

while the pre-clinical, nursing and pharmacology materials are integrated with the University Library collection. The design of the Computer Workstations Area, installed with 30 networked computers, is both sophisticated and innovative. We were particularly impressed by the 24-hour Study Room which is equipped with 139 study carrels, wireless LAN and security surveillance. This 24 hour Study Room provides a comfortable area where students and on-call medical personnel can quietly study through the late or early hours. We also appreciated the energy saving and preservation provisions in the bound journals section. The motion-activated light in this section allows minimal lighting when not in use.



Li Ping Medical Library – Sophisticated Computer Workstations Area

Dr Colin Storey, the University Librarian, welcomed us when we arrived at the University Library for a guided tour. Large areas are dedicated to the Information Commons and the Computer Lab is equipped with networked computers for access to the Internet and application software for learning and research. Wireless LAN is also available in specific areas. Colourful sofas added to a delightful ambience for browsing the Library New Additions. Large relax chairs are placed at the entrance of the Reference Section for users to browse and read its rich collection of reference materials in comfort.

Of special interest is the Rare Book Room. Established in April 2002, it is home to rare western language books published before 1900 and a collection of over 850 titles (14000 volumes) of Chinese cultural heritage. This heritage collection includes

Chinese classical titles in traditional silk-stitched fascicles ranging from the Yuan Dynasty (1260-1368) to Qianlong reign period (1795) of the Qing Dynasty. Members were attracted to the Hong Kong Literary Collection, an archival collection of Hong Kong literature and artifacts.

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Ten minutes away from the Library, the Herbal Garden (see photo CU8) awaited us. The Herbal Garden was established in November 2002 by the School of Chinese Medicine (founded in 1998) as one of the educational facility to support research and teaching of Chinese Medicine. We

were introduced to the various species of herbs and their habitats. We were introduced to the medicinal value of various species of plants and many special herbal remedies.

textiles, baskets, pottery, etc. of different cultures were sold.

The tour ended with a scrumptious lunch at the Little Egret Restaurant in Tai Po Kau Interactive Nature Centre. The restaurant is named after the flock of little egrets which has been feeding regularly in the lagoon outside the restaurant. We enjoyed good food amidst the splendid natural beauty of the Nature Centre. Some members even managed to strike a bargain in the shops at the entrance of the restaurant where

The visit was a successful event and it provided an excellent opportunity for members to meet and engage in informal exchanges, and especially, update one another on the latest development in other libraries. Special thanks must be given to Ms Iris Sin, HKLA Programme Coordinator, for her superb coordination of transport and lunch.



Educational Tour of the Herbal Garden

Julia Chan

Spring Dinner and Trips to Chinese Medicine Library, Chinese Medicine Center and Chinese Medicine Clinic of the Hong Kong Baptist University. 6 February 2004

To celebrate the festive season of the Chinese New Year, members of the Medical, Health & Welfare Libraries Section gathered for a Spring Dinner on 6 February 2004 at the Renfrew Seafood Restaurant located in the Hong Kong Baptist University and took the opportunity to visit the Chinese Medicine Library, Chinese Medicine Center and Chinese Medicine Clinic, all located in the Hong Kong Baptist University Jockey Club School of Chinese Medicine Building.

The Chinese Medicine Library

occupies an area of 495 square meters and collects extensively, both in print and digital resources, to support the University's teaching, learning and research in Chinese medicine as well as the growing information demand in the development of Chinese medicine. We were impressed by the Multimedia and Study Room, equipped with AV equipment and computers to serve multi-functions for viewing AV materials, search CD-ROMs, access Chinese medicine databases and other electronic

resources available on the University network.

The Bank of China (Hong Kong) Chinese Medicine Centre was established in October 2003 and displays precious Chinese Materia Medica collected from all corners of the world. Members were fascinated by the display of various unique features of Chinese Materia Medica in Hong Kong including commonly used Chinese medicines, reputed and quality proprietary Chinese



Display of Chinese *Medicine* Treasures

medicines, potent/toxic Chinese medicines, herbal Chinese medicines originated in Hong Kong as well as animal originated medicines. In addition to broadening our knowledge on species of Chinese herbs, we learnt how to differentiate between genuine and fake items. The Centre also has a depository of over 3,000 cured medicinal herb specimens which can be searched and viewed from a computerized data storage and retrieval system.

The visit to the Chinese Medicine Clinic gave us an inside view of their operations and services offered. We were introduced to the various consultation services and given a brief tour of the well equipped facilities.

For example, the herbal dispensary is outfitted with modernized herbal brewing and packing machines and a temperature/humidity controlled herb storage room. Some members were already thinking of making a consultation appointment with the Clinic!

Like other previous trips, our visit was

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concluded with a "spring" dinner in the Renfrew Seafood Restaurant. Although the menu did not feature herbal cuisine, the food was nevertheless delicious and it was not at all pricey.

Everyone enjoyed the trip. Their experiences were enriched from the introductions, sights and the networking opportunities. We gratefully thanked Ms Liza Song, Librarian of the Chinese Medicine Library for her efforts and time in making the visits fruitful.

Julia Chan

Introduction to HKPL online databases and visit to Reference Library



Hong Kong Teacher-librarian Association (<http://hktla.school.net.hk/>) has arranged different activities between March and May to enhance professional development of teacher-librarians. On 6 March, HKTLA and Hong Kong Central Library jointly organized an activity called "Introduction to HKPL online databases and visit to Reference Library" (). Through this activity, teachers could know more about various reference resources provided by HKPL. As a result, teachers can guide students to utilize these resources of the public libraries more effectively and by which can also enhance students' self-learning abilities. ●●

Forthcoming Events

Workshops on Book Preservation

HKTLA and Hong Kong Teachers' Centre are co-organizing two workshops on "Book Preservation" to be held on 27 April and 8 May. ●●

<http://www.emb.gov.hk/hktc/index.asp>



School Visits:

Date: 15 May 2004

Wa Ying College

華英中學圖書館

Date: 22 May 2004

Wo Che Lutheran School

禾輦信義學校圖書館

Announcement

HKLA Council Members 2004

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Annual General Meeting 2003

The 45th Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Library Association was held on 11 December 2003 at the Prince Hotel, Tsimshatsui.

The President, Dr Anthony Ferguson began by highlighting the major events and achievements for the year, followed by the presentation of the audited statement of accounts and the election of the Honorary Auditor. Members then voted on proposed amendments to the Constitution regarding Membership. They approved the following amendments which will be implemented in 2004:



Flat rates for membership fees: \$250 for full members and \$150 for associate members

Section (a) of Article (iii) of Membership: "have acquired a qualification in librarianship or information studies recognized by the relevant official professional association of the country in which that qualification is validated. The qualification must be recognized by the Council as at a professional level of library or information work."

Section (b) of Article (iii) of Membership: "have completed formal education in librarianship or information studies and have obtained an academic qualification in library or information studies which is recognized by the Council and at the level of Bachelor's degree or higher."

Addition of sections (c) and (d) of Membership to create a path to Full Membership for Associate Members: "(c) in the case of Associate Members, have obtained a Bachelor's degree AND have completed five years of full-time practice in library or information work recognized by the Council AND have been registered as Associate Members of the Association for at least three consecutive years immediately prior to application for Full Membership. OR (d) in the case of Associate Members, have registered as Registered Teachers validated by the Government of Hong Kong AND have completed five years of full-time practice in library or information work recognized by the Council AND have been registered as Associate Members of the Association for at least three consecutive years immediately prior to application for Full Membership."

3 new council members were elected to join the HKLA Council in 2004. The highlight of the evening was the address by the Honorable Emily Lau Wai Hing, J.P., Legislative Councillor, and the theme of her talk was "The impact of Article 23 of the Basic Law on Freedom of Speech". The address was followed by a lively question and answer session.

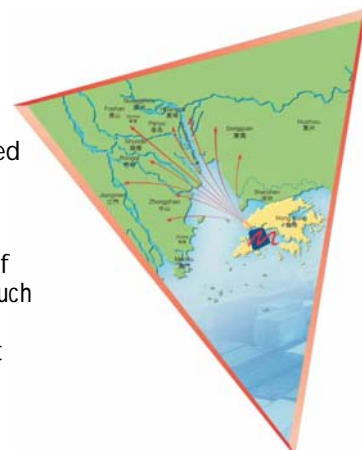
Ms Lau and Mr Allen Pang from Ernst & Young kindly presented prizes to the recipients of the H A Rydings Awards and the Heleni Linton Bursary. The AGM was concluded with the annual dinner, which was well attended by a record of over 110 participants.

News Corner

Cooperation with Libraries in the Pearl River Delta Region

Agreement has been reached for collaboration with public libraries in the Pearl River Delta Region including the Zhongshan Library, Shenzhen Library and the Macau Library:

1. A Guangdong-HongKong-Macau Library News Webpage will be posted in each of the library website;
2. Broadcast search of all the 4 libraries' OPAC will be available;
3. Web-based reference enquiry service. Links to email enquiry service of the four libraries will be established in the homepage of each library such that readers who are in need of information related to a particular region/city may have ready access to enquiry service provided by that region/city;
4. Exchanges of library publications and study visits of library staff.



New Library

The new Tung Chung Public Library, a small library located at the Yat Tung Estate at Tung Chung opens 3 April 2004.



Photographed by Clara



Discussion Board

Hong Kong schoollibrary.net (<http://librarian.school.net.hk>) established a school library discussion board in its website on 2 Jan 2004. The discussion board allows visitors to express ideas and share experiences on various topics concerning school libraries.



Street Naming Plans

Since October 2003, the Map Library of the Hong Kong Central Library has become a designated place for displaying Hong Kong's gazetted Street Naming Plans for public inspection.

Hong Kong Library Association Code of Ethics

- Recommended Draft Revision -

The purpose of this Code is to set out guidelines for ethical conduct expected of library and information personnel in Hong Kong. The Hong Kong Library Association believes in freedom of enquiry, thought and expression and in the free, uncensored flow of information. It is a fundamental principle that the primary duty of library and information personnel is to facilitate access to information to meet the requirements of their users.

In order to observe this general principle, library and information personnel should:

Responsibilities for the Collection

aim to acquire and preserve an appropriate and useful organised collection to meet the needs of users

organise and provide access to sources of information in order to make them available, regardless of distance

Responsibilities to Society

uphold freedom of enquiry and uncensored flow of information

uphold the principles of intellectual freedom

recognize and respect intellectual property rights

Responsibilities to the Users

protect and promote the rights of every user to have unhindered and equal access to information

aim to provide users with accurate, unbiased services at the highest level regardless of personal beliefs

respect and protect the privacy and confidentiality of users

provide efficient services particularly with respect to intellectual freedom

enable and promote any user education necessary to facilitate the use of information

provide any necessary instruction in the use of library facilities

recognise any changes to the information needs of users and take proactive action to satisfy their needs

Responsibilities to the profession

Professional excellence

strive for professional excellence

continually update and enhance knowledge and expertise

promote respect and networking among library and information professionals

enhance public understanding of the profession

Professional integrity

maintain high standards of professional integrity

not engage in conduct which could prejudice the standing of the profession

not advance their own personal interests at the expense of their employers, colleagues or user communities

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In order to be eligible for all these benefits, you are cordially invited to renew your HKLA membership as soon as possible. We would also like you to tell your friends and colleagues about our exciting programmes and invite them to join us as new members.

Membership renewal/application forms are available in PDF and Word format for downloading from the HKLA website (<http://www.hklib.org.hk/membership.html>)

Email is the most efficient way to keep in touch with the Association and fellow members. Please don't forget to put down your email address in your membership renewal/application form.

If you would like to change your personal particulars during the year, an online form is available at <http://www.hklib.org.hk/particulars.html>

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- . Discounts at Bookshops:
 - Hong Kong Book Center
 - Man's Book Company Limited
 - Swindon Book Company Limited

Applauds

Special thanks are due to Mr. Chow Wai Ming, Joe (HKLA Associate Member), for his support in the maintenance of the HKLA membership database and membership registration matters in the past three years.

Thank you for your support to the Association, and we look forward to seeing you in future HKLA activities.



Awards



Mr Lawrence Tam

Emerald Literati Club Award for Excellence

Mr Lawrence Tam, Deputy Librarian of the University of Hong Kong Libraries and Dr Grace Cheng, Executive Manager (Knowledge Management) of the Hospital Authority, both won an Award for Excellence from Emerald, a leading publisher, for their outstanding papers:

Award for Excellence 2003

Library Management. Vol. 23, Number 8/9, 2002, pp.369-377.

"Managing change: libraries and information services in the digital age".
Lawrence W H Tam and Averil C Robertson (University of Hong Kong)

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/literaticlub/winners/index.htm>

Award for Excellence 2002

New Library World. Vol. 102, Number 1, 2001, pp.26-33.

"The shifting information landscape: re-inventing the wheel or a whole new frontier for librarians". Grace Cheng. Hong Kong Hospital Authority, Hong Kong

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/literaticlub/whatsnew/2002awards/winners.htm>

Top Ten Healthy Website Award 2003

The Hong Kong Public Libraries' website (www.hkpl.gov.hk) was selected and honoured at the "Ten Healthy Websites Contest 2003" for providing healthy and interesting Internet content to the young people. The HK Public Libraries' website (www.hkpl.gov.hk) has recorded 5.8 million visitors and over 70 million hits in 2003.

Award was jointly organized by the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority and the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals.



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