstein Chair Professor of Chinese and Japanese, and Chair of the Department of Chinese and Japanese, Vassar College, USA. Qiu is the recipient of a number of honors and grants, including a Chinese American Librarians Association Best Book Award, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Fellowship, Columbia University President's Fellowship, and The Japan Foundation Fellowships. She is the author of *Bashô and the Dao: The Zhuangzi and the Transformation of Haikai* (Hawaii University Press, 2005), *Chinese Comfort Women: Testimonies from Imperial Japan's Sex Slaves* (with collaborating researchers Su Zhiliang and Chen Lifei, University of British Columbia Press, 2013; Oxford University Press, 2014; Hong Kong University Press, 2014), and many research articles in English, Japanese, and Chinese.

About the book

During the Asia-Pacific War, the Japanese military forced hundreds of thousands of women across Asia into "comfort stations" where they were repeatedly raped and tortured. Japanese imperial forces claimed they recruited women to join these stations in order to prevent the mass rape of local women and the spread of venereal disease among soldiers. In reality, these women were kidnapped and coerced into sexual slavery. Comfort stations institutionalized rape, and these "comfort women" were subjected to atrocities that have only recently become the subject of international debate.

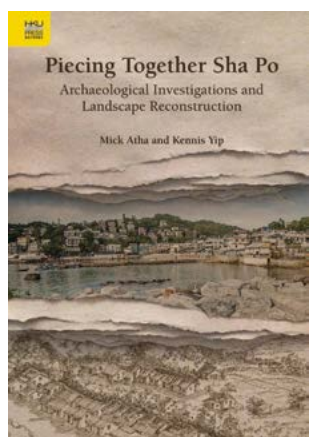
Chinese Comfort Women: Testimonies from Imperial Japan's Sex Slaves was first published by University of British Columbia Press in 2013. In July 2014, Oxford University Press and Hong Kong University Press released its paperback edition in the USA and Asia respectively.

The book consists of three parts. Part 1 traces the establishment of the military comfort women system in China. Part 2 features the personal narratives of twelve women forced into sexual slavery when the Japanese military occupied their hometowns. Beginning with their prewar lives and continuing through their enslavement to their postwar struggles for justice. Part 3 documents the survivors' postwar lives and the "comfort women" redress movement in China. The personal narratives of these survivors combined with the testimonies of witnesses, investigative reports, and local histories reveal clearly a correlation between the proliferation of the comfort stations and the progression of Japan's military offensive.

The first English-language account of its kind, *Chinese Comfort Women* exposes the full extent of the injustices suffered by women forced into sexual servitude by the Japanese military in Mainland China and the conditions that caused them.

The book was named a Best Book of the Year by the Chinese American Librarians Association in 2014.

The Chinese edition of the book (日本帝國の性奴隸：中國「慰安婦」的證言) is also published in 2017.



READING CLUB

Past Book Talks

Piecing Together Sha Po: Archaeological Investigations and Landscape Reconstruction

Speakers: Mick Atha (Archaeologist & Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, CUHK)
Kennis Yip (Archaeologist)
Moderator: Mr Hing-Wah Chau (Curator, Intangible Cultural Heritage Office)
Date: 9 February 2017 (Thursday)



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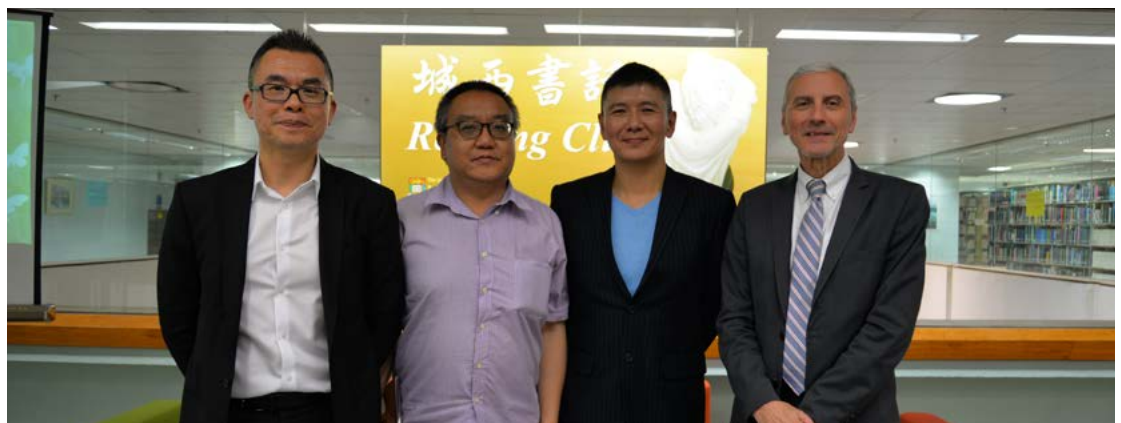
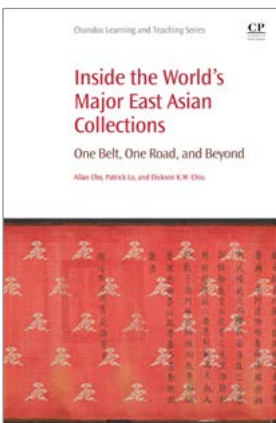


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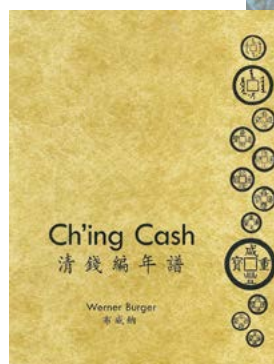
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