

## Chinese University Women's Organization Silver Anniversary Dinner Celebration!

**GUEST OF HONOUR : Mrs. Gwen Kao,**  
CUWO Founder

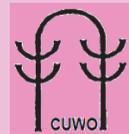
Co-Founder, the Charles K. Kao Foundation for Alzheimer's Disease

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: Ms Christine FANG Meng Sang**  
Former Chief Executive, The Hong Kong Council of Social Service

**MUSIC:** From the Chinese University Student A Capella Group,  
*Papillon Blue*

**4 Course Western Set Dinner; Table Prizes; Lucky Draw;  
And More ...**

**Date:** 23 May, 2014 (Friday)  
**Time:** 6:30 pm (Cocktail Reception)  
7:30pm (Dinner)  
**Venue:** "Double Haven", Level 4  
The Hong Kong Jockey Club,  
Shatin  
**Cost:** \$500 (CUWO Members)  
\$550 (Guests)



Full Details and booking form to follow.

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## CUWO ACTIVITIES: ALL ARE WELCOME

### Pilates Class

**Time:** Mon 10.45 to 11.45am  
Thur 11am to 12nn

**Venue:** Recreation Room, Basement  
Residence 14, CUHK

**With:** Jane Tracy, NASM Persona Trainer  
Polestar Pilates Instructor  
Licensed Fletcher Towel-work  
Provider

**Fee:** \$150 per person per session

**Enquiries:** Email [CUWO@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:CUWO@cuhk.edu.hk)  
*Please arrive a little earlier if you are new or  
have any concerns, so that you can speak  
to the instructor first.*

## CUHK RESIDENTS' PAGE on FACEBOOK

CCN has learned of another useful way to join in and learn about life at CUHK, especially if you live on campus. Visit the **CUHK Residents' Facebook page**. Membership is by invitation, but you can just leave a message asking to join. The main purposes of the group are:

1. To build a sense of community and improve community life.
2. To address common issues of concern for CUHK Residents, such as transport, services, playground, safety, and maintenance facilities, etc.

**Visit:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cuhkresidents/>

各位鄰居，大家好！

我們為中文大學教職員宿舍的居民們建立了一個Facebook 群組，方便大家互相聯繫。

目的是為了：

- 1、 建立一個更好的社區及增強歸屬感。

2、 大家齊心協力、集思廣益解決一些社區內的具體問題，例如取消校巴士的問題，或者孩子們的遊樂場、社區安全、建築物的裝修等問題。任何與我們社區相關的話題，都歡迎在群組內討論。

## Bookworms Children's Library

**When?** Saturdays, 10 am to 12 noon

**Where?** Basement of Residence 14,  
CUHK (access via the stairs  
near the playground)

**What?** Run entirely by volunteers, the library has books for all ages, fiction, and non-fiction, picture and pop-up. If you have ideas for new books, just let us know!

Life membership is just \$100, so bring your children along to sample our great selection of books. Read-in or take away (as long as you bring them back, of course!), books provide endless joy and unlimited education.

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## CCN Editorial Team

**Chief Editor:** Gillian Kew  
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**Contributions:** Send submissions / classified ads to [gilliankew@yahoo.com](mailto:gilliankew@yahoo.com) with name and contact details for verification purposes, **by April 15th for the May / June issue**. Pen-names may be used. *Contributions are edited. The opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the Campus Community News.*

## Campus Community Flea Market – another resounding success

Once again, the Campus Community turned out in force to support the CCN / CUWO Annual Flea Market. Stall holders were able to make a little profit on the things they no longer needed and we all did our bit for recycling. It is true that one man's trash is another man's treasure, as I found out when I discovered a silicone cake pan in perfect condition!

This leads me on to a Flea Market Favourite—the CCN Cake Stall. Trade was brisk, to say the least, and there were moments of panic when we almost ran out of goodies! As each new batch appeared, we breathed sighs of relief and carried on serving, trying to avoid the temptation to nibble!

This year, for the first time, we awarded a prize for the *Best Baker*. We were delighted to award first prize to the sister baking team, Madeline Santiago Acosta and Carla Van Hasselt for their beautifully presented, delicious, *Melting Moments*, *Dark Chocolate Cookies*, and *Lemon and Poppyseed*

*Cookies*. They received a specialist book on baking and our first prize certificates.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO Madeline and Carla!

With the help of our supporters, we raised enough funds to produce the CCN for another year and gave the campus community a lively social morning, the opportunity to recycle, and to bag some bargains.

No community event can be successful without the help of the community. I would like to thank all the sellers, buyers, bakers, and "White Elephant Stall" contributors; also, all those who helped set up, man stalls, and clean up afterwards. Finally, a big Thank you to the Office of Student Affairs, The EMO, and the Security Unit for their support, without which, the flea market would not go ahead each year.

### THANK YOU ALL!

Gillian Kew (CCN Editor)

**Pictures:** Clockwise from top left: Trinkets on sale; Volunteers with Mrs. Gwen Kao, for the Charles Kao fund for Alzheimer's Disease; Home grown organic produce; The flea market gets underway; Assessing the cakes and cookies for "Best Baker"



## FEATURE: FIVE QUESTIONS

### Salome Chan, University Bursar

1. *As the Chinese University Bursar, what do you consider more important in leading your unit: management skills or professional knowledge?*

Both professional knowledge and management skills are equally important in leading the Bursary – they are just like hardware and software, being part and parcel of an ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) solution for an organisation. Professional accounting knowledge is essential to getting our job done, as there are many accounting standards and guidelines for accountants to observe and follow. Otherwise, accountants, and hence the University, will be in trouble. Management skills, or in reality, people skills, are also vital in leading the Bursary. The Bursary has more than 100 staff members. If each of them can be developed to utilize their potential to the fullest, I am sure the Bursary will be one of the most efficient and effective units in the University.

2. *As a bursar, one can assume that you are gifted in mathematics: which discipline did you choose at university and why did you choose this profession?*

Although I may not be ‘gifted’ in mathematics, I have liked the subject since primary school, mainly because I have come across good teachers. Figures are precise; when you get the figure right, you will score for the question. I therefore chose Accountancy as the discipline in my undergraduate study. Since hard skills always need to be supplemented by soft skills, I then took an MBA course after having worked for a few years. Since I did well in Accountancy, I naturally took up my first job as Assistant Accountant in an international CPA firm and qualified as a Professional Accountant after a few years, through taking examinations and accumulating relevant working experience. When youngsters approach me for

guidance on their disciplines, I advise them to choose a professional discipline, since professions offer good opportunities for structured training and career progression.

3. *As the first female bursar at CUHK, how do you feel about the attention that is paid to your gender that might not otherwise be applied to a male working in the same position?*

Actually the first bursar at CUHK was a British woman. Nowadays, it is not uncommon for a female to join the senior management. Our Vice-Chancellor is also engaging female professors to join his cabinet – a female Pro-Vice-Chancellor and a female Associate Vice President. At CUHK, we also have many female heads of units. I have been chosen as the fourth bursar at CUHK, not because of my gender, but my long working experience at CUHK. However, one thing for sure is that a working mother has a more demanding life than a working father. The mother still always assumes the primary responsibility for attending to her children’s needs. Therefore, striking a work-life balance is more of an art than a science.

4. *You are a very busy person: tell us a little about how you apportion your time between work, family, and time for relaxation, and what do you do to relax in your spare time?*

Most of my time is spent in work, work, and work. On weekdays, I try to have dinners with my children. Since they are all in their teens, the attention needed from me is in fact decreasing; I have to find ways to catch up with them. Recognising that exercising the body is important, I have also squeezed time in for exercises cum relaxation. I am also fortunate to have a close bond with a group of colleagues who have common interests. With the pleasant “group

## Feature: Five Questions cont...

pressure”, I am able to do Pilates once a week in the evening and practice Taiji twice a week in the morning. Although the frequency does not sound sufficient, I really treasure these activities. At weekends, family will be my utmost concern. Family dinner is normally served on Saturday night at my home, so that three generations will have a get-together, chit-chat time. On Sundays, going to church and having lunch with my own family are the precious routines. To me, doing some housework on Sunday afternoons is also a form of exercise. During summer, I will take a longer vacation to travel with my parents and my family. The trip is the pinnacle of the year and will help me re-energize and prepare for the new challenges in the academic year ahead.

5. *What is your opinion of the common Chinese saying “養兒防老，積穀防飢” (to raise a child as protection for old age; to store up grain against famine) as applied to the contemporary younger generation?*

The economy of Hong Kong is highly competitive and coupled with skewed high prop-

erty prices. This has rendered the “common Chinese saying” a cliché for the contemporary younger generation in general. My husband and I raise three children, which is the happiest thing in our life! We do not raise them for a payback. Our philosophy is to follow God’s words in Proverbs 22:6 “train up a child in the WAY he should go, and even when he is old he will not depart from it.” The WAY can be referred as the teachings of Jesus Christ, e.g. the fruit of the Holy Spirit on love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I also strive to be a role model for my children by following the WAY.



Salome Chan

## Chinese University News

### Museum of Climate Change

The Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change (MoCC), at CUHK, showcases collections and information about climate change, through interactive and multimedia exhibitions. The latest developments in environmental conservation and sustainability are presented, along with the opportunity to join one of the regular eco tours of the CUHK campus, which is well known for its contribution to environmental sustainability. Various workshops offer visitors the opportunity to join in hands-on activities

To learn more, visit:

[http://www.gaiia.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=189%3Amuseum-intro&catid=52%3Aintroduction&Itemid=266&lang=en](http://www.gaiia.cuhk.edu.hk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=189%3Amuseum-intro&catid=52%3Aintroduction&Itemid=266&lang=en)

related to green living.

Just a few minutes’ walk from University Station Exit D, the museum is situated on Floor 8 of Yasumoto International Academic Park. The museum is easily accessible for the public and is open weekdays (but, sadly, not Sundays).

#### Opening hours:

Mon, Tue, Thur - Sat: 9:30am – 12:30pm ;  
2:00pm – 5:00pm

Wed, Sun, public holidays, CU Holidays (24 & 31 Dec, & Lunar New Year Eve): Closed.

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## CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Performer / Event	Date & Time	Venue	Additional Info
<b>Film: <i>Ai Wei Wei: Never Sorry</i></b> (Chinese with English subtitles).	31 Mar (Mon) 6:30pm	Sir Run Run Shaw Hall	After-show Guest Speaker: Professor Oscar Ho. <b>Free Admission</b> Tel: 3943 5515
<b><i>Tolo Lyrics Cantonese Operatic singing competition</i></b>	7 April (Mon) 7:15pm	Sir Run Run Shaw Hall	Fund-raising event Free tickets from SRRSH Box office (2 per person)
<b>Sophia Yan Piano:</b>	24 April (Thursday)	8:00pm, Source: Music Department Events: Spring 2014	Lee Hysan Concert Hall, Esther Lee Building,
<b>Two Masters, Two Generations, One Vision for Modern Chinese Painting: Gao Jianfu &amp; Lui Shou-kwan</b>	Until May 15, 2014	Art Museum, Gallery I (West-wing)	<b>Free Admission</b> Enquiries: Tel: 3943 7416
<b>Lecture Series on Modern Chinese Painting</b>	22 Mar, 3 May (Sat) 2:30pm - 4:00pm	Venue L1, Institute of Chinese Studies	Speakers: Kan Tai Keung, Li Weimin Registration and Details:
<b>Details and Registration for Lecture Series:</b> <a href="https://docs.google.com/a/friendscuhk.com/forms/d/1kwx40Br8N2E_Mk-V6nraPcUxySs6eKfjJvYsacGtBY/viewform">https://docs.google.com/a/friendscuhk.com/forms/d/1kwx40Br8N2E_Mk-V6nraPcUxySs6eKfjJvYsacGtBY/viewform</a>			



*Ai Wei Wei—the subject of “Never Sorry” (March 31 at SRRSH)*

## Around Campus 校園漫遊

精品食堂 by Scarlet Suen

大學新增的五間書院已相繼落成，除了應付新舊制高中重疊的大量學生人數外，也為大學的同事和學生提供更多食堂選擇。

最近入伙的敬文書院應該是最近「民居」的書院了，由於位處士林路的教職員宿舍和三十九區之間，為這兩個小區出入的人士提供了一個方便的午膳地方。

聞說敬文書院的食堂是由科學園內某食肆承包經營，由於是運作初期，餐牌上的食物選擇不算太多，部份食物長期供應，部份每周更新。其中一款長期供應的就是他們的主打項目：原汁牛肉麵，其實自食堂開張已聽聞這招牌菜，所以慕名來試菜的人也不少，筆者試過後也覺得值得推介，理由簡單不過，牛肉用料上乘，麵條配合得宜，廣受歡迎似乎理所當然。



另一款麵食：福建蠔仔炆麵，似乎更值得介紹，這款炆麵甚有地方美食的色彩，而且要將蠔仔處理得好，從衛生到烹調都有難度，



嘗試過的食客都相當讚賞，評價甚高。這種特式食品，相信綜觀香港各大學的食堂都不易找到。

值得一提的是這食堂調教的港式奶茶水準不錯，茶味香濃，相信選用的茶葉質素甚佳，而且調配得宜。

其實敬文書院飯堂確實有其獨特之處，一般校內飯堂為應付人流及控制價錢，食物都是大量製造，大部份食材預先煮好，令

食客可以在最短時間內領取食物，然後入座用餐。敬文飯堂提供的食物有好一部份都是即叫即煮，尤其是炒粉麵類，所以鑊氣特濃，但相對食客要等的時間會較長，而整體價錢也較高，不過自由經濟下最重要是有不同的選擇，既然很多飯堂都已提供典型快餐，相信食客也不介意有一些精品選擇。

## Tips and Tricks: by Connie Law

### Protect Your Personal Data

You may find that you need to keep and share personal information about yourself and others for various reasons. If these personal data are not kept securely, transferred or shared, they are at high risk of being leaked and misused by unauthorized parties. Here are some common circumstances of data leakage

- Lost or stolen notebooks, mobile devices or portable storage devices (e.g. USB drives), which contain personal or sensitive data.
- Personal data that are sent or transferred through Instant Messaging services (e.g. MSN Messenger). Public IM services usually lack encryption to protect the information being transmitted.
- Files containing personal data are uploaded on the web for ease of access and to share among colleagues and friends. Although the link to them is not published to outsiders, it is still easy for others to find these files using a search engine.
- Data leaks can occur anywhere. We urge you to follow the good practices below when keeping or transferring personal data:

#### ALWAYS:

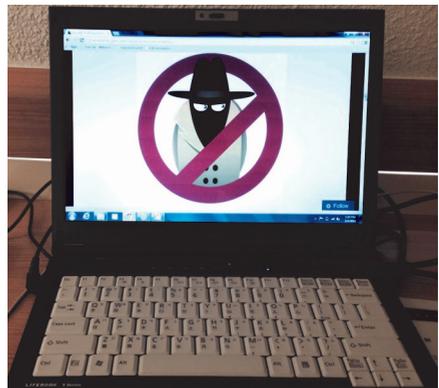
- Encrypt personal data when transmitting them over the Internet. The encryption software, *WinZip* and the open source software – *truecrypt* are recommended for encryption.
- Use strong passwords with a combination of numbers and letters to protect files (e.g. Excel and PDF files) that may contain confidential information.

- Enable password protection for all your computing equipment such as your notebook, mobile device or portable storage device.
- Run a VPN connection when using Wi-Fi service to protect data transferred over the wireless network from being hacked.

#### NEVER:

- Upload any files containing personal data onto web. If unavoidable, encrypt the files with strong password before uploading.
- Leave your notebook, mobile device or portable storage device unattended.
- Use instant messaging services for file transfer, especially for files containing sensitive data.
- Please visit the CUHK website: <http://www.cuhk.edu.hk/itsc/security/gpis/prodatac.html>

for the DOs and DONT's Checklist for protecting your digital data.



## Out and About 好介紹 by Lisi Tsao

大埔有乜嘢好 第三篇

上兩期介紹過大埔綜合大樓的二樓熟食檔，一樓街市檔。今期行出大樓，介紹在大樓對面，我簡稱做“square”。

這個四方小廣場由四條主要街道圍繞：運頭街，鄉事會街，寶鄉街和巴士、小巴必經的廣福道。

我順序先介紹大樓外鄉事會街13號地下的①“華輝小廚餐廳”。除了有新式下午茶，該店的港式蘋果批及雞批遠近馳名。蘋果批以新鮮蘋果製成餡料，以酥皮烤焗，果味濃郁，且甜酸度適中，外脆內軟。雞批酥皮內雞肉多，一個批可分六份，通常我教會有聚會或大食會，我會預早訂兩個批，大受歡迎。店主還推介他們的大蝦多士，鬆化香口。

好了，我們進入“square”。

square 中央是休閒地方，多見長者悠然自得的坐在椅上談天。square 內，四方八面都圍着商鋪、食肆。

從鄉事會街入，便見②“呀婆豆腐花”，大光裡6號，營業時間9-8pm。已有20年歷史的“呀婆豆腐花”，不用介紹，只見食客大排長龍，就知名不虛傳。不要去錯附近別的豆腐花檔呀。

③“一樂燒臘飯店”，大明裡5號，營業11-11pm。一樂的招牌明爐燒鵝，肥美肉鮮，燒肉、叉燒、油雞、乳鴿都靚。最多人幫襯燒鵝飯。放工順便加餸

回家，買只燒鵝（\$400）帶回家，皆大歡喜。

④“新明發”，廣福裡7號地下，營業7-10pm。大大隻字招牌“新明發”，你不會漏眼。面前一個個大蒸籠內的一盅盅飯，遠近馳名，一日可銷過千盅飯。堂食或外賣隨意。有北菇雞球飯、章魚肉餅飯、鳳爪排骨飯等。

“蛇王海”，大榮裡44號，營業6:30-10:00 pm。要食蛇羹進補，就來此店好了。蛇肉多，真材實料，細碗\$30，大碗\$60。堂食會奉送祛濕解毒龜苓湯。我通常外賣回家慢慢嘗。



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⑥ “群記清湯腩”，大明裡26號，營業1-8pm (日休息)。此店的清湯腩，在大埔無人不識的。口碑可想而知。可惜我每次去都大排長龍，鋪面又不大，我無耐性等，只去過一次。

⑦ 行出square, 往運頭街去，在報紙

檔旁邊有一間不顯眼的上海包飽店。一家人齊心合力，男的在包餃子，女的在煎餃子。店名“上海菜肉飽”，營業10-10pm。在大鐵鍋內煎著鍋貼，蔥油餅或牛肉飽，都是傳統家庭式上海飽點。\$4一個飽子，如果肚子餓，又想快飽肚，這是最佳選擇。

⑧ 由上海菜肉飽行過去，就是“陳漢記粥面專家”，營業11-4am, 運頭街89-91號地下。陳漢記熱門菜式包括即叫即做的腸粉，腸粉的外皮極薄。熱賣有義燒腸粉，自製漿水，皮薄餡多，花蟹粥極鮮味。他們大清早在附件街市購入花蟹，確保新鮮。他們的煲仔飯亦一流。店內座無虛席，食飯時候，好多人要在門外等位呢！

今期介紹這八檔美食，下期繼續去探索其他美食。



牛蒡蘿蔔排骨湯  
(新春清熱消滯湯)

材料：新鮮牛蒡 半斤

白蘿蔔 1斤

百合 1兩

芡實、枸杞 各 5錢

紅棗 6粒

排骨 12兩

水 12碗 (3000 cc)

蘿蔔去皮切大件。

牛蒡去薄皮切斜片放冷水中。

紅棗去核，芡實、百合、枸杞泡冷水

十分鐘。

排骨飛水待用。

將材料和水放入煲內，先用大火煲

滾，再轉小火煲3小時，熄火下鹽

調味即成。

\* 牛蒡是菊科草本植物，功能清熱利咽，降低膽固醇，減少毒素和廢物積存。白蘿蔔含豐富纖維素，促進腸胃蠕動，幫助排便。芡實健脾祛濕；百合潤肺安神；枸杞益精明目；紅棗補血寧神。這款湯水適合新春期間減膩降脂，清熱解毒，保身健體。

\*\* 新鮮牛蒡在生草藥檔有售。



## Poetry and Prose by Anita Chan

### A Wood Boulevard

The wood-like verge has become a grand boulevard on the outskirts of the campus, running alongside the railway track. This is a long and winding lane quite newly constructed apparently for cycling. The attractive, tree-lined verge is peppered with the rustic touch of the little wood.

Wild on one hidden side while you are in it, the place is scattered with citrus fruit trees. Hi, the oranges appear before you, the pomelo hangs heavily high above your head, and not forgetting the wampee too! What a great host of family members! They are enjoying the company of the trains which speed along the tracks in endless succession. The trailers too realize they are not alone, the active and the semi-active flutter with the symphony of the day.

The universe moves in symmetry with the campus's routines, the grand construction of the new buildings join the old, and with the wild landscape, they give out the hues of life. Is life shaped unconsciously as time goes by?

The world of trees intertwines with human civilization and blends in with new cultures - young couples with small children, old couples with grandchildren, the mix and mash of humanity in all its guises. Humans are all in one in this little place of wood. Tranquility reigns, revealing the harmony in the mixture of cultures.

The wild plateau stones, the trees, in their ethereal setting, the blossoming of new, academic structures; the wild and the tamed caress each other as progress and tradition, fabricated and organic, co-exist in beauty and harmony.



## Travelogue: The Flying Pigs of Portugal by Dr. Memie Kwok

My first fight in school was with a girl named Joana de Sousa: the dispute was over a basket-ball court. Basket-ball was all the rage, and the two half-courts in the playground were woefully insufficient to meet the needs of the hordes of enthusiasts. The unwritten rule of the school yard was "first come first served" but the ball had to be placed squarely on the midpoint of the free-throw line to be counted. That particular lunch time we were trying new tactics: first we coerced the girl sitting nearest the door to change places with Kitty, our fastest runner, then rolled the ball to her across the classroom from under our seats. The moment the bell rang Kitty was out of the door, with me closely behind her. Kitty ran well and we reached the free-throw line primeiramente. As we stood, panting and waiting for the other girls who were buying sandwiches and drinks, a voice bellowed behind us, "Get out, we were here first!" and our ball was kicked off the court. We swung round as Joana loomed over us, arms across her chest. Kitty paled and shrank back, but I was furious! That one kick had skewed my sacred juvenile notion of fair play out of spin. "No you were not, we were here first!" I shot back. We started shoving each other, clawing, and pulling hair and garments. By this time the playground was jammed with on-lookers, and the commotion brought forth the nun on duty. She tore us apart and ordered us to share the court.

Sister Agnes kept me behind after school. "Joana is a Portuguese from Macau and may have difficulty fitting into our school" she said "Couldn't you find it in your heart to be nicer to her?" I stared at her in disbelief. Grown-ups were either blind or extremely stupid! Since her arrival in school six months before, Joana had become the leader of a band of wealthy, English speaking girls, who not only talked and laughed louder than any other group, but also managed to bend the "skirt rule" of our very

strict Italian Convent School by having their hemline 3 inches above the knee, with no impunity! Nevertheless the words "Portugal" and "Macau" stuck with me; words synonymous with Foreign Smartness and Privileges, and I longed to see those places for myself. But I was 13 and poor as a church mouse, and such places might as well be on the moon. Now I'm grown-up and to the best of my knowledge, neither blind nor stupid, and I've seen both Macau and Portugal.

Mr Wong Tin, a Macau resident and a world renowned scholar on historical Japanese-Portuguese relations, told me that the Portuguese left a meagre 106 million dollars to the new administration when Macau reverted back to China, in stark contrast with Hong Kong's \$4,460 million. This was because, even in the face of negative growth in the 4 years prior to the handover, a lot of money was spent on conservation of Macau's historical buildings because the Portuguese Government deemed it more important to leave behind a cultural heritage money. This blew my mind!

I joined a Study Tour of Medieval Portugal, which took us to Proto, Coimbra, Fatima, Lisbon, Evora, Ponta de Sagres, Lagos, Sines, and Palmela.

We diligently plowed through a long list of fortresses and castles. Grandiose and magnificent though they are, they are but relics of the past, while I'm a student of the living present. I would have to say what I love most about Portugal are the trees, the people, and the way of life; in that order

It was a particular joy to see orange trees dotted everywhere: in the middle of the commercial districts, in people's yards, and on pavements, instead of just in orchards. Oranges have been cultivated in China for several thousand years, and the sweet

## Travelogue Continued: by Dr. Memie Kwok

orange was brought from China to Europe during the 15th century by the Portuguese. Thus it is also known as the "Chinese apple" in many parts of Europe. The orange is the favourite fruit of many HK people but relatively few have ever seen the real tree. It would be inconceivable for profit minded HK to have a cash crop so carelessly strewn about, with no apparent plan for harvesting, and the fact that this ancient fruit tree can be as common a part of a modern metropolis as the lamp post makes my heart smile .

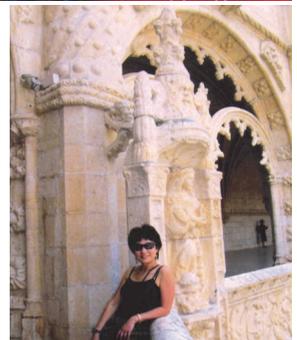
Contrary to the mournful, nostalgic, sentiment depicted by the melancholy, traditional music, Fado, I find the Portuguese people generally to be pragmatic, hospitable, and to possess a set of excellent life values.

On the first day in Proto I sneaked off to visit the Modern Arts Museum, and was waylaid at the entrance by three young men who insisted that I had a free beer with them. "Why ?" I asked. "Because you're the most beautiful Japanese lady we've ever met", they said, which caused a momentary confusion as I'm neither beautiful nor Japanese. Then I realized that the men were drunk! Well, I wasn't going to miss out on a free beer by quibbling, so, pretending to be Japanese, I said, "Arigatoc!". "Is it OK to drink beer on a Sunday morning before lunch?" I asked, uncertainly. "Oh, in Portugal it's OK to drink beer any hour of any day!" they proclaimed. I was clearly going to love this country .

It was the month of the European (Football) Cup and Portugal had won 2 matches in a row, I expect that is reason enough for a beer, if ever a reason is needed!

Although Portugal is ostensibly a Catholic country, only 10% of the population are regular church-goers, and most of these are elderly. Fatima, a town that lives off the

religious fervour of pilgrims, was having a relatively dry business spell during our visit. Fatima's claim to fame is a shrine called the Basilica, built to commemorate the events of 1917, when three peasant children were supposed to have seen the apparition , "Virgin Mary of the Rosary". Pilgrimage sites drew a strange crowd and I was busy people-watching when a woman collapsed not 10 feet away from me. I was spotted before I could skulk off. "Doctor Kwok, come help, a woman's fainted!" There was nothing for it but to examine the semi-conscious woman. I was explaining to the priest that her breathing, pulse, and colour were good, when her hand suddenly shot up and grabbed my expensive, Gucci sunglasses. The next tense minute was spent prying open her sweaty fingers, and then she sat bolt upright. I found that she was from Spain and visited Fatima a few times a year, and at each visit she would swoon with emotion! As I said, pilgrimage sites drew a strange crowd



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### **ANOTHER PLACE, ANOTHER TIME**

by E.C.

Another place, another time  
Another country, another line  
You thought him rambled in monologue  
He wished you well but in Tagalog.

Another place, another time  
Another culture, another sign.  
I thanked her with my left hand extended  
She turned in anger, clearly offended.

Hello, Ni Hao, Selamat and Hola  
Shalom, Ciao, Goedendag and Ola.  
But you are just you and I am just I  
Wars and conflicts unable to deny.

Yet though my country disputes your line  
And though his culture negates her sign  
His faith her trust might one day combined  
My hopes and your dreams likewise entwined.

Another place, another time  
But you are still you and I am I...  
Until his world and hers align.  
Until your place transcends my time.