The academic year 2010-11 has been a period of restructuring within the Faculty, following the sudden death of our late Dean, Professor Shirley Grundy, under whose wise, committed and caring leadership over the previous three years we made considerable advances.

In this edition of *Education Matters*, I am pleased to have the opportunity to introduce the Faculty management structure, and the team of colleagues who have taken up posts of responsibility. The new management structure, involving five Associate Deans and five Assistant Deans, has been designed to enhance the collective leadership of the Faculty, and to improve the management of the key areas of Faculty activity as we develop and implement our plans for the coming decade.

Within the portfolio of Learning and Teaching, Dr Angel Lin has assumed the role of Associate Dean. This Associate Deanship now has the support of two Assistant Deans: Dr Alice Wong is responsible for Programmes and Dr Bob Fox for Learning Environments.

To highlight our commitment to Knowledge Exchange, we have created a new Associate Dean portfolio to oversee our KE activity. Professor Edwin Yiu has taken on the Associate Dean role, supported by Dr Tammy Kwan, who is Assistant Dean for School-University Partnerships.

Responsibility for the more systematic development of our internationalization agenda now falls within the portfolio of the Associate Dean for External Relations, a position which has been renamed Associate Dean (External Relations/International). Dr Ida Mok has assumed this Associate Dean role.

Finally, a new Associate Dean portfolio, for Development, has been established to oversee the review, planning and development of our physical, digital and human resource support infrastructure to facilitate and sustain the different facets of our work and promote their interconnectedness. Professor Nancy Law is our Associate Dean (Development).

We are confident that this team will provide our Faculty with the strong leadership that is needed as we move forward into the new decade. We look forward to working closely with our alumni and our friends in the wider community to realize our vision and mission.

**Professor Stephen Andrews**

Dean

*Situting, from left:* Dr Alice Wong, Dr Angel Lin, Professor Stephen Andrews, Ms Aster Ho, Professor Nancy Law, Dr Ida Mok

*Standing, from left:* Dr Tammy Kwan, Dr Bob Fox, Dr Beverly Webster, Professor Peter Kutnick, Ms Ada Cheung, Professor Edwin Yiu, Ms Allen Wong, Ms Queenie Wong
HKU 100 Parade

It is with great excitement that we announce that The University of Hong Kong has begun celebrating its 100th Anniversary! The celebrations started in January 2011 and will continue for two years, until December 2012. To mark the official launch of the Centenary Celebrations, the HKU 100 Parade was held on January 9, 2011 at the Stanley Ho Sports Centre. The Parade was a great occasion to gather staff, alumni, students, and friends of the Faculty, together with representatives of the sectors we serve, in a collective show of support for the University’s birthday celebrations, and in celebration of our own membership of the wider Faculty family.

Under a sunny sky with a warm breeze, the Faculty was extremely well represented. There were a total of 174 participants drawn from our staff, alumni and current students, together with staff, parents and students from three schools with which we have close connections, including Hong Kong Ling Liang Church Kindergarten, HKUGA Primary School and Lock Tao Secondary School, and participants in the Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research’s project for non-Chinese-speaking students. With the very generous donation of HK$10,000 from the President of the HKU Alumni Association, Mr Tse Sik Yan, the paraders were able to adorn themselves in splendid white Education T-shirts and jaunty red bandannas!

The Faculty would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Tse and all of those who came along to support the event and join in the start of our centenary celebrations. Let’s enjoy each moment of the Centenary.
Education Research Degrees Alumni Reunion

In celebration of the University’s Centenary, the “Education Research Degrees Alumni Reunion” was organized by the Faculty on November 6, 2010 at HKU. This reunion, which was the first large-scale event organized for graduates of MPhil, PhD and EdD degrees, attracted the participation of over 100 Faculty alumni, teachers and current students.

In previous decades, the Faculty has managed to produce graduates with a distinct commitment to lifelong learning, ethical practice and professionalism, and capable of being responsive leaders. One of the highlights of the Alumni Reunion event was an Alumni Forum featuring four of the Faculty’s most distinguished PhD graduates, who shared with us their experiences and fascinating stories of being research students in the Faculty. They were Dr Catherine Chan (Deputy Secretary for Education (5), Curriculum and Quality Assurance Branch, Education Bureau), Professor Magdalena Mok (Chair Professor of Assessment and Evaluation, The Hong Kong Institute of Education), Professor Sun Miantao (Director of Research Institute of Educational Economics and Administration, Shenyang Normal University) and Professor Wen Qufang (Director of National Research Centre for Foreign Language Education, Beijing Foreign Studies University).

The Alumni Reunion also marked the founding of the HKU Education Faculty Research Degrees Alumni Association. A discussion session chaired by the founding Executive Committee of the Association, comprising Dr Nicholas Sampson (Chairperson), Dr Mark King (Vice-Chairperson) and Dr Gao Xuesong (Treasurer), was held in the afternoon. Participants shared their ideas for the future development of the Association.

The Faculty also invited Professor Colin Evers (Professor of Educational Leadership, The University of New South Wales) and Professor Chris Davison (Head of the School of Education, The University of New South Wales), who are former Associate Deans (Research) of the Faculty and with whom many of our alumni are very familiar, to present a seminar on “Research Training and Research Development: Building the Future” as part of the event.

The Alumni Reunion on November 6 was well received by all participants. Our alumni, in particular, were delighted to have the chance to meet their former friends and teachers on this occasion. They were also impressed by how the Faculty’s research postgraduate programme and student body have developed over the years.
The Faculty Graduation Ceremony 2010

The Faculty held its graduation ceremony on December 13, 2010 in the Concert Hall of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The Faculty conferred degrees upon a total of 851 graduands at the graduation ceremony, with 345 conferred higher degrees, 170 bachelor’s degrees and 336 the Postgraduate Certificate in Advanced Educational Studies and Postgraduate Diploma in Education. One award, eleven prizes and four scholarships were also presented to outstanding students on this occasion.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost of HKU, Professor Roland Chin, presided over the Congregation, while Mr Lester G. Huang, JP, Partner of P.C. Woo & Co. was the guest of honour. Mr Huang spoke to the graduates about the need for leadership at all levels in education. He shared his view that leadership in education is everyone’s business and that everyone in education should lead in one way or another. He went on to say that frontline teachers have a particularly important role to play. Young people see their teachers as leaders and role models as they seek to discover themselves. He concluded, “The leaders in you will get on with the task and seek every small success that is attainable, in the knowledge that you’ll have a clear vision and clear goals. Every success, big or small, underpinned with your selfless dedication, will inspire confidence to do even better. The practical improvements you realize will touch the hearts of students and slowly build up a momentum of success that will bring you satisfaction – a professional satisfaction that you can be truly proud of.”

Tea Reception for Year 1 Students

At the beginning of the new year and new semester, the Faculty invited some Year 1 students from the Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education and Postgraduate Diploma in Education programmes to a tea reception on January 28, 2011. The tea reception was kindly offered by one of our alumni, Mr Tse Sik Yan, who wanted to give students an opportunity to get along with each other, chat with experienced educators, build friendships and have some fun. The students shared their views and visions on teaching with our academic colleagues and guests at this friendly and informal gathering.
With the support of the Faculty’s knowledge exchange initiative and Tin Ka Ping Education Fund, Sir John Daniel, President of the Commonwealth of Learning, was invited as the speaker of the Distinguished Lecture 2010. Sir John visited HKU during September 23-28, 2010:

**Distinguished Lecture**

Sir John Daniel, the best-selling Routledge author of *Mega Universities and Knowledge Media*, delivered a lecture entitled “Technology in Education: Much Ado about Nothing?” in Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU, on September 28, 2010. In his lecture, Sir John addressed the issues of the use of technology to improve and expand schooling through the following questions:

- Can ICTs go beyond teaching children computer literacy to improving learning generally?
- Can technology-based Open Schooling give 400 million out-of-school twelve to seventeen-year-olds access to secondary education?
- Can distance learning swing the focus of teacher education from theoretical pre-service study to in-service courses that really improve teaching skills?
- Are Open Educational Resources just another fad or could they revolutionize knowledge sharing globally?

The Distinguished Lecture attracted about 250 participants. We have received excellent feedback from the University’s senior management team members, senior Education Bureau officers, educators, IT professionals, students and academics from other tertiary institutions.

More details about the Lecture can be found at http://web.edu.hku.hk/media.php?seminars_lectures.

**Seminars for Faculty Staff and Students**

A seminar entitled “An Educational Ecosystem for the 21st Century: Putting the Pieces Together” was organized for Faculty staff and students on September 24, 2010. An informal seminar entitled “The Role of Technology in In-service Teacher Education” was held for staff of Centre for Information Technology in Education on September 28, 2010.
A Dialogue with Sir John Daniel – Lunch Seminar

On September 27, 2010, an invitational lunch seminar entitled “Shortage of Teachers and Internationalizing Teacher Education” was hosted by the Faculty. Academics from the Faculty, senior officers from the Education Bureau and leaders of higher education in Hong Kong exchanged their views on the educational systems and teacher education.

Delivering a public lecture entitled “Learner Differences in Mathematics” on January 22, 2011, Professor Watson inspired all participants with her innovative ideas and expertise in mathematics education, especially with regard to weak learning in mathematics. Two teachers also shared their inspiring teaching experiences to deal with learner differences in local secondary schools in the lecture. Close to 130 participants including tertiary educators, school principals, teachers and research students attended the lecture. Positive feedback was received from the audience.

More details about the public lecture can be found at http://web.edu.hku.hk/media.php?seminars_lectures.

CANOTTA Distinguished Visiting Fellowship in Mathematics Education 2011

The CANOTTA Publishing Co., Ltd. made a donation to the Faculty in 2008 to establish the 3-year CANOTTA Distinguished Visiting Fellowship in Mathematics Education. Professor Anne Watson was invited to visit the Faculty under the scheme from January 13-23, 2011.

Professor Watson is an expert in teaching and research on how teachers can work with diversity and yet develop strong mathematical engagement and thinking. She is a fellow of Linacre College and member of prominent academic organizations in the UK, including the Association of Teachers of Mathematics (ATM), the Higher Education Academy and the British Society for Research into the Learning of Mathematics.

Professor Watson had many opportunities to meet and talk with mathematics education academics, researchers and research students, teacher educators and some teachers in the various activities organized by the Faculty. On January 19, 2011, Professor Watson gave a seminar about the shifts of understanding necessary to learn mathematics. During her teaching session with Postgraduate Diploma in Education students, Professor Watson got the students to rethink how arithmetic can be seen as relations, and how it is these, rather than calculation methods, that provide the basis for further mathematics. Professor Watson learnt more about current issues in mathematics education in Hong Kong and mainland China from the consultation sessions for individual PhD students.

More details about the Fellowship can be found at http://web.edu.hku.hk/media.php?seminars_lectures.
Education Seminar Series (3)

As part of the knowledge exchange initiatives, a series of education seminars was organized for parents. Past seminars on mathematics and English language received enthusiastic responses. The last seminar on Liberal Studies, held on November 27, 2010, was again well received. The seminar, entitled “Talking Liberal Studies with Parents – What should I know and do about my child’s Liberal Studies?”, was given by Dr Cheung Chi Kim, who discussed a number of issues of concern to parents regarding Liberal Studies, including “Is Liberal Studies just chit-chatting? How do you strike a balance between learning in general and in depth? What are the opportunities and challenges for Liberal Studies education?” About 200 parents attended the seminar and found it interesting and beneficial to their understanding of the subject of Liberal Studies.

The details of the seminar, including a Powerpoint presentation, videos and photos are available at http://web.edu.hku.hk/media.php?seminars_lectures.

Dissemination Seminars on “Preparing Teachers for Teaching Ideas about Science in the New Senior Secondary Curriculum – A Dual Approach”

On October 9, 2010, two dissemination seminars were held to mark the completion of a two-year project, “Preparing Teachers for Teaching Ideas about Science in the New Senior Secondary Curriculum – A Dual Approach”, funded by the Quality Education Fund. In the first approach led by Dr Benny Yung, more than 20 biology teachers formed themselves into three study groups to engage in video-based lesson studies. Similarly, Dr Alice Wong led the second approach – a school-based approach – where science and liberal studies teachers from each of the three participating schools worked together to plan, teach and videotape their lessons, which were then analysed collaboratively.

Over 200 science teachers joined the dissemination seminars, in which our guest of honour, Ms Anna Lee, Principal Science Curriculum Officer of EDB, revisited the importance of teaching ideas about science. Five of our project participants also shared their inspiring learning experiences during the course of their participation.

Each participant received a set of six DVDs containing lesson videos and accompanying commentaries, as well as resources on teaching ideas about science. The DVDs were also distributed to all secondary schools in Hong Kong. To further enhance knowledge exchange, the DVDs will be uploaded to Faculty website and Hong Kong Education City as online resources.

The project members included Dr Benny Yung, Dr Alice Wong, Mr Maurice Cheng, Dr Valerie Yip, Mr Wong Ka Lok, Mr Ho Kam Moon, Ms Tsui Sau Mei, Dr Jeffrey Day and Professor Derek Hodson.
Exhibition on Achievement of Minority Students in Learning Chinese

Funded by the EDB, the Faculty’s Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research (CACLER) undertook a project to support 25 secondary schools / NGOs and their ethnic minority (mainly South Asian) students to improve their learning of Chinese.

Picture books are one of the best media for them to express their daily experiences and views on life while they are learning to use Chinese. With artwork drawn by the students and simple expressions in Chinese, the picture books told stories about the students themselves, as well as their families and other relations. Some projected themes and feelings through surrealistic stories of animals, plants or objects. The interplay between text and artwork stimulated readers to feel, imagine and reflect.

In order to pass their messages around, an exhibition of Chinese picture books created by ethnic minority students supported by the project was held on January 29, 2011 in Hui Oi Chow Science Building.

Dr Ida Mok (Associate Dean – External Relations/International) of the Faculty and Mr Tse Sik Yan, President of the HKU Alumni Association, were guests of honour at the exhibition. With the help of students from the Bachelor of Education (Liberal Studies) [BEd(LibSt)] and Bachelor of Education in Language Education (Primary and Junior Secondary Chinese) programmes, the ethnic minorities had a great time telling the visitors about their work, becoming more confident in Chinese.

Dissemination seminar on “Development of Evaluation Tools for Assessing Students’ Information Literacy and Promoting Information Literacy Among Students”

It was a one-year project commissioned by the EDB. Five secondary schools and five primary schools were involved in this project, whose aims were to develop self-evaluation tools for assessing students’ information literacy skills in General Studies at primary school level and Science at secondary school level. A project website (http://iltools.cite.hku.hk/) was also established to showcase some practical teaching strategies and approaches for the implementation of information literacy and assessment methods to the education community.

The dissemination seminar was held on February 11, 2011 at Hong Kong Space Museum. This seminar aimed to:

- Introduce the information literacy (IL) framework;
- Showcase some teaching packages designed and tried out in science classrooms to promote the development of the eight IL skills;
- Introduce the design and use of assessment rubrics and evaluation checklists for self- and peer-assessment;
- Share school-based experiences in this curriculum and assessment project.

The seminar was well attended by a total of 181 individuals, including both primary and secondary school teachers and principals, as well as officials from the EDB.
Public Seminar on “Aging and Speech and Hearing: The Effect of Age on our Communication Abilities”

The public seminar was hosted by the Hong Kong Science Museum on December 4, 2010. Mrs Lorinda Kwan (speech therapist) and Ms Jenny Chan (audiologist) from the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences, were invited as guest speakers. The seminar, well attended by 80 members of the community, was set up to inform the public of the various speech, language and hearing disorders commonly found in the geriatric population. Interesting findings were shared in relation to the research and clinical work of the two speakers. The audience expressed their keen interest in the knowledge being disseminated.

Liberal Studies Project Competition 2010-Prize Presentation Ceremony

The prize presentation ceremony for the Liberal Studies Project Competition 2010 was held on August 20, 2010 in Rayson Huang Theatre. Over 30 participating teams from different secondary schools in Hong Kong received awards.

The Liberal Studies Project Competition was organized by the Liberal Studies Service and Learning Network (LSSLN) for new senior secondary students in Hong Kong. 75 teams of secondary school students enrolled in the competition.

The prize presentation ceremony began with an opening speech given by our guest of honour, Mr Yiu Ming Tak, Principal Curriculum Development Officer (Liberal Studies/ Cross-subjects Learning), EDB. Mr Ken Chiu, Chairman of the LSSLN, then summarized the many activities (including workshops and tutorial sessions) organized for students. He remarked that the whole event was “meaningful and thought-provoking” for students from both secondary schools and Bachelor of Education (Liberal Studies) programme.

Dr Cheung Chi Kim and Dr Ki Wing Wah gave their inspiration and encouragement to the students. The winners of the competition were Form 4 students from Wa Ying College, who presented a comprehensive study on Hong Kong’s private tutoring. Merit awards went to three groups of Form 6 students from Carmel Holy Word Secondary School, Precious Blood Secondary School and Hong Kong Taoist Association The Yuen Yuen Institute No.3 Secondary School.

In 2011, the LSSLN will launch a newly designed “IES Series 2011” as an annual activity series for secondary school students.
Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between Faculty of Education, HKU and University of Potsdam

The Vice President of the University of Potsdam, Professor Ria de Bleser, visited the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences under the Faculty on January 3, 2011. The purpose of the visit was to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Faculty and the University of Potsdam. The Memorandum of Understanding will enable students from the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences to study at the University of Potsdam and students from Potsdam to study here in Hong Kong.

Professor de Bleser told us that one of the key outcomes of the Erasmus Mundus programme is for students to learn about cross-linguistic differences in the field of communication science. She remarked that our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences provide the ideal learning environment for EU students to engage in cross-linguistic studies, because we offer courses conducted in English, Cantonese and Mandarin. All students on the Erasmus Mundus programme come from non-EU countries (including Hong Kong, Macau and mainland China), which means that the Memorandum of Understanding will enhance the international profile of the student body in the Faculty of Education at HKU. Upon signing the Memorandum of Understanding, Dr Lena Wong (Head of Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences) commented that this new partnership has the potential to strengthen cross-linguistic research in Speech and Hearing Sciences.

Gothenburg University Exchange

As part of the ongoing collaboration between our Faculty and the Faculty of Education at Gothenburg University, two video conferences were successfully held between Year 4 Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education student teachers. This was the result of a proposal put forward at the Language Education Symposium held in May 2010.

The first video conference exchange took place on November 3, 2010 and, through the magic of video link-up, undergraduate students from our Faculty taught some mini-lessons that were watched live by a large group of student teachers and academic staff in a Gothenburg University lecture theatre. After each group had finished their lessons, the Swedish students offered feedback on the microteaching and asked questions about the nature of teaching and learning English in Hong Kong. Issues such as methodology, learning styles, class size, text books and general classroom discipline were all discussed via video, and students on both sides were able to gain a better understanding of each other’s educational context. The second video conference was hosted by the Gothenburg students on December 15, 2010, and this time the students exchanged a wide range of views and opinions on testing and assessment in Sweden and in Hong Kong. For the Gothenburg students, their presentations and sharing represented part of a course assignment. Both sessions gave student teachers the chance to interact and share their teaching experiences, and a Facebook page was also set up to continue the dialogue and foster closer links between the two groups of students.

The video conferencing was an experiment at this level, but both sides see the potential for future exchanges using this technology.
The 3rd Association of Pacific Rim Universities Education Deans Meeting was held in Hong Kong on December 1, 2010. Dean Stephen Andrews of HKU, host of the meeting, welcomed participants to the meeting, while Dean Karen Gallagher, University of Southern California, a member of the APRU Education Deans Standing Committee, gave a short introduction to the Education Deans Meeting series. She spoke briefly on the continuity of the series of APRU Education Deans Meetings and the idea of developing a common research project theme to which schools could contribute. Based on the ideas developed at the last meeting, the project or series of projects could develop around the nature of the global learner and/or on the global educator/teacher.

The theme for the meeting centred on the nature of the “Global Teacher”, the understanding of “Global Learners”, and the resultant implications for teacher education. The meeting was divided into two parts: Part A consisted of three presentations aimed at helping to define the research themes, while Part B consisted of a series of open discussions with the objective of scoping a research topic for a joint collaborative research project by APRU member universities.

With the floor open for discussion, participants raised some comments and suggestions on the issue of globalization and its impact on teaching and learning, the interactions between new information technologies, and the codes of professional ethics of teachers in different countries. The opportunities for member universities to learn from each other and interesting topics on collaborative research projects were also explored. The meeting brainstormed the kind of information to be collected from member universities to better understand each other, such as information about teacher education programmes, government priorities in teacher education, modes of funding, etc. To serve this end, the meeting agreed that a template be designed for collecting information such as that listed above and other details as appropriate.

The participants included: Dean Stephen Andrews (Chair), Professor Peter Kutnick and Dr Angel Lin from The University of Hong Kong, HKSAR; Dean Karen Gallagher (Co-Chair) and Dr Margo Pensavalle from the University of Southern California, USA; Dean Jong Wook Kim and Professor Sang-Hak Jeon from Seoul National University, Korea; Dean Eiichi Miyakoshi and Mr Yoshifumi Shimizu from Tohoku University, Japan; Dr Ryoji Hoshika and Dr Sejong Oh from the University of Tokyo, Japan; Dean Bambang Wibawarta from the University of Indonesia, Indonesia; Dean Saedah Siraj and Professor Fatimah Hashim from the University of Malaya, Malaya; Dr Gilsun Song from Zhejiang University, China and Ms Margaret Leong, Director (Secretariat) & Treasurer of APRU.
IBO Recognition

Our Faculty’s Master of Education in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language (TCSL) has been given unconditional recognition by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) as a programme which potentially qualifies graduates for Level 1 & 2 IBO Teacher Awards.

This represents a major strategic development for the Faculty, not only in the area of Chinese as a Second Language but as a first step towards closer collaboration with the IBO in other subjects in the IB curriculum, as well as in key areas such as educational leadership. We are only the tenth University in the world and the first in Asia to be recognized in this way by the IBO, so it represents a major achievement. Given the rapid increase in the number of IB schools, both in Hong Kong and in the region, the Faculty is now very well placed to play a leading role in the professional development of their current and future teachers.

The IBO team, in their verbal report, gave us a very pleasing number of commendations. In particular, we were commended for the global vision of the Faculty and the international-mindedness of our staff.

Liaison with Asian Development Bank

Professor Gerry Postiglione co-chaired the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Symposium on “Regional Cooperation and Cross Border Collaboration in Higher Education”, which was held at the ADB Headquarters in Manila on July 5-6, 2010. As the Faculty has always considered itself a leader in the region, Professor Postiglione took this opportunity to explore the possibility of collaboration between the Faculty and the ADB.

On January 14, 2011, Mr Jouko Sarvi (Practice Leader and Chair, Education Sector Committee and Community of Practice, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, Asian Development Bank) and Mr Wolfgang Kubitzki (Senior Social Sector Economist, Indonesia Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank) visited the Faculty to discuss our potential impact on the education project in Indonesia.

From left: Mr Jouko Sarvi, Dr Ida Mok, Professor Cheng Kai Ming, Mr Wolfgang Kubitzki, Ms Queenie Wong and Professor Gerry Postiglione
International Conference on the Learning and Teaching of Han Characters in Asian Languages 2011

This international conference (2011年亞洲漢字學與教學國際研討會) was held on January 15, 2011 at Mengwah Complex T6. The Conference was co-hosted by the Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research (CACLER) and the Korea Society of Education in Chinese Characters and Classics. The themes of the conference were the directions for effective learning of Han characters in different Asian languages, including: 1) curriculum design, 2) learning and teaching materials, 3) pedagogy and assessment, 4) learning strategies of students, and 5) its relation with the learning of phonetic scripts of the languages. The opening address was given by Professor Amy Tsui, Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Teaching and Learning), HKU and Professor Stephen Andrews, Dean of Education, HKU. Around 100 participants took part in the conference, over 80% of whom were distinguished scholars from Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, the USA and mainland China.

With our strong research culture and excellent programmes in the teaching and learning of Chinese, the Faculty is a focal point for intellectual endeavour in Asia and is a gateway for interaction with scholars of other regions in the teaching and learning of Chinese. As the Faculty has significant numbers of PhD students from China, Singapore, Taiwan and other countries engaged in the research of teaching and learning Chinese, it is fair to say that it is the hub of the teaching and learning of Chinese in Asia.

More details can be found at http://www.cacler.hku.hk/conference/index.htm.

From The National Outline for Medium and Long Term Educational Reform and Development: Trends and Perspectives in Higher Education Reform in China

從《國家中長期教育改革和發展規劃綱要（2010-2020年）》看中國高等教育變革趨勢

This forum is the third in a series held by the Wah Ching Centre of Research on Education in China (CREC) Forums on China’s “National Outline for Medium and Long Term Educational Reform and Development”, which was held on December 21, 2010, with Professor Pan Mao-yuan (Honorary Director, the Institute of Research Center of Higher Education Development, Xiamen University) as the speaker, Professor Gerry Postiglione (CREC’s Director) chairing, and Mr Kenneth Chen (Under Secretary for Education, EDB), Professor Wong Yuk Shan (Vice-President, HKUST) and Professor Cheng Kai Ming (Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor, HKU) as discussants.

The forum focused on many important issues in higher education, namely from quantity to quality improvement in higher education, and from a singularized to a diversified approach of values in higher education. The participants were inspired by thought-provoking discussions with the panel of speakers.

For highlights of the forum, please visit http://www.hku.hk/chinaed/.
Seminar on “Evolving Asia and the Pacific Region – Challenges for Education”

The seminar by Mr Joouko Sarvi (Practice Leader and Chair, Education Sector Committee and Community of Practice, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, Asian Development Bank), with the title “Evolving Asia and the Pacific Region – Challenges for Education” was held on January 11, 2011. This seminar was co-organized by the Wah Ching Centre of Research on Education in China (CREC) and the Comparative Education Research Centre (CERC). Professors Gerry Postiglione and Mark Bray co-chaired the seminar.

Mr Sarvi’s presentation highlighted key challenges in the development of education in a region where economies and labour markets are rapidly evolving. The Asian Development Bank’s (ADB) strategic and operational priorities for support for education are discussed. Approaches for sustainable development of education and its financing are analysed. The presentation stresses the importance of pursuing new forms of partnerships, including with cutting edge regional education expertise hubs such as HKU.

For highlights of the forum, please visit http://www.hku.hk/chinaed/.

East Asia-Pacific Early Childhood Development Scale Development Workshop

This workshop was held on January 24-25, 2011, at HKU, led by Professors Nirmala Rao and Patrice Engle. The workshop was organized by the Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC) and the Comparative Education Research Centre (CERC), HKU and sponsored by UNICEF East Asia and the Pacific Regional Office. The workshop brought together 34 participants, including delegates from DPR Korea, Fiji, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, the USA and the UK. Early childhood experts and PhD students from Hong Kong also participated. Professor Mark Bray, CERC’s Director and Professor Lau Yu Lung, Head of the Department of Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, gave the opening remarks and Professor Stephen Andrews, our Dean, gave the welcoming speech at the opening reception.

The objective of the workshop was to move towards developing a contextually relevant child development measurement tool to serve as a common index/scale for the Asia-Pacific region. It is envisioned that this scale would be used for various purposes, including population level assessments for monitoring progress towards national goals.

Training at World Health Organization (WHO) China Rehabilitation Programme in Conghua, Guangzhou, PR China

On June 12-13, 2010 Professor Brendan Weekes, Mrs Lorinda Kwan and two undergraduate students, Elaine Dai and Eric Lau of the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences helped train 120 eager rehabilitation workers and doctors from all over China on speech therapy management of people with aphasia (a language disorder resulting from stroke). This training programme in Conghua, Guangzhou, was part of a year-long project hosted by the World Health Organization China rehabilitation programme to keep abreast of the knowledge necessary for medical services to be delivered to people with brain damage. The programme updated the participants with the core content of the knowledge and advanced research studies related to aphasia and the clinical management principles of this neurological communication disorder.
Faculty

**Dean, Associate Deans and Assistant Deans Retreat on January 13, 2011**

Dean Stephen Andrews, Associate Deans, Assistant Deans and administrators of the Faculty went on a retreat on January 13, 2011. The retreat not only provided a great opportunity for the Faculty's management team to discuss the vision and mission for the Faculty’s development plan, but also served as an occasion for the new managerial team to meet and plan at the beginning of the new year and new semester.

**Vice-Chancellor and Council Chairman’s Visits to the Faculty**

Every year, the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellor visit the Board of Faculty to meet and communicate with Faculty members directly. On December 2, 2010, Professor Tsui Lap Chee, Vice-Chancellor, Professor Roland Chin, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and Council Chairman Professor Leung Che Hung visited the Faculty Board to exchange views with staff members on the latest development plans of the Faculty and the new management structure.

Overseas and the Mainland Visitors

- **Qinghai Normal University, China** on September 13, 2010
- **Burapha University, Thailand** on September 16, 2010
- **Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Regional Training Center, Vietnam** on December 7, 2010
- **Head and officials of Education Department and school teachers/principals from Taiwan Chang Hwa County** on December 28, 2010
- **University of British Columbia, Canada** on December 13, 2010
- **East China Normal University, China** on December 15, 2010
Programmes

The admissions activities for undergraduate and postgraduate programmes were held between October 2010 and January 2011. The programme directors and current students from the respective programmes shared at these occasions to introduce the participants to the Faculty, the curriculum and other programme-specific information.

Education Expo in Shenzhen

In order to promote our higher degree programmes to attract students of high calibre from the mainland, the Faculty joined an Education Expo in Shenzhen on January 8, 2011 at Shenzhen Marco Polo Hotel. Programme directors and coordinators delivered a presentation to the participants at the information session. Close to 80 participants attended the information session. A video conferencing session was also arranged and broadcast live to 12 different cities in China. The video conferencing provided a great opportunity to introduce our programmes to participants in different areas. It served as a platform for questions and answers. The event was a big success, with most of the visitors at the information counter showing an interest in our programmes.
The 18th Inauguration Ceremony of the Education Society was held on February 25, 2011 in Rayson Huang Theatre. This year’s Cabinet has chosen the theme “Everlasting Flame” to symbolize the passion with which they will be assuming their responsibilities. Dean, Professor Stephen Andrews, addressed the theme in relation to teaching and learning, and to the education profession. Professor Andrews took the “everlasting flame” metaphor to symbolize passion, which he stressed is in many ways the most important single quality that any teacher needs. To conclude, Professor Andrews said he looked forward to working closely with the Cabinet to ensure that they and the graduates are imbued with a passion for their future profession and that this passion will remain an “everlasting flame” throughout their professional lives.

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**Mr Tse Sik Yan** in support of the Faculty’s participation at the HKU100 Parade.

**The Delia Group of Schools** in support of Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research’s project.

**The Marden Foundation Limited** in support of Centre for Advancement in Special Education’s “The Marden Forum on Special and Inclusive Education and Rehabilitation” and “The 4th Symposium of the Asia-Pacific Professional Network for Inclusive Education”.

**The Yuen Long Town Hall Management Committee Ltd** in support of Centre for Advancement of Chinese Language Education and Research’s project.

**Widex Hong Kong Hearing and Speech Centre Ltd** in sponsorship for the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences’ development of audiological activities.
**BSc(SPEECH) Students’ Holistic Experience in Singapore**

Miss Beatrice Chan and Mr Morris Poon went to Singapore in August 2010 for clinical placements at Singapore Tan Tock Seng Hospital and Singapore National University Hospital respectively.

Beatrice learnt how to evaluate and implement instrumental measurements. By attending a meeting for professionals from different disciplines, including medical doctors, psychologists, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists, to discuss the progress and rehabilitation plans for each patient in the rehabilitation centre of the hospital, Beatrice was impressed by the effort physiotherapists and occupational therapists put into incorporating the communication techniques introduced by speech therapists in their sessions with each patient.

During the clinical placement at Singapore National University Hospital, Morris was given ample opportunities to practice reading case notes, implementing communication and swallowing assessments, reporting findings, writing case notes, designing management plans, providing treatments, observing instrumental assessments, etc. He was grateful that the clinical training equipped him to integrate his knowledge of anatomy and physiology into his work as a speech therapist.

**BEd(LibSt) Students’ Experience in Taiwan**

The study tour was organized by the Liberal Studies Services and Learning Network (LSSLN), a student support network formed by a group of Bachelor of Education (Liberal Studies) students in 2010. The study team visited the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) and the National Tsing Hua University (NTHU) from December 19-22, 2010. The study team also had a chance to meet and exchange with the academics in the Centres of General Education and pre-service teachers from these two universities.

The exchange trip offered Liberal Studies undergraduates a golden opportunity to learn more about the design and structuring of Liberal Studies/General Education in Taiwan universities. “Although the rationale and curriculum of Hong Kong’s Liberal Studies and Taiwan’s General Education may differ, from the sharing of the teaching staff and students, it is observed that both of the two universities have integrated a wider range of study areas and learning activities into the subject, in order to get a better achievement in all-rounded education. Their ways of organizing the subject are definitely a significant model that we could make reference to and learn from for the future development of Liberal Studies education” said Charles Mak, Academic Secretary of Liberal Studies Service and Learning Network.
The group showed keen interest in what is currently happening in the Faculty, and asked many questions about our activities, our programmes, and our students. They inevitably compared what they heard from me with what it was like 50 years ago – it was interesting to learn how much has changed, and how much has not! Towards the end of the dinner when they talked about their next reunion – they seemed to be meeting on an annual basis – I suggested meeting in the Faculty, and having dialogues with current students. They all accepted the suggestion with great enthusiasm.

When I left the dinner, I could not help but think about what my own golden jubilee of graduating from the School of Education (when I did my Cert. Ed. here, it was the School of Education) will be like. Will I be as energetic, and as keenly concerned about the Faculty and about education in Hong Kong as this group of truly remarkable and successful graduates? What a gratifying thought it will be at the golden jubilee meeting with my own fellow graduates that looking back into the past 50 years, I find that I have contributed what I have learned from my Cert. Ed. study to such a worthwhile course as education in Hong Kong!
No Limit to Learn and No End to Research
Sharing from Professor Sun Miantao [PhD 2003]

Professor Sun Miantao, who studied his PhD degree at the Faculty from 2000 to 2003, gave a speech at the Education Research Degrees Alumni Reunion on November 6, 2010. Professor Sun shared insights into his academic experiences during and after the pursuit of his doctorate at HKU. It was interesting that Professor Sun had been a professor and supervisor of PhD candidates for many years before his own study for a PhD degree. “Those rich harvests laid a solid basis for my subsequent academic development,” said Professor Sun.

To begin with, Professor Sun recalled his main academic experiences during his study at HKU. He mentioned his intensive English studies, as he had learnt Russian in junior and senior high school. The tough but productive learning and research also made him hard to forget. Besides the intense learning and research schedule, Professor Sun stated that his plentiful extra-curricular activities not only relaxed him both physically and mentally, but also helped him pour more energy into his study.

Professor Sun continued to share his academic path after his graduation from HKU. By taking on the job of building academic research and academic disciplines, Professor Sun has received several awards in both fields. In 2005, he was awarded the honourary title of “Provincial Outstanding Specialist of Liaoning Province” by the Liaoning Government. In 2008, he was awarded “The Leading Talent of Shenyang City” by the Shenyang Government.

Professor Sun concluded that after many years’ accumulation of academic research experience, especially following his graduation from HKU, his academic strengths and characteristics have been formed in the fields of Basic Theory of Educational Administration, Educational Policy and Law, Educational Administration, and Educational Effectiveness.

The Reunion Dinner and 7th Annual General Meeting of HKUEdAA

The Hong Kong University Education Alumni Association (HKUEdAA) held its 7th Annual General Meeting on December 11, 2010, followed by a Reunion Dinner at the Hong Kong University Alumni Association Club. A new Executive Committee was elected and the office-bearers are as follows:

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Shortly after the AGM, Dr Edwin Wong, Acting President of the Chinese University of Hong Kong – Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Community College was invited by HKUEdAA to share with its members his views on private tertiary education.
To our Staff:

Dr Alice Wong of the Division of Science, Mathematics and Computing and Professor Derek Hodson were awarded the 2010 Research Output Prize for “From the Horse’s Mouth: What Scientists Say About Scientific Investigation and Scientific Knowledge”, Science Education, 93(1), 109-130, 2009 (printed version).

Dr Felix Siu of the Division of Information and Technology Studies was awarded Faculty Distinguished Teacher Award 2009-2010.

The School-University Partnerships Team headed by Dr Tammy Kwan was awarded the 2010 Faculty Academic Staff Knowledge Exchange Award.

Crossing Borders in East Asian Higher Education, co-edited by Professor Gerry Postiglione was awarded “Best Book of the Year in Higher Education” by the USA Comparative and International Education Society.

Dr Ng Fung Ping and Dr Albert Chung’s The Biography of Leung Sing Boh, was awarded the “22nd Hong Kong Print Awards Distinguished Publishing Award, Genre (Biography)”. 

New Books

Early Childhood Care and Education in the Asia Pacific Region: Moving towards Goal 1
Authors Nirmala Rao
Jin Sun
Published by Comparative Education Research Centre and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

On the Learning of Chinese
Editors Ference Marton
Shek Kam Tse
Wai Ming Cheung
Published by Sense Publishers

The Changing Face of Education in Hong Kong: Transition into the 21st Century
Authors Allan H. K. Yuen
Nancy Law
Man Wai Lee
Yeung Lee
Published by Centre for Information Technology in Education, Faculty of Education, HKU

From Testing to Productive Student Learning: Implementing Formative Assessment in Confucian-Heritage Settings
Author David Carless
Published by Routledge
We are proud to tell that every year our academics successfully apply for General Research Fund grants to undertake projects in different disciplines. The Faculty received about 4.3 million dollars for the following new projects.

- Developing Information Literacy through an Inquiry Project with Web 2.0 by Dr Sam Chu
- Development and Validation of a Voice Assessment Protocol for Cantonese Children by Dr Estella Ma
- Evaluating Treatment Efficacy of Two Syntactic Treatment Procedures for Children with Specific Language Impairment (SLI): A Randomized Controlled Trial by Dr Carol To
- Integrating Culture and English Language Education at Senior Secondary Level in Hong Kong through Popular Cultural Texts by Dr Peggy Kong
- The Connections between Specific Language Impairment and Reading Disabilities in Cantonese-Chinese Children by Dr Amy Wong
- Understanding Rural Parental Involvement in Schooling: A Longitudinal Study of Rural Families in Gansu Province by Dr Peggy Kong
- What is the Essential Knowledge and Skills Learners Need in order to Engage in Active and Effective Use of Common Information Communication Technologies for Foreign Language Learning? by Dr Lai Chun

Long Service Award
We congratulate our administrative staff for their faithful service to the University.

For 25 years

Mr Carven Cheng
Ms Fanny Wong

For 15 years

Mr Dave Ho
Mr Anthony Lo
Ms Melody Ma

Welcome
We warmly welcome Dr Marie Ng Tan Hung, Assistant Professor and Dr Wang Ling, Post-doctoral Fellow, who joined the Division of Learning, Development and Diversity and the Division of Speech and Hearing Sciences respectively in January 2011.

Goodbye
We would like to express our gratitude and send our best wishes to Dr Wang Shiru, Post-doctoral Fellow of the Division of Policy, Administration and Social Sciences Education and Dr Zhu Yan, Research Assistant Professor of the Division of Science, Mathematics and Computing who left the Faculty. They have our highest blessings and, of course, will remain part of our global network.

To our Students:
2010 Faculty Student Knowledge Exchange Award
The Liberal Studies Service and Learning Network (LSSLN)

HKU Foundation Entrance Scholarship
Miss Li Wai Lam

HKU Foundation Scholarships for Outstanding Students
Miss Cheng Tsz Ting
Miss Koon Nim Ting

Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Scholarship (MEXT)
Mr Harry Chow Siu Fung

Li Po Chun Scholarships
Miss Beatrice Aimee Bik Yu Chan
Miss Liu Ching Yee
Mr Tsang Wai Chung

Sports Scholarship
Ms Pang Chi Ling
Ms Philip Michael To

Swire Scholarships
Ms Carrie Lau Gay Lei

The George William Hong Choy Memorial Scholarship
Mr Razi Raza Nasir

The University of Tübingen Summer Language Course Scholarship
Miss Cheung Kar Yan

University Postgraduate Fellowships
Miss Lin Feng
Miss Malhotra Neha Deepak
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<td>Workshop on “Using Putonghua as the Medium of Instruction in the Chinese Language Subject Classroom – Problems and Experiences”</td>
<td>LG06, Hui Oi Chow Science Building, HKU Enquiries: Miss Kwan (2241 5629 / <a href="mailto:pscconf@hku.hk">pscconf@hku.hk</a>) Website: <a href="http://www.hkpeac.hku.hk">http://www.hkpeac.hku.hk</a></td>
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<td>May 14, 2011 9:00am – 6:00pm</td>
<td>The 4th Symposium of The Asia-Pacific Professional Network for Inclusive Education “Comparative Perspectives on Inclusive Education: The Policy and Practice in Asia-Pacific Region”</td>
<td>Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU Enquiries: Dr Vicky Tsang (2857 8377 / <a href="mailto:klvtsang@hku.hk">klvtsang@hku.hk</a>)</td>
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<td>Rayson Huang Theatre, HKU Enquiries: Miss Natalie Tsui (2219 4246 / <a href="mailto:ntsui@hku.hk">ntsui@hku.hk</a>) Website: <a href="http://web.edu.hku.hk/seminar2011">http://web.edu.hku.hk/seminar2011</a></td>
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<td>The Signing Ceremony of the 6th Three-year Collaboration Agreement between The University of Hong Kong and The State Language Commission of China</td>
<td>Convocation Room, Main Building, HKU Enquiries: Ms Ho (2241 5679 / <a href="mailto:hkpeac@hku.hk">hkpeac@hku.hk</a>)</td>
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<td>CITE Research Symposium 2011</td>
<td>Main Campus, HKU and Rooms in Runme Shaw Building Enquiries: Ms Candy Leung (2857 8540 / <a href="mailto:cite@hku.hk">cite@hku.hk</a>) Website: <a href="http://citers2011.cite.hku.hk">http://citers2011.cite.hku.hk</a></td>
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<td>Policy Forum on Learning Research and Educational Policies</td>
<td>Robert Black College, HKU Enquiries: Ms Candy Leung (2857 8540 / <a href="mailto:policyforum@cite.hku.hk">policyforum@cite.hku.hk</a>)</td>
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<td>July 4 – 8, 2011 9:00am – 5:00pm</td>
<td>The 9th International Conference on Computer Supported Collaborative Learning (CSCL 2011)</td>
<td>Main Campus, HKU Enquiries: Ms Candy Leung (2857 8540 / <a href="mailto:cscl2011@cite.hku.hk">cscl2011@cite.hku.hk</a>) Website: <a href="http://www.isls.org/cscl2011/home.htm">http://www.isls.org/cscl2011/home.htm</a></td>
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<td>CSCL 2011 Post-Conference Activities in Mainland China: Research on Learning and Educational Change in China from a Global Perspective</td>
<td>Campuses of Beijing Normal University, East China Normal University and South China Normal University Enquiries: Ms Candy Leung (2857 8540 / <a href="mailto:cscl2011china@cite.hku.hk">cscl2011china@cite.hku.hk</a>) Website: <a href="http://www.isls.org/cscl2011/call4post-conf.htm">http://www.isls.org/cscl2011/call4post-conf.htm</a></td>
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