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## INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW DEAN AND ASSOCIATE DEANS OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

We are pleased to announce that the Deanships of the Graduate School have been changed w.e.f. August 2002. We are under the leadership of our new Dean Prof. Anthony G.O. Yeh, who works closely with two new Associate Deans, Prof. John P. Burns and Prof. Francis Y.L. Chin, to foster further developments in research postgraduate studies in the University.

Are you familiar with our new Dean and Associate Deans? Here's a chance for you to know more about them.

### PROF. ANTHONY G.O. YEH



Prof. Anthony Yeh is Chair Professor of the Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management and Director of the GIS Research Centre and Institute of Transport Studies. He received his B.A. in physical geography from our university before going to Asian Institute

of Technology in Thailand to further his study in M.Sc. in human settlements development and planning and Syracuse University in USA for his M.R.P. and Ph.D. in urban and regional development planning. He is a Fellow of the Hong Kong Institute of Planners (HKIP), Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI), Royal Australian Planning Institute (RAPI), British Computer Society (BCS) and Chartered Institute of Transport (CIT) and honorary professors in key universities and research institutes in China. His main areas of specialization are in urban development and planning in Hong Kong, China, and S.E. Asia and the applications of geographic information system (GIS) in urban and regional development and planning. At present, he is the Secretary-General of the Asian Planning Schools Association and Chairman of the Geographic Information Science Commission of the

International Geographic Union (IGU). Because of his training in both physical and social sciences and overseas experience in both the developed and developing world, he understands the needs of graduate students from different disciplines and countries. He was actively involved in the postgraduate education reform in 1998 and had been the Associate Dean of the Graduate School from 1998 to 2002.

### Message from the New Dean—Prof Anthony Yeh

*The University of Hong Kong has excellent staff, library and research facilities for doing research. It is up to our research postgraduate students to make full use of them to their maximum benefits by being more proactive in their studies. Finishing a thesis is only the beginning of a career. To face the rapidly changing world, students should not only focus on the thesis in their studies. They should also broaden their perspectives and prepare themselves for different types of work. Whether it is academic or non-academic, employers are often looking for people who are creative, self-motivated, cooperative and responsible, and have transferable skills in addition to their knowledge in their field of studies. If you want to be successful after you finish your thesis, you need to take initiatives in making good use of the teaching and learning environment of HKU in advancing your knowledge as well as developing your mind set and skills for your career. I hope one day when you return to HKU after graduation, you will be proud to say what our most famous alumnus, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, had said, "Hong Kong and the University of Hong Kong were the birthplace of my knowledge".....and career.*

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Jenny Wong

## PROF. JOHN P. BURNS

Prof. John P. Burns is Chair Professor of Politics and Public Administration at the University, where he does research on civil service management, administrative reform, and party-state relations in China, including Hong Kong. His most recent book is *Civil Service Systems in Asia* (co-edited with B. Bowornwathana) (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2001). His Ph.D. is from Columbia University in political science.



### *Message from Prof. John Burns*

*I wish to extend a warm welcome to all incoming research post-graduate students and returning students. I hope you have a fruitful and productive year at the University of Hong Kong. I am sure that when you finish your research you will look back on your years at the University as not only a challenge but also as a time for reflection, which I am sure you will agree is a luxury that should be cherished. Please let us know how we can improve graduate education at the University of Hong Kong. We value your views on our product and strive to improve in all areas. Good luck!*

## PROF. FRANCIS Y.L. CHIN

Prof. Francis Chin [B.Sc. (Toronto), M.S., M.A., Ph.D. (Princeton), FIEEE, FHKIE] has taught at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, University of California, San Diego, University of Alberta, Chinese University of Hong Kong, and University of Texas at Dallas. He is the Chair of Computer Science at the University of Hong Kong and was the Head of the department from its establishment until December 31, 1999.



Prof. Chin has served on many government policy and advisory committees related to Technology and Education, member of program committees and conference chairman of numerous international workshops and conferences. He is currently serving as Manager Editor of the *International Journal of Foundations of Computer Science*, member of the editorial boards of the *Information Processing Letters*, the *Computer Processing of Oriental Languages* and the *Chinese Journal of Advanced Software Research*.

During 1997/98, Prof. Chin served as the Project Leader of a study commissioned by the Select Committee appointed by the Legislative Council to inquire into the circumstances leading to the problem surrounding the commencement of the operation of the new Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok (CLK). During 2001, Prof. Chin was on leave to serve as the CEO (interim) of Hong Kong Domain Name Registration Company Limited (a subsidiary of JUCC to help the launching of the new policy as proposed in the HK Government's consultative paper on the Review on Administration and Assignment of Internet Domain Names and Internet Protocol Addresses in Hong Kong).

### *Message from Prof. Francis Chin*

*As the Head and Chair of the Department of Computer Science for many years, many students have approached me with questions about their future plans upon the completion of their undergraduate education. The most frequently asked question was "should I do graduate work?" My answer invariably was: if you are very interested in learning and studying, go to graduate school.*

*In the Hong Kong education system, in primary school, learning is equivalent to rote learning and memorizing facts and simple rules. Secondary school demands some analysis and elementary logical thinking. Undergraduate education teaches students critical thinking and learning to learn, staying away from spoon-feeding education. It is in post-graduate education that students are asked to discover what is unknown.*

*Post-graduate work involves problem-solving, and in the case of the Ph.D., the work involves problem-defining as well. (A period of two years is usually too short for M.Phil. candidates to come up with a meaningful problem themselves, and thus problem-defining is usually left to the supervisor) The job of the supervisor is to give guidance to help students solve problems. I use the analogy of navigating through a forest. The supervisor gives initial directions. The student does the hard work of axing branches and crossing rivers in order to reach hidden treasure. The student reports back to the supervisor from time to time about his progress and what he/she has encountered and gets more guidance from the supervisor. Sometimes, if the student gets frustrated, the supervisor may have to go into the forest himself/herself to understand the situation.*

*In my view, to succeed in post-graduate studies, there are three Cs: students need to Communicate well their ideas, to think Critically, and finally to Commit to hard work.*



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*Application deadline: 4 months prior to the planned beginning of the project*

3. DAAD-Leibnitz-Scholarships Programme (max 3 years) for Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs for research projects or doctoral programmes at a Leibnitz Institute

*Application deadline: 1 December 2002*

4. Biosciences Programme for Doctoral Candidates and Postdocs for research projects (2 - 12 months) in specified fields of biotechnology

*Application deadline: 15 November 2002*

Apart from these scholarships, the DAAD and other German organizations, such as the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation ([www.avh.de](http://www.avh.de)), make research grants available to young academics and senior scholars in Hong Kong.

For more information and advice, please check <http://ibz.daad.de/hongkong> or contact the DAAD-representatives in Hong Kong. Application forms can be downloaded at [www.daad.de/download/html](http://www.daad.de/download/html) or obtained at the addresses below. The completed application forms have to be submitted to the German Consulate General, 21/F United Centre, Admiralty.

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The scholarships will be awarded to permanent residents of Hong Kong who have completed the majority of his/her formal education in Hong Kong, and who have graduated from a university in Hong Kong, preferably with a First Class Honours Degree. Applicants with a good Second Class Honours Degree may also be considered. Applicants should normally be graduates of not more than four years standing who intend to return to Hong Kong to pursue a career in business, Government, academic life, or in a recognized profession.

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**NEW BOOKS IN THE GRADUATE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

The Graduate School has recently added 5 more books to its Library. Interested students and supervisors may borrow them from the Graduate School Office.

1. **Case Study Research Methods**  
*Bill Gillham, 2000, Continuum 106pp*
2. **Developing a Questionnaire**  
*Bill Gillham, 2000, Continuum 93pp*
3. **The Research Interview**  
*Bill Gillham, 2000, Continuum 96pp*
4. **Supervising Postgraduates from Non-English Speaking Backgrounds**, edited by Yoni Ryan and Ortrun Zuber-Sherritt,  
*1999, Open University Press 193pp*
5. **Ground Rules for Good Research - A 10 point guide for social researchers**  
*Martyn Denscombe, 2002, Open University Press 219pp*

The book catalogue of the Graduate School Library has been posted on the Graduate School homepage [www.hku.hk/gradsch](http://www.hku.hk/gradsch). There are many good reference books on 30-day loan to research students and supervisors.

