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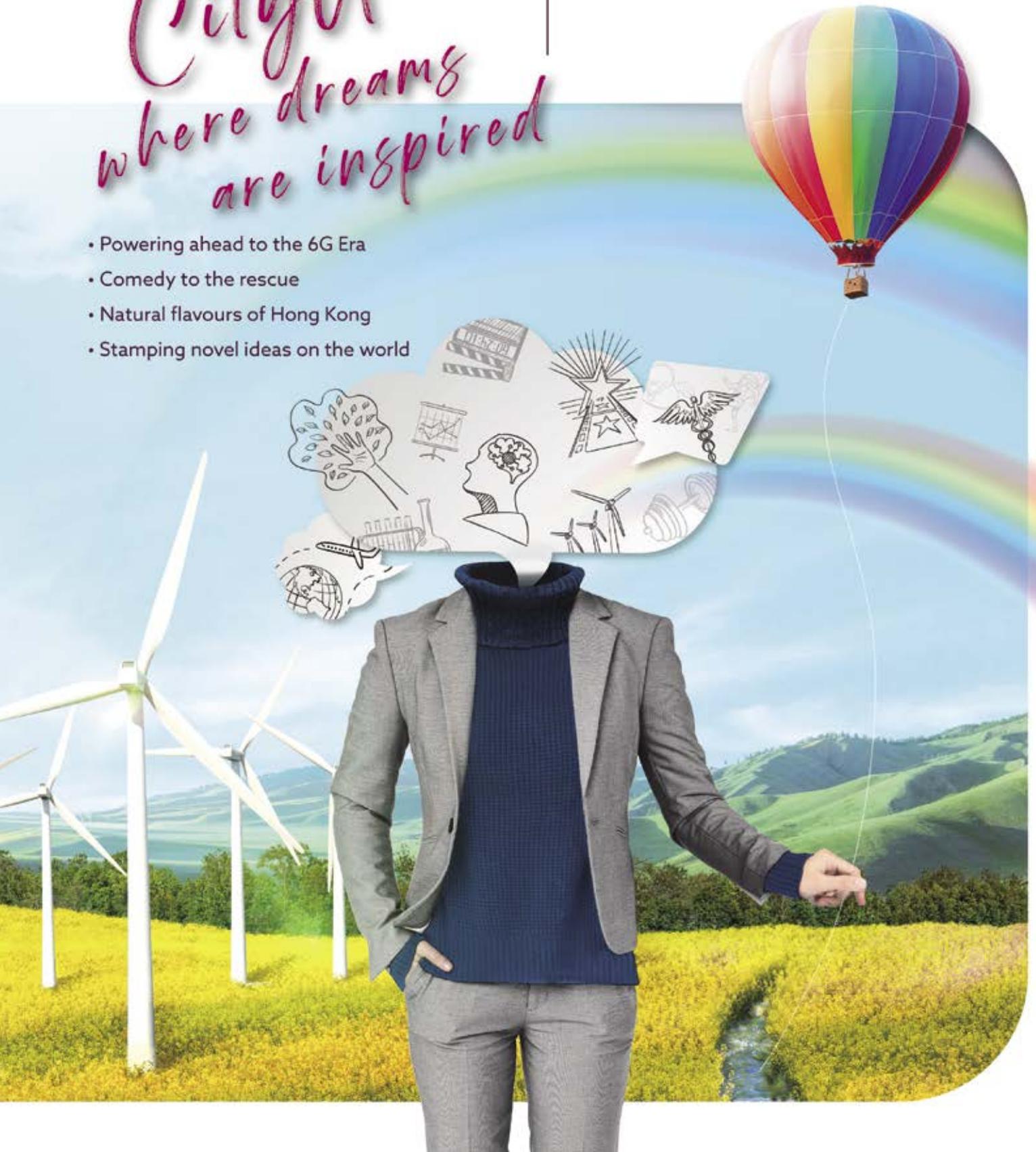
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From the Editor

Recognised as one of the world's top universities, CityU has established itself as a catalyst for change and a place where students, faculty, and alumni can embrace the spirit to innovate and create. In this 2020 edition of *City AlumNet* themed "CityU - where dreams are inspired", we celebrate this achievement by showcasing how the CityU community turned aspirations into accomplishments for a greater good.

Our interviewees' various roads to success have not always been straightforward, with challenges including giving up a formerly successful career, dealing with dyslexia, and overcoming cancer. However, they never gave up, and soldiered on with grit, from enhancing the environment through sustainable farming, developing eco-friendly gadgets, to bringing positive energy to people through comedy, among others. On the institutional front, President Way Kuo has continued to guide the CityU community to aim high and be courageous in setting and striving for its goals. Among other accomplishments, our faculty members power ahead with 6G technology at a time when 5G has just been newly launched.

It is also by embracing such spirit of innovation and grit, the CityU community has remained in solidarity despite the current health threat of COVID-19. We are deeply grateful to alumni for your support over the past year as the University sought to open up novel pathways for further development. Despite unprecedented challenges the world faces, we wish you all a year where you can still be inspired to dream and to live your life's true calling.

Antonia Yeung
Director, Alumni Relations Office

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CityU - where dreams are inspired

President Professor Way Kuo lauds "soulware" being a quintessential element that enables members of the CityU family to achieve their most cherished life goals, and overcome unprecedented challenges we face today.

From research excellence to inspirational ideas advancing university education, we regard CityU as a place where dreams come true. A university degree and a research project ought to be the fulfilment of a long-held ambition. Our role is to nurture that aspiration and provide the time, the space and the resources that will allow it to flourish.

But support is essential, and CityU has been blessed in recent years, according to Professor Way Kuo, CityU President.

"CityU has been a place of dreams for its students, alumni, faculty to fulfil their aspirations over the past years thanks in large part to the support of our former students, our current students, staff and our friends," he says.

Innovation, creativity and research

Thanks to loyalty and belief in the CityU mission, we have risen to become one of the world's top universities, known for innovation, creativity and research.

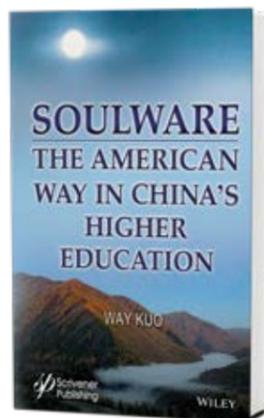
"We would not be able to make a difference in people's lives unless we have this kind of support. And I am very thankful for that," Professor Kuo adds.

Innovations in technology are widespread across the University. Standout examples include research into more effective treatments for diseases through the delivering of drugs into the body plus achievements in robotics and antennas, materials science, neuroscience, energy-saving, data transmission and systems for detecting structural deformation in pipes and contaminants in food.

"Several of our top researchers have been recognised by major academies around the world, notably in Canada, Europe, UK and US," says Professor Kuo, adding that each of these world-class scholars are ably supported by huge teams of professional staff in the background.

The soul of CityU

However, turning dreams into reality requires something more than time, space and resources. Inspiration is a critical element, too. At a fundamental level, people need to be motivated,



Soulware comprises a rich mix of dedication, hard work and imagination, and is the essential companion to CityU's institutional hardware and software.

encouraged and stimulated, argues Professor Kuo.

"A point I have made many times in recent years, and one which is enshrined at the core of my most recent publication, is that we need 'soulware,'" says Professor Kuo, referring to his book *Soulware: The American Way in China's Higher Education* and talks such as his speech at the Leadership and Management Summit co-organised by CityU and *Times Higher Education* at CityU in July 2019.

Soulware - a rich mix of dedication, hard work and imagination - is the essential

companion to hardware and software. Without the right mindset, you cannot truly connect the hardware at a university, such as the facilities, with the software, i.e. programmes and curriculum.

The development of CityU-Learning (<https://www.cityu.edu.hk/cityvod/video/play/CPRO/antipidemic.aspx>) during the coronavirus crisis is another example of soulware. We took the lead in introducing an innovative approach to teaching and learning, one that ensures student learning and research will not be affected by the outbreak of the novel coronavirus. Resources were pulled together rapidly to roll out this online learning platform according to original class schedule, online and in real-time on 7 February, making CityU the first local university to conduct such online learning on a campus-wide scale.

"E-learning can be an innovative way for soulware to exert the mind," Professor Kuo says.

Another pedagogical development at CityU promoted by the President is the importance of integrating teaching and research. For dreams to come true, teaching and research must not be separated: they must be combined so that those who teach benefit by producing their own research; and those who research share their findings directly with students.

"I am adamant that professors should engage in both teaching and problem-oriented research so that they can transfer their knowledge to explore real-life issues with social impact," he says.



Exhibits from the *Leonardo da Vinci: Art & Science, Then & Now* exhibition, held at the University's Indra and Harry Banga Gallery in 2019.



The realisation of this concept is CityU's School of Data Science (SDSC), the first of its kind in Hong Kong. The use of big data is revolutionising societal and economic development, and at SDSC research and teaching merge. For example, SDSC faculty members plan to use big data to analyse a huge number of legal judgments on the mainland for teachers, legal practitioners and scholars at both the practical hands-on level and the academic/research level.

Lifelong dreams, harmonious campus

Dreams should not be limited by time, either. Dreams can lay unfulfilled for many years, but CityU aims to ensure that no dream is left behind. For example, the Elder Academy established in 2008 with the support of Professor Kuo has enabled over 700 elders to complete

their studies alongside the younger generation.

"The Academy, which held its 10th anniversary celebration in August 2019, promotes life-long learning and encourages senior citizens to learn new knowledge, exchange ideas with young students and expand their social circle," Professor Kuo says.

Finally, for dreams to come true, the right ambience is essential. A dull, lifeless environment cannot possibly hope to galvanise people into reaching for their dreams. That's why our exciting art space, the "Indra and Harry Banga Gallery", will continue to add colour and introduce a rich cultural heritage to campus.

"Recent major events at the gallery have included the work of masters such as Leonardo da Vinci as well as contemporary artists from our School of Creative Media, each of whom has created artwork inspired by their dreams," he says.

Combining these elements, CityU is spearheading a fresh take on higher education, one that is supported strongly by alumni and current staff and students, one that privileges research excellence, and one that ensures dreams are fulfilled, and never forgotten. ◀



The Elder Academy, celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2019, encourages senior citizens to pursue their unfulfilled dreams and foster intergenerational harmony on campus.



State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves



Powering ahead to the 6G Era

The University's leading antenna researchers are driving forward both mobile communications and young academic talents of the future

Professor Chan Chi-hou (second left)

Chair Professor of Electronic Engineering,
Department of Electrical Engineering
Director, State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves

Dr Steve Wong Hang (left)

Associate Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering
Member, State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves
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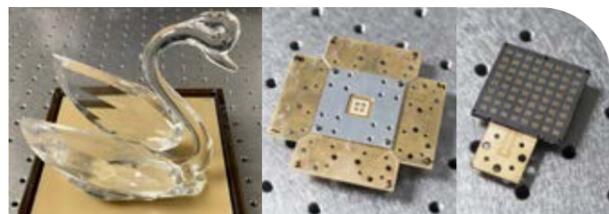
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Fifth-generation (5G) mobile networks are still awaiting widespread roll-out around the world. Yet engineers at CityU are already looking further into the future, with research and development into sixth-generation (6G) technology well underway.

Professor Luk Kwai-man is Chair Professor of CityU's Department of Electrical Engineering and Founding Director of the State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves. Since joining the Department in 1984, he has led the innovation and technology team, establishing and consolidating CityU's front-running place in international academia in the field, together with fellow Chair Professor Chan Chi-hou, who is also the current Laboratory Director.

Technology for 6G and beyond uses the terahertz (0.1-10THz) spectrum,



Over the years, the University's electrical engineering researchers have designed and developed tiny antenna that are not only suitable size-wise for mobile devices but also greatly increase transfer speed and data capacity.

which has even shorter frequencies than microwaves and millimeter waves, making it superior to 5G in numerous ways, including internet capacity, transfer speed, indoor positional accuracy, and others. For example, 6G and beyond transfer speed can be expected to reach up to 1 terabyte per second, which is 100 times faster than the 5G transfer speed of 10 gigabits per second.

With global industry leaders and academic experts now laying out research goals for this new terahertz communications standard, it is estimated that 6G technology could be officially launched internationally in 2030.

International antenna expertise

The State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves is Hong Kong's first State Key Laboratory related to engineering, with its core areas of research including antenna design, radio frequency integrated circuits, and fast computing methods. It was established at CityU in 2008, following approval by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

6G mobile communication technology will use the terahertz frequency to carry out digital data transfer and location positioning, bringing about a paradigm shift in modern lifestyles

Professor Chan Chi-hou

"Terahertz is the electromagnetic wave that lies between microwaves and infrared rays," Professor Luk explained. "The communications industry is very interested in terahertz because it will form the foundation of 6G and even 7G communications technology.

"It also has a wide range of applications and will mean that 6G wireless internet is no longer confined to the ground. It makes wireless connections possible on the ground, through satellite, and in-flight and, in addition, can be integrated with artificial intelligence and machine learning at a deeper level. By using the positioning system of terahertz technology, GPS and multi-point positioning will enjoy higher precision. 6G technology will also respond well to the needs of the internet of things regarding accurate positioning. For example, autonomous driving can be made safer and more reliable."

From microwaves and millimeter waves to terahertz today, we continue to research technology that will answer the needs of society 10 years from now

Professor Luk Kwai-man

Currently, in line with its global leadership role in terahertz antennas, the Laboratory is exploring novel types of terahertz antenna designs and applications. Professor Chan said: "We will keep on working together and exchanging technology ideas with CityU researchers in different areas to open up more possibilities."



Professor Luk Kwai-man (second left) and colleague Professor Chan Chi-hou (second right) have worked more than half decade at CityU. Add in their protégés, and that number goes up to 100 years!

Supportive research environment

In doing so, Professor Chan noted CityU's inspiring research environment for faculty and students, encouraging pioneering work and providing the flexibility to carry it out over the different stages of discovery and development.

This proactive approach had played a vital part in creating the conditions for the Laboratory to lead the way, given that communications technology progresses at such a rapid pace and research has to both keep up and stay ahead of the times. "In such a case, support is required in the form of forward-looking insight that can perceive the industry's needs over the long term and investment in research resources in new areas before anyone else," Professor Chan said.

"CityU has continuously enabled this by upholding its tradition for innovative research and allocating funds to purchase cutting-edge devices and equipment so that the Laboratory is ready for future developments. This has allowed us to seize every opportunity and to secure our

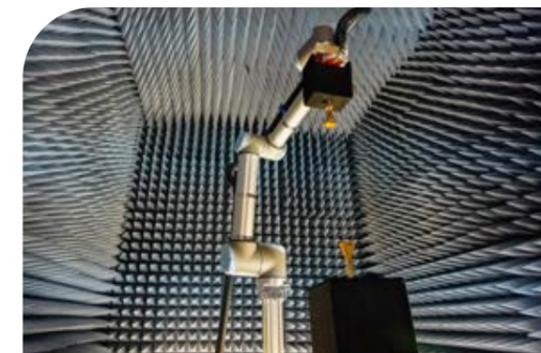
position at the communications industry forefront."

Sustainable talent pool

Sustainable research endeavour is another key aspect of the CityU outlook, with emphasis on recruiting talents through different channels, cultivating them through career development, and giving them the chance to shine so that all team members have the opportunity to become leading experts in their research areas.

In the 1990s, Professors Luk and Chan each took charge of guiding one CityU postgraduate student – Dr Steve Wong Hang and Dr Keeson Shum Kam-man – through their dissertations. After obtaining their master's and PhD degrees, Drs Wong and Shum remained with the Laboratory, forming the nucleus of a top young research group and providing a sterling example of the strong supervisor-student bonds at CityU and the significance placed on knowledge transfer to the next generation by the Department of Electrical Engineering.

For Drs Wong and Shum, the CityU approach and their two mentors' training and encouragement have enabled them to achieve their career dreams. "Antenna research combines intellectual curiosity with know-how in design, engineering, and art," Dr Wong said. "While the research process is full of challenges, at the same time, it brings great satisfaction."



CityU's Department of Electrical Engineering has led the way in novel antenna technology for 30 years, adding to the University's prestige in international academia.

Dr Shum added: "The team will continue to maintain the Department of Electrical Engineering's creed of farsightedness and creativity when investigating how antenna design can be applied to other areas of mobile communications."

Both also aim to transfer this tradition, established in the founding days of the Department over 30 years ago, to their own acolytes so that future young antenna explorers are equally well supported in their quest for top achievement.

Signalling changing times

For now, though, the team's major focus is advancing the 6G world to come. "We have already successfully used lower-cost 3D printing technology to produce lens antenna that 0.3 terahertz can run on," Professor Chan said. "We expect these techniques to see widespread use in 6G and next-generation communications technology in the near future, enabling a smart lifestyle that will benefit everyone."

Milestones of CityU's Department of Electrical Engineering Research Team

- 2019** — Prize for Scientific and Technological Progress, Ho Leung Ho Lee Foundation
— Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
— IEEE AP-S Harrington-Mitra Computational Electromagnetics Award
- 2018** — Fellow, UK Royal Academy of Engineering
- 2017** — IEEE AP-S John Kraus Antenna Award
- 2016** — Higher Education Outstanding Scientific Research Output Awards (Science and Technology), Natural Science Award (First Class), Ministry of Education
- 2011** — State Technological Invention Award (Second Class)
- 2006** — Invention of the magneto-electric dipole antenna
- 2003** — World's first edited book on dielectric resonator antenna

Comedy to the rescue

Two comics team up to bring a lighter touch to life

Vivek Mahbubani (right)
BA (Hons) Creative Media
Stand-up Comedian

Tim Chan Lok-tim (left)
BEng (Hons) Electronic and
Communication Engineering
Stand-up Comedian

To Vivek Mahbubani, it was the need to be in control of his own working hours that set him off on his career as a comedian. "I used to dream about not needing to wake up before 9am every morning to get ready for work!" he said. Those dreams included not just flexible working hours, but also a job where he could fully utilise his unconventionality and imagination. The answer? Stand-up comedy.

Initially, Vivek went into website design following his graduation from CityU, and only performed stand-up shows in his free time. Eventually, he decided the latter was actually his dream vocation. In 2017, he

quit his job to become the only bilingual stand-up local comedian proficient in both Cantonese and English.

Like Vivek, CityU graduate Tim Chan Lok-tim felt something was missing from his life as an IT professional. In 2018, he decided to follow his passion and became a stand-up comedian.

While a drastic change, the move was not completely unexpected given that Tim had taken part in his first stand-up comedy competition in his second year at CityU. The competition also had the great benefit of bringing him together with Vivek, the guest performer at the event. The encounter proved to be the start of their working partnership. In 2011, they formed Vivekfriends with Matina, another well-known stand-up comedian. In 2017, they renamed themselves Hall of Laughs.

Overcoming not-so-funny moments

Their journey from amateur artistes to full-time stand-up comedians was not all fun and laughter.

“Some people say comedy is actually a combination of tragedy and the passage of time. Years ago, my mother passed away, and that gave me better insight into the significance of stand-up comedy. I understood that no matter how hard today may be, one should always brave the storm with anticipation and enthusiasm”

Tim

Asked if they have had audiences who did not react well to them, the pair answered in unison: "Of course!" While stand-up comedy is simple in its performance style, they explained, that is also what makes it so difficult to engage the audience and get them to laugh. **The reaction of those watching the show gives them real-time feedback as to whether they have pulled off a routine successfully or not.**

A show's outcome also usually depends on several other external factors, for example, venue, lighting, audio equipment, social situation, and the audience's mood, among others. That's why, if circumstances permit, the duo always go to the performance venue beforehand to assess the surroundings to come up with "preventive measures". For, if something suddenly happens

during the show, the duo need to be able to control the situation by reassuring the audience, and keeping their attention focused on the comedians and the punchlines.

Trick of the trade

The two comics often perform together overseas, including at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival – considered one of the top three comedy events in the world – every year since 2017. The Melbourne Festival lasts for four weeks, attracting tens of thousands of comedy lovers from around the world. Performers' reputation, skill, and the audience's reaction are all reflected in ticket sales, making it a major test of a comedian's appeal.

In the first year that both Vivek and Tim took part, they did so with trepidation because all expenses for the trip had to be paid by the performers themselves, including airfare, hotel rooms, venue bookings, and even accident insurance for the audience. To make ends meet, they calculated they needed to sell at least 330 tickets. Yet a week before the performance, only 50 had been bought.



Jokes, facial expressions, and humorous skits are all part of the duo's comedy act.

But fear turned to good fortune once they started their shows. "The audience loved us so much that ticket sales towards the end of our run picked up and, in total, an average of 80% of our seats were sold. We did not suffer any loss, gained a lot of experience, broadened our horizons, and raised the standard of our performance," Tim said.

Vivek added: **"Every time we go to a new country, I observe in minute detail how the people there go about their lives to understand their temperament and habits, and then adjust our performance**



Tim performing a new local show on "Laughter and Reality" at the Hong Kong International Laugh Festival.

for a better reaction. For example, in multicultural Malaysia, audiences are very receptive to jokes about different races. As an ethnic Indian born and bred in Hong Kong, I have an affinity for cross-cultural subjects. This makes it easier for me to find relevant material to use. Australian audiences, on the other hand, prefer jokes that are more thought-provoking and subtle. This means we have to spend more time planning how to express ourselves and working out the finer points of our jokes."

Everyone can be a comedian

What about Hong Kong audiences? "As with most locations with majority ethnic Chinese audiences, Hong Kong show-goers are generally more reserved and can take a while to become fully engaged," Tim said. "At the same time, they may have the impression that only celebrity entertainers

can perform stand-up comedy. We are determined to overturn that notion! **Vivek and I both believe everyone has a sense of humour and potential to perform.** The only thing to worry about is whether you have the guts to go on stage. In light of this, we have added an 'open mic' session to our monthly performances that encourages those wanting to test their skills to come on stage, speak for a few minutes, and gain courage and experience."

Aren't they afraid of cultivating competitors who may affect their bottom

line in doing this? "We are too good to worry about things like that!" Vivek said, with a laugh. In fact, **the pair are firm believers that competition acts as a driving force that helps them improve.**

“I was diagnosed with cancer the year after my graduation, but I underwent treatment and managed to beat the disease. This close brush with death taught me the truth of the saying, ‘time and tide wait for no man’. Never hesitate in pursuit of your dreams”

Vivek

Bringing joy to the world

When talking about future goals, the pair said that after creating a stand-up comedy platform that gathers like-minded individuals together, **their next step will be to attract larger audiences and turn stand-up comedy into a popular form of entertainment in Hong Kong,** much like going to the cinema or karaoke. "Life in Hong Kong is busier compared with other cities, and people here don't know how to relax properly," Vivek said. **"We hope more Hong Kong people can appreciate stand-up comedy skits and, as a result, bring more joy and laughter to their lives."**

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8:15pm (7:15pm on Sunday)
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Vivek first attended the Melbourne International Comedy Festival in 2015 as a spectator to see how it worked and was greatly impressed. The following year, he participated as an English-speaking performer, receiving enthusiastic audience support. In 2017, he performed in Cantonese with his comic partner Tim at the world-class festival for the first time.

Natural flavours of Hong Kong

For two alumni, sustainable development is not a catchphrase but a career and a way to celebrate the Hong Kong spirit



Wong Yu-wing (right)
BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering
Owner, AuLaw Organic Farm
Founder, AuLaw Organic Commons

Kim Chan Ka-ye (left)
BA (Hons) Language Studies (Chinese)
Founder, kimature

Back to basics

Wong Yu-wing's AuLaw Organic Farm is located in Tai Kong Po Village in Kam Tin, Yuen Long. The well-established farm produces a huge variety of crops, ranging from corn to Chinese cabbage and okra, with many customers attracted to its healthy produce.

At the time of the interview, roselle flowers were in season and Yu-wing appeared carrying an armful of the cheerful blooms. "Seeds from freshly plucked roselle fruit must be removed one

by one, and the fruit processed by hand before being taken to the market for sale," he explained. "The tea it produces helps to reduce blood lipid levels and also has antioxidant properties."

Working the land was not initially part of Yu-wing's plan. He had a highly successful career, and progressed through the ranks to become the general manager of an audio company. Then, in 2010, he decided to reinvent himself; he left his job, returned to his home village in Kam Tin, took up his parents' farming business, and became an organic farmer.

Yu-wing may appear to be a romantic, but he is also prudent and did not take his great adventure lightly. Indeed, such a major decision required considerable forethought and assessment, he noted. First, he had to make sure he was able to throw himself into the work wholeheartedly. Then, having decided he could, he knew he would be able to pursue his ultimate goal: **to use his knowledge and skills to assist the development of Hong Kong's wider organic farming industry.**

This he has done, with many people now enjoying the fruits of

Yu-wing's labour through his "Tastes of Hong Kong" produce and his active support of many other farms that have since shown an interest in organic methods.

"It has been and still is hard work without huge financial returns," Yu-wing said. Yet the contentment such work has brought more than compensates for this. "Organic farming is not going to make me rich by any means," he said.

The satisfaction I've gained has enriched me far more than any material assets could have.

Yu-wing

Creating an organic collective

Wong Yu-wing named his farm, AuLaw Organic Farm after being inspired by the European Union's "Euro" currency, which has a similar pronunciation in Chinese and a philosophy to which he adheres. "The Euro represents a collective force and the spirit of a united people," he said. "When a group of producers or professionals share the same ideals about their work, the strength of such solidarity is bound to succeed eventually."

Yu-wing also understands that for modern farmers to survive, they need to be both up-to-date with the latest cultivation methods as well as areas such as sales and marketing. With his CityU training in

engineering, sales promotion, and digital marketing, he was thus in an ideal position to lead the way.

In September 2019, Yu-wing officially established the AuLaw Organic Commons to provide a platform to encourage small farms in the area to increase collaboration and mutual support. The goal is to achieve economies of scale by sharing labour and resources in management, sales, shipping, advertising, customer service, among others. "This is a win-win strategy that will benefit farmers and consumers," he said.

The long-time alumnus is also introducing younger generations of CityU students to his organic ventures through his on-going connections as the University's main Taekwondo coach since 90's. "Keeping up this connection has given me the chance to get to know many younger CityU students, with some going on to become farm partners, provide IT support, or work as volunteers," Yu-wing said. "I will always cherish the many memorable moments CityU given me."



Yu-wing's goal of establishing the AuLaw Organic Commons is to unite local farmers and blend the special traits of Hong Kong's agricultural industry together to develop sustainable agriculture locally.

Back to nature

In the light breeze of early autumn, a gentle fragrance wafts from a corner of AuLaw Organic Farm, where white jade orchid is in full bloom, ready to be used for a captivating perfume that is entirely made in Hong Kong.

Kim Chan Ka-ye is the founder of a Hong Kong brand, kimature. Unlike many of her fellow Chinese language degree classmates, she did not become a teacher or editor after graduating from CityU. Instead, she chose to follow her interest in local plants, herbs, and Chinese medicine, embarking on the unusual path

of manufacturing perfume and personal care products using native herbs and grasses. "This is the only way to release yourself from the lifestyle and environmental shackles holding you back."

To Kim, it seems that many people in Hong Kong have abandoned their dreams, choosing instead to eke out a living through long hours of work. "Financial considerations are not the only ones to think about," she pointed out. "There are many other daring choices you can make to avoid falling into a rut or worrying about what tomorrow will bring."

I believe a dream is something you can only achieve by stepping out of your comfort zone.

Kim

Tapping into local resources

Since establishing kimature, Kim has continued to research and develop a Lingnam plant-based formulation. "The environment shapes its people" as the Chinese saying goes. So why should personal care products be any different, she said. "French lavender, American marigolds, and Japanese sakura are all used in premium personal care products. If these types of imported products are popular with local users, why not make use of the abundant natural resources available in Hong Kong, such as Chinese mugwort and oriental motherwort, to do the same? Not only will products made from native ingredients be truly suitable for the climate here, they have the added benefit of giving customers an authentic Hong Kong experience as well."

Since large amounts of plants are needed to manufacture personal care products, partnering with a local organic farm is mutually beneficial for both businesses. Three years ago, Kim met AuLaw Organic Farm's Wong Yu-wing at a Farmers' Market. They went on to discover their views on the local green economy were similar, with both wanting



Kim Chan hopes her products can raise greater awareness of organic farming.

the local organic farming industry and sustainable development to establish a larger footprint and AuLaw's becoming one of kimature's ingredient suppliers. A year later, Kim chose to hold her wedding at the farm to show her friends how the farmland has transformed her.

Capturing the essence of Hong Kong

Kim's white jade orchid perfume has been well received in the local market, with kimature heralding the idea of collective memories as its spirit. "Many customers have told us that every time they smell the flower's unique scent, childhood memories resurface," she said. "Looking ahead, we hope that white jade orchid is just a starting point. We will continue to develop locally and overseas natural products with an oriental flair to celebrate the Hong Kong story."



For a personal care manufacturer, purchasing excellent, locally produced organic ingredients helps stabilise the supply chain. A winning combination for both partners.



Stamping novel ideas on the world

Meet the alumni whose award-winning electronic stamp and other gadgets are going global

David Chung Wai-lung (left),
Carmen Lam Hiu-kwan (right)
BSc (Hons) Creative Media
Co-founders, Animae Technologies Limited



e-stamp demo video

David Chung Wai-lung has always had a gift for design. By the time he was in high school, he was already involved in 3D animation, creative multimedia, and product design, winning countless awards for his work. He then enrolled in CityU's School of Creative Media (SCM), where he met Carmen Lam Hiu-kwan, an aspiring app coder. The pair not only found their talents complemented each other, but also became romantic partners.

interactive, smart, and internet-based entertainment products.

Overcoming dyslexia

Many young entrepreneurs have had to deal with challenging situations on their way to success, and David was no exception. "I was diagnosed with dyslexia in Primary two. When I first enrolled at CityU, I mis-entered some characters when writing code for a programme during an exam, which meant the programme would not work," David recalled. "After the University learned of my disability, staff did their best to help me adapt to the learning environment. For example, the text in my exam papers was enlarged, making it easier to read, and I was given time extensions, among others. Needless to say, I integrated into University life very quickly and well after this!"

that enables students to put their skills and knowledge into practice and present their creative work to the public. Organised by the Special Interest Group, made up of like-minded fellow students, the event gave Carmen and David valuable experience during their time at the School. SCM also holds an Industry Night for graduating students, where key players from various sectors are invited to look for and recruit talented young staff for their companies.

"The School provides many platforms for students to actively pursue their dreams by showcasing the interactive products they have developed during class or their free time. Our dream is to do what we are most interested in and transform creative concepts into real products."

David & Carmen

Winning formula

In 2014, Animae Technologies quickly achieved two milestones: the company secured a grant from the Innovation and Technology Commission; and gained entry to Hong Kong Science & Technology Parks' Incubation Programme. It also received some important awards. All these achievements helped to provide

a solid foundation on which to build the business.

"We focused on developing interactive user interface technology. The technology was initially intended to make the gaming experience more fun," David said. "However, during the research and development (R&D) stage, we discovered it had potential for a wider range of applications, especially marketing and promotion where it could help companies develop a new type of digital sales. This led us to start R&D on electronic stamps."

David went on to explain that with the enhanced technology they developed, users only need to install the company's Pointant app on their mobile phones and lightly tap the physical stamping device to automatically save electronic stamps or coupons. They can also immediately redeem gifts. "Compared with traditional physical stamping and similar methods, there is no need to collect and save stamps or coupons from different merchants anymore. Companies that make use of this technology to manage customer relationships and marketing get to simplify the process while at the same time giving their brand a high-tech and professional image." One example of the app in action was the cash coupon that users were able to redeem after collecting digital stamps from all six innovative showcases at the Hong Kong Science Park Make!THongKong 3-2-1 Go! Bang event in March-April 2019.

stamp device and mobile phone screen stamping, which provides a simple, environmentally friendly solution for electronic stamps.

"Taking part in this exhibition and winning an award was hugely significant for the company," Carmen said. "Now our electronic stamp project has truly leapt from Hong Kong on to the world stage. Additionally, we got to know many industry leaders and users globally. Interacting with them helped us understand the need and demand for electronic stamps overseas, which will be very helpful for our future expansion."

Among future plans are collaborations to help advance day-to-day operations and marketing strategies of companies in different sectors internationally, including membership systems, games, exhibitions, openings and launches, and other types of promotional activities that will make Animae Technologies' electronic stamp technology an indispensable marketing tool.

Stay true and dream on

Currently, most of Animae Technologies' staff and interns are SCM graduates or undergraduates. David and Carmen are keen to repay their alma mater. Student interns gain real-world experience while graduates strengthen the company's talent pool, enabling new and more established staff to learn from each other.

Indeed, many young people dream of being involved in creative media and the



Animae Technologies' electronic stamp interface has been continuously revised in response to user needs. Its seventh and latest iteration received the Silver Medal at the 47th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva.

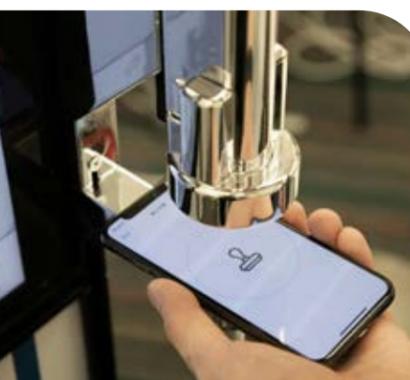
technology sector. For those thinking of setting up their own business, both David and Carmen believe that **staying true to your fundamental interest makes it easier to realise those dreams.**

To stand out in the highly competitive creative media world and impress customers, you also need to remain alert to ever-changing social and economic trends and have the flexibility and imagination to come up with new ideas. "The first two to three years are the toughest for a creative industry start-up," Carmen said. "However, as long as you remain confident about your direction, and don't give up easily, your business has the potential to prosper."

Finding a matching partner is also essential, someone who can add to your own skills and talents rather than duplicate them. And how do the couple find working together? "David's strengths lie in concept and design. He also likes to assemble mechanical models by hand," Carmen said. "Programmes and coding he leaves to me as they involve text. This is how we complement each other."

Milestones

- 2019** — Won Silver Medal, 47th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva
- 2017** — Conducted early round of venture capital funding after the company's electronic stamp technology attracted attention from investors
- 2014** — Received grant from the Innovation and Technology Commission, and commercialised R&D products
 - Gained acceptance into Hong Kong Science and Technology Parks' Incu-Tech incubation programme; R&D on interactive user-interface-related technology and applications
 - Hong Kong Awards for Industries: Certificate of Merit for Technological Achievement; and Hong Kong ICT Awards: Best Digital Entertainment Award (Interactive Design) Bronze Medal



How the e-stamp works? Open the Pointant app and place your mobile phone under the stamping device. Tap the device lightly to collect an e-stamp.

From Hong Kong to international recognition

Also, in April 2019, Animae Technologies received a Silver Medal at the 47th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva, with the judges being impressed by the combination of physical

By their third year at CityU, David and Carmen had already set up Animae Studio after being encouraged to do so by one of their tutors. Their goal was to provide multimedia production services for customers, and collaborate with local brands to develop game programmes that worked with interactive toys. In 2014, a year after graduating, they officially established their start-up, Animae Technologies Limited, to develop

Carmen also applauded the many other personal development opportunities for students beyond academic learning at CityU. "Thinking back to our time at CityU, we realise the School provided us with great support, from knowledge to technical skills and even practical experience."

She noted in particular SCM's annual Playful Media Showcase, an exhibition

Global presence

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In the US News and World Report's Best Global Universities 2020, CityU was ranked **13th** in Computer Science worldwide, **10th** in Engineering in Asia, and **1st** in Hong Kong and Taiwan in both disciplines. In addition, the College of Business was ranked **27th** globally and **1st** in the Asia-Pacific region in the University of Texas at Dallas Top 100 Business School Research Rankings 2019.

CityU Veterinary Medical Centre opening

The CityU Veterinary Medical Centre, one of the largest veterinary clinics in Southeast Asia, officially opened in April 2019 to provide case studies and practicum opportunities for students at the University's Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences.

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Faculty accomplishments



Professor Chan Chi-hou, Chair Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering and Director of the State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves, received the 2019 IEEE AP-S Harrington-Mitra Computational Electromagnetics Award for outstanding achievements in the field.



Professor István T. Horváth, Chair Professor, Department of Chemistry, was elected an External Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, for his significant contributions to catalysis and green chemistry.



The contributions of **Dr Ng Yun-hau**, Associate Professor, School of Energy and Environment, to the field of photoelectrocatalysis were recognised with the 2019 Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Science Prize for Innovation, Research and Education.



Professor Sun Dong, Chair Professor and Head of the Department of Biomedical Engineering, was elected a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Engineering for his outstanding achievements in robotics and biomedical engineering.



Professor Zhang Ruiqin, Department of Physics, was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society for his outstanding work in computational physics.



Highlights

CityU conferred Honorary Fellowships on **Professor Cliff Sun**, BBS, JP, **Mr Herbert Tsoi**, BBS, JP, and **Dr Yip Kit-chuen** in September 2019 in recognition of their contributions to the development of, and service to, the University and the community.

(From left) President Professor Way Kuo, Professor Cliff Sun, Dr Yip Kit-chuen, University Pro-Chancellor Dr Chung Shui-ming, Mr Herbert Tsoi, and Council Chairman Mr Lester Huang.

A donation of HK\$2 million from **Mapletree Investments** will be used to set up an endowment fund to support Mapletree Scholarships and Mapletree Exchange Scholarships, two new schemes that will recognise CityU students with outstanding academic achievements and support qualified students to participate in exchange programmes respectively.

Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development and External Relations) (second left) and Mr Gavin Kwok, Director (Development Office) (first left) receive a donation from Mr Chua Tiow-chye, Mapletree Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer (second right), and Mr Wan Kwong-weng, Mapletree Group Chief Corporate Officer.



CityU innovators received two Gold and two Silver Medals at the 47th International Exhibition of Inventions of Geneva, Switzerland. **Dr Roy Vellaisamy**, Department of Materials Science and Engineering, and **Professor Michael Lam**, Department of Chemistry, and their research team received one of the gold awards while the other was won by researchers led by **Professor Michael Yang**, Head of the Department of Biomedical Sciences. **Professor Jian Lu**, Vice-President (Research and Technology), and his research team were awarded Silver Medals for two further projects.

Medal-winning leaders of innovation: (from left) Professor Jian Lu, Professor Michael Yang, Dr Roy Vellaisamy and Professor Michael Lam.



President Professor Way Kuo (second left), Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development and External Relations) (first right) and Professor Horace Ip, Vice-President (Student Affairs) (first left) present a souvenir to Mr Sam Tin, Chairman of the Board, Tin Ka Ping Foundation.

A HK\$5 million donation awarded to CityU by the **Tin Ka Ping Foundation** will promote moral education, Chinese culture, and integration with world culture.



(From left) Professor Alex Jen, Professor Felipe Cucker, and Professor Yang Tong.

Professor Alex Jen, Provost and Chair Professor of Chemistry and Materials Science, **Professor Felipe Cucker**, Head and Chair Professor, and **Professor Yang Tong**, Chair Professor, both from the Department of Mathematics, were elected Fellows of the European Academy of Sciences.

A launch ceremony for the CityU EE Joint Lab, established by the Department of Electrical Engineering (EE) and an anticipated 72 organisations from the private and public sectors was held in September 2019. The goal is to set up a strong platform to promote the development of innovative technology, knowledge transfer, and talent.

Officiating guests at the ceremony: Professor Raymond Chan, Dean of the College of Science (first left), Professor Kuo Tei-wei, Dean of the College of Engineering (first right), Professor Stella Pang, Head of CityU's EE (fourth left), and representatives from five of the partner organisations.



Alumni and student achievements

The following CityU alumni were recognised in the HKSAR Government's Honours and Justices of the Peace List 2019 for their outstanding contributions to society:
(in alphabetical order of surnames)

Dr Cheung Tin-cheung
PhD Building and Construction – Silver Bauhinia Star

Mr Ho Kam-biu
MBA – Justice of the Peace

Miss Charmian Koo
Postgraduate Diploma Computer Science – Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service

Dr George Lam
PCLL – Bronze Bauhinia Star

Mr Mo Shing-fung
BSocSc Policy Studies and Administration – Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service

Ms Amy Ng
MBA – Justice of the Peace

Mrs Winnie Poon
BA Public and Social Administration – Bronze Bauhinia Star

Ms Helen Yeung
MA Chinese (Chinese Language and Literature) – Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service

Mr Yip Tsz-fung
BBA Management Science – Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service

The Honourable Yung Hoi-yan
Juris Doctor & PCLL – Justice of the Peace

香港海洋生物救護及教育中心開幕禮



A Memorandum of Understanding signed between CityU and **Ocean Park** in September 2019 has formalised a long-term collaboration in veterinary science education, animal research, and conservation education with the marine theme park.

(From left) Mr Leo Kung, Chairman of Ocean Park, Ms Josephine Woo, Executive Director, Education & Special Projects, Ocean Park, President Professor Way Kuo, and Mr Lau Ming-wai, Deputy Chairman of Ocean Park.

CityU Exhibition Gallery was named the Indra and Harry Banga Gallery in November 2019 in appreciation of the support and generosity of **Mr Harry Banga**, Founder, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Caravel Group, and **Mrs Indra Banga**, Member of the Board of Directors of The Caravel Group and Co-founder and Member of the Board of Directors of The Caravel Foundation.

(From left) President Professor Way Kuo; Mrs Indra Banga; Mr Harry Banga; and Council Chairman Mr Lester Huang at the naming ceremony.



(From right) President Professor Way Kuo, Mr Chu Hung-kwan, Founder and Chairman, Chu Wong Yim Fong Charitable Foundation, and Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development and External Relations).

A HK\$2 million donation from the **Chu Wong Yim Fong Charitable Foundation** will be used to set up a scholarship and bursary endowment fund for CityU students.



Venerable Ti Lun, Founder and Chairman, Hong Kong Hua-Yan Buddhist Association (left) and President Professor Way Kuo at the cheque presentation ceremony.

A HK\$3 million donation from the **Hong Kong Hua-Yan Buddhist Association** will enable the University to set up a further endowment fund for student scholarships at CityU.

Two teams of students comprising **Owen Kwong** (Department of Electronic Engineering) (third left), **Chloe Lam** (second left), **Olive Chung** (Department of Mechanical Engineering) (first left), **Eric Lo** (second right) and **Ken Hung** (School of Creative Media) (first right) won Hong Kong ICT Awards 2019 for their innovative projects that aim to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.



The CityU squash team – **Matthew Lai** (Department of Chinese and History) (third right), **Lincoln Chan** (Department of Social and Behavioural Sciences) (third left), **Tang Yat-chun** (Department of Materials Science and Engineering) (second right) and **Max Lee** (School of Law) (second left) – won the men's overall championship in the elite group of the 3rd All China University Squash Competition, held in Shanghai in December 2019. **Matthew** and **Lincoln** also won the championship and 1st runner-up respectively in the men's singles.



In November 2019, EMBA and DBA graduate **Dr Bobby Liu** (centre) was elected President of the Hong Kong Young Industrialists Council, while EMBA alumnus **Mr Wade Lam** (second left) was appointed to the Council's Executive Committee.



School of Creative Media graduates **Mr Tommy Ng** (top, centre) and **Mr Hayden Mok** (below, centre) won the top ASIA Gold-Grand Prize and ASIA Silver-Best Technique Award respectively at the 21st DigiCon6 ASIA competition, organised by Tokyo Broadcasting System Holdings, Inc in November 2019. **Hayden** also received a Hong Kong-Silver Award at the 21st DigiCon6 Hong Kong competition.



School of Creative Media alumna **Ms Grace Lau** won a Bronze Medal in the Women's Individual Kata in the first Association of National Olympic Committees World Beach Games in Doha, Qatar.

More news & updates





Deepening CityU bonds

It was another fruitful year for the Alumni Relations Office (ARO), with a host of activities collaborating with groups across the University for alumni to reconnect with CityU and each other.



Workshop trainers (clockwise from top): alumnus Mr John Chan, aka Starman (front row, first left), CityU academic Dr Michael Wong, alumni Mr Dannis Pang, and Dr Li Chan-wing.

Putting knowledge to work

A series of workshops conducted by CityU academic and alumni enabled participants to explore business trends and opportunities. Topics included finance technology, sharing economy, and tips on handling public relations crises.



Anniversary celebrations

CityU's Department of English commemorated its 30th anniversary on 25 October 2019, bringing together alumni, students, and staff to celebrate the department's milestones. Events included an inspiring recital by young musicians Tony Lee, from Australia, and Lixin Zhang, from New Zealand, along with a lively reception and staff speeches.



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Excellence recognised

The College of Business presented 2019 Distinguished Alumni Awards to **Mr Wilson Chong** (left), Managing Director of Rightlink Technology Limited, **Dr Toa Charm** (middle), Chairman of OpenCertHub and Principal Advisor to elite AI/big data, fintech, and e-commerce start-ups in Asia, and **Professor Anthea Zhang** (right), Faye Sarofim Vanguard Professor of Management in the Jones Graduate School of Business, Rice University, US. The accolades honour the three alumni's outstanding achievements and contributions to their professions, the University, and society.



EMBA (Chinese) alumni homecoming

Alumni from the Executive MBA (Chinese) Programme enjoyed a nostalgic reunion-cum-homecoming on campus on 10 November 2019, rekindling links with fellow participants and reminiscing about their valuable learning experience at CityU.



China Business reunion receives enthusiastic reception

Alumni from the BBA in China Business programme reconnected with classmates and teachers at a gathering hosted by the Department of Marketing on 4 May 2019.



All prepared for CityU life

Alumni provided valuable CityU insights to new students at a Pre-arrival Orientation in Beijing. The event was arranged by the Global Engagement Office on 27 July 2019 to help new students prepare for their learning journey at the University.



Marathon magic

The CityU Marathon Club continued to promote the "Marathon Spirit" through its wellness programmes, with the running clinic series for alumni, students, and staff proving particularly popular throughout the year.



Upcoming classes



Alumni Ambassador Scheme



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CityU entrepreneurs and innovators discuss how to enhance ties.

Start-up talents share their secrets of success

CityU alumni with an entrepreneurial flair came together with fellow alumni, staff, and students to share their know-how and advice at an innovators' networking event, organised by ARO on 22 June 2019. Among them were the co-founders of Heycoins and Juicyapp, along with external guests and the new Board of Advisors for the Alumni Ambassadors Scheme. The potential for collaborative projects was also explored.



Advancing the ambassadorial family

Around 100 participants attended the Welcome Reception for Class Liaison Ambassadors and Alumni Volunteers, organised by ARO on 27 April 2019. On the programme was the inauguration of Class Liaison Ambassadors and words of wisdom from established alumni leaders. Making the occasion even more memorable, some ambassadors had inspired fellow classmates to celebrate their graduation by donating a class gift.





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Reaching out across the world

CityU's networks brought together alumni in cities east and west to take part in a diverse series of activities over 2019, with the University's Alumni Ambassadors strengthening CityU bonds globally.

Plane Pull for ORBIS in Toronto



For the third year in a row, CityU Ontario Alumni Association organised a CityU team to pull a 60-tonne, FedEx 757 cargo plane along a 20-foot course in the Plane Pull for Sight 2019 charity challenge. The event took place at Pearson International Airport in Toronto on 9 June 2019. CityU team members, comprising 30 alumni and friends, were delighted to end up as one of the top five team fundraisers in the contest. Special congratulations also to alumnus Mr Nick Wong, who earned a place among the five highest individual fundraisers.

Vancouver Chinese New Year celebration



Vancouver Alumni Ambassador Ms Ellen Cheng (far left, front row) arranged a reunion for some 20 alumni and friends to celebrate the Chinese New Year at Richmond on 26 January 2019. At the gathering, she welcomed newcomers to Vancouver to the CityU alumni family.

Enlightening trip to Chengdu

The CityU-FudanU DBA Alumni Chapter went on an eye-opening excursion to Chengdu from 11 to 14 July 2019. Alumni visited ARTS + INNOVATION, the University's creative media and digital society training hub, at CityU Chengdu Research Institute, with trips to major corporations and talks arranged.



Happy times at Shanghai riverside



Energetic alumni and their families enjoyed this magnificent backdrop as they stepped out along Binjiang Avenue in Shanghai's Pudong District on 19 May 2019 during an outing arranged by the CityU Shanghai Alumni Chapter. Participants appreciated both good weather and the opportunity to meet up with each other.

Exco inaugurated at Beijing chapter meeting



University representatives and alumni attended the memorable inauguration of the third Executive Committee of the CityU Beijing Alumni Chapter at its annual meeting on 12 January 2019. Alumni also raised funds in support of the University's development.



Singing with seniors in Singapore



Alumni in Singapore joined other volunteers to visit more than 200 senior citizens at the Kembangan Chai Chee Seniors Activity Centre on 2 March 2019. With a theme centred around Hong Kong, the programme featured Cantonese oldies and tai-chi demonstration along with traditional food. Volunteers arranged goodie bags and led games during the happy day with seniors.



Sydney ties fostered



Professor Matthew Lee, Vice-President (Development & External Relations) (second right), greeted 30 alumni and exchange students at a reunion dinner in Sydney on 20 February 2019. He thanked Alumni Ambassadors Ms Winnie Au (third right) and Mr Andrew Yeung (second left) for their long-standing service to the network, and welcomed new Ambassador Miss Wendy Cheung (third left) to the alumni network. A special note of appreciation goes to Ms Winnie Chan, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Sydney, for joining the occasion.



Convocation highlights

Annual general meeting



The 2019 Annual General Meeting was held on 17 December, with Standing Committee Chairman Mr Robert Lui reporting back on Convocation news. Over the year, the Convocation continued to cultivate a spirit of camaraderie in the alumni community through voluntary service programmes and outdoor activities, among others. It also channelled members' views on University development and facilitated alumni bonding with their alma mater.

Looking to the future, re-elected Chairman Mr Robert Lui of the Seventh Standing Committee will be joined by a mix of re-elected members and newcomers, to serve members for two years from January 2020.

Members of the Seventh Standing Committee (2020-21)

Chairman	Mr Robert Lui Chi-wang 呂志宏 BBA (Hons) Finance (2000)	
Vice-Chairmen	Mr Danny Chow Tsz-kin 周子健 BSocSc (Hons) Social Work (2012)	Mr William Khoo Wun-fat 丘煥法 PCLL (2007) LLB (Hons) (2006)
	Mr Gabriel Ho Kai-pong 何啟邦 MSocSc Social Work (2011) BSocSc (Hons) Social Work (2009)	Mr Douglas Wong Chi-yeung 黃志揚 BBA (Hons) Management Science (2008)
Member (Last Preceding Chairman)	Mr Clovis Lau Koong-yep 劉冠業 BBA (Hons) Quantitative Analysis for Business (1999)	
Other Members	Miss Karen Au Kit-yu 歐潔瑜 BBA (Hons) Accountancy (2006)	Miss Man Law Man-yin 羅敏妍 BBA (Hons) Business Economics (2011)
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	Mr James Kong Cho-on 江祖安 BEng (Hons) Electronic Engineering (2002)	Mr Dickson Pun Kim-ming 潘劍鳴 BBA (Hons) Business Economics (2011)
	Miss Vera Kong Ting-kwan 江亨君 BA (Hons) Digital Media Broadcasting (2013)	Ms Ywing Yeung Wing-ki 楊詠琪 BA (Hons) English for Professional Communication (2010)



Route to well-being

Participants made new friends and strengthened their CityU bonds on hike along Tung O Ancient Trail on 5 May 2019.



Volunteering for a good cause

The Convocation invited alumni to run a juice bar at Happy Carnival on 27 April 2019, serving children, youths, ethnic minority families, the elderly, and other beneficiaries of the City-Youth Empowerment Project.



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Nurturing togetherness



Fifth Executive Committee inaugurated

The inauguration of the Eminence Society (ES)'s Fifth Executive Committee (Exco) took place at the Annual Dinner on 8 March 2019. Newly elected Exco Chairman Mr Weeky Wong led the oath-taking ceremony, with CityU senior management among the 140 guests in attendance. At the event, President Way Kuo updated participants on the University's latest developments and encouraged them to support CityU through the Eighth Government Matching Grant Scheme. An additional highlight was a captivating performance by a group of talented young harpists.



Keeping up with 5G

ES organised a talk by Dr Steve Wong, Associate Professor of Electrical Engineering at CityU, on 12 October 2019 titled "When Trump loves in 5G and 6G". The presentation, held at CityU, provided an overview of the superfast telecommunications technologies and applications. It was followed by a visit to the University's State Key Laboratory of Terahertz and Millimeter Waves, led by its Director, Professor Chan Chi-hou, Chair Professor of Electronic Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering.



Christmas caring spirit

Some 40 ES members celebrated Christmas together on 19 December 2019 at iBakery, a social enterprise that hires and trains people with disabilities. Those attending the party included President Way Kuo, who expressed his gratitude to ES members for their unwavering contribution to the University.



Vet centre visit

ES Deputy Chairman Dr Raymond Leung led some 20 members on an exclusive visit to the CityU Veterinary Medical Centre on 27 July 2019. The Centre, which came into operation in April 2019, is the largest clinic of its kind in Hong Kong. The visit was supported by the Alumni Relations Office and Jockey Club College of Veterinary Medicine and Life Sciences (CVMLS). As part of the tour, Dr Ng Lip-tet, Chief Operations Office, introduced the Centre's major facilities, including the pets' wards, operation theatres and MRI, while Dr Howard Wong, Director (Professional Development and Communications) at CVMLS, gave insights on the latest veterinary education activities at CityU.



Learning about big business and university life



A 20-strong ES delegation went on an exchange tour in Hangzhou and Shanghai from 14 to 17 November 2019. Members received a warm reception at Alibaba Group, Geely Automobile and Zhejiang University, with senior officials at each organisation briefing delegates on the latest developments and hosting guided tours of their museums and exhibition halls. The visit also included an alumni reunion dinner in Shanghai, co-hosted by the Society and CityU Shanghai Alumni Chapter on 16 November 2019.



Social Work alumni look to the future

The new Executive Committee of the Social Work Alumni Association was formed at the group's Annual General Meeting on 16 August 2019. Those attending also had the opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge through a session on family mediation.



Eminent engineers build bonds

Thematic talks and updates on CityU were on the programme at the Engineering Doctorate Society's Annual Dinner on 30 March 2019. The gathering was both a learning opportunity and a joyful reunion.



Second ExCo for EMBA (Chinese) Alumni Association

The election of the second Executive Committee of the EMBA (Chinese) Alumni Association took place at the Association's annual dinner on 19 October 2019. The newly elected alumni leaders pledged to build further alumni bonds and support for their alma mater. An Inauguration Ceremony followed on 11 December 2019.



Planning ahead

An informative Career Carnival was initiated by the Jockey Club Academy Hall Alumni Association in March 2019, featuring career talks, exhibitions, discussion sessions, and a free CV checking service. The event was co-organised by the Student Residence Office and the Jockey Club Academy Hall.



Marketing magic

The Department of Marketing and its Alumni Association co-organised a reunion dinner on 23 June 2019 where alumni rekindled friendship, learnt about departmental news, and enjoyed fun activities.



Reunion for legal eagles

The School of Law Alumni Association organised a dinner gathering on 25 April 2019, strengthening networking among peers in the field.



Getting creative

The BSc (Hons) Creative Media Alumni Association held an evening get-together on 22 June 2019 during the Playful Media Showcase, an annual display of outstanding work by current School of Creative Media students. Alumni and students attending the reunion also received media industry updates.



Dishing up what's new in management sciences

The Alumni Association of Management Sciences organised an inspiring "Lunch & Learn" event on 30 November 2019. Those attending gained useful insights into the latest developments in the field from alumni management science professionals and received updates on CityU from University representatives.



Spurring on the next generation

The Department of Information Systems organised a memorable ceremony to celebrate the launch of its latest Industrial Mentorship Programme on 18 October 2019. The event included sharing by mentors on their professional insights.



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School of Law
Founder of Patrick Lam Exchange Scholarships

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Clement Cheuk

College of Business
Founder of Mr Clement Cheuk Scholarships

"I am delighted to have established a scholarship scheme for CityU students, and always happy to meet the recipients, who are **passionate about the future and ready to strive for excellence**. Through such assistance, I hope to ease their financial concerns and enable them to concentrate on their studies."

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College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
Recipient of Outstanding Community Service Awards for Non-local Students

"My scholarship showed my endeavours had been recognised and inspired me to pursue a career where I could **give back to society and pass on this spirit of contribution**."



Forest Chan

College of Business
Recipient of the James Liu CityU-Columbia University Joint Bachelor's Degree Program Scholarship

"My award enabled me to complete a joint bachelor's degree in the US. It made me understand that we should **treasure and be grateful for what we have**. I am so grateful for the donor's support."

CityU and student development



High-achieving student **Mr Ng Chung-kiu** (centre) received a CityU Eminence Society Community Services Scholarship at the Society's annual dinner. He was one of two awardees.



Distinguished alumnus **Mr Andrew Fan** (middle, front row), founder of the FANs Awards Scheme, together with recipients. At the event, he encouraged the awardees to support their alma mater after graduation.



Alumnus **Mr Lu Ting-kiwok** (third right), founder of the Mr Lu Ting Kwok Prize for LLB and PCLL Students, shares his profound legal knowledge and experience with awardees.



Over 10 recipients from different Colleges and Schools (back row) express their thanks to alumnus **Mr Clement Cheuk** (second right, front row), founder of the Mr Clement Cheuk Scholarships, for his generous support.



Over 50 Tree and Leaf members of **CityU Alumni Giving Club** and their guests joined an exclusive guided tour of the *Leonardo da Vinci: Art & Science · Then & Now* exhibition on 31 October 2019. They were impressed by the creative presentation of the 12 original da Vinci drawings and the innovative works designed by our School of Creative Media faculty.



Legacy for the next generation

Alumni and staff who made donations under the First Government Matching Grant Scheme in 2003 have been acknowledged for their generosity with named chairs newly relocated to Wong Cheung Lo Hui Yuet Hall, the University's main venue for large-scale events. In April 2019, these donors were invited to visit the hall and join an exclusive guided tour of the *Art Deco. The France-China Connection* exhibition at the CityU Indra and Harry Banga Gallery.



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Following the launch of the Eighth Government Matching Grant Scheme in July 2019, the University is encouraging alumni to contribute under the initiative and give an additional boost to CityU's development. Alumni donations of HK\$50,000 or HK\$200,000 will be acknowledged with a Named or Honorary Chair respectively in the Wong Cheung Lo Hui Yuet Hall, the largest theatre venue on campus. The matching grant scheme runs until 31 July 2022. Donors will also become CityU Foundation members. For further details of membership categories, visit www.cityu.edu.hk/foundation.



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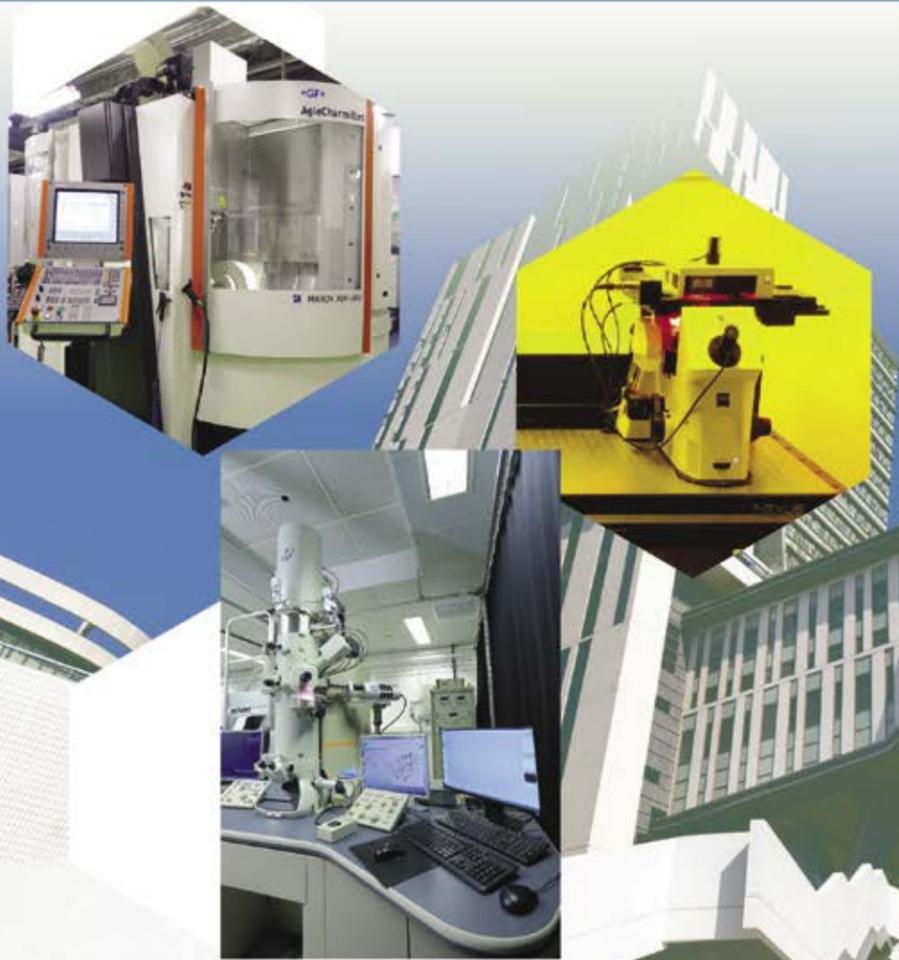
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College of Business

John Chan

2007 BBA (Hons) Business Economics

John co-founded Comboxx Group Limited, a fully automated warehouse and logistics technology company that is seeking to provide a range of services to advance fintech, smart cities and industry 4.0 in Hong Kong.



Michael Ho

1988 HD Information Systems

Michael received a practising certificate from the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and has now set up his firm under the name of Michael Chimmay Ho CPA (Practising).



Aiden Chan

2017 BBA Global Business Systems Management

Congratulations to Aiden who completed his first World Marathon Majors competition in Berlin in September 2019.



Castiel Kie

2014 BBA (Hons) China Business

Castiel teamed up with partners to grow their digital marketing business, Fletrix Limited. He is currently focusing on increasing digital sales and sales performance for clients.

Sharon Lam

2015 BBA (Hons) Information Management

Sharon is a professional organising consultant who founded Home Therapy to assist household and corporate clients declutter their homes and offices. She says the benefits go beyond a tidier space by restoring a sense of calm and enhancing work efficiency as well.



Myo Kyaw Thu

2014 BBA (Hons) Business Economics

Myo (right) and his girlfriend Cho Zin Thet (BSocSc (Hons) Public Policy, Management, and Politics) co-founded a sign language book café, "The Able-Myanmar", with

other two partners in Myanmar in 2019. The café is operated solely by people with a hearing impairment. The pair aim to increase social awareness about disability, inspire other businesses to hire more people with disabilities in Myanmar, and promote inclusivity.

Xu Fei

2005 MA International Accounting

Fei is pursuing an Executive MBA at CityU, balancing this with her senior role at AIA as Director, Wealth Management and Protection, and her home life, where she is busy preparing her twin girls for secondary education. She is also active in alumni association affairs to support CityU.



College of Engineering



Lotto Lai

1992 HD Applied Science
1994 BSc (Hons) Applied Physics
1997 MPhil Chemistry
2010 EngD Engineering Management

As Chairman and Fellow of the Hong Kong Society for Quality, Dr Lotto Lai was nominated by the Hong Kong SAR's

Innovation and Technology Commission to be the first Hong Kong observer for the Technical Committee ISO/TC 279 for innovation management in 2016. At the end of 2019, he published the book, *Extensics: The Logic of Innovation*, a fundamental artificial intelligence theory originally developed by Chinese scholar Professor Cai Wen and used to solve contradiction issues.



Oswis Wong

2012 BEng (Hons) Electronic and Communication Engineering

Oswis is Co-founder of Air Button, an internet-of-things connecting and control service company. Air Button was funded through Kickstarter and received a Best 100 accolade in Japan's Good Design Awards. Oswis is developing new products with overseas companies and working on emerging business lines, such as AI systems, environmentally friendly materials, health care and clean energy.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



Annie Chiang

1992 Diploma in Social Work

Annie's book, (讓我們無憾 Say Goodbye), received an award at the 2019 Hong Kong Publishing Biennial Awards. The

main themes are palliative care, hospice care, death, bereavement, and the meaning of life. She credits the social work programme at CityU for enhancing her knowledge of issues related to compassion.



Kason Fok

2003 ASocSc Public Administration and Management

Sandy Ngai

2017 MSocSc Counselling

Kason (left) has actively supported the CityU Marathon Club for many years and is currently Chairman of the Club. Here he is seen enjoying precious moments with his wife, Sandy, and their newborn baby boy.



Karina Fan

2000 MA Translation and Interpretation

After leaving the news and information division of a television broadcaster three years ago, Karina founded her own production house Rhombus Capital Limited which has prospered following the growing demand for online video production for social media platforms. Karina's goal for the coming year is to establish an investment education institution to explore dissemination of wealth management information.



Vinci Hui

2014 BSocSc (Hons) Policy Studies and Administration

Vinci is Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer of MEdia For Good, a Creating Shared Value project that initiates media content with social impact and is supported by New World Development Company. She also shared her experiences as a former triathlete and her passion for the sport at school talks.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



Johnny Ma
 2009 BSocSc (Hons) International Studies
 In June 2019, Johnny (centre), Executive Director of Liberal Education Research Association, organised the third "Teacher Training in Prestigious Schools for Professional Educators" programme, providing a valuable opportunity for teaching practice in top secondary schools in Macau. The programme sets out to help educators gain broader perspectives, with a view to contributing to Hong Kong's future development.



Samantha Shing
 1998 Bachelor of Social Work (Hons)

Samantha (top right), a social worker and mother of two, is residing in the UK. She is undergoing treatment for a rare cancer and gradually heading for recovery. While conquering the illness, she continues to give her support to charities. All good wishes for a speedy recovery, Samantha!



Douglas Yim
 2008 BA (Hons) Linguistics and Language Technology
 Douglas is not only a television host and master of ceremonies, but also an author and columnist. He co-founded YTY Studio, which provides training programmes for companies and schools. He is also the Director of Chinese Overseas Talent Service Base, which focuses on elite exchange programmes.

College of Science



Benny Au
 2011 MSc Environmental Science and Technology

Benny (second left) co-founded Hong Kong Distillery with Professional Labglass in 2016. More recently, in October 2019, he opened a counter in Tsim Sha Tsui's Eslite Spectrum. The company provides fresh herbal extracts for cosmetics, food, and beverage, as well as extraction, purification, glassware design, production, and environmental consultation services.



Kenneth Leung
 1996 MPhil Environmental Science

Kenneth is a Professor of Aquatic Ecology and Toxicology in Hong Kong. He visited Bhutan in summer 2019 to take water samples as part of a global monitoring project on pharmaceutical contaminants in rivers.

School of Creative Media



Nick Cheuk
 2012 BA (Hons) Creative Media

After winning the 5th First Feature Film Initiative, Nick is currently Director and Scriptwriter for his feature film, *Time Still Turns the Pages* (遺書), supported by the Hong Kong government's Film Development Fund.



Tam Wai-ching
 2010 AA Media Technology
 2012 BA (Hons) Creative Media

After finishing her debut feature film, *In Your Dreams* (以青春的名義) in 2017, Wai-ching directed and produced her first TV drama, *The Republic* (理想國), which was broadcast on ViuTV in August 2019.

Clara Yeung
 2001 AA Media Technology
 2003 BA (Hons) Creative Media

Clara is Co-founder and Creative Director of one ZEBRA Limited. The design and event company was founded in 2010 and provides an array of professional services to clients, including design, strategic event planning, innovative production on marketing materials, and more.



School of Law



Kay Chan
 2006 LLB
 2007 PCLL

Kay took up the role of Chairman of the Alumni Association of the School of Law in 2018. As chairman, he has focused his efforts on organising events and activities for law alumni and students to cultivate a collective sense of belonging and support for the School.



Iu Ting-kwok, MH
 2004 MA Arbitration and Dispute Resolution

TK, a Consultant Solicitor with Kwok, Ng & Chan, is a well sought-after mediator in Hong Kong. He is an Adjunct Professor of CityU's School of Law, where he teaches mediation for the University's LLM/JD and PCLL programmes. He also serves as advisor to the Department of Justice on mediation issues.

School of Energy and Environment



Natalie Law
 2016 BEng (Hons) Energy Science and Engineering

Natalie is currently an Assistant Railway Systems Engineer at ARUP, a world-renowned engineering consultancy firm. She is now keen to develop her station planning and digital transformation skills, working on railway infrastructure projects in Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, and the Philippines.



Harry Lam
 2016 BEng (Hons) Energy Science and Engineering

Harry is pursuing a Master of Science degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. Before going abroad, he worked as an Environmental Engineer at ATAL, where he was involved in water treatment plant design and operations.



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