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## MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

Two thousand and twelve promises to be a busy and exciting year for the Libraries. Already we have held the Szeto Wah Collection Turnover Ceremony on January 4 to mark the donation of some 10,000 items from Szeto Wah's personal collection. The Library is indebted to Szeto Wah's family for the collection which includes books, periodicals, photographs, diaries, documents, manuscripts, letters and a range of artifacts. One of our first tasks will be to create a catalogue of the collection which will be housed in our Special Collections.

Some of the other events to look forward to during the coming year include:

### **Anniversary Celebrations**

As the University starts the second year of its Centenary Celebrations, 2012 also marks the centenary of the establishment of the Library. From humble beginnings in two rooms in the Main Building with a total floor area of about 288 square metres, the Libraries' physical collections now spread across seven libraries plus an extensive collection of digital resources accessible to our users from any location.



We will mark this event with celebrations throughout the year, some of which we actually commenced in 2011. These events will culminate with an international conference drawing speakers and attendees from leading academic and research libraries across the world. One aspect of this conference will be the showcasing of ten major acquisitions (one from each Faculty) purchased in recognition of the celebration. This year also marks the eightieth anniversary of the establishment of the Fung Ping Shan Library (馮平山圖書館), which will form a significant part of our celebrations. Details of other celebratory events can be found at the Libraries' special Centenary web site <http://lib.hku.hk/hkul100/index.html>.

### **New Law and Music Libraries**

This year will also see major improvements to the Libraries' physical environments. Most notable of these will be the new Law and Music Libraries to be housed on the new Centennial Campus. With extra space, new and diverse furniture and advanced technology, these two libraries will provide much improved facilities and services to staff and students. At the same time, with the enhanced environment, library staff will also benefit greatly through a more ergonomic and conducive work environment.

### **Main Library Renovation**

Upon returning to the Main Library in the New Year you would have noticed that the ground floor Reference Counter no longer exists. Similarly, the Knowledge Navigation Centre (KNC) has been disbanded. These services have now been relocated to the 3rd floor. Level 3, the Main Library's new learning commons style facility, has now partially opened with the Technology zone (the former KNC) and the Information Counter (the former Reference Counter). The feedback we have received so far indicates that the new environment is a welcome change to the previous.

Consequent to these moves, we have relocated Po Chung's Personal Development Collection and the Leisure Reading Collection from the second floor to the ground floor. As renovation works in the other zones conclude, and as new furniture arrives, we will progressively open the other zones including the Study zone for 24 hour access. Stay tuned to the renovation web site for these announcements (<http://lib.hku.hk/mlr/index.html>).

We hope to progressively improve the facilities of the Main Library throughout the coming years as suitable funding becomes available.

### **Centennial Campus Learning Commons**

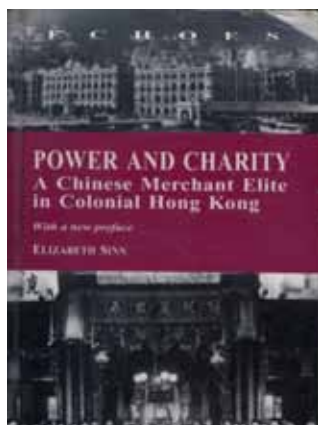
With the opening of the new Centennial Campus Learning Commons, the Library will find itself providing services from another location. Although the Learning Commons will not house any print collections, it will provide a technology rich, collaborative and individual learning environment providing access to the vast array of digital information resources subscribed to by the Libraries. Library staff, along with other campus service providers, will be on hand to ensure that students are able to utilise the facility for their maximum scholarly benefit.

I look forward to working with you during 2012 and I hope you will participate in some or all of the Libraries' upcoming celebrations and events.

Peter E. Sidorko  
University Librarian

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



*Power and Charity: A Chinese Merchant Elite in Colonial Hong Kong*

Speaker: Dr the Honourable Leong Che-hung (梁智鴻醫生)

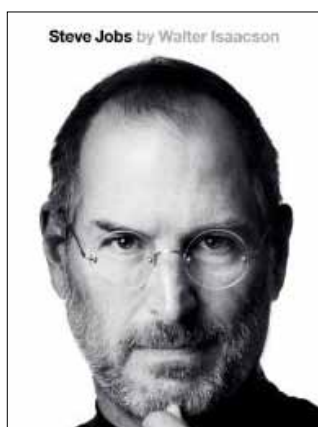
Moderator: Mr Peter Sidorko, HKU Librarian

Date: 13 October 2011 (Thursday)

Time: 7:15 - 9:00 pm

Language: English

Click here to revisit the book talk by Dr Leong Che-hung  
<http://evideo.lib.hku.hk/play.php?vid=4497549>



## Upcoming Centenary Book Talk

*Steve Jobs* written by Walter Isaacson

Speaker: Professor Frederick MA Si-hang (馬時亨教授)

Moderator: Dr Elaine K. M. Chan (陳劍梅博士)

Date: 31 January 2012 (Tuesday)

Time: 7:15 - 9:00 pm

Language: Cantonese

READING CLUB

# EXHIBITIONS



Hong Kong Student Union Photographic Society Photo day 2011  
17 October 2011 - 13 November 2011



British Army Aid Group 英軍服務團  
14 November 2011 - 18 December 2011



HKIPP Annual & Circulatory Exhibition 2011 - 2012  
19 December 2011 - 16 January 2012  
Exhibition talk by Mr. Lester Lee on Jan 5, 2012





## NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

### Re-opening of the G/F washrooms:

“After five months of renovation works from August 2011 to January 2012, the former public washrooms on G/F Main Library were re-opened in mid-January. To yield space to a disabled washroom to be accessed from the side of the Sun Yat-sen Plaza, the renovated washrooms are more compact in size. Permanent directional signage is being prepared for these two washrooms and renovation of washrooms on other floors of Main Library is on the way.”



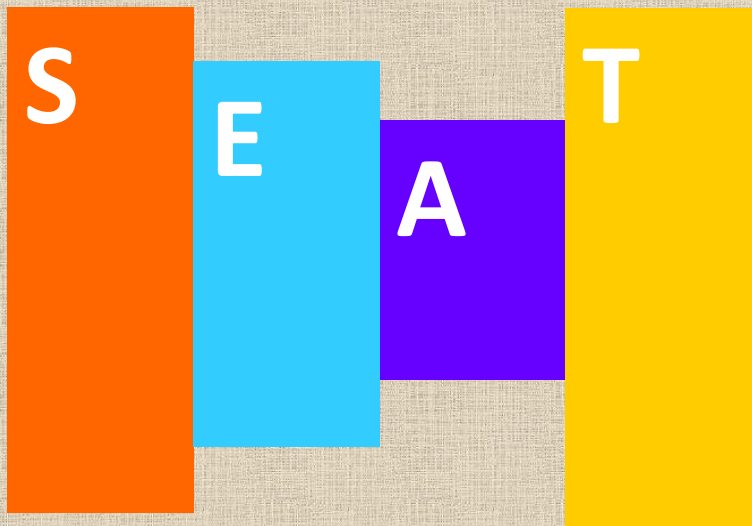
### Updates on Renovation Project for Level3 in the Main Library

“Beginning of 2012, Level 3 was partially opened for users. The technology zone and information counter are in operation.”

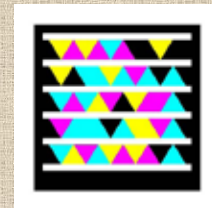


## Seat Reservation & Online Booking now available in Law Library

Part of the Silent Zone on the first floor of Law Library is now designated as a Reserved Seating Area to better allocate study places according to users' needs. This arrangement is on trial until May 2012 and will be subject to review. The Area has 20 seats for which bookings can be made online.



**Seat Reservation is now available in the Law Library!**



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for your phone  
<http://gettag.mobi>

## Branches Self-Check Service Official Launch

After a month-long soft launch which began in September, self-check service in the branch libraries (Dental, Education, Law, Medical, and Music) as well as the Libraries' AV & Reserve Collection was officially launched on 14 October. The launching ceremony, held in the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library, was attended by faculty members, students, librarians, guests, and many others who have helped to make the second phase of the Libraries' RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification) project a success.

A fitting end to a mammoth undertaking? Not quite. With growing self-checkin and checkout rates and improved staff productivity, we hope to continue to take full advantage of the RFID technology to enhance library services and improve users' library experience.



Julia Chan (centre), former Medical Librarian, introduces the RFID undertaken by the Branches. The launching ceremony was preceded by the video show, *Branches Go RFID*, in which faculties, students and library users speak with first-hand experience of the new self-check service.



Peter Sidorko (far right), University Librarian, announces the successful completion of RFID-tagging the entire open-stack collection in the rest of the Libraries, with promises of enhanced security, and a much improved library experience for all.



A new service well "Liked" by all, with two thumbs up from the Librarian. (left to right) Lucinda Wong (Acting Music Librarian), Irene Fung (Education Librarian), Peter Sidorko (University Librarian), Julia Chan (former Medical Librarian), Irene Shieh (Law Librarian), Sam Lee (Dental Librarian).





Peter Sidorko, University Librarian, cuts the ribbon to officiate the balloon launch, six in all, representing the five Branch Libraries and the Libraries' AV & Reserve Collection.



Faculty members, branch librarians, and members of the Libraries Senior Management in the cocktail reception which followed the official launch.

Faculty members, students, librarians, and staff members at the Official Launch held in Yu Chun Keung Medical Library.



## Recognition of Excellence

The Libraries, in conjunction with the contractor 3M (Hong Kong), received the Silver Award for the Best EPC/RFID Implementation in the 2011 Hong Kong RFID Awards. Now recognized as the premier RFID award presented in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong RFID Awards have been organized by GS1 Hong Kong annually since 2008 to bring recognition to pioneering enterprises, which have successfully brought EPC/RFID technology into their business operations.



Dr Y.C. Wan, Deputy Librarian, together with Ms Iris Sze from 3M (Hong Kong) Ltd, receive the trophy from Ms Janet Wong, Commissioner for Innovation and Technology, at the 11th GS1 Hong Kong Supply Chain Management Excellence Summit, 11 November 2011.



The Silver Award trophy for Best EPC/RFID Implementation in 2011 HK RFID Awards.



## Prize Presentation Ceremony for Thomson quiz

The HKU Research History Quiz, jointly organized by Thomson Reuters and HKU Libraries in Semester 1, was enthusiastically received with over 600 entries. The presentation ceremony on 18 January 2012 marked the happy moment when our Librarian, Mr Peter Sidorko, presented the grand prize, an iPad 2 with WiFi 64GB, to Ms Ni Xu, an MScEng student. The other winners received a 4GB Thomson Reuters Thumb Drive. Congratulations to the winners and thanks for participating in this quiz.





# SUPPORT TO THE LIBRARIES

## Chilean Books Turnover Ceremony

23 November 2011

Main Library, HKU



(from left) Mr Mario I. Artaza, Consul of Chile in HKSAR and Macau SAR and Professor S.P. Chow, HKU Pro-Vice-Chancellor.



(from left) Ms Gayle Chan (Collection Development Librarian), Ms Lucinda Wong (Arts Faculty Librarian), Dr Y.C. Wan (Deputy Librarian), Mr Peter Sidorko (Librarian), Prof S.P. Chow (Prof-Vice-Chancellor), Mr Mario I. Artaza (Consul of Chile in HKSAR and Macau SAR), Mr Guillermo Garrido (Consul-Trade Commissioner), Dr Peter Cunich (Associate Professor, Department of History)



Group photo with HKU students.



## Notable Donations:

We are very grateful to receive the following donations:

1. Family of the late Mr Szeto Wah donated his collection of more than 10,000 items of books, periodicals, documents, manuscripts, letters and artefacts.
2. Dr Otto Lam donated to us the HKU establishment donation receipt and three early days HKU photographs to celebrate the HKUL centenary.
3. Mr Rupert Chan donated 9 boxes of his handwritten, translated into Chinese, manuscripts of operas and plays that were performed in Hong Kong.
4. The Geotechnical Engineering Office of the Hong Kong Government donated 47 boxes of the ground investigation reports.
5. Dr Elizabeth Sinn donated 13 boxes of materials.
6. Dr Daniel Ho donated 5 boxes of property brochures for Hong Kong real estates.
7. Hung On To Memorial Fund Ltd donated 16 boxes of books and annual reports of Hong Kong listed companies.
8. Ms Emily Lau, Legislator of Hong Kong, donated 57 boxes of materials.
9. Mr Cheng Kar Foo, Legislator of Hong Kong, donated 20 boxes of materials.

## Turnover Ceremony cum Exhibition

A Turnover Ceremony cum Exhibition was held at the Special Collections on 4 Jan 2012 to show our appreciation for receiving the Szeto Wah Collection, as well as to commemorate the first anniversary of the passing away of Mr Szeto Wah. The Vice-Chancellor, the Librarian, members of the Szeto family, guests and friends attended the Ceremony.

The Exhibition (4-15 January 2012) displayed 50 pieces of artefacts. They included diaries, notebooks, photos, speeches, calligraphy, clippings, etc. If you missed the exhibition, you may view details of the exhibits at the following link: <http://lib.hku.hk/general/research/exhibitions.html>.

For enquiries, please contact the Special Collections at [specol@lib.hku.hk](mailto:specol@lib.hku.hk) or telephone: (852) 2859-2207



(from left) Mr Peter Sidorko, HKU Librarian, Mr Szeto Keung and Prof Lap-Chee Tsui, HKU Vice-Chancellor.



Mr Peter E. Sidorko and Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, group photo with the family of the late Mr. Szeto Wah.





# KNOWLEDGE DISCOVERY

## Library Courses @ Main Library

Venue: e-Learning Lab, Room G-02, Ground Floor, Main Library  
Register at: <http://lib.hku.hk/general/instruction/>

1. Endnote Workshop I  
07 February 2012 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)  
24 February 2012 (2:00 pm-4:00 pm)

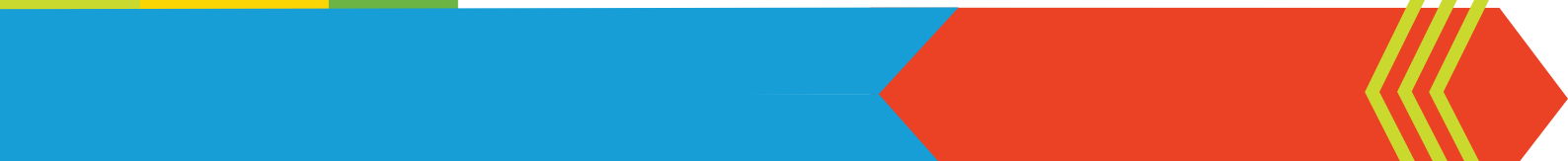
2. Endnote Workshop II  
13 February 2012 (2:00 pm-3:30 pm)  
29 February 2012 (2:00 pm-3:30 pm)

3. Endnote Workshop III  
13 February 2012 (3:30 pm-5:00 pm)  
29 February 2012 (3:30 pm-5:00 pm)

4. Finding Dissertations  
10 February 2012 (1:00 pm-3:00 pm)

5. Finding Journal Articles  
15 February 2012 (7:00 pm-9:30 pm)

6. Key English Databases  
28 February 2012 (1:00 pm-3:30 pm)



# NOTABLE ACQUISITIONS

**Cognitive linguistics / edited by Adele E. Goldberg.**  
**London : New York : Routledge, 2011.**

The works brings together the very best and most influential scholarly research on cognitive linguistics. Cognitive Linguistics is a broad approach to language that places psychological reality at the top of the list of theoretical desiderata. Both experimental and theoretical work will be included in each volume.

**Contemporary China studies / edited by Tak-Wing Ngo.**  
**Los Angeles ; London : SAGE, 2011.**

As the most populated nation on earth with the fourth largest economy and the third largest trading country in the world, the study of contemporary China is currently one of the most popular subjects in academia. The rise of China has fuelled an explosion of studies on its politics, economy and society in the past few decades.

This series provides a much needed set of quality references for universities and lecturers to build their curricula, and will also be a valuable tool to researchers undertaking a literature review.

**Selected works of Jawaharlal Nehru. Second series.**  
**New Delhi : Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund : Distributed by Oxford, c1984-**

The collection of material of the pre-independence period has been greatly facilitated by the methodical manner in which Jawaharlal Nehru, despite his unsettled life, maintained his papers with a keen sense of history. This personal collection of papers which was made over by Shrimati Indira Gandhi to the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library at its inception has been the most important source of material.

**Diabetes : physiology and pathophysiology / writer, executive producer & editor, Marcia Wellington ; producer & casting, Tricia Blough ; director & editor, Al Moore.**  
**[Florence, Ky.] : Concept Media : Delmar : Cengage Learning, c2010.**

This seven- program DVD set provide a wealth of information for physicians, nurses, and other healthcare providers working with individuals with diabetes, and may be used for patient education.





# ACCOLADES

## Staff Recognition Award

This award is given periodically in recognition of a staff member whose contribution to the Libraries has been extraordinary. Award winners receive HK\$1000 and a book plate to honor the occasion.



Mr Wong Kwok Hung Michael of the Administrative Services Team has been selected as the award recipient of the Staff Recognition Program 2011.

### Past Staff Recognition Award Recipients:

Mr. Francis Poon (Scholarly Communication Team)  
 Mr. Angus Lun (Access Services Division)  
 Mr Leong Chau Iu (Access Services Department)  
 Mr Jimmy Sung (Systems Department)  
 Ms Lillian Lucke (Medical Library)  
 Mr Chan Wai Sun (Administrative Services Team)  
 Ms Chan Min Sze, Ivy (Lui Che Wo Law Library)  
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