

# Celebrating the past - embracing the future

## Mission

The mission of the Medical Library is to provide quality services, world class resources and timely access to information in support of curriculum, research, continuing education, and patient care needs of the University of Hong Kong and its medical Faculty. The overall aim is to become a regional centre of excellence in support of teaching, research and scholarship in the health sciences.

## The Beginning ...

1887

The origin of the medical library dated back to 1887 with the founding of the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese. A medical library was set up as part of the facilities of the College.



Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese



Staff and students of the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese in 1908

1911

With the establishment of the University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese was incorporated into the University of Hong Kong to become the Faculty of Medicine. Medical library became part of the central University Library facilities. The medical collection was housed in the General Library in the Main Building.

1915 ca

By the end of World War I, at the request of the Medical Faculty, part of the medical collection was transferred to the Department of Pathology and Bacteriology in Queen Mary Hospital, occupying a floor area of 1,130 sq. ft.



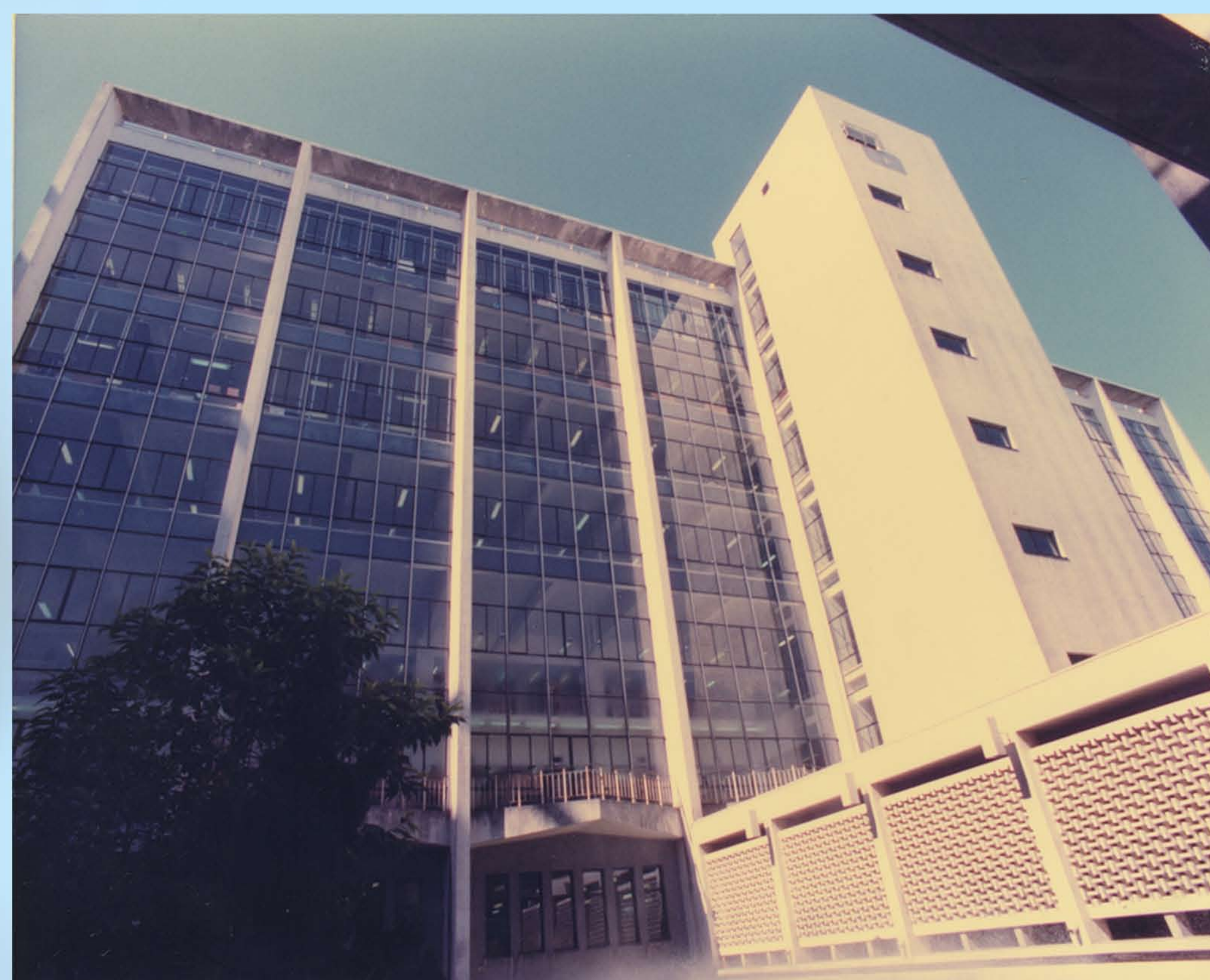
The School of Tropical Medicine and Pathology in 1919

1950s

In 1950, the British Medical Association Library was incorporated into the Medical Library. In 1956, a generous donation of US\$10,000 was received from the China Medical Board of New York, Inc. to support acquisition of journals.

1960

Planning for a medical branch library began in 1957. In 1960, the ground floor of the Pathology Building at the Queen Mary Hospital was secured for the "University Branch Medical Library", providing 1,200 sq. ft to accommodate 3,200 volumes and 32 readers to serve all clinical departments and nursing staff in the hospital. Due to limited space, it was decided later that the Library should be operated as a reference library where only reference materials and recent journal volumes were held. The other materials were relocated to the General (renamed Main) Library. When the Main Library building was opened in 1961, the greater part of the medical collection was located there.



General Library (now Main Library Old Wing)



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# Reminiscence of the Lee Hysan Medical Library

1962

Planning for a 'proper' medical library began in 1962 as part of a project to build a facility for the whole Medical Faculty in close proximity to Queen Mary Hospital, the teaching hospital of the University. This was made possible through the generous donation of 80,000 sq. ft. of land from Dr Li Shu-fan.



Li Shu Fan Building (foreground) and the Queen Mary Hospital

The Medical Library was constructed in 2 phases, in 1965 and 1972 respectively. The collection was moved on 10 Dec 1965 to the Patrick Manson Building in Sassoon Road, named in memory of Sir Patrick Manson, a founder and the first dean of the Hong Kong College of medicine for Chinese. The new premises could accommodate 119 readers and some 16,000 volumes of books.

1965-1972



Reading area



Lee Hysan Medical Library

1981

The Library was further extended to occupy all five floors in the Patrick Manson Building with a total floor space of 1,600 sq. m. The stock had grown to more than double the size.

1986

The Medical Library was named as Lee Hysan Medical Library in honour of the late Mr Lee Hysan in recognition of his generous donation.



Student browsing the journal collection



Reserve Book Room



Information Centre



Book donations from Dr George Choa



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# Library Automation – steps into the future

1988

3M book security system was installed.

1989

MEDLINE on CD-ROM was introduced providing fast and efficient retrieval of biomedical literature from 1984-

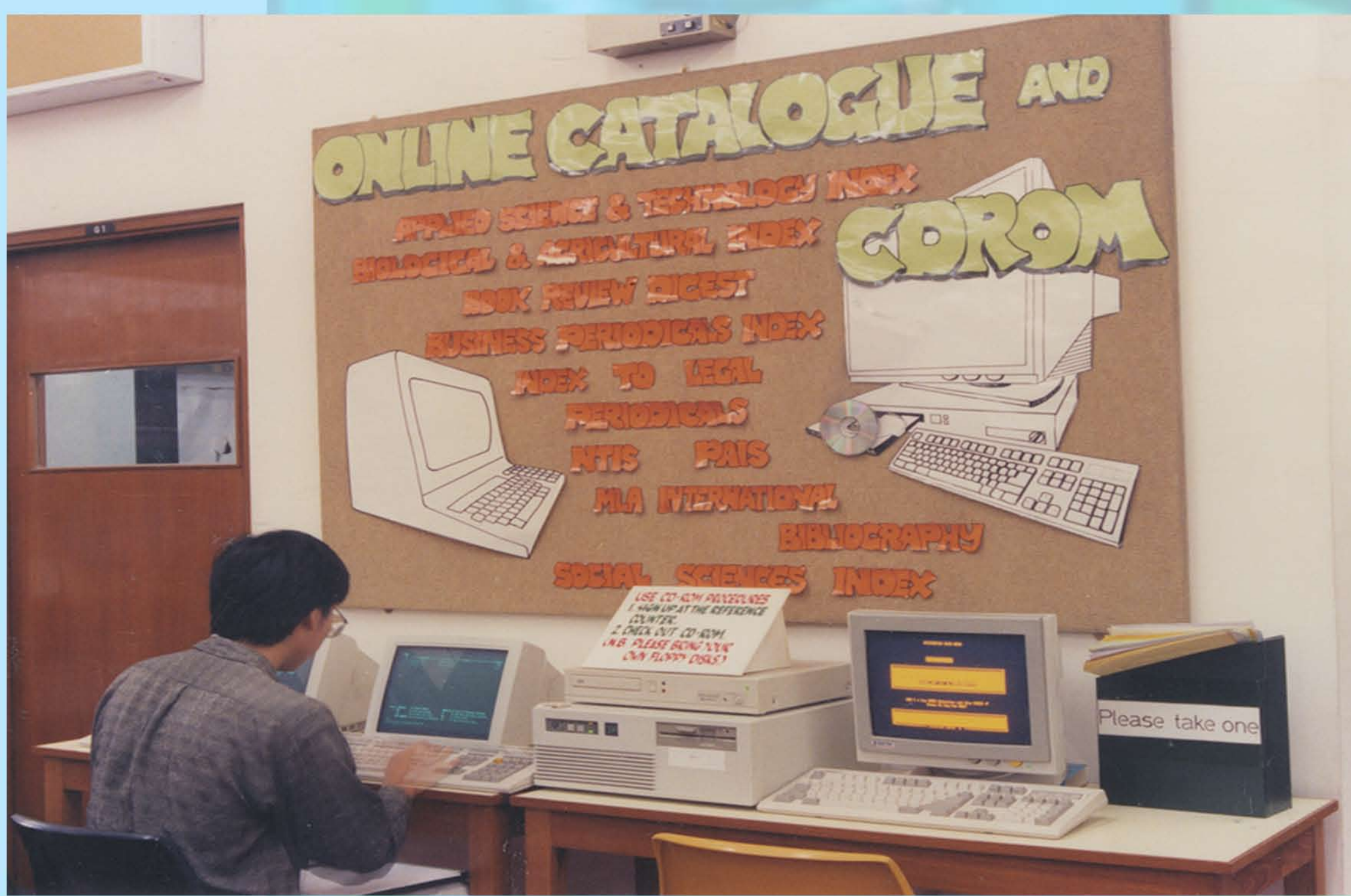
1989 DRA system, an integrated library automation system, was implemented to provide online access to records of post-1980 medical books.



Electronic Information Centre

1990

Retrospective conversion of pre-1980 titles was completed. Non-serial titles were made accessible from OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue).



Students searching the Online Public Access Catalogue

1992/93

Medical Library was connected to the campus CD network. All serial titles were made available from OPAC.

1995

A workstation dedicated to WWW was installed. Medical Library homepage was set up to facilitate access to local and worldwide resources.

24-hour remote access to MEDLINE and other networked medical databases were made available to the university community.

1996



Searching MEDLINE database

1998

Network lines were upgraded to fast Ethernet and over 50 ACENet nodes were installed on the first floor to allow users to connect to the University's Access Everywhere Network (ACENet).



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# Moving into the New Era

1997

Initial planning of the new Medical Complex and medical library in Sassoon Road commenced.



New Medical Complex



New Medical Complex topping out ceremony

2001

Deans and Department Heads of the Faculty of Medicine officiated the topping out ceremony of the new Medical Complex and the Hong Kong Jockey Club Clinical Research Centre.

January 2002

The Lee Hysan Medical Library moved into the new Medical Complex and renamed as Yu Chun Keung Medical Library in memory of the generous support of the late Mr Yu Chun Keung. The new library has a total area of 2,850 sq. m.



Cutting up the Roast Pig in celebration of the new Library



Yu Chun Keung Medical Library overview

To celebrate the opening of the new Medical Library, medical and nursing staff/students formed the record-breaking human chain and participated in the Book Passing Ceremony, passing the last batch of books from the old to the new library, signifying "Moving into the New Era and the Continuous Efforts of Cultivating Medical Elites in the future".



Staff's human chain in the Book Passing Ceremony



Book Passing Ceremony



Students' human chain in the Book Passing Ceremony

April 2002

The official opening took place on 10 April 2002 with the unveiling ceremony of the bust of the late Mr Yu Chun Keung by Professor W.I.R. Davies (Vice-Chancellor), Mr David K.C. Yu and Dr C.C. Yu (representatives of Yu Chun Keung Charitable Trust Fund), and Professor S.K. Lam (Dean of Faculty of Medicine).



Unveiling ceremony of the bust of the late Mr Yu Chun Keung



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# The Wireless and Electronic Age

Wireless LAN was implemented to enable 'Network-Access-Everywhere' in the Medical Library.

2002

A Computer Assisted Learning Laboratory was set up to provide modern information technology and resources for teaching and learning.



Computer assisted learning laboratory



Reading area with wireless LAN access

The Knowledge Navigation Centre was continuously expanded and equipped with the latest hardware and software to integrate studying, research and digital publishing. E-video workstations were installed to allow media streaming over the Internet from Main Library.



Knowledge Navigation Centre

2004

Use of PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) was initiated and a webpage was developed to facilitate access to PDA biomedical sciences resources on wireless, handheld computers.

There was tremendous growth in digital resources from 2005. Users now have access to about 236 databases, over 40,000 health sciences e-books, and over 8,000 health sciences e-journals. Electronic journal archives were also purchased to extend access to key scholarly titles.

2005

Medical Library weblogs and RSS feeds were developed to deliver timely, quality information to staff and students.

2006

2010

A 'medical commons' was created with new technologies to enhance support to teaching and learning; to provide a new multipurpose room for discussions, video presentations and small group seminars; and open space for student interaction and collaborative learning.



Multipurpose Room



Medical Library Learning Commons



The garden outside the Medical Library as part of the Learning Commons



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# Significant Events

1993

Medical Library received the honour of being designated as depository for World Health Organization publications.



World Health Organization Collection

May 2003

Medical Librarian's interview with Wenwei newspaper (香港文匯報) after the new Medical Library was opened.



Excerpt from the newspaper 香港文匯報

2003

An exhibition on SARS was set up to feature major regional and international collaborations and the various Anti-SARS Programmes, highlighting the pivotal role of HKU scientists in combating the deadly disease. There was also a display of books donated by the late Dr Kate Cheng, a graduate of the HKU Medical Faculty, who became the youngest health caregiver to succumb to SARS in her voluntary care for SARS patients.



SARS exhibition - Medical Librarian with Dr Kate Cheng's family



Medical Library staff geared up to combat SARS

2004

The Library and Information Services in Health Sciences Libraries Seminar co-organized in 2004 by Yu Chun Keung Medical Library and Ovid Technologies brought together, for the first time, health sciences librarians and directors from different regions of China and Taiwan in an open forum in Hong Kong.



Library Directors at the Library and Information Services in Health Sciences Libraries Seminar

## Medical Librarians Through the Years

1966-1971	Dr Kan Lai Bing
1971-1983	Euphine Chung
1983-1989	Elaine Morgan
1989-1991	Angela Yan
1991-2001	Mary Leong
2001-2011	Julia Chan



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## Prominent Visitors

2002 April

Mrs Anson Chan's visit during the Opening Ceremony of the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library.



2002 November

Faculty of Medicine and Medical Library participated in welcoming over 30 alumni who formed the pioneer batch of medical students post World War II.



2003 June

Premier Wen Jiabao visited the Medical Library on 30 June 2003 and gave an impressive speech praising HKU success in controlling SARS. The Medical Library also provided the venue for the Premier to meet with Medical Faculty members and some 60 other students.



2004 September

Fourteen National Olympic Gold Medalists and coaches from China made a brief visit to the Faculty of Medicine and the Medical Library on September 2004.



2005 January

Visit of Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, former Governor of Hong Kong (from 1987 to 1992), during the signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding and Medical Symposium between the University of Aberdeen and the University of Hong Kong.



2010 November

The People's Liberation Army (PLA) Hong Kong Garrison with 80 members from its army, navy and air force visited the Yu Chun Keung Medical Library on 4 November 2010. VIP guests included the Deputy Commander Major General Wang Junli and representatives from the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong SAR.



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