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Our Students
Our Future

Years since
University Inauguration

CityU has always been devoted to unleashing students’ potential and nurturing their talent through the cultivation of colourful college life. In the past 25 years since our inauguration as a university, our students demonstrated personal and professional excellence and attained overwhelming achievements which were recognized around the globe. Whether it was service learning, athletic opportunities, international exposure or appreciation of arts, CityU has been creating extraordinary moments and lifetime memories with our students.

香港城市大學一直致力綻放出姿多彩的校園生活，以培育學生的天賦和潛能。今年是學校成立25周年，城大學生在過去25年間於世界舞台上發光發亮，展示非凡成績和優秀的一面。不論是服務學習計劃、大型體育賽事、國際交流及體驗以至藝術欣賞，城大與學生共同創造了難忘的珍貴時刻！
Students’ Talents Shine at CityU Employers’ Luncheon

Students from the Department of Mechanical Engineering use machine learning algorithms to train robots for various industrial production and conducting experiments in dangerous environments.

Electronic Engineering student Miss Tam Sze-wing (left) introduces the invention of a battery diagnosis module, dedicated to wheelchair users who utilize computational intelligence algorithms to optimize the state of charge and enable timely replacement of battery before failure or accidents occur.

The CityU Employers’ Luncheon has engaged over 100 participants, setting a new record.

Professor Way Kuo, President of the University, delivered a welcoming speech during the Luncheon.

Professor Anthony C. Cheung, Vice-President (Student Affairs), presents a summary of the 2019 Luncheon to the attendees.

The Luncheon’s keynote speaker, Mr. Willy Lin, Chairman of Hong Kong Productivity Council, delivered a speech on “How Innovation Drives Our Future.” Mr. Lin highlighted the importance of innovation for future employment landscape. He also encouraged students to take on the journey of innovation.

The event, being the signature occasion of the University, received overwhelming success and engaged more than 500 participants, including 300 employers from the business community and diverse industries. Among those attending were senior management representatives of multinational corporations based in Hong Kong and abroad, such as Deloitte China, HSBC, Microsoft, Nan Fung Development, the Hong Kong and China Gas Company and many more. About 120 students attended the Luncheon to present their endeavours to the guests and build connections and networks that would benefit their future employment.
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The CityU Peer Counsellor Training Programme, since its inception in 1992, aims to train a group of students every year to support their peers and cultivate a caring ambiance on campus. In 2016, in order to further enhance caring service in the university community and to better fulfill the diverse needs of students, the Caring League was established comprises five student volunteer teams including Peer Counsellor, Mental Health Ambassador, Inclusion Ambassador, Positivity Ambassador and City Mover.

In this anniversary year, CityU Peer Counsellor alumni, Angel and Jenny, walk us through their unforgettable journey of being a Peer Counsellor and invite students to join the Programme which they experienced as definitely beneficial to one's psychological wellness and personal growth.

"The Peer Counsellor Training Programme has a far reaching impact on my career development. Not only did I learn about using micro-counselling skills with appropriate counselling attitudes, I also experienced the power of counselling for the first time, being able to truly touch with my own emotions and address them properly. This training helped me enhance my self-awareness and become more empathetic. It inspired me to be a hotline counsellor at a student guidance centre and to train peer counsellors at a smoking cessation hotline after graduation.

I found it highly fulfilling to facilitate self-understanding of others and empower people to make their own life choices. Hence, I decided to pursue further studies in counselling psychology in the future, and I would love to have the chance to train peer counsellors and inspire them to pursue their dream career!" —— Angel Li

"I feel privileged to have joined the Peer Counsellor training programme organised by Student Development Services in 1999. It was one of the highlights of my university life and career development. Through the workshops, activities, reflection sessions and service to schoolmates, I learnt peer counselling knowledge and skills and most importantly, I understood myself better and what I needed to change. This self-exploration journey was invaluable to me.

With all I have learnt from the Programme, I furthered my postgraduate studies in Guidance and Counselling. I also made an important decision on my career development - changing my career from Business Administration to Human Resources, a more people oriented field.

I'm still very grateful to CityU for having offered me such a wonderful programme. I would encourage students to grasp every chance in the university to explore more and to take up more challenges. They may be surprised to find something unexpectedly great waiting for them!" —— Jenny Li
Empowering CityU Social Inclusion Through Sports Spirit
Hong Kong Standard Chartered Marathon 2019

2019 marks the 12th year of CityU Delegation participating in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon. Our delegation, with a total of 1,100 runners from the university community, joined the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon (SCHKM) 2019 race held on 17 February 2019. Whilst Mr. Lester G. Huang, Council Chairman of CityU ran the 1.8K Leaders Cup event for the first time, Professor Way Kuo, the President of the University, led our delegation to run the 10Km event for the 11th consecutive year.

CityU has participated in the Hong Kong Marathon since 2008. The number of participants in the CityU Delegation has been increasing from 260 to 1,100 this year including 40 students and teachers invited from four special schools namely Mary Rose School, Hong Kong Red Cross Margaret School, Society of Boys’ Centres Chak Yan Centre School and the CCC Kei Shun Special School, running alongside with the CityU runners in the 10Km event. This new endeavour aimed to promote social inclusion and to help students with special needs to improve their concentration through physical exercise. Training sessions were also organised prior the race.

Inter-hall Singing Contest & Professor Edmond Ko Cup Prize Presentation Ceremony 2018/19

More than 500 residents participated in the Professor Edmond Ko (PEK) Cup Inter-hall Singing Contest organised by the Student Residence Office on 12 April 2019.

Residents from eleven halls gathered to witness the birth of the Champion of PEK Cup 2018/19, as well as to support their hall representatives of different nationalities. On stage, the contestants performed their best to the audiences for the hall they represented. The audiences were equally thrilled, singing along and cheering for their fellow hall-mates. Solo and group performances from the eleven halls were followed by the guest performance of “Kolor”, a famous local rock band.

The climax of the night was the presentation of the Overall Championship of the PEK Cup 2018/19. Concluding the results of a series of competitions including aquatic and athletic meet, basketball, soccer, tennis, table-tennis as well as non-sports events such as photography competition and Singing Contests, the championship finally went to Jockey Club Humanity Hall this year.

Students from the 11 halls will participate in the “Inter-hall Singing Contest” and receive the champion trophy. The competition was held under the guidance of the Student Affairs Office, with the aim of promoting a culture of inclusiveness and diversity. The event was open to all students from the different halls, who were encouraged to participate and enjoy the atmosphere.

Performers sing and dance, putting their best performances on stage.

台上的表演看電影錄像，一展所長。