City Upbeats

CityU is proud to present the first Arts Festival organised by the Cultural and Sports Committee this autumn, bringing various forms of arts by world-class artists to the campus.

The Festival was kicked off by the performance of Maestro Paolo Morena (violin) and Ms. Lucia Yung (bassoon) with CityU Philharmonic Orchestra cum Opening Ceremony on 14 October. Ms. Yung was impressed by the passion and music skills of the Orchestra members and complimented that they were a pleasure to work with.

Mr. Morena, who also taught some young CityU violins in his master class, appreciated the students' dedication to music and hoped that more music classes and performances would be offered to enhance their level of competence in music.

The Arts Festival encompasses a great variety of art events, including an oil painting exhibition, concerts, opera screenings and dance performances by a wonderful array of professional artists.

For the opening ceremony, the audience was greeted with a delightful performance by a well-known pianist, who captivated the audience with his impeccable technique and musicality. The event was followed by an enchanting dance performance by a group of talented dancers, who showcased their impressive skills and precision.

The evening concluded with a delightful performance by a choir, whose harmonious voices filled the air with melody and joy. The audience was left in awe of the performers' talent and dedication.

The CityU Arts Festival is a testament to the university's commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive cultural environment. It provides a platform for students, faculty, and the broader community to come together and celebrate the power of the arts.
University Life Induction Day 2015—Warm Welcome to Freshmen!

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Initiated by Student Development Services (SDS), the Induction Day gathered over 800 new students on 15 August to discover more about university life and to explore the campus as well as the support available to them.

Professor Way Kuo, University President, and Professor Horace Ip Ho-shing, Vice-President (Student Affairs), officiated at the kick-off ceremony. In his welcoming remarks, Professor Kuo urged students to treasure the opportunity to study at university and to develop friendships extensively. He also encouraged students to go on exchange trips to broaden their horizon.

Dr Raymond Chan Kwok-hong, Dean of Students, held an alumni crossover talk at the ceremony, while the SU Drama Society and the CityU Karatedo Team also gave very exciting performances.

With the support of CityU alumni, SDS also held orientation workshops which aimed at inspiring the new students with much information, experience and guidance.

Li Chun-yi, a freshman from the Department of Electronic Engineering, attended the Induction Day. He remarked that the workshop and campus tour were very useful and had helped him to get his bearings at CityU.

The event was concluded with a fun team-building game. Professor Kuo, Professor Ip, Dr Raymond Chan Kwok-hong, Dr Wong Chi-tim, Director of SDS, and Mr Wilson Lam Kin, Director of Student Residence Office, along with new and current students came together to spell out the message "I love CityU".
Overseas Internships Enhanced Global Exposure

體驗環球職場 探索就業方向

This Summer, 56 CityU students were sent to 5 metropolises (Berlin, Munich, London, Shanghai and Sydney) for a 7 to 12-week internship under Global Work Attachment Programme (GWAP). Let’s hear about their exciting experience!

城大展開環球實習體驗計劃，鼓勵學生建立國際視野。今年夏天，56名同學分別前往柏林、慕尼黑、倫敦、上海和悉尼5個城市實習7至12星期，累積工作經驗，同時體驗不同地域的文化。

Emily Choi Ka-hing (Social Work, Year 4) spent 10 weeks with Justice Action and WIPAN, 2 NGOs that serve people affected by the criminal justice system. “Learning about how to organise activities that fight for prisoners’ rights and working with mass media to arouse public pressure and awareness in Australia definitely enabled me to think outside the box,” said Emily.

Her memorable moments include the visits to a local prison and the Medically Supervised Injecting Centre. Emily concluded that the internship enriched her perspectives on social work practices and social skills.

社工系四年級生蔡嘉幈於悉尼兩間服務在囚及更新人士的機構Justice Action 和 WIPAN 實習10星期，她分享道：「澳洲實習期間，我學到如何舉辦有關爭取囚犯權益的活動，以及如何聯絡傳媒，引起公眾關注，為我帶來很多啓發。」

對她來說，難忘經歷還包括參觀當地監獄及合法毒品注射中心，而這個旅程除了使她對社會工作有新的體會以外，也令她的社交技巧有所改進。

Korina Cheng Hiu-lam (Asian and International Studies, Year 4) worked as a marketing assistant in La Camargue Beauty Ltd., a beauty product and treatment company. Not being a marketing student, it was her first time to learn knowledge and techniques in this field. She believes that the analytical skills that she obtained in this internship would help her with her academic studies as well.

During the internship, Korina joined an unforgettable three-day training camp that helped participants to discover their strengths and weaknesses, their goals in life and explore how to pursue a career wholeheartedly.

四年級生鄭曉琳於過去的暑假到上海卡瑪格化妝品有限公司擔任營銷助理，協助實習機構推廣護膚、化妝產品及美容服務。修讀亞洲及國際研究的她初次接觸營銷方面的知識，她認為當中收穫的分析技巧對她的學習也有幫助。

實習期間鄭曉琳參加了公司舉辦的特訓營，嘗試找出自己的長短處，結清目標，思考如何全心全意地建立自己的事業。

Emily Choi (second from left) thinks that the internship brought her new perspectives of social work.

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Munich, Germany

Jasper Ho Lok-san (Marketing, Year 4) was the intern of sales and marketing company AVIAREPS in Munich. He started as the human resources intern but was soon promoted as the international group development intern due to his great performance.

He is also proud of being able to blend in well with his colleagues. "They made me realise that you should not just focus on completing your work, but also enjoying your time at work in order to have a more balanced life."

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For students who are thousand miles away from their family, the Student Residence is their second home. This is particularly true for Virina Yeo Yan-ling, a recent Social Science graduate originally from Singapore. Virina played the role as a Residence Tutor of Sir Gordon and Lady Ivy Wu Hall (Hall 9) during the last academic year.

Virina felt blessed for meeting Residence Tutors who helped her adapt to the environment of Hong Kong during her freshman year. In order to repay their kindness, Virina became a Residence Tutor herself. She often organised “Bonding Through Food” events to get to know the students of Hall 9 and encouraged them to interact with each other.

Being a Residence Tutor was challenging yet rewarding for Virina. She learned invaluable time management skills, social skills and conflict management techniques. She believes that these would help her become an educator in the future.

Every student can take up meaningful roles in the residence and develop their network. To Virina, these friendships added colour and vibrancy to her university life!

對千里迢迢來港求學的留學生而言，大學宿舍是另一個家——這正是姚姍伶在港生活的寫照。

主修社會科學的姚姍伶來自新加坡，大一時，她從熱心的宿舍導師那裡得到了很多幫助，一直心存感恩。後來，她自己也成為了宿舍導師，服務胡應湘爵士伉儷堂的同學。

姚姍伶藉著定期舉辦樓層聚會去接觸和了解其他學生，同時為他們提供交流的平台，助他們舒緩學習壓力。對於姚姍伶來說，擔任宿舍導師雖然富有挑戰性，但讓她收穫豐富。她從中培養到社交技巧，也學到如何妥善分配時間和處理衝突，這有助於她往後從事教育工作的理想進發。

學生可以在宿舍擔任有意義的角色，建立人際網絡。姚姍伶認為，珍貴的友誼為她的大學生活增添不平凡的色彩！
Conservation of the Blue-blooded Creatures

Billy Kwan Kit-yue has always been dedicated to preserving the natural environment.  
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The horseshoe crabs began to walk on earth about 400 million years ago, even earlier than the dinosaurs. Despite their unsightly looks, they make tremendous contribution to our medical development – their blue blood can be made into an efficient detector for bacterial endotoxins in drugs, products and devices.

Protecting the horseshoe crabs is difficult here, since they are not an "endangered species" in official terms. People can harvest the horseshoe crabs freely and use not just the blood but also consume the entire animal. But so far, Billy has managed to train students from 20 local schools to breed small crabs in laboratories. He has also managed to obtain funds for his community education projects for the crabs, mainly from Hong Kong Ocean Park.

What Billy has achieved so far in helping to save the horseshoe crabs in Hong Kong is impressive and is gaining attention in the community. His work surely helps to preserve Hong Kong's natural coastlines so different sea animals can return and breed.

生物及化學系博士生顧保耀自小對環保充滿濃厚興趣，來自馬來西亞的他曾參與保育候鳥及鱷魚等工作，致力保護生態環境。後來，他在誠大遇上了海洋生態專家船錫城教授，因而展開了與「蟹」（粵音譯）相關的研究，最後，他更決定專心保育這種俗稱「馬蹄蟹」的海洋生物。

馬蹄蟹有4億年歷史，比恐龍更古老，故有「活化石」之稱。雖然其貌不揚，但它的蟹血在提取後可製成試劑，用於檢測藥物、產品和設備是否受到細菌污染，有珍貴的醫療價值。

由於馬蹄蟹不是法例保護的「瀕危物種」，人們可隨意捕撈，保育工作並不簡單。不過，儘管困難重重，顧保耀仍成功號召了本地20間學校協助繁育幼蟹，另外亦取得推行社區教育工作的資金，其中大部份的帳款來自香港海洋公園。

保保耀為拯救馬蹄蟹不遺餘力，亦引起了社會對他們的認識和關注，為保護香港海岸生態的保育工作作出貢獻。
CityU Athletes Competed in 2015 Summer Universiade

11 CityU athletes, among 79 representatives in the Hong Kong, China delegation, competed in the 28th Summer Universiade held in Gwangju, South Korea in July 2015. CityU athletes took part in the badminton, table tennis, fencing, taekwondo and volleyball events.

Fencing athlete Jacqueline Wan Pui-yin (Creative Media, Year 3) participated in the sabre events (team and individual games). She reflected that the athletes came from various parts of the globe and possessed rich experience. The competition urged her to review her performance and to strive for better results in the Games to come.

Horace Wu Lok-kan (Asian and International Studies, Year 3) was one of the volleyball players. He commented that the Hong Kong Team played better in this Universiade since the previous Games in Russia had equipped them with more experience. He believed that he had obtained better techniques and would contribute his new skills to the CityU Volleyball Team.

This biennial sporting event also facilitates cultural exchange. Participants were shown spectacular performance that featured traditional and modern Korean performing arts at the Opening Ceremony and were given the chance to mingle in an event during the Games.