Notes from the Librarian

Anthony Ferguson

ecently we introduced a number of organisational changes in the Libraries and I thought it might be good to use this space to discuss why they were made, and to give the campus community an idea of what changes are taking place.

- Why does the Libraries organisation need to change, anyway? The general answer to this is, when the community changes, we have to adapt to the new situation. The University of Hong Kong's environment has changed significantly in recent years:
- Local, regional and global competition for students and faculty
- A downturn in the economy internationally and a need by government to find ways of reducing its expenditures
- An emphasis on research as a means of succeeding in the competition for resources.
- Rapid growth in information and communications technology
- Changing expectations for libraries among our students, teachers, and administrators including the need for greater collaboration with other key IT players
- We now live in an instant gratification culture.
 Everyone now types words in a Google box when they need information and they get the answer in seconds and expect libraries to speed up as well.
- But are the proposed changes to our library appropriate? The changes being made address many of our more critical and immediate needs:
- 1. Consolidating the ILL and Circulation departments. Library departments throughout the world were typically built around different physical sets of records. This is no longer the case: Because the records for these two departments are on computers that can be consulted without regard to physical location, they can be consolidated. By

combining them we can get the same amount of work done but also redirect the efforts of a few staff to new functions.

- 2. Consolidation of the Acquisitions and Serials departments. By consolidating these two departments we can simply streamline how we acquire books and serials and take advantage of the skills of both sets of staff and free up a few staff for collection development work, remote storage work, and other needed new jobs.
- 3. Consolidation of Fung Ping Shan circulation, reference, and rare book retrieval functions with those provided by Main Library reference, circulation, and Special Collections. Originally, Fung Ping Shan was a separate library but when it outgrew its building it was moved into the new Main Library. At the time its services could have been consolidated with those of the Main Library but they were not. The result has been the growth of two parallel staffs within the same building. To provide students and faculty with the same hours and service as those enjoyed by Main Library patrons, we began allowing Main service desks to check out East Asian materials during evening and weekend hours. By consolidating FPS with the rest of the services in the Main Library we can free staff up for special East Asian materials cataloguing projects while still providing the same services as enjoyed in the past.

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4. We have converted seven old positions into new positions:

- Three new subject bibliographers. Annually we are adding 115,000 plus volumes. This involves a lot of work and the faculty clearly need more help than in the past in building the collection. We also need to expend more efforts to interview new and old faculty to understand their needs. The new bibliographers will also do assessment projects to determine where we need to build retrospectively and to meet new needs.
- Web Resources Selector/cataloguer. In the print world, if you bought it your users had immediate access to it. In the Web world, most of the information on the Web need not be purchased. Yet, because it is so plentiful, the good material is lost in the bad material. The creation of this new position will enable us to link to the top 1% of what is on the Web ourselves, and to take advantage of commercial and cooperative efforts taking place in other parts of the world to identify and link library users to the best of what the Web has to offer.
- Preservation Librarian. Our library is now maturing. With 2 million volumes and an aggressive collection development programme, we already have materials with preservation problems and we are purchasing older materials that come to us with preservation problems. A consultant from Cornell University recommended 37 major steps we should take to preserve our collections for future generations of users. The days when we could do without someone with this assignment are now past.
- Information Skills/Literacy Coordinator. Library use instruction has been with us for a long time but the complexity of resources available in today's libraries is much greater than in the past. We need a dedicated professional who will look at both the pedagogy of how to teach our faculty and students, and the content that must be taught, and help upgrade the quality of instruction given to our user community across campus.

• Archives and Records Management Librarian. We have always collected Hong Kong materials aggressively but we have not systematically gone after manuscript materials, e.g., the personal papers, correspondence, etc., of important people in Hong Kong. Getting these materials is work, indexing them is work, and housing them is work. Our library is now mature enough to go forward in this area. The University, moreover, is considering developing a records management programme. It is important that we position ourselves to be able to step forward and help shoulder this important responsibility.

Can we succeed and do we have the resources necessary to implement these changes? We are confident that we can be successful if we all pull together. These changes are the result of nearly a year's study by two consultants and ourselves. They will require little if any increased spending.

How will these changes benefit you?

We will provide the faculty with increased collection development support and a stronger focus on their information needs.

When users search Dragon for library materials they will be linked to the very best websites that support the needs of our own students and faculty.

Our collections will be preserved for today's and tomorrow's students and faculty.

Our students and faculty will receive improved information management skills training.

Our collections of unique Hong Kong University and community materials will be greatly enriched.

I would be glad to discuss these changes with members of the University of Hong Kong community.



As a crucial step to prepare for the reorganisation of the Libraries, a special retreat was held on 6 May 2003 for the Library Management Committee that comprised all department heads and branch librarians.

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Information overflow: too many books, too little space!

An update on the Libraries Storage & Relegation Master Plan

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As foreshadowed in earlier Focus articles <see Focus vol. 2, no. 3, Dec 2002> the Senate Library Committee approved Storage and Relegation Master Plan will be put into action over the summer months. Recent months have shown that our space problem will not go away and indeed has been exacerbated in the Main Library where it has become impossible to properly shelve monographs and serials in some areas. As proposed by the Plan the following will be transferred to our Hing Wai storage facility in Tin Wan, Aberdeen:

- Older, lesser-used monographs from the Main Library Ground Floor Compact Storage (behind the Circulation Counter), specifically those that have not circulated in the past 6 years AND whose publication date is pre-1975.
- Pre-1971 bound journals from the Ground Floor Compact Storage (behind the Circulation Counter).

Additionally, and following consultation with the Faculty of Science, it has been agreed to relegate to Hing Wai parts of the Science Bound Journal collection, specifically:

 Pre-1990 bound periodical volumes (as determined by the Faculty of Science Library Committee). We will consult with other Faculties later in the year on their priorities for relegation.

Following these moves we will move lesser-used monographs from the open shelves to the Main Library Ground Floor Storage where they can be immediately retrieved at the Circulation counter.

Our Commitments

We remain committed to providing the best possible access to the materials stored at Hing Wai. All HKU Libraries borrowers will be able to request material from the storage facility and prompt retrieval will be guaranteed. We will deliver monographs to your HKU library of choice and we will digitise and electronically deliver requested journal articles to your desktop.

For further information see the **HKU Libraries Storage** & Relegation website http://lib.hku.hk/storage/.

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On 15 May 2003, Ms Lu Ping (路平), Director of Kwang Hwa Information and Culture Center gave a talk on her book *A Journey too far* (行道天涯). Triggered by this photo (left) she spent eight years traveling around Moscow, Europe, Beijing, Shanghai, Macau and Hong Kong in search of the real Sun Yatsen and his revolutionary romance with Soong Ching-ling.



The Secretary for Security is not all about Article 23. Mrs Regina Ip shared her journey and insights on three books, A Room of One's Own by Virginia Woolf; Creating a Life: professional women and the quest for children by Sylvia Ann Hewlett; Lois Weber: the director who lost her way in history by Anthony Slide. All these books shared a common theme: the struggle of women for acceptance, freedom, independence, and achievements. When asked who her role model was, Mrs Ip said her mother has great influence on her, and described her as tough, supportive, and responsible.

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"I was amazed at how different Hong Kong was a century ago!" Such was the comment from a participant at the recent Book Talk Voices from the Past by Professor David Lung on 12

June. It was an evening of reminiscences of the colonial Hong Kong, accompanied with slide shows of historical Hong Kong, buildings of bygone era, and its unique heritage and culture. As Dr Elizabeth Sinn said, "What better place to host the Talk than at the Special Collections of the Libraries: this is where old Hong Kong newspapers - the most treasured materials for Hong Kong studies - are!"

Ridges Ornamentation of Hong Kong

The Main Library's March exhibition featured 90 photos of beautiful classic Chinese architectural elements - molded figures on roof ridges of different types found in Hong Kong. The collection is from Ms Ma So Mui.



Exhibition

Honour Mothers with Books

After the official launch of the Honour with Books by the Vice-Chancellor and Professor Jao Tsung-I, the Libraries launched a Mother's Day version of the programme in May. **Honour Mothers with Books** offers members of the Hong Kong community a unique way of showing appreciation to their mothers. With a \$500 gift, a commemorative bookplate bearing the name of the donor and the name of the honouree will be placed in a new book in the HKU Libraries' collection. It is a way to create a lasting tribute that will also enhance the HKU Libraries' collections. For details of the general programme, please visit http://lib.hku.hk/friends/honourwithbooks/.



Ten Notable Mothers Exhibiton

Professor Lap-chee Tsui, Vice Chancellor (left) and Professor Jao Tsung-I (right).



As a prelude to the Honour Mothers with Books Programme, the Libraries organised an exhibition on **Ten Notable Mothers** and **Vote for your Favourite Notable Mother**, both of which enjoyed rousing success.

The Programme culminated with a Celebration Party on 10 May 2003 coorganised with RTHK (Radio Television Hong Kong). More than four hundred people gathered at the Sun Yat-sen Plaza on that Saturday afternoon to learn about the experiences shared by guests-of-honour Mrs Nelly Fung, Ms Audrey Eu and Mrs Candice Chong. The programme also included tributes to mothers by HKU students and song of praise by the HKU Union Choir.

Re-visit the Party at:

http://lib.hku.hk/friends/honourwithbooks/mother.html

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Features inside the Celebration Party



HKU Union Choir performing a song of praise for mothers



HKU Students paying tributes to their mothers

Guests-of-honour the
Honour Mothers with Books
Celebration (left to right: Dr
Ferguson, the University
Librarian, Mr Philip Chow,
Director of RTHK Radio One,
Mrs Nelly Fung, Mrs Candice
Chong, Ms Gigi Leung, and
Ms Audrey Eu)



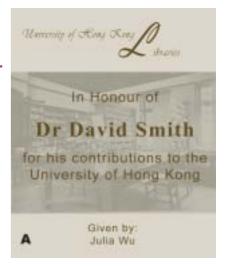


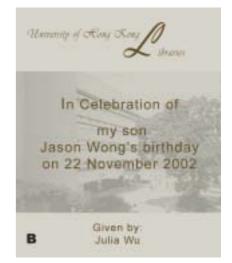
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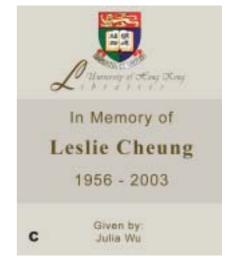
You can create a lasting tribute to a special person in your life by placing a bookpate in his or her honour in one newly purchased book in the subject area of your choosing. Your \$500 gift to the Honour with Books fund will enhance the excellence of the Libraries' collections, while honouring a loved one, student, friend, special teacher, or colleague.

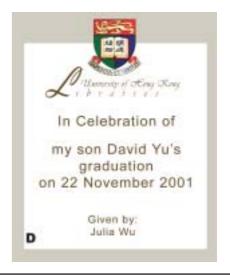
When you make your gift to the HKU Libraries Honour with Books fund, a letter of acknowledgement and a copy of the bookplate will be sent to you and to the honouree, or his or her family. This is a perfect tribute for graduations, professional honours, personal achievements, retirements, holidays, weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, and memorials.

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1st Annual Hong Kong University Libraries Leadership Institute

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On 27 March 2003, 12 HKU librarians joined 20 other senior library managers from the Mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong to attend the First Annual Hong Kong University Libraries Leadership Institute.

The five-day residential workshop was organised jointly by the University of Hong Kong Libraries, in conjunction with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Office of Leadership and Management Services (OLMS) and was held at the Harbour Plaza Resort City in Tin Shui Wai, New Territories. We are indebted to Culturecom Holdings Ltd who provided sponsorship for all Mainland participants. The event was largely delivered by the US based Association of Research Libraries (ARL) training staff, Barclay Ogden and Melanie Hawks, who had extensive experience in this area. They were assisted in part by two facilitators from HKUL, Dr Anthony Ferguson, the

The aim of the Leadership Institute is to provide library directors and senior librarians from the East Asia region with the unique opportunity to develop new skills in the volatile area of management and leadership in the information sector.

University Librarian and Peter Sidorko, Deputy Librarian.

While the Institute was built around the ARL's Library Management Skills Institute I, Hong Kong University Libraries staff worked closely with ARL staff to develop an extended programme suited to Asian library managers. The Institute focused on the individual manager's role in providing leadership within a complex and changing library environment. Feedback from participants indicate that the event was much needed and a great success.

Further coverage of the event can be found on the Library's webpage http://lib.hku.hk/leader/index.html.



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being formulated by the Libraries to cope with similar outbreaks in the future, the goal being to ensure that disruption to our services is kept to the minimum.

Special thanks must go to our frontline colleagues and cleaning team for their extra efforts in meeting the extraordinary challenges posed by SARS, and to our users for their cooperation in wearing face masks in the Libraries.

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What's in an E-Book? Unfolding HKUL's e-book strategy

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The Libraries started to acquire the first e-books three years ago from netLibrary. Since then, collections of e-

books by subject categories, such as *Early English Books Online (EEBO)*, have begun to enter the market. What is HKUL's e-book strategy?



In the selection of e-books, the Libraries is placing priorities on:

- Heavy demand items that students want to read, e.g. titles selected for reading lists and high demand textbooks
- Core subject or reference collections, especially materials that become obsolete quickly
- Collections of monographs and textbooks from leading academic publishers, e.g. Oxford University Press and Wiley. Electronic textbooks suited for undergraduates' needs could provide valuable option in substituting the need to purchase multiple copies
- Subject areas where there is high IT awareness, e.g. business and management, IT, e-commerce

Some of the perceived benefits of e-books are similar to the benefits of full text electronic journals for libraries:

- To facilitate 24/7 access, particularly beneficial for part-time and distance learners
- text fully searchable
- · improved quality and currency of materials
- savings of staff-time on routine maintenance, e.g. cost on shelving and replacing lost or damaged items
- vendor's usage statistics to aid in collection development and management.

Library's notable e-book acquisitions

One of our most significant recent e-book acquisitions is the **CCDMHK** (Dartmouth, Cornell, Columbia, Middlebury and Hong Kong Consortium) **netLibrary collection**, which gives access to about 20,000 titles by over 400 publishers in different subject areas, such as business and management, medicine, biology and life sciences. Most of these ebooks are of current contents, with most titles being published in the last five. The CCDMHK collection is integrated with the existing HKU netLibrary collection. Users can access this fascinating e-book resource by going to http://www.netlibrary.com via our secure network.

To explore what is available, go to the <u>HKUL homepage</u> and select **E-Books**. You may also search for specific titles in the <u>Dragon</u> catalogue. To find out more, keep your eyes open for the e-book activities that the Libraries is holding this September!

MOST COMMON E-BOOKS PURCHASING MODELS

- Acquired for perpetual access This model is found to be desirable for "works that will be used over a long period of time. Disciplines in the humanities and social sciences are well suited for [this] purchase model."
 - a. By individual title selection
 - b. By subject "bundle" or collections
- Leased or subscription model in which a fixed annual cost is paid to access content. This model is more suited for disciplines that undergo rapid changes and development, such as computer science, business, and IT, as well as reference works.
- OCSU e-Book Pilot Project Final Report Executive Summary, Mar 2002. URL: http://www.calstate.edu/SEIR/eBk_FINAL_RPT/eBk_Final_Rpt_Exec_Sum.shtml Viewed: May 6, 2003.

Other notable e-book collections that the Libraries recently acquired include:

ebrary Ebrary	A multi-disciplinary collection of 14,000+ titles from about 150 publishers. Features supported include personalised bookshelves and annotations.	
Knovel	A collection of over 400 interactive engineering and scientific handbooks from publishers such as CRC Press and McGraw-Hill.	
Safari Tech Books Online	This collection provides access to over 370 IT books, including imprints such as Peachpit Press, Que and Sams, and Prentice Hall PTR.	
InteLex InteLex Past Masters	Comprises authoritative editions of works by major philosophical figures such as Marx and Engels. Areas covered include economics, the history of political thought and theory, education and history.	

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Talking about ... newspapers & journals

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Your favourite newspapers ... It's all in the speed!

Positive comments from users have been pouring in since the Libraries switched to NewspaperDirect service for the delivery of **The Times** newspaper. This has prompted us to switch another newspaper **The New York Times** to this new service. NewspaperDirect service makes use of the power of the Internet and the latest advances in digital printing in its proprietary technology to print daily newspapers on-demand, anytime, anywhere. We hope you enjoy the benefit of speedy delivery of news made possible by technology!

Bound Journals to receive barcodes

The Libraries has been investigating the feasibility of itemising the inventory of its bound journals, the existing stock being more than 480,000 volumes, by adding barcodes. Itemising will help improve services such as enabling users to check the circulation status of individual bound journal volumes, facilitating circulation, inventory check, and keeping track of journal usage in a more effective way. This summer, the Libraries will begin to add barcodes to all newly bound journal issues. For journals already held in the Libraries, barcodes will be added retrospectively in phases.



From the bit bucket

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HKU Libraries is developing a new project called My-Library@Hand. It will be based upon the recently released HKUL MyLibrary http://my.lib.hku.hk> which allows users to personalise their use of all HKUL electronic resources.

MyLibrary@Hand will add clients for use on PDAs, programmes for one-stop searching across multiple dis-parate databases, selective dissemina-tion of information, and other enhancements which we hope and expect will facilitate greater access and more ease of use. As a part of this new programme, the Lib-raries expects that vendor will offer PDAs to HKU students and staff under discount terms. MyLibrary@Hand will debut in the coming academic year.

Journal use

The journal use study continued in March through April 2003 with the same technique used for data collection. To view the *Table of Use by Department*, please go to http://lib.hku.hk/general/focus/jun03/journal01.pdf> and *Cumulative Statistics for Mar-Apr 2003* to http://lib.hku.hk/general/focus/jun03/journal02.pdf>.

Extended services for Circulation

Library renewals extended to 5 times

With immediate effect, all categories of library users may renew all types of library materials on loan to them for five times, provided the materials have not been previously recalled or requested by another user. The revised borrowing privilege is intended to further demonstrate the Libraries' support for the teaching and research needs of all users.

Interbranch return service

With immediate effect, users may return books of normal loan periods of 30 or 60 days to any HKU Libraries circulation counters or book drops. This new interbranch returns service is intended to offer greater convenience to users. It, however, excludes short loans of 14 days or less, i.e. journals, audio-visual materials, pamphlets and reserves.

For enquiries, please call 2859-2202 or email maincir@lib.hku.hk.



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Special Collections

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Recent Donations

The Special Collections continues to receive book donations from various sources. More than 30 boxes of company papers and annual reports were received from the Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd. in the last few months. Also received from Professor Brian Morton of the Deptment of Ecology and Biodiversity were about 70 volumes of Ocean Park documents. They include Board of Directors reports, annual reports, papers on strategic planning, public relations activities, master budget plans, tender/quotation, and marketing reports.



Spotlight on treasures

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《一切如來心秘密全身舍利寶篋印陀羅尼經》

[索書號 特 221.95 30]

The Amita Sutra

Also known as "Sutra of Amita Buddha". Written in the form of a discourse by Shakyamuni to Shāriputra and others at the Jetavana Monastery, it describes the blessings of Amita Buddha and his Pure Land of Perfect Bliss in the western region of the universe. It further asserts that one can attain rebirth in this Pure Land by relying on Amita. Subsequently the Buddhas in the six directions are described as bearing witness to the truth of Shakyamuni's teaching.

English text adopted from A Dictionary of Buddhist Terms and Concepts (Tokyo: Nichiren Shoshu International Center, 1983), pp. 10-11.

《一切如來心秘密全身舍利寶篋印陀羅尼經》一卷,唐釋不空所譯,宋開寶八年(975),五代吳越國王錢俶刊刻本,卷軸裝,館藏屬複刻珍品。卷首刻「天下兵馬大元帥吳越國王錢俶造此經八万四千卷,捨入西関塼塔,永充供養。乙亥八月日紀.」三行記文,次刻仕女(指王妃)禮佛圖 (5.8 x 7公分),其次是經文。開端頂真格題「一切如來心秘密全身舍利寶篋印陁[陀]羅尼經」,卷末題「寶篋印陁羅尼經」。

Local School Publications

During April and May, efforts were made to contact primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong to solicit their school magazines, newsletters, commemorative and anniversary publications. More than a hundred schools have responded so far and have sent in their publications. More is expected to arrive in the coming months. We would like to thank the support of these schools whose contributions have greatly enhanced our primary source materials in the area of education in Hong Kong.

Hong Kong materials ... Do you have anything to donate?

All this time the University Libraries has enjoyed the wonderful support of faculties, alumni and friends in the establishment of its Hong Kong Collection, a unique archival collection devoted to all aspects of Hong Kong. We need your continuous support to build up the collection. If you would like to consider donating your personal collection of Hong Kong materials or manuscripts, please contact the Special Collections Librarian.

另有朱文手跡一行題:「唐三藏沙門大廣智不空譯」於框外。原卷前加小橫披,後附三款題識及且住老人年七十三時朱 筆抄之《佛說阿彌陀經》全篇。

譯者不空(705-774)為北印度人,婆羅門種。自幼隨叔來華,年十五拜金剛智為師,習密宗。唐開元年間曾赴印度和師子國(今斯里蘭卡)尋密藏梵本,唐天寶五年(746)回中國,一生共譯經典111部,與鳩摩羅什、真諦、玄奘並稱爲中國佛教史上的四大譯師。《陀羅尼經》大意述說佛陀赴大婆羅門無垢妙光住所,途中見一古朽塔,於是繞之禮敬,有感垂淚,隨後微笑,見十方諸佛亦同時大放光明,照耀此塔。佛陀又應金剛手菩薩所請,口授陀羅尼經,接著即有七寶自朽塔湧出。1924年9月25日,埋藏此經之雷峰塔竟然倒塌,事類經中故事,可算巧合。



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顯識

- 卷前加有隸書「恭敬供養」四字中鋒橫披乙幅,左端直書「暢清老居士」,右端署「癸卯夏虛雲拜題」,紙屬灑金。
- 2. 卷末處先連有陳姓題識六行於絹上:「謹按塔中藏經紀年爲乙亥八月正,宋藝祖[即宋太祖,古稱"太祖"爲"藝祖"]開寶八年,於民國十三年甲子八月二十七日(後六小字旁註,即陽曆9月25日)是塔傾圮,歷時九百五十餘年.塔爲吳越王黃妃造,故雷峰塔亦稱黃妃塔.」
- 3及4. 終端爲且住老人分別於壬辰 (1952) 癸卯 (1963) 所撰附語,前謂:「壬辰四月二十六日敬謹書成,筆秃 朱滯雙行夾寫,眼花手硬,未能恭楷,彌疚于心,不知斯卷留 世幾何耳且住老人時年七五」;後墨誌:「癸卯冬月廿 六日,謹將此卷轉貽祖章居士同參,倂其精拓此經,敬奉供 養,藉增善緣. 且住時年八六」

印章

虚雲、陳枝功盡刑壽恭敬供養、陳大、且駐老人、枝功六十 後寫經之記、在家古稀僧、一切有□□如夢幻泡影如露亦如 電應作如是觀,及居士念佛坐像紅印等共八個印章。



辨證

虚雲所題疑非著名的虛雲和尚(殁.1959)。對以因別冊真跡書影,發現印章有別,書體筆鋒亦不同。題「癸已」,即1953年,是年虛雲大師114歲,常抱恙。此卷上之墨蹟甚是剛勁亮麗,信非一老病衲所能及。

附錄:雷峰塔小史

塔在浙江省杭州市西湖南岸南屏山麓夕照山上,山峰原名中峰,因曾有雷姓人氏隱居此地,故又稱雷峰。高於海拔約85米, 塔建於北宋開寶八年(975)是吳越王錢俶爲慶祝妃子黃氏生子而築,故又名「黃妃塔」。因地處城西關外,故又稱「西關磚塔」。初建時,塔身高五層,八角形,爲樓閣式的磚木混合結構,金碧翬飛,重檐高翹,雄偉壯麗,構成西湖十景中有名的「



「雷峰夕照]

雷峰夕照」。塔內有《華嚴經》的石刻,塔下供有十六尊羅漢。傳說《白蛇傳》中的白素貞娘娘就曾被法海和尙壓在塔下,雷峰塔即伴著這故事而聞名遐邇。明嘉靖年間 (1522-1566) 曾疑有伏倭潛塔中,官兵下令焚塔,

結果剩下20米高的赭色巨大塔心屹立山上,這殘塔形如老衲, 聳峙400餘年, 惜於1924年9月25日下午1時40分許倒坍, 在塌磚中發現木刻《寶篋印經》經卷,經文開頭即寫著:

「天下兵馬大元帥吳越王錢弘俶造.此經八萬四千卷,舍入西 關磚塔,永充供奉,亥八月日紀」。乙亥即北宋開寶八年, 爲建塔的重要資料。

有傳說將塔磚磨成粉末,可以治病和安胎,令迷信的人蜂擁 挖取,更有人挖取經卷及敲碎磚頭圖財,所以在未倒下前己 不時被人破壞。塌下當日更是群情洶湧,杭州話"金""經" 二字發音難辨,雷峰塔磚塊藏經訛傳成藏金,

引至上千上萬的人來搶金,結果把不少原好的五代經卷文物 也糟蹋在腳下。

爲使西湖十景不缺,政府現已重建新的鋼架雷峰塔。遊人登 臨,塔的滄桑當會是動聽的一頁。

張慕貞撰文並圖,尹耀全編

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An authentic account of an embassy from the king of Great Britain to the emperor of China ... together with a relation of the voyage undertaken ... / taken chiefly from the papers of ... the Earl of Macartney ... Sir Erasmus Gower ... and other gentlemen ... of the embassy, by Sir George Staunton. London: W. Bulmer and Co. for G. Nicol, 1798. 2nd ed., corr. [extra-illustrated] in 5 vols

Call number ULB 951.074 S79 a

Mrs Dorothea Scott, former University Librarian (1951-1960), once prized this five-volume set as the most valuable title of the Libraries' rare book collection. The volumes bear the bookplate of R. H. Alexander-Bennett, and the stamp of A. W. Bahr, who is said to have acquired the set from a descendant of Lord Macartney. The set is believed to have been Lord Macartney's own copy.

Sir George Leonard Staunton (1737-1859) was appointed Secretary to the first British embassy to China, under the leadership of Lord Macartney, set sail from Portsmouth on 26 September 1792 and returned on 6 September 1794. On his return, Staunton produced the official account of embassy, An Authentic Account of An Embassy from the King of Great Britain to the Emperor of China (London: G. Nicol, 1797), taken chiefly from the papers of the First Earl of Macartney, Ambassador and Sir E. Gower, Commander of the Expedition in the years. The two volumes of text with engravings and a folio volume of plates, produced in 1797, depict the diplomatic mission from King George III of Great Britain to the Qianlong Emperor of China, containing the various circumstances of the Embassy, with accounts of customs and manners of the Chinese and a description of the country, towns and cities.

This second corrected edition of 1798 in our rare collection had been enlarged to five volumes of folio size. The text is inlaid throughout, the plates from the original folio volume are bound with the text, and there are 210 extra illustrations in colour, mostly on rice paper. These were probably specially commissioned by Lord Macartney or a member of his embassy, and include a portrait of the Emperor Qianlong, which is presumed to be unique. Others include 90 illustrations of flowering plants; there are also moths, fish, birds, street sellers and portraits of spirits and mythological beings.

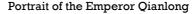
This five-volume set of gems is kept in a fire-proof safe in the Fung Ping Shan Library. For enquiries, please approach the Special Collections counter.



A Chinese Military Post



A View of the front of the hall of audience at the palace of Yuen-men-yuen





Flowers of Cotton Tree

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Branch updates



Dental Library

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SARS exhibiton

In view of the Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) outbreak, the Dental Library has set up information bulletin boards. Through this bulletin board, users can be kept abreast of the development for current awareness or for research interest. Updated guidelines, research articles and news highlights are posted and updated daily.

Journal Use Study

Beginning mid-April 2003, the Dental Library is conducting a use study of our journal collection. Through this survey, we hope to develop a collection that will be more responsive to the rapidly changing information needs of faculty and students.



Education Library

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Freshened Up!

During the Easter break, the carpets in the office and public areas of the Education Library were thoroughly shampooed and cleaned. Besides the clean carpets, users are treated to a pleasant study environment with refreshing air from our improved ventilation and air-conditioning system.

Collection reorganisation

The entire education journals collection (mainly gift titles) was transferred from the Education Library to the Main Library. The freed up space now accommodate the Education examination papers and syllabuses. As a result of a rearrangement of the library materials, more shelving space in the books collection area has been made available for future growth.



Music Library

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A new Super Audio Compact Disc (SACD) player.

A SACD player has also been added to the Listening Room for discerning users to enjoy the superb sounds of the newly acquired SACD titles.

Donations

EMI (Hong Kong) has donated one set of the Beatles Anthology DVDs to the Music Library prior to its worldwide official release.

Another notable donation from Professor Bell Yung included DAT tapes on the Uncle Ng Research Project. Uncle Ng Sheng-chi was the first Chinese American to receive the prestigious National Heritage Fellowship for his outstanding Muk-Yu (wooden fish) songs. Muk Yu is one genre of narrative songs popular among local rural folks for more than 300 years.

Mr. Kwan Wing-keung donated another 34 titles to the Music Library. Mr. Kwan has donated a total of 503 titles to date.



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Law Serials Review 2003 tackles print-electronic duplicates in LexisNexis & Westlaw

In an attempt to make the most efficient use of shrinking resources, as well as to address space and manpower issues, the Library together with the Faculty Library Committee conducted a Serials Review, focussing on print subscriptions which duplicate with electronic formats available on two of the most commonly used legal online services, LexisNexis and Westlaw.

With the exception of Hong Kong and Asia related materials, more than 70 print subscriptions were identified for cancellation. Most of these resources are law journals and law reviews, but these will continue to be available electronically via the Libraries' subscription of LexisNexis and Westlaw.

Click here to view lists of print subscriptions for cancellation

In lieu of browsing hard copy journals in the Library, faculty members are encouraged to make use of electronic clipping services ECLIPSE™ (in Lexis.com) and WestClip™ (in Westlaw) to keep track of new articles published in journals of their interest areas.

For information on **ECLIPSE**™, visit:

http://www.lexisnexis.com/currentawareness/eclipse/ default.asp

For information on **WestClip™**, visit:

http://west.thomson.com/store/product.asp?product% 5Fid=WestClip

WsetClip™ Quick reference guide can be viewed at: http://west.thomson.com/documentation/westlaw/ wlawdoc/billing/wclwlc2b.pdf



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What's Up With SARS?

SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) has caused a plethora of news and research and publications to emerge since its outbreak.

The Medical Librarian has created a new web page http:// www.lib.hku.hk/medlib/sars/ for SARS information which includes links to high quality resources including guidelines, journal articles, news, and links to health organizations around the world. Special efforts have been put in to retrieve articles from online biomedical databases. Anyone who is interested in researching on SARS and related matters can have free access to the resources on this web page. It is hoped that this effort provides a convenient platform for access to pertinent scientific information and publications and help contribute to the global research on SARS.

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HKU joins BioMed Central

HKU, through the Libraries subscription, has recently become an institutional member of **BioMed Central**. This is great news for all of science and medical researchers for a number of reasons.

The BMC institutional membership grants staff and students at HKU the right to publish an unlimited number of research papers in BioMed Central journals without paying publishing fees or page charges.

HKU community will benefit from the free and open access to research papers, peer-reviewed biological/medical articles published with BMC.

Under the terms of our membership, BMC has also created an institutional member's page just for us where titles of any research papers published in BMC's journals that have originated at HKU can be listed. Please see http://www.biomedcentral.com/inst/39413.

All staff and researchers are encouraged to submit articles to BioMed Central. The list will be added to as your new research is published.

Instructions on how to submit a paper can be found at http://www.biomedcentral.com/manuscript/

"Sync or swim"

The Medical Library organized a video presentation on PDA use in health care on 15 March 2003 at HKU Faculty of Medicine Building for Hong Kong Library Association members. The presentation was followed by a demonstration of handheld products by Lexi-Comp Inc. and Ovid Technologies Inc.

The video programme is part of the Medical Library Association (U.S) Continuing Education program. Attendees from health sciences libraries are eligible to claim 2 1/2 CE contact hours for the AHIP (American Health Information Professional) certificate.

EndNote demo

EndNote is a bibliographic software to create and organise bibliographic references. A demonstration on using EndNote was held on 29 April 2003 at the Medical Campus. An overwhelming response, despite the SARS outbreak, was received from staff, students, researchers from medical and nursing departments, Queen Mary Hospital and students in basic sciences.

Fung Ping Shan Library

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New service points

On 2 July 2003, the reference/circulation services counter on the 5/F of Fung Ping Shan Library ceases operation to deploy staff to provide a more efficient service to our users. Users can now visit the following counters at the Main Library:

- Circulation Counter (G/F) for loans of large books from the closed stacks
- Reference Counter (G/F) for reference enquiries including the use of reference CD-ROMs
- Special Collections Counter (1/F) to request materials from the Chinese Rare Book Room and for circulation of maps and pamphlets.

Book displays

Fung Ping Shan Library continues to create book displays on selected works of well known Chinese authors in the 5/F reading area for our users to learn more about the variety of works by an author. Recent displays included Bai Xianyong (白先勇) (1-30 April 2003) and Ba Jin (巴金) (26 May-25 June 2003).

Donation

Fung Ping Shan Library gratefully received the following donations:

- 40 cartons of books belonging to the late Dr Lau Taikwan (劉大鈞醫生) from Mrs Rosa Lau.
- 42 cartons of books, mostly thread-bound, from Ms Luo Weikun (羅維坤).
- 47 cartons of books from Mr Colin Lew (廖廣廉).

An Evening of Celebration: Fung Ping Shan Library 70th Anniversary

On Friday 13 June 2003 more than 120 guests gathered at the historic Fung Ping Shan Building to witness opening of the exhibition "The Fung Ping Shan Building: an Early Hong Kong Chinese Library and Museum" and the launching of the commemorative publication "The Annotated Bibliography of Rare Books in Fung Ping Shan Library, HKU".

Jointly organised by the Fung Ping Shan Library and the University Museum and Art Gallery, the ceremony was officiated by Dr. Robert Fung and Mr. Kenneth Fung (both are family members of the donor, the late Mr Fung Ping Shan), Professor Tsui Lap-Chee, Professor Jao Tsung-i, Professor C.Y. Sin, Dr Michael Lau and Dr Anthony Ferguson.

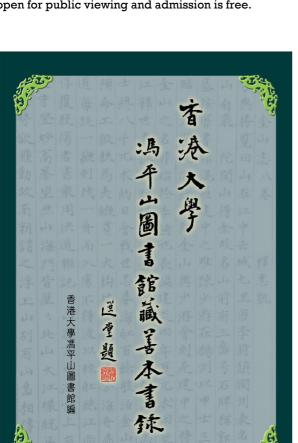


The Fung Family and Dr Ferguson, University Librarian (right)

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During the ceremony Dr Robert Fung re-collected his first impression of the Fung Ping Shan Building when he accompanied his father, the late Sir Kenneth Fung, to visit an exhibition in 1939, and he assured the audience of the Fung Family's continuing support to Fung Ping Shan Library. Professor Jao also talked about his participation in the "Guangdong Relics" exhibition, held in 1940 at the Fung Ping Shan Library, his involvement in acquiring Chinese rare books from Jia Ye Tang (嘉業堂) for the Library in the 1950s, and his compilation of the first annotated bibliography of rare books in the Library in the 1960s. The ceremony was concluded by a note of thanks by Dr. Ferguson and presentation of souvenirs by the VC.

The exhibition will continue until 14 September. It is open for public viewing and admission is free.



University of Hong Kong Libraries Publications No.19

To celebrate its seventieth anniversary, the Fung Ping Shan Library cooperated with the Hong Kong University Press to publish An Annotated Bibliography of Rare Books in Fung Ping Shan Library, The University of Hong Kong (香港大學馮平山圖書館藏善本書錄). Based on the 1970 bibliography compiled by Professor Jao



Dr Robert Fung (left) and Professor Lap-chee Tsui, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong



Professor Jao Tsung-I signing the newly published *Bibliography* at the launching ceremony

Tsung-i, this 544-page updated edition lists a total of 704 titles of the most valuable and rare items from a collection of 11,327 volumes. Some of these rare books are printed in Song and Yuan dynasties. The books are classified by the traditional Chinese classification scheme: "Jing (經)", "Shi (史)", Zi (子)", Ji (集)" and "Cong (叢)".

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to members of the Fung family, namely Mr. Lawrence Fung, Dr Robert Fung, Mr. Kenneth Fung, Mr. Cyril Fung and Ms Angela Fung, for financing the publication of this annotated bibliography. Proceeds from the sale of the bibliography will go to an endowment fund for the development of Fung Ping Shan Library.

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Staff news

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One more role for the Librarian

Dr Anthony W. Ferguson was appointed the University's Acting Director of IT in Learning to coordinate a wide range of activities designed to maintain and enhance IT provisions and infrastructure crucial to the University's teaching and learning environment. He will also help develop a "Knowledge Hub" on campus.

Promotions

Effective 1 May 2003

Mr Chan Wai Ming was promoted to Assistant Librarian I (Cataloguing).

Dr Ku Kam Ming was promoted to Assistant Librarian I (Systems).

Ms Tina Yang was promoted to Assistant Librarian II (Reference).

Ms Winnie Lam was promoted to Temporary Assistant Librarian II (Fung Ping Shan Library/Serials)

New appointments

Effective 28 April 2003

Miss Wong Fung Yan was appointed as Library Assistant II (Special Collections).

Additional qualifications

Mr Lai Chung Kin was awarded the Certificate of Attendance for having successfully completed the course in *Intermediate Electrical Techniques* in March 2003.

Ms Averil Robertson (Assistant Librarian, Cataloguing) was admitted to the Register of the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP)

Professional activities

Dr Y.C. Wan (Fung Ping Shan Librarian) attended the Second International Conference of Institutes & Libraries for Chinese Overseas Studies in Chinese University of Hong Kong during 13-15 March 2003. He gave a presentation entitled Research materials on Chinese Overseas at the University of Hong Kong Libraries.

Publication

Lai KKY, Chan JLY, Lai KKT, Schmer G, Fritsche TR.

Sir Patrick Manson: good medicine for the people of Hong Kong. Hong Kong Med J 2003 Apr;9:145-7.

Visits

Ms Angela Ko (Assistant Librarian II, Fung Ping Shan Library/Acquisitions Department) joined a staff exchange programme and visited Fudan University Library (復旦大學圖書館) in Shanghai from 23 March to 17 April. During her stay in Shanghai, she also visited Shanghai Library (上海圖書館), Shanghai Jiaotong University Library (上海交通大學圖書館), Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences (上海社會科學院), East China Normal University Library (華東師範大學圖書館), Jiaye Library (嘉業圖書館) and Zhejiang Provincial Library (浙江省圖書館).

Staff development

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As a precautionary measure to prevent SARS infection, many staff development activities such as talks and classes originally scheduled for March and April were postponed. Following the resumption of normal classes in the University, we picked up the speed of training in May.

Booster programme for quality service delivery

In order to maintain the momentum built up by the quality service delivery workshops conducted last year, the firm of Lau, Wong & Associate provided a booster programme for all department heads on 21 May. By means of plenary sessions, discussions and team activities, participants were able to share application stories, learn how to lead in a flexible manner and exchange views on handling different types of employees.

IT training

As a major part of its staff development efforts, the Libraries has joined with the Computer Centre to organise a series of IT training courses for staff recommended by various library departments. The first few topics offered in May covered popular software such as Flash, Microsoft Access and Word. To cope with the different needs of library staff, linkage to some useful free online tutorial websites has also been provided o the Staff Development webpage of the library intranet.

In the future, more IT training will be arranged in flexible formats such as lunchtime mini-seminars and on-the-job training. A special online staff training taskforce has also been set up to develop standards and to implement a plan to migrate printed staff training materials to a self-study mode so that staff members can learn or refresh their skills on their own. It is hoped that the increased IT literacy among staff members will help improve the service and productivity of the Libraries.

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Staff exchange

Following on from her previous experience gained from the staff exchange programme with the Peking University Library last year, Ms Angela Ko (Assistant Librarian II, Fung Ping Shan Library/Acquisitions Department) joined an exchange programme with the Fudan University Library (FUL) this March/April, staying there for four weeks. Ms Ko had the opportunity to work in the Acquisitions Department of the FUL and to visit other departments of the Library. Participants have all found the exchange programmes an eye-opener to the working and living culture of the Mainland. Their experiences will no doubt further develop future collaboration between HKUL and participating libraries.

Selected notable acquisitions

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China financial news (中國財經報刊數據庫)

Shenzhen: Shenzhen ju ling xin xi ji shu you xian gong si, 1996-

China Financial News has been developed under the auspices of China Securities Regulatory Commission to provide online access to more than 1 million journal articles and news clippings from some 300 leading Chinese financial publications, mostly published in mainland China since 1991. Information provided ranges from economic data, business news, hot topics from the stock markets, news of political leaders and prominent people in the financial markets, to more in-depth research analyses on listed companies prepared by securities companies. Full-text of four major securities newspapers, namely China Securities (中國證券報), Securities Times (證券時報), Shanghai Securities News (上海證券報) and Securities Daily (證券日報) are also available.

DentiL continuing education on CD-ROM

Queensland, Australia; University of Queensland Dental School / Knowledge Books and Software, 2001-

DentiL offers a CD-ROM multimedia continuing education course for dentists. It serves the purpose of helping practising dental professionals develop and maintain the rapidly changing set of critical skills demanded by today's (and tomorrow's) operations by offering a range of important & interesting topics of CE courses extending across office management, dental technologies and clinical practice. DentiL is a new concept in self-directed learning — the practitioner learns from tackling clinical cases on each CD-ROM at their own pace and with the benefit of tutorials from experts in the field. Over time, they will build up an extensive case library which will be a valuable resource when faced with a challenging clinical situation. It can be accessed through Dragon, HKUL Catalogue.

Faculty of 1000

London; Biology Reports Ltd. / BioMed Central

Faculty of 1000 is the next generation literature awareness tool. It is a revolutionary new online research service that will comprehensively and systematically highlight and review the most interesting papers published in the biological sciences, based on the recommendations of a faculty of well over 1000 selected leading researchers. Faculty of 1000 will be run by scientists for scientists, and will provide a rapidly updated consensus map of the important papers and trends across biology.

Genome biology

London; BioMed Central, 2000-

Genome Biology gives individuals free access to primary research articles and deposits research in PubMed Central. Genome Biology sifts, reviews, reports, highlights and assesses the significance of the most important findings in post-genomic biology as they occur. It provides an international forum for the dissemination, discussion and critical review of information about all areas of biology informed by genomic research.

Genius beidouxing securities analysis (巨靈北斗星證券分析系統)

Shenzhen: Shenzhen ju ling xin xi ji shu you xian gong si, 2002-

Genius Beidouxing Securities Analysis is an online full-text database of comprehensive data source on securities and mutual funds in China. It contains archived information on securities law, company background, financial data, performance ratios, share prices, and charts as well as recent news updates.

A Knowledge base for teacher education and development [electronic resource]

Hong Kong; Hong Kong Institute of Education, 2002.

A knowledge base for teacher education and development presents to readers a comprehensive knowledge base of literature and materials on different themes and areas in teacher education, teacher development and teaching effectiveness. This knowledge base aims to support educators, scholars, policy makers and teachers in practice, policy formulation, developmental work and research through helping them to identify, and providing access to, the various types of knowledge and information gained from innovative experiences, research, scholarly works and professional practices in different parts of the world over the last decade. It includes 14,514 entries in 20 major sections and 141 themes on different aspects of teacher education, professional development and teaching effectiveness.

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Library visitors

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Date	Visitors/Institutions
3 March 2003	Mr Chan Ming Chee and Ms Lee Shuk Ngai from the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Mr Lee Chun, from EMI (Hong Kong) and Dr Russell Sholberg, from Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, B.C. visited the Music Library
4 March 2003	Professor Philip Tagg, Rayson Huang Fellow for 2003, and Professeur titulaire de Musicologie a la Faculte de musique a l'Universite de Montreal visited the Music Library
9-27 March 2003	Professor Wang Yaxin (王亞新), Tsinghua University Law School, Beijing visited the Law Library
10 March 2003	A delegation from the Medical Council of Hong Kong led by Professor Rosie TT Young, Chairman; Dr William Ho, Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority; Dr Hung Chi Tim, representative of the Hong Kong Academy of Medicine; Professor John Hamilton, Academic Director from University of Durham; and Professor Richard Larkins, Dean of Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Services from the University of Melbourne visited the Medical Library
12 March 2003	A delegation from the First People's Hospital of Yunan Province (雲南省第一人民醫院) led by the Presi-
	dent, Professor Lan Bing Yan (蘭炳炎) visited the Medical Library
15 March 2003	Ms Yu Po-hua (俞寶華) from Special Collections, National Central Library, Taipei, and Ms Tu Ching-hui
	(塗靜慧), Centre for Chinese Studies, Taipei visited the Fung Ping Shan Library
17 March 2003	Ms Xie Chunzhi (謝春枝) from Wuhan University Library visited the Fung Ping Shan Library
19 March 2003	Ms Ping Lu (路平), Director, Kwang Hwa Information & Culture Center visited the Fung Ping Shan Library
21 March 2003	Professor Yu An(于安), Tsinghua University Law School, Beijing visited the Law Library
22 March 2003	About 130 students for the Early Admission Scheme for Secondary Six Students visited the Medical Library
24 March 2003	A delegation of doctors from Mayo Clinic, Rochester, U.S. visited the Medical Library
2 April 2003	Visitors from the Royal Society of Medicine led by Professor Dame Julia Higgins, Foreign Secretary and Vice President visited the Medical Library
4 April 2003	Dr Susan J. Cunningham, Senior Lecturer, Department of Orthodontics, Eastman Dental Institute, University College London visited the Dental Library
12 April 2003	A representative from the Association of International Accountant and students from PRC visited the Main Library
9 May 2003	Mr Stephen Fan Sheung Tak, Senior Partner, Fan, Mitchell & Co. visited the Dental Library
13 May 2003	145 Form 7 students from JUPAS visited the Medical Library
20 May 2003	Dr Peter Lee, Distinguished Member of University Council, the University of Hong Kong visited the Dental Library
30 May 2003	Ms Li Xiaojuan of Beijing Normal University Library, Mr Yang Jun of Suzhou University Library and Mr Li Chengxiu of Yanbian University Library visited the Main Library



