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*Centenary*

# Message From The Librarian

The commencement of the 2012/13 academic year brings many changes and many challenges to our revitalized campus. The first week of this year has seen our libraries filled with eager to learn students, navigating their way through the wealth of information resources that abound and confound the uninitiated. I take this opportunity to welcome all new students and staff and to welcome back all those returning from the summer break.

With the double cohort of students and the 4 year curriculum now with us, our libraries are well prepared for the demands that these will bring. Two of our libraries, Law and Music, have now relocated to the Centennial Campus. Both libraries have expanded and higher quality space for users and collections. Both libraries have collaborative work spaces in the form of discussion rooms with technology to support group activities. Both libraries have robust wifi to enable access to our electronic resources. Both libraries have a variety of study spaces to suit different learning needs. In addition to our two new libraries, the Main Library has finalized the renovation of the third floor. Level 3 is now fully functioning as a learning commons style facility with 5 distinct zones to accommodate varied and flexible learning styles. The first week of semester has seen Level 3 well utilized by students. The official opening of Level 3 was a wonderful event and I once again take this opportunity to thank Dr Tam Wah Ching for his generosity in helping to make the facility such a great success.

The much anticipated opening of the Chi Wah Learning Commons on the Centennial Campus has not disappointed. The first days of opening have seen the facility well utilized by students and other visitors. Under the management of the Learning Environment Services unit of Information Technology Services (Computer Centre), the Learning Commons will soon provide services from a range of service providers including the Libraries. From October, library staff will be stationed at the Learning Commons to help users of the facility with their information needs. This represents a significant milestone in the Libraries outreach endeavors.

On November 8 the Libraries will celebrate our centenary with a conference featuring a range of distinguished library leaders from around the world (<http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/ic/index.html>). At the conference we will showcase the ten celebratory acquisitions to the ten faculties. These acquisitions include rare books as well as digital collections that will serve as a reminder of the occasion. On the same day we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the founding of the Fung Ping Shan Library with the launch of the publication *Fung Ping Shan, The Man, His Life and His Library* written by Nelly Fung and Deputy Librarian, Dr YC Wan.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the Libraries and I take this opportunity to wish you all a successful academic year.

Peter E Sidorko  
University Librarian





For more about upcoming Centenary Book Talks  
[http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading\\_club/](http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/)

## Upcoming Centenary Book Talks

### "Through Boxer Rebellion, Plague and Revolution – 45 years of an Irish missionary in Manchuria"

@ HKUL Centenary Book Talk



**Frederick**  
The Life of My Missionary Grandfather  
in Manchuria  
MARK O'NEILL

Theme Book:  
*Frederick-The Life of My Missionary Grandfather in Manchuria*

Speaker:  
Mr Mark O'Neill  
(Author & Journalist)

Moderator:  
Professor Ying Chan  
(The Journalism and Media Studies Centre)

Date: 22 October 2012 (Monday)

Time: 7:15 pm - 9:00 pm

Venue: Level 3, Main Library

Language: English

Register:   
[http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading\\_club/bf2012\\_05.html](http://lib.hku.hk/friends/reading_club/bf2012_05.html)



城西書話  
HKUL Reading Club



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CENTENARY  
香港大學百周年



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Thinking in Complexity and Chaos :  
The Complex Dynamics of Nature, Mind & Human Society  
渾沌與複雜性中的思維 - 葉禮霖

14 April 2012 - 6 May 2012

Main Library



I'm Perfect Art Collection  
我圓我夢藝術集

7 May 2012 - 5 June 2012

Main Library





## Sustainability in Action: The World's Tallest Green Building and Global Trends

6 June 2012 - 30 June 2012

Main Library



## From Small Beginnings Come Great Things

14 May 2012 - 17 June 2012

Law Library



## HKU Libraries Centenary Celebrations

An international conference will be held in Wang Gungwu Theatre on 8 November 2012 (Thursday) as part of the Libraries' centenary celebrations. Library leaders from China, Taiwan, the United States, Canada, Australia and other parts of the world, will be joining the conference to share best practices from some of the world's greatest academic and research libraries. To register, please click <https://eforms.lib.hku.hk/hkul100ic/>.

The conference will be concluded with the gala dinner in the Loke Yew Hall. We will also launch our new publication *Fung Ping Shan, The Man, His Life and His Library*, marking the 80th anniversary of the Fung Ping Shan Library. Please visit <http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/ic/index.html> for more details about the conference and the dinner.

The rare book exhibition will mark the end of our centenary celebrations. It will be held in Fung Ping Shan Building of the University Museum and Art Gallery from November 2012 to January 2013. Treasures from both our rare book collections, such as manuscripts of famous Chinese scholars, old and rare maps and gems of our Chinese and Western rare books, will be put on display. Do mark your calendar for the opening ceremony on 27 November evening.

The Libraries has organized a variety of activities to celebrate its centenary, including book talks, library history exhibitions and sharing of library memories. To re-visit these activities, please click <http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/index.html>.



Libraries Centenary Webpage

Celebratory Acquisitions  
chosen by faculties



## Library Memories

We have been collecting memories of the Libraries from former and current users over the past few months. Do these memories look familiar to you?

“Besides the treasure of academic resources, the HKU library has impressed us in another way. We were surprised and touched by the kindness and seriousness with which the HKU librarians responded to our requests. I still vividly remember one occasion when a librarian asked me to leave my phone number after failing to help locate a misplaced book in the shelves. The next morning she called me saying the book was found. One of my fellow students had the same experience in the library. To be frank, as students we had not expected that kind of service (which is really something unexpected in a library on the mainland). So in private we joked that our stay in HKU gave us a taste of the so-called life with high dignity.”

Gu Guoping, Visiting Student, Dept. of History, 2008

“When I first used the Main Library in the summer of 1983, I needed to purchase a few packets of 20-cent coins. Around 1997, libraries in Hong Kong began to use storage card. This is a convenient measure. However, each library had its own storage card. Therefore, I kept several storage cards in my bag. Now, we all use a single octopus card for all libraries.”

Sung Chow Wing, PCLL 1992

“工作之餘，除了逛街，我還有個去處就是港大的圖書館。對我而言，那裡天文地理國際政治娛樂八卦封建迷信各式雜誌書籍視頻一應俱全。那樓本身雖不大，卻如寶庫，深不可探。至今還記得，在英文部探索了許久以後，第一次去中文部（馮平山樓）——在小說書架間流連，忽見一個女生席地而坐、背靠著書架，手裡捧著一本書，正在唏唏噓噓地抹眼淚。陽光正好透過視窗撒在這個傷心女孩的身上，我見猶憐……我繼續走到其它書架，眼光卻仍然偷偷瞥向那個角落；再一撇，頓時啞然失笑——但見那女生身邊放了包薯片，她伸手取了一片塞到嘴裡，翻一頁書，然後繼續抽泣，抹一把眼淚！原來，這書和薯片一樣，是享受消遣；眼淚和笑一樣，是讀書的樂趣。”

Tara Yue, Alumnus

More memories are available at <http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/sylm.html>.

As you enjoy these wonderful anecdotes, why don't you share your own fond memories of the Libraries?



## A Historical and Natural Touch to the Main Library

To celebrate the 80th anniversary of the Fung Ping Shan Library this year, a set of precious screens donated by the Fung's family has been erected at its entrance lobby on 5/F Main Library recently. Viewers can appreciate the exquisite craftsmanship of the screens and at the same time learn more about Mr. Fung Ping Shan from an inscription on his life and achievements.

Thanks to the kind offer of Mr. C. T. Yeung, the ex-Director of the University Museum and Art Gallery, the Main Library is very fortunate to have the opportunity to display some antiquities from his private collection starting this new school year. These unique items have added much classic elegance to the New Wing staircase, a major pedestrian route of the building. Now, our users will definitely find a walk upstairs and downstairs not just beneficial to their health but also to their soul.

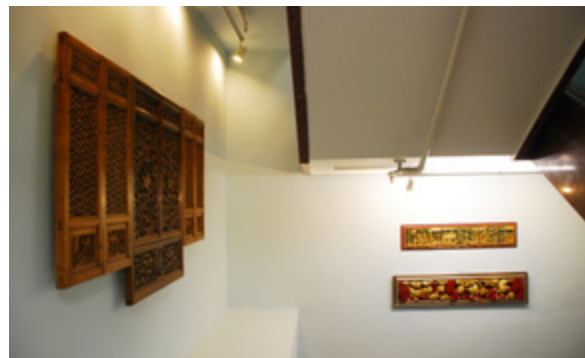
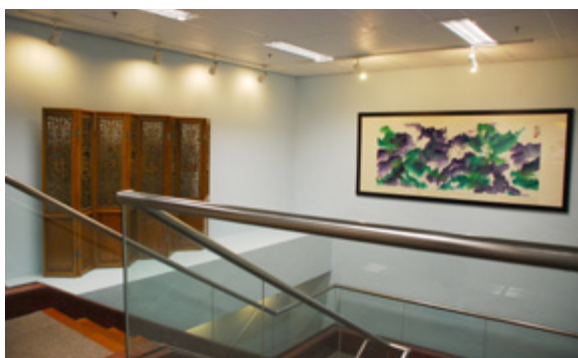
In support of the green efforts of the University, a series of photographic works by Mr. Ed Stokes, Hong Kong's best-known nature photographer and author of books on Hong Kong's natural landscape, are exhibited on 2/F of the Main Library. With their proximity to the atrium and our green roof on the same floor, we hope all users can connect themselves to the nature in the jungle of our book stacks.



Wooden Screens by Fung's Family



Wooden Screens (Front View)



Different Antiquities at New Wing Staircase.



## Student Learning Centre Reopened

Right at the start of the new school year, we welcome back our Student Learning Centre after several months of renovation works associated with the construction of the University Street. The size of the Centre has been reduced to accommodate the cafeteria whose original site was cleared and becomes as part of the street. A new configuration of the two neighbouring facilities will bring along an innovative operation to two of the most popular places on campus – a secret to be revealed in early October 2012. Do come and find out the secret at your next visit!



Coffee Shop beside the Entrance of the Student Learning Centre



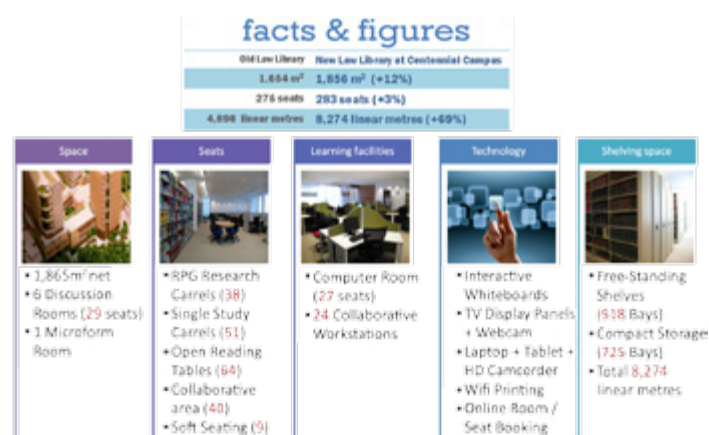
Student Learning Centre

# New and Noteworthy

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## A New Home for Law Library

Following years of planning, the Lui Che Woo Law Library has finally moved into its new home on the first and second floor of Cheng Yu Tung Tower and Podium Level in July. The relocation to the Centennial Campus is a significant event which impacted on services and collection use since the Library last moved to the K.K. Leung Building in 1989. It spread over three weeks, with more than 120,000 volumes of library books and 518 bays of library shelves having been relocated, along with furniture, desktops and servers, study desks, and other equipment. The Library was closed from 6 July to 15 July during the move and subsequently, the first floor of the new Library opened on 16 July with partial access to collections. The Library was re-opened on 28 July for both floors. A monumental task to say the least.



Though the increase in area is modest, new purpose-built premises in the Centennial Campus provide us with an improved layout for the library and functional spaces that align more appropriately with the needs of users for modern day digital legal research. The increase in seats may be minimal but there is now a greater variety of seating available in the Law Library, from single study carrels, swipe card access research carrels, to open reading tables in collaborative area. The Library's discussion rooms also come with either interactive whiteboards, or TV display panel and webcam, which will be a great facility to law students looking for mootng support.

New facilities/services of the Law Library include:

- Swipe card access research carrels for law research postgraduates: application details at <http://www.lib.hku.hk/lawlib/regulation.html>
- Computer Room for small-group teaching and learning
- Collaborative zone with movable tables in open area
- an RFID (radio frequency identification) enabled bookdrop facility, to be available in 2013
- and an enhanced programme for the loaning of portable devices and equipment such as tablets and HD camcorder

If you are not familiar with the new Law Library in the Centennial Campus, we invite you to come visit us and tell us how you like (or dislike) it.

Irene Shieh  
Law Librarian



# New and Noteworthy

## Key Features



In line with the overall design features of the Centennial Campus, the new Law Library is characterized by light and openness. The entire collections of the Library, including reserve and requested materials, are now on open shelves. With a self-check station nearby, checking out of library materials has never been easier.



Thanks to its location in the Centennial Campus, the Law Library is enveloped in greenery and basked in natural light. Along the seats near the curtain wall are light sensors to provide an appropriate level of lighting dependent on the environment. Most seats have either considerable sea view or hillside view, making it a pleasant environment for studying.

## Chi Wah Learning Commons

While partly located in the Cheng Yu Tung Tower, the Law Library premises also extend across the Podium Level and are a stone's throw from the Chi Wah Learning Commons. Its proximity to both the Arts and Social Sciences Buildings also makes it convenient for students, and non-law students using the law library, to get around.



East facing view inside of Law Library, 1/F

# New and Noteworthy

## New Music Library: a Piece of Wonderland

Located at a rooftop garden complete with green areas, the Music Library appears like an open and transparent place from the sky. On August 1, the Music Library moved to its new location on the 11th floor of the Run Run Shaw Tower, Centennial Campus. It took four days to move over 45,000 volumes of print materials and multimedia items, which had 155 bays of free-standing shelves relocated. The Music Library resumed services on August 6.

The new location has provided an extraordinary place for study, group discussion, wonder and more. At the entrance, users gaze in wonder at the fantastic Victoria Harbour view. The Chit Chat area allows users to engage in small talk. The Information counter is on the left at the entrance, where has a colourful corner of New Additions. On the right, there is a PC and Mac Station. Out of six, five stations have Sibelius music notation software installed and a midi keyboards is attached to each of these stations for writing and printing music. The other station has a scanner and Adobe Photoshop software installed. Near it, there is a Multimedia Station (8 seating) that includes DVD, Blue ray, CD players and TV monitors. Towards the East, it has a decidedly more academic feel, with 18 single study carrels along the glassed window, three Discussion Rooms and stacks of collections including scores, books and multimedia materials. Compact storage is a new facility that has Reference Scores, Journals, Reference materials and Anthologies.

On the sustainability side, natural light enters through full glassed windows that provide energy savings and a comfortable environment. It is a spectacular makeover of a facility, creating an open visual space toward the Victoria Harbour, delighting both students and faculty. Who wouldn't want to walk by this Library, stop or rest on it? Playful, inventive, modern and natural light provide endless interest and wonder in the Music Library.

## Music Library: 30th anniversary

Opened in 1982, the Music Library is one of the subject branch libraries of the University Libraries and the primary repository of musical materials at HKU. The collections comprise books, journals, scores, multimedia materials and electronic resources that support research and teaching as well as the broad musical interests and activities of the University community. The Collections features various music areas ranging from classical music to Canto-pop music, as well as East Asian music and the world music. The Library provides study and research facilities for the HKU community.

## Facts and Figures

### Space



Hung Hing Ying Building  
198 m<sup>2</sup>



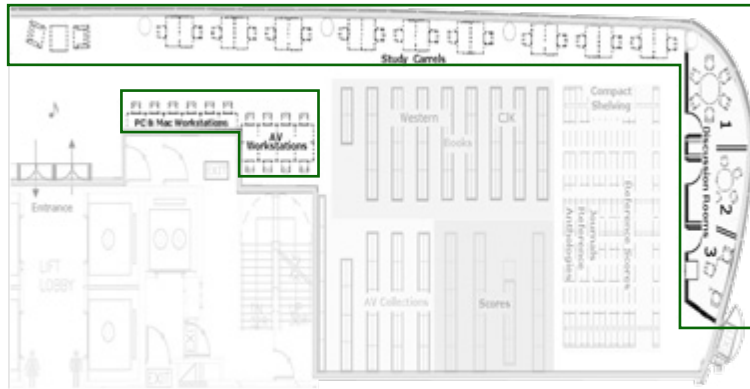
Run Run Shaw Tower  
390 m<sup>2</sup>

+ 97%



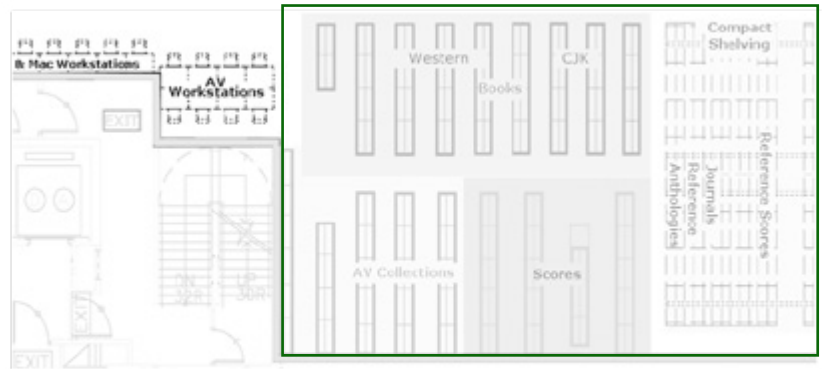
# New and Noteworthy

## Seats



Hung Hing Ying Building 22 seats → Run Run Shaw Tower 51 seats + 131%

## Length of Shelving



Hung Hing Ying Building 757 linear meters → Run Run Shaw Tower 1346 linear meters + 78%

## Key Features



The Fantastic Victoria Harbour views



Facing East, the Main Campus

# New and Noteworthy



Main Entrance



Information Counter



Multimedia Station



PC & Mac Station



Chit Chat Area



Compact Storage



# Support To The Libraries

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## Gift of Sir Philip Haddon-Cave Financial Papers

To mark the gift of Sir Philip Haddon-Cave Financial Papers to The University of Hong Kong Libraries, we held a celebratory ceremony on 19 September 2012. The gift has certainly enriched the Libraries' research resources and the papers include:

- Budget speeches, 1972-1981
- Legco speeches at the capacity as Financial Secretary on different topics, 1970-1981
- Legco speeches at the capacity as Chief Secretary, 1981-1985
- Other speeches, 1971, 1974-1984

We were honoured to have Professor S.P. Chow, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and members of the Haddon-Cave family to officiate the Ceremony.



Sir Charles Haddon-Cave



From Left: Professor S.P. Chow (Pro-Vice-Chancellor), Mr Peter Sidorko (University Librarian), Sir Charles Haddon-Cave, Dr Leong Che-hung (Council Chairman)



Sir Charles Haddon-Cave and Mr Peter Sidorko (University Librarian)



Group Photo

# Support To The Libraries

## Level 3

**A technology rich, collaborative and flexible facility for student learning**

## Dedication & Opening Ceremony

Thanks to the generous contribution by Dr Tam Wah Ching and his vision and commitment to supporting student learning, the 3rd floor of the Main Library has been transformed into Level 3, a technology rich, collaborative and flexible environment suited to today's students. To celebrate the opening of Level 3 and mark the gift by Dr Tam, we held the Dedication & Opening Ceremony on 26 September 2012. At the ceremony, we were very pleased to announce that Dr Tam and Ms Shirley Chan are going to make further donation to the Libraries for the Centenary Endowment Fund. We were honoured to have Dr Tam Wah Ching and Ms Shirley Chan, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Dr Leong Che-hung and Mr Peter Sidorko to officiate the Ceremony.



Dr Tam Wah Ching



Professor Tsui Lap-Chee  
(Vice-Chancellor)



Mr Peter Sidorko  
(University Librarian)



Dr Leong Che-hung  
(Council Chairman)



Revealing the Plaque



Group Photo



## Learn Information Skills and Become An Independent Researcher

The Information Services Division inaugurated the new academic year with myriad activities to welcome the fresh cohort of students.

The flagship programme, Postgraduate Library Workshop, has been well received and over 20 sessions have been rolled out since its first offer on 21 August. Through the workshop, participants learn about the library services and facilities in support of their research. They also learn basic information skills and get a taste as to the E-resources available through the library. Course survey returns indicates that participants find the workshop useful in support of their study and learning.

Anticipating the needs of our double cohort this year, Freshmen Orientation has been organized in the Multi-purpose Zone, a new facility at Level 3 of the Main Library, which can host more students per session. These events have given a good opportunity for our librarians to meet up with new students and increase our visibility in the University community.

In September, we have also begun offering advanced training sessions such as using the library catalogue and finding journal articles. A series of subject specialized courses have also been offered to students as arranged in collaboration with Faculty members. More training sessions will be offered in October and throughout the year. Highlights of upcoming courses include Finding Dissertations, Endnote Workshops, Cited Reference Search, Impact Factor and Turnitin Student Seminars. So, do watch out for our schedule.

Users are also welcome to learn information skills online through the DOW tutorial on Moodle. DOW (Discover, Organize and Write) is a collaborative product of CETL, CITE and HKU Libraries. The course aims to enable users to do well, thrive and prosper in their study and research by gaining a general background and basic skills in searching the information resources available through the Libraries. The course is featured with videos, simple pdf guides and links to relevant websites.

### For access:

1. Point to <http://moodle.hku.hk>
2. Choose "Non-HKU Portal user"
3. Login with the guest account:
  - Username: lib\_skills\_2012\_hkul001
  - Password: Guest!23 (Note: password is case-sensitive.)

If you have questions on finding information, you are most welcome to drop by at the Information Counter, Level 3 (Main Library) or contact us by telephone (2859-2203), Email ([hkulref@hku.hk](mailto:hkulref@hku.hk)) or SMS (5131-2209). For academic staff and postgraduate students, they may also reserve a personalized advisory session through the Research Consultation Service. For more details, please visit <http://lib.hku.hk/general/help.html>

The Information Services Division wishes you all a fruitful and enjoyable year ahead!

**Treatise on water science [electronic resource] / editor-in-chief, Peter A. Wilderer. Amsterdam ; Hackensack, NJ : Elsevier Science, 2011.**

Covers topics related to resource management, water quality and supply, and handling of wastewater. This work examines topics in depth, with an emphasis on innovative research and technologies for those working in applied areas.

**The papers of Lee Kuan Yew: speeches, interviews and dialogues. [electronic resource] Singapore : Gale Asia, c2012.**

The most comprehensive collection of various types of presentations of Lee Kuan Yew, the founding prime minister of Singapore. A first-hand source for examining the thoughts of Lee over four decades (1950-1990) on a wide range of topics such as independence, decolonisation, Malaysian Malaysia, separation from Malaysia, British withdrawal, industrialisation, public housing, multiracial harmony, civil service and leadership succession.

美國明尼蘇達大學圖書館藏基督教男青年會檔案:中國年度報告(1896-1949),(附國際幹事小傳及會所小史) / 整理陳肅, 達格瑪·蓋茨, 大衛·克勞森;審校趙炬明 = **The archives of the Young Men's Christian Association in China at the University of Minnesota Libraries: the annual reports, 1896-1949**

第1版. 桂林市 : 廣西師範大學出版社, 2012.

這套書收錄的是美國明尼蘇達大學圖書館藏基督教男青年會年度報告的原件, 是研究鴉片戰爭以來中美關係發展變化的官方資料, 其出版對於推動美國在華傳教研究及基督教男青年會這一特殊時期的全國性青年宗教組織在華的形成發展及對中國的西方教育的影響都具有重要的文獻價值。



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