CityU Harmonica Won Awards at the “6th Seoul International Harmonica Festival”

Congratulations to CityU Harmonica! The team has won the first runner-up at the “6th Seoul International Harmonica Festival” under the “Small Orchestra” category.

The festival was held in Seoul in August where thousands of international harmonica players gathered for exchanges. Led by professional harmonica player Cy Leo together with trainer Ivan Chong and Harry Cho, the team selected “Okuribito”, the music piece from the famous Japanese movie “Departures”, for the competition. Their hard work paid off finally. Besides the competition session, the team was able to gain exposure by joining master classes and enjoyed harmonica performances of world-class artists at the festival.

Established in 2017, CityU Harmonica is a group of CityU students who are passionate about harmonica and strive for performing at their best. The honor gained in the first competition the team took part in was indeed encouraging and motivated them to keep going, to develop and to flourish.

CityU Harmonica won Gold Medal in Women’s Team Squash at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta Palembang, Indonesia from 18 August to 2 September 2018. Current business student Ms. Ho Tze Lok, and her teammates made history by winning their first-ever gold medal in women’s team squash event. Ms. Yip Tsz-fung, business alumnus, won a silver medal in men’s team squash event. Last but not least, Ms. Grace Lau Mo-shuong, alumna of School of Creative Media, took home the bronze medal of women’s kata in karate.

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CityU Badminton team had achieved great results throughout the year 2017-2018. In USHK Badminton Championship, we were the boys Champion and girls 1st Runner-Up. In the 22nd All China University Badminton Championships, we strived for our best and achieved good performance as well. CityU Men's Team ranked 2nd and CityU Women's Team ranked 4th in the Grade A Team competition. Whereas in individual event, Pong Lap Yan Larr was the 2nd Runner-up in Men's Singles.

Physical fitness, sports techniques and psychological performance are equally important for an athlete to be successful. Mainland athletes used to perform better than us and it is never an easy task for us to get excellent results. In addition, without air conditioning in China’s sports center, we need a longer time to adjust to the sports ground. Hence, we did a lot of preparation on our physical fitness in Hong Kong and aimed at the sports venue two days in advance of the competition for training.

Many people may think that we hope and then we can persist. However, we believe that when we persist, we see hope. The 22nd All China University Badminton Championships was a remarkable experience for us to understand the meaning of life: to chase our dreams and go all out!

Local and Non-Local student athletes joining hand in hand in striving for Sports Excellency

Under the “Outstanding Athletes Entrance Scholarship for Non-local Students” in the year of 2018, CityU has successfully recruited 7 international student athletes (ISA) from Serbia, Croatia and South Africa to further their studies in CityU. And we have now in total 11 international SAS admitted through this sports talents admission channel.

Name | Country | Sports | Major
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Hugh MORGAN | South Africa | Tennis | Economics & Finance
Matija MAKSIMOVIC | Serbia | Basketball | Economics & Finance
Marko KOVACEVIC | Serbia | Basketball | Global Business
Uros CRVANOVIC | Serbia | Volleyball | Computer Science
Mihaljko STOJANOV | Serbia | Soccer | Business
Tan SOISC | Croatia | Athletic | Public Policy & Politics
Franciska MARIC | Croatia | Athletic | Bachelor's Degree in ACE

Our international SASs started arriving at CityU on 25 August 2018. After warmly welcomed by the colleagues of Global Service Office at the Arrival Hall and getting acquaintance with the campus life through a series of Orientation Programs, the SASs soon met with their respective coaches to learn more about the team training. Besides having the chance to build an everlasting friendship with the teams’ local students, they were also builded up with other international SASs who joined the team last year. Together with 52 local new SASs and a total of around 450 team members in the sports team family, we are looking forward to seeing them fighting and striving in the USHK Competitions and overseas competition with CityU team’s motto “Be the Best That We Can Be!”
Scholar Club - Golden Key Club

To enhance the competitiveness of CityU students, “Golden Key Club” organized a series of workshops from September to November, namely “The Apple in Everyone’s Eyes” (Personal Branding workshops), “Storytelling: Engaging people with Power + Point” (Speaking Skills coaching) and “Seizing Opportunities in Interviews” (Interview Simulations). Christina (Recipient of HKSC Overseas Scholarship), who has joined the interview simulation - The interview Challenge, expressed that she was confident and improved her performance in the scholarship interview.

To better prepare students of different years and disciplines for scholarships competition, the Golden Key Club hosted the scholarship fair and briefing sessions in September to introduce the eligibilities and details of various reputable Scholarships and Awards.

CityU Student Ambassadors Programme has trained up a few hundreds of students in the past 20 years. The Student Ambassadors (SAs) serve as emcees in major University events and receive important guests including government officials and overseas academics for different departments. The visitors are impressed by their professional and sincere attitude.

This year, their service has even extended beyond CityU campus. Two Student Ambassadors were selected to work in Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference in Hainan, China this year. Serving at such a global event, they had a memorable and fruitful experience. “We are proud to be CityU Student Ambassadors!” they said.

Other than serving the University and the society, the Student Ambassadors also participated in a study tour to Singapore in order to meet and learn from the ambassadors from the university there. During the trip, they had a chance to visit various places and experience the diversity of Singapore, where many of the world’s ethnicities, cultures and religions live in harmony.

CityU Student Ambassadors Serve CityU and Beyond

學生大使 服務城大

學生大使於海內外活動及校內活動擔任主要職務。
CityU Students Welcoming New Friends from Every Corner of the World
城大學新生到校

The Parents’ Reception, an important Orientation programme for the newly-admitted international students, was successfully held on 28 August 2018 with the joint effort of Student Residence Office (SRO), Residence Masters (RM) and the energetic RMs (RI).

The rainy day did not deter parents from knowing more about CityU and Student Residence (SR). Parents from over 50 countries packed the Multi-function Hall C with smiling faces and laughter. They were eager to witness their children opening a new chapter of journey in CityU.

Prof. Horace Ip, Vice President (Student Affairs) shared in his welcome address the values of hall life being providing the most unique opportunity for the students to build global network of friendship, to sharpen their soft skill as well as to widen their global perspectives with the Residence resembling a mini global city in which multi-cultural integration can be experienced.

Dr. Kafai Ma, represented the RMs, elaborated on the hall-based returning scheme and urged parents to get financially prepared in securing housing in open market for their children’s 3rd and 4th year residency since the chances for return were slim.

Parents were then invited to visit the hall and have follow-up chats with respective RM and RMs. They left with both consentment that their children were in good hands of the RM and confidence that their children will lead a safe and robust campus life.

We embrace the world at CityU. With the support from Global Services Office, CityU students organized airport pick-ups, campus tours and an ice-breaking party during orientation week to welcome over 1,000 new non-local students from all over the world to CityU.

The International Friends Club (IFC) buddies, consisting of students who have completed their exchange study abroad, designed and led the campus tours offered every day from Monday through Thursday during the orientation week to help non-local students get familiar with the campus. They also picked up non-local students from the airport to make sure our newcomers get to CityU hassle-free.

The ice-breaking party organized by Global Mixers, a group of students dedicated to promoting campus diversity and integration, provided a great opportunity for non-local students to connect with each other through mini games in a relaxing atmosphere. Global friendships start right here at CityU.

CityU一直非常重視國際化和多元文化培育。在迎新營事務處的支持下，城大學生於大專院校期間，紮根服務。校舍及校舍設施等活動，以歡迎來自全世界「新鮮人」。

每年交通營營由海外回國留學的學生組成International Friends Club (IFC)，設計簡單而實用的校園導遊路線。在迎新營期間，協助海外新生熟悉校園。他們更與到香港國際機場接機，確保海外學生順利到達校園。

為更好地推動校園多元社群，城大學生組成的Global Mixers舉辦迎新營。透過遊戲了解對方，透過破冰活動，富貴一段珍貴的同窗友誼就此在城大展開。