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## Campus Community News

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March 2009

### Twenty Years Serving CUHK –Chinese University Women’s Organization Celebrates

*In recognition of this special anniversary, CCN is proud to publish an article by Mrs. Gwen Kao, Founder Chairperson and wife of the former Vice-Chancellor, Mr. Charles Kao.*

CUWO was an inspiration from YUWO. The latter stood for Yale University Women’s Organisation.

Before coming to join CUHK, my husband had held an adjunct Professorship at Yale and I had joined YUWO. The object of the organization was to help newcomers to integrate into activities on Campus, to meet new friends, to adapt to a new environment and to join on-going classes of various kinds run by the organization.

The staff was all volunteers from amongst the wives on campus. I really enjoyed the group activities – they were stimulating and fun. I made many new friends.

Back in the 1980’s the CUHK was still recruiting heavily from overseas. I thought then that CUWO, patterned after YUWO, would be a good idea to help the wives coming on to campus from overseas to feel more at home. Many were new to the culture of Hong Kong.

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## CUWO 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cont...

I have to confess it was some struggle to get CUWO set up. Many of the settled community were not interested in participating. Indeed one staff said in HK no-one volunteers to pass on their knowledge, as it could be used against them or the ideas stolen. But thanks to a dedicated small group, we lifted off with an initial membership of not more than about ten members.

Today it is thanks to these few - willing to give help to their sisters and actively organizing - that CUWO has survived for twenty years. [Most of] The original founding members are scattered all over the place, but they laid the basis for CUWO to continue to fulfil a need. And other willing souls have taken over the helm.

I am grateful to CUWO for continuing the ideas I began so long ago, when I really thought it would die an early death!

This year, 2009, we celebrate twenty years of friendship and community spirit. CUHK has changed a lot in these intervening years. Nevertheless an organization capable of giving a helping hand to newcomers is always good. I wish CUWO a long life and many years of fellowship

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### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner

**Date:** Friday, March 27, 2009      **Time:** 6.30pm, Cocktails; 7.30pm, Dinner

**Venue:** Ballroom II, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Shatin, (near University Train Station)

**Price:** \$500 per person, including 3-course dinner and drinks

**Special Guest:** Mrs Gwen Kao, Founding Chairperson

**Guest Speaker** Mr. Hardy Tsoi of Sir Run Run Shaw Hall

**Booking form and Enquiries** Email: [cuwo.cuhk@gmail.com](mailto:cuwo.cuhk@gmail.com) or call

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**Detailed Notices will be posted**



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## Step by Step – A Poem by Guan Swee Hiang

Step by step, I walk with care  
On the corridor, up and down the stairs  
Do not run, neither push nor rush  
For trying to be first and fast  
Could end in you're being bumped.

Read in the papers the other day  
Of a school stampede on a staircase  
Ten students fell and were crushed  
What an ending to a race.

See, disorder can result in chaos  
And, possibly, injury  
Why? Throw away caution  
And bring on misery!

So step by step  
I walk with care  
For I'm responsible  
For my own welfare.



## Notices / Events (cont...)



Books, spun from sugar ... created with vegetables ... favourite book characters fashioned from pastry. HKbooks2eat is a celebration of two of life's most enduring joys: books and food. The International Edible Book Festival is an annual event that takes place around April 1 throughout the world that unites book-lovers, art-lovers and food-lovers to celebrate the ingestion of culture and its fulfilling nourishment. It is in honour of the birthday of the French gastronome Brillat-Savin (1755-1826). The Hong Kong 2009 Festival, now in its third year, is a fundraiser for the Hong Kong Peoples' Food Bank at the St James Settlement who provide emergency food assistance for the unemployed, families with crisis and street-sleepers.

**When:** Saturday, 21 March **Where:** The rotunda, exchange square, central;  
**Exhibition** (free entry) 12-3pm; **Winners announced** 3pm; Afternoon **tea** 3-5pm

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### Calling All Writers

Two Honorary Fellows of the Centre of Asian studies, Verner and Gillian Bickley, have established the new, annual "Proverse Prize" for an unpublished, full length work of fiction, non-fiction or poetry, submitted in English (translations welcome; work may be previously edited – acknowledgment given). Anyone over the age of eighteen on Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 may enter. The prize I HK\$10,000 and a publishing contract by Proverse Hong Kong. Full details at [http://www.geocities.com/proversehk/proverse\\_prize](http://www.geocities.com/proversehk/proverse_prize)  
Closing date for 1st round is May 30<sup>th</sup>.

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**CCN committee:** Gillian Kew (Editor); Charlotte Weiss (Arts); Anita Chan; Sonia McConville; Nerissa Ngan; Frances Storey; Joan Tsui; Please send submissions and advs (\$50 for business ads – other ads free), to Mrs. Storey, Res. 14, Flat 12A, or email [gilliankew@yahoo.com](mailto:gilliankew@yahoo.com), no later than March 20th 2009 for placement in the April edition. For back issues and links, visit <http://www.gilliankew.org/newsletter.shtml> (note that file size is large and the newsletter will take some minutes to download).

## Editorial

### All change at CUHK

It seems that change is the buzz-word at CUHK, these days, but not all change is necessarily for the better. Last year we lost our mobile post-office and saw changes to the East Gate entrance that, to put it mildly, caused consternation and confusion. We await further news on our campaigns to provide a replacement postal service and a safe alternative to the current east gate problem. In addition, we have recently heard that the SCR Guest House is to be pulled down so that a new college can be built. Of course, the needs of students must always come first, for they are our 'raison d'être'. So, if our lovely, Spanish-style Guest House must go, then go, it must. CCN is relieved to hear that a replacement facility will be provided and that the staff will not lose their jobs - in the current economic climate this provides at least some cold comfort.

However, I call into question a decision-making process that seems to consistently exclude the people it affects. We seem to have spent the last year chasing our tails, trying to take retrograde action on decisions made in our names and in our absence. I would ask the university to consider more seriously its future decision-making structure so that the whole community has the opportunity to become involved or at least informed **before** the rubber stamp lands heavy on the parchment. Our opinions may change nothing but being given the opportunity to offer them may change a lot.  
The Editor

## Letters to the Editor

### Vaccination Campaign – March 2009

The University Health Service is holding a Vaccination Campaign from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009. There will be exhibitions and health consultation on Hepatitis at 1/F University Health Centre during 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Pre-vaccination blood test for Hepatitis A is \$70 while blood test for Hepatitis B surface antigen and antibodies is \$90, are available on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009, from 9:00a.m. to 5:30p.m. Blood tests are optional for Hepatitis A and required for Hepatitis B.

Vaccinations are available on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009 for the first dose. The two-dose regimen for Hepatitis A is \$230 per dose; the three-dose regimen for Hepatitis B is \$70 per dose; and the three-dose combined Hepatitis A&B is \$220 per dose.

There will be limited amount influenza vaccines for those who have not received influenza vaccination on or after October 2008. Details can be viewed at [http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/uhs/en/news/hep09\\_mar.jpg](http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/uhs/en/news/hep09_mar.jpg).

**For enquiries, please contact Miss Hui at 2609 6428**

**Update on Mail Kiosk** - As informed by Hongkong Post, two kiosks will be delivered to Hong Kong sometime in March. Since the machines are new to both Hongkong Post and CU, negotiations and installation will proceed after they have been examined and tested by a representative from CU. There is still no word on where they will be placed.

### ***[Open letter from the CU student council]***

#### **WE HOPE/ WE BELIEVE:**

This worker played a role in building our university, built on the foundation of humanistic values. In front of the victim and his family, how can we stand away but not give a hand? (Cont...)

## Notices / Events

### Charity Yoga Outdoor Event - Guided "108 SUN SALUTATIONS MARATHON"

**When:** 8th March, 2009; starts at 8:00am till 11-30am. **Where:** Outdoor location on "The Peak".

**Meet:** Outside the Peak tram gate. **Reason:** Fund raising. This event is Free For Everyone, although you can make the donation towards the young cancer patients Charity Fund (receipts will be given for all donations) For more details visit <http://www.sachilife.com/images/stories/yoga/images/yoga-charity-event.gif> (Zoom in to read)



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### **Visit to BETHANIE HOUSE**

This mid-levels campus of the APA (Academy for Performing Arts) has been transformed from dairy farm cowsheds and a sanatorium for French missionaries. The French colonial architecture won the 2008 UNESCO Asia Pacific Heritage Award. For details see the February issue of CCN (<http://www.gilliankew.org/newsletter.shtml>)

**Date of Visit:** Wednesday, March 11, 2009; **Details:** 9.30am – Meet at CU Train Station; 11 am to 12 noon – visit grounds and museums take guided tour in English (Entrance fee of \$20 - \$25 per person); 1 pm – lunch at nearby restaurant. **Enquiries:** email CUWO at [cuwo.cuhk@gmail.com](mailto:cuwo.cuhk@gmail.com)

**CUWO Coffee Morning – At CUHK Residence 14, Recreation Room, from 10 30am on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup>.** A chance to mix with old friends and make new ones – **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

## New Hyatt Regency Open (cont...)



feel like a modern princess. All the rooms have picture-window bathrooms so you can lie in the tub and see straight through to the Tolo harbour, Shatin race-course or the

Lion Rock, depending on where you are; but don't worry – they also have blinds you can pull down for privacy if you don't want your own wobbly bits on display too.

Hotel facilities I visited were the 25<sup>th</sup> floor Regency Club and Sky Lounge for Executive guests, from which I spotted our soon-to-be lamented University Guest House, the stunning lobby level Regency Ballroom (over 4,600 sq ft) and three meeting rooms (already in use at the time). The hotel also provides a fitness centre, with plans to offer a limited number of memberships to the public, a tennis court and Hong Kong's first *Camp Hyatt* for children. Soon to be opened are the Melo Spa with nine treatment rooms and luxury facilities throughout, including a foot / head and shoulder massage room with loungers and built-in foot basins.

Having thoroughly enjoyed my little tour, I strolled back to the University Station, less than 5 minutes' walk away and tried to sum up my overall impression of the hotel. In Hong Kong we are accustomed to and indeed expect the highest standards of attention in our hotels and the Hyatt certainly meets those requirements, but more than that, I felt like I'd escaped for a brief time from the hurly burly of Hong Kong life and enjoyed a short, countryside break. I was relaxed and content as I boarded the train for my journey home.

Gillian Kew

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## Letters to the Editor cont...

Put yourself into their shoes. If we were the family of the victim, being treated unfairly by a university, by the Chinese University, what feelings would we have?

We never hoped and never believed that the way the school authority treated the family would be the same for all members of the university. We hope, and are confident, that every student, staff member and fellow worker will be eager to show our care and concern to the bereaved. We wish also, that the school authority would try its very best to supervise contracted constructions, in order to avoid any unfortunate accidents happening again; and set up a well-established mechanism to deal with accidents that have occurred, so that in the future the victim's family will never experience the same sufferings as this one did.

All the above we believe are only the basic things, the basic foundation of a university.

**P.S.** Please email to [cuspu@gmail.com](mailto:cuspu@gmail.com) for more information if you would like to understand more and trace the problem of campus work safety. **You may also donate to the victim's family** by writing a cheque with the recipient “工業傷亡權益會有限公司” and posting it to the Employees General Union, CUHK. Thank you.

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**Letters** may be sent, with contact details for verification purposes only, to CCN, c/o Mrs. Storey, Residence 14, Flat 12A, or by email to [gilliankew@yahoo.com](mailto:gilliankew@yahoo.com). **Please note that letters may be edited at the Editor's discretion and that the opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial board.**



## Construction Accident Victim Leaves Family in Desperate

**Need** – by Scarlet Suen

A construction worker died in an accident on Jan 12, 2009 at the Chinese University campus. The victim, Mr Ma, was employed by an outside contractor for a maintenance and renovation project in the staff residences. He fell and suffered a fatal head injury when working on an exterior wall and passed away in hospital a few hours later.

Mr Ma's family including his father, his wife, and his young son live in mainland China. Being the sole breadwinner, the loss of Mr. Ma immediately left his family in distress. It was reported that the contractor had agreed to pay compensation but they have since refused to honour that agreement. The Ma family have been unsuccessful in their attempts to contact the contractor.

According to the CU Employee's General Union (CUEGU), the Chinese University has not initiated any contact with the victim's family since the accident occurred, not even to offer its condolences. Almost a month after the accident, the helpless widow of Mr. Ma, with the assistance of the Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims, tried to contact the Chinese University to seek help in pursuing compensation. The University, however, has been refusing such contact. On Feb 10, 2009, Mrs. Ma came to the CU campus and spent many hours hoping to get in touch with the relevant people, finally drawing the attention of the CUEGU, who became involved.

Under normal procedures, the pursuance of industrial compensation takes more than a year. In response to such circumstance, CUEGU organized a joint fundraising (cont...)

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## New Hyatt Regency Open at CU

For those of you who have not yet done so, I would recommend a visit to the new Hyatt at Chinese University, which officially opened for business on February 11<sup>TH</sup> and seems already to be doing a brisk trade, despite the economic downturn. I was given a brief tour of the facility yesterday and was impressed, not with its glitz and glamour – all top hotels have that – but with its earthy appeal and simple lines. I am no architect or art connoisseur but could not fail to appreciate the simple stone sculpture in the lobby, the natural wood panelling throughout the hotel and the use of large picture windows to let in oodles of light.



As I took tea in the lobby Cafe I looked out onto the lovely outdoor terrace, with its mountain view and outdoor pool, where visitors may dine *al fresco*. It reminded me of the old Yucca de Lac, which I found out in conversation was the intent of the hotel's designer, Steve Leung – thumbs up to Steve for getting it right. The café has four show kitchens and offers buffet and a la carte at every meal. Unfortunately, there is no set afternoon tea, but maybe they will introduce one in the future - proper English afternoon tea on the terrace would be a delight. The hotel's other restaurant, the Shatin 18 was not yet open but will also have four show-kitchens preparing a wide variety of Chinese dishes and speciality foods, including (of course) our own Shatin Roast Pigeon. (cont...)

As mentioned, the rooms are designed to let in the light and even the standard rooms are both spacious and airy and include a separate WC, bath tub and rain shower. And if I got chance to stay in one of the suites I would

## Arts Continued

•20-21 March *Great Performers: The Labeque Sisters (piano)*, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (an all-French programme that features my favourite piano duo, Katia and Marielle Labeque playing a wonderful concerto for two pianos by Francis Poulenc – not to be missed!)

•21 Mar. *A Scottish Fantasy: Ma Jun-yi, violin*, H K Sinfonietta at City Hall Concert Hall

•22 March *a cappella in Town sponsored by HK Federation of Youth Groups* at City Hall Concert Hall (features some of the best *a cappella* groups from around the world including the Jabberwocks (USA), Takarabune (Japan) and Klangbezirk (Germany)

•27-28 March *Swire Maestro Series: David Atherton + Lynn Harrell (cello)*, Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (a Hong Kong favourite, Lynn Harrell, cellist, in an exciting Scandanivian and Russian programme)

**AT THE APA** (Wan Chai): (tickets- HK Ticketing: 31-288-288 or [www.hkticketing.com](http://www.hkticketing.com))

•17-18 & 20-21 March (7:30pm) *Opera: Carmen by Georges Bizet*, at the Drama Theatre (this is an all-Academy event with the Academy Symphony Orchestra, Chorus and Dancers—the APA students always put on a first-rate production!)

**UPCOMING EVENT** (otherwise known as “book early” or you won’t get tickets):

•15 April **Encore Series: Maurizio Pollini, piano**, at Cultural Centre Concert Hall (Tickets are on sale for the first appearance in Hong Kong of this legendary pianist who will be giving an all-Chopin concert. As I mentioned in last month’s *CCN*, Evgey Kissin’s concert at the end of March is already sold out so once again I advise purchasing tickets early for this one)



•19 April **David Garrett LIVE, violin**, Hong Kong Sinfonietta at City Hall Concert Hall (if you’re a fan of the “the Classical Beckman”, don’t miss this one. David Garrett is not only a former model for Armani, he also holds the world’s record as the “fastest violinist in the world” after playing *The Flight of the Bumble Bee* in 66 seconds. If this is your cup of tea, go for it!)

## Family in Desperate Need (cont...)

programme with the Student Council, CU Student Press, the Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims and the “Grassroots Concern” Group.

They collected donations for the Ma family on Feb 19, 20, 23 and 24 at the main campus. A total of around \$24,500 was raised and will be passed on to the widow. The CU Women’s Workers Co-operatives also initiated a charity sale on Feb 26. The net profits after deductions will also be donated to Mrs. Ma. Anyone wishing to contribute can send a cheque, made payable to the “Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims Co. Ltd” with a specification on the back of the cheque, “Widow of Victim of CU Construction Accident,” to the CU Employee’s General Union (CUEGU), CUHK. Donations will be processed by the Association for the Rights of Industrial Accident Victims and passed on to the Ma family.

CUEGU has indicated that they will continue to follow up Mrs Ma’s case even after the fundraising program has finished and the have demanded a review of the University’s crisis management system. The Student Council has also sent an open letter to the University to reflect their concerns [published in this issue of *CCN* – Ed].





## Arts Calendar - Charlotte Weiss

As the *Hong Kong Arts Festival* comes to a close, it doesn't mean the end of Hong Kong's cultural scene –now it's time for the Film Festival, another

of my favourite events in the spring. *The 33rd Hong Kong International Film Festival* runs from 22 March until 13 April. Out of all the big festivals in Hong Kong, this has got to be almost at the top of my list. Wonderfully organized, our own glamorous festival features world premieres, the Asian Film Awards, Asian premieres and any genre of film you could ever hope to see. As usual, film venues are all over town so pick up the large light blue catalogue at Urbtix and have fun browsing. Counter bookings start on 12 March and you can also book at [www.hkiff.org.hk](http://www.hkiff.org.hk).

Another tradition for me when the film festival comes around is to eat *al fresco* (or at least places with nice views) in between screenings and if you're near the TST Cultural Centre, City Hall, or Hong Kong Arts Centre or the APA in Wan Chai, it's good to know about a few places where you can grab a bite to eat. As in past years, here are a few of my tried-and-true cafés which miraculously are still in business:

**The Museum Café** (closed Thurs), located near the Art Museum at TST's Cultural Centre, is a fantastic little place with *al fresco* dining, great views of the harbour, and good food that's reasonably priced (don't miss the chocolate cake for dessert!)

**Maxim's**, in City Hall, has three different options for eating: a ground-floor café/bar, a 2nd floor Western-style restaurant and the famous Cantonese restaurant on the top floor with views of the harbour and long queues for dim sum at lunch! **Pumpnickel**, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, HK Arts Centre in Wan Chai, is a nice café again with views of the harbour. They serve tasty sandwiches, pastries, set lunches/dinners and nice teas and coffees. They're open from 10:00am – 9:00pm.

**Additional events:** some of these listings have already been mentioned in March's CCN but here are some new ones that will take place in March and April (*tickets available for the following LCSD events at Urbtix outlets or by advance reservation at 2734-9009 unless otherwise noted*)

**ON CAMPUS:** (CUHK—all concerts at Lee Hysan Concert Hall in Esther Lee Bldg., Chung Chi College)

- 12 March (8:00pm) *Recital: Raymond Young, piano & Cheng Wai, piano*
- 17 March (7:30pm) AND 19 March *Recital: Gustavo Romero, piano* (don't miss two recitals by this exciting pianist)
- 24 March (7:30pm) Concert: *Ting-Lan Chen, violin & Nathan Buckner, piano*

### AT SHATIN TOWN HALL:

- 11 March *Pong Pong Live in March 2009*
- 13-15 March (7:30pm) and 14-15 (3:00pm) in the Exhibition Gallery *Family Fiesta: Jumbo Kids Theatre* (in Cantonese)
- 15 March (3:00pm) in the Auditorium *Shen Wenyu Plays Rachmaninov*, Pan Asia Symphony Orchestra
- 21 March (Open Air Plaza – free admission!) *Alfresco a cappella* by Hong Kong Melody Makers and other *a cappella* performers
- 26-28 March (8:00pm) and 28-29 March (3:00pm) *Swan Lake, the classic of all classics* by Hong Kong Ballet (my favourite ballet company in the most popular ballet of all – and the dancers are performing at an all-time high level)
- 31 March (Cultural Activities Hall) *Melody Shines, a cappella concert* by Hong Kong Melody Makers

### AT TAI PO CIVIC CTR. AUDITORIUM:

- 22 March (3:00pm) *Family Fiesta: The Animal World II* by the Hong Kong YWCA Chinese Orchestra

**OTHER VENUES:** •13-14 March *Plastic Planet, Modified Toy Orchestra (UK)* at City Hall Concert Hall (Wow! Check out the brochure of this concert by “abandoned electronic toys” that have been cleverly converted into musical instruments. I love the slogan: “making the most out of the waste!”)

