



New Members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering 2003

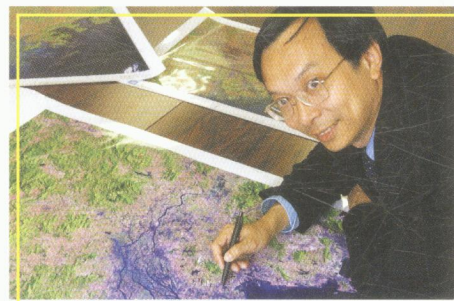
Congratulations to Professor Allen T. Chwang (*Department of Mechanical Engineering*) and Professor Anthony G.O. Yeh (*Centre of Urban Planning and Environmental Management*) on being elected members of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and to Professor C.F. Lee (*Department of Civil Engineering*), who has been elected member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering in 2003.

Memberships in the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese Academy of Engineering, elected every two years, are an honor of life tenure and the highest academic titles in the fields of science, technology and engineering in China for scientists and engineers with major and creative contributions and achievements in the fields.



Professor Allen T. Chwang is the Sir Robert Ho Tung Chair of Mechanical Engineering and Director of the Centre of Nonlinear Mechanics of the University. He is also Honorary Professor / Advisory Professor / Guest Professor of many top universities in Mainland China. He has published over 260 papers in international journals such as *Journal of Fluid Mechanics and Physics of Fluids*. Professor Chwang's current research interests include low-Reynolds-number flow, nonlinear water waves, two-body interaction hydrodynamics, flow past porous media, innovative harbour design and biomedical engineering.

Professor Anthony G.O. Yeh is the Director of the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Research Centre and Institute of Transport Studies, Chairman of the Task Force on HK-Pearl River Delta Development, as well as the Dean of the Graduate School. His main areas of specialization are urban development and redevelopment in Hong Kong, China, and SE Asia, and the applications of geographic information systems (GIS) in urban and regional planning. Professor Yeh is one of the first few people in China to undertake research on GIS. He is also one of those researchers with the largest number of publications on the Cellular Automata (CA) model.



Professor C.F. Lee is the Chair Professor in Geotechnical Engineering and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University. He also has served as a specialist consultant or an advisor to many international bodies on numerous energy and infrastructure projects in many parts of the World. He has participated in the design of many massive dams and nuclear power stations, including the Darlington Nuclear Power Station, Three Gorges Project, Ertan Project, etc. Professor Lee's current research projects include slope stability and landslide hazard mitigation, rock mechanics, seismic hazard analysis, dam engineering and feasibility evaluation of large infrastructure projects.



HKU Staff Members Holding Membership in the Chinese Academy of Sciences

- 2003 Prof. A.T. Chwang, Mechanical Engineering
Prof. A.G.O. Yeh, CUPEM
- 2001 Prof. J.C.Y. Leong, Orthopaedic Surgery
Prof. V.W.W. Yam, Chemistry
- 1999 Prof. Y.K. Cheung, Civil Engineering
Prof. H. Kung, IMB
Prof. K.F. So, Anatomy
- 1995 Prof. C.M. Che, Chemistry

HKU Staff Members Holding Membership in the Chinese Academy of Engineering

- 2003 Prof. C.F. Lee, Civil Engineering
- 1997 Prof. C.C. Chan, Electrical & Electronic Engineering

Introduction to Graduate Studies at HKU

Core Course I: GRSC6001 Introduction to Thesis Writing

Starting from September 2003, besides attending the 24-hour class, **it is compulsory for all MPhil and 4-year PhD students taking Core Course I "GRSC6001 Introduction to Thesis Writing" to attend a 1.5 hour seminar on "Introduction to Graduate Studies at HKU" delivered by the Dean or an Associate Dean of the Graduate School.** The seminar will form part of the course requirements although students will not be assessed on the content of the seminar. **Students cannot pass the Core Course I until they have attended the seminar.** Students can attend the seminar first before enrolling for GRSC6001 or vice versa. **The attendance record of the seminar will be valid for two consecutive semesters.** Details of the next seminar are:

Date	21 April 2004 (Wednesday)
Time	6pm - 7:30pm
Venue	T6, Meng Wah Complex
Quota	120

Registration

All students **MUST** register before attending the seminar. Registration can be done via the following webpage: <http://www.hku.hk/cgi-bin/gradsch/app/join.cgi>

The Graduate School will verify the identity of the student by checking the student card. Please therefore bring along your student card to the seminar.

For further queries, please contact the Graduate School (Tel: 2857 3470, Email: gradsch@hkucc.hku.hk).

The "Graduates' Opinion Survey" is conducted by the Graduate School every year to find out the opinions of research postgraduate students who have left the University on various issues, such as supervision, the University's regulations and procedures, and the facilities.

In the last survey conducted for graduates from July 2002 to June 2003, we had received some opinions regarding the University's library services. Those opinions were conveyed to the Libraries whose reply is summarized as follows:

1. Insufficient books and journals in particular disciplines required by postgraduates

Postgraduate students may request the purchase of books through the following mechanisms:

- Book Recommendation Online (BRO) form, which enables recommendations to be made very easily.

<http://sunzi.lib.hku.hk/BRO/ACQ.html>

- Students may approach the subject/ branch librarian to outline their specific needs. The Libraries subscribe to a vast range of journals and where available to the electronic version of the journal. Postgraduate students should

approach their subject/ branch librarian for advice on accessing information tailored to their needs or for recommending any specialist literature not held by the libraries.

2. Delay in requesting materials from other libraries

This is unfortunately beyond the scope of the Libraries as they are reliant upon the lending library to deliver the item expeditiously. However, the Libraries' new ILLiad online interlibrary loan system <http://illiad.lib.hku.hk/illiad/HUA/> has improved turnaround time considerably. Obtaining books and articles via ILLiad is now 22% and 43% faster respectively than via the old paper-form system.

Electronic Theses Experiment

To insure that the research findings of the University's research postgraduate students are more readily accessible to the international community of scholars, the Senate approved in November 2000 the requirement that all MPhil and PhD students enrolled in or after January 2001 must submit a softcopy of their thesis for digitization and storage in addition to a printed copy of their dissertation/theses.

However, the Libraries have encountered unforeseen problems and challenges. The problems encountered include (a) the failure of a single effective search engine to enable easy access to our theses on the Web for the international community and; (b) their inability to discover technical problems in student e-theses in time before students leave campus.

For research postgraduate theses only, the Libraries propose to experiment with a new method of making e-theses available on the web. This method involves submitting abstracts to a commercial firm, University Microfilms International (UMI), for digitization of the abstracts and inclusion in its international on-line dissertation/theses database.

This experiment will run parallel with the current system of collecting both printed and electronic copies of each research postgraduate student's thesis. When people read the abstract and would like to read the whole thesis, they can request a copy from the Libraries.

This experiment will require limited changes on the student's part beginning December 1, 2003.

1. HKU's requirement is for an abstract between 200 to 500 words in length. UMI's requirement for MPhil abstract is 150 words, but they will accept and use 'as is' an abstract up to 250 words in length. If UMI receives an MPhil abstract above that length, UMI will edit down to 250 or below. Similarly for PhD, UMI's requirement is for 350 words maximum length, but they will accept one that is up to 450 words in length. If UMI receives a PhD abstract above that length, UMI will edit down to 450 or below.

2. Students should complete and submit the UMI application form to their Faculty Offices at the same time they submit thesis and those forms should be forwarded to the Libraries along with the thesis. The UMI forms are downloadable at:

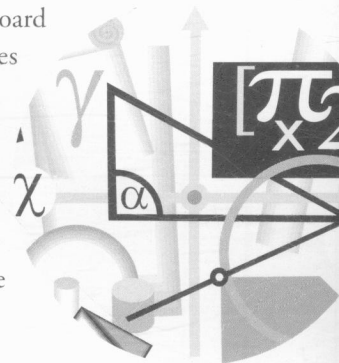
PhD: <http://etd.lib.hku.hk/thesis-form/2003DIPAO.pdf>

MPhil: <http://etd.lib.hku.hk/thesis-form/2003MIPAO.pdf>

3. Students should complete and sign the newly revised Author's Access Declaration form. This form notifies the student of all the relevant policies now being followed with regard to their thesis. The form is downloadable at: <http://etd.lib.hku.hk/thesis-form/Declaration.doc>

The Libraries and the Graduate School will conduct this experiment involving research postgraduate theses submitted for the 2003 and 2004 Congregations. If the experiment proves successful, we will formalize the scheme by seeking the Senate's approval. There is a cost associated with using UMI's service, a processing fee of US\$25 per title is payable for every abstract sent. The Libraries will pay this fee during the experimental period.

If a student, for whatever reasons, wishes to restrict access to the hard copy or the electronic copy of his/her thesis, he/she may apply to the Board of Examination for Graduate Studies stating his/her reasons and specifying the proposed period of restriction as one year, two years, or three years. Any such request will be considered by the Board after the candidate has been recommended for the conferment of the degree.



3. Longer hours for Special Collections

This is difficult to accomplish in an environment of shrinking funding. The Libraries will consider the request in the context of their future resource allocation.

4. Student's need to access library materials subsequent to thesis submission

This problem is generated by the student registration/de-registration process and the Libraries have always been sympathetic to those students. The students may access the library collections subsequent to thesis submission by providing a letter from their supervisor/department to the library staff, indicating the period of extension required. No deposit is demanded for this extension.

Branch Librarians & Subject Librarians are information professionals charged with supporting the teaching, learning and research needs within their assigned faculties. These librarians can help faculty and postgraduate students in meeting their information needs.

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Frequently Asked Questions from Research Postgraduate Students

Q: What are the differences between vacation leave, study leave and non-study leave in relation to period of study?

A: To take a study leave or vacation leave will not affect the period of study as it shall be counted towards the period of study. However, leave of absence granted for any other reason (non-study leave) shall result in the extension of the period of study by the period of absence. PGS will not be payable to students during any non-study leave taken.

Q: How can I check my coursework requirement?

A: MPhil (registered on or after 1 September 1999) and 4-Year PhD students are required by the regulations to take 2 Graduate School core courses and 3 to 8 faculty/departmental courses. Graduate School core courses include:

- (i) core course I (compulsory): Introduction to Thesis Writing, and
- (ii) core course II which consists of 2 elective modules.

The faculty/departmental requirement varies. Please go to the Graduate School homepage (www.hku.hk/gradsch) for detailed coursework requirement information in each faculty/department.

Q: How can I prove that I have completed the degree before the University Congregation?

A: After the appointed person(s) has/have confirmed that you have satisfactorily addressed in your thesis all comments and suggestions raised by the specialist examiners, the Board of Examination for Graduate Studies will issue a letter to you indicating that you have completed all the degree requirements and are eligible for the award. Students may also apply for an official academic transcript as a proof that they have completed all the degree requirements.

Q: Can I submit my thesis before the expiry of candidature? Do I need to apply for early submission of thesis?

A: You are most encouraged to submit your thesis earlier than the expiry date of your candidature. After confirmation of your candidature, it is not necessary to apply for early submission of thesis unless you registered in or before August 1999 in which case you need to submit an application to the Faculty Board via your supervisor and Department Head at least 3 months before the minimum period is due to expire.

Q: How can I apply for change of course(s)?

A: **(i) On-line add-drop**

Immediately after the Course Enrollment Period, students are allowed to change their course selection and obtain approval on-line. New students who arrive after the Course Enrollment Period may also make use of this period to do the course selection on-line.

(ii) Form GS2

Students who would like to change their course selection and/or apply for new course(s) after the On-line Add-drop Period have to complete a hard-copy form (GS2), downloadable from the Graduate School homepage (www.hku.hk/gradsch), obtain signatures from the supervisors and DRPC Chairmen and return it to the Graduate School office for processing.

All applications should reach the Graduate School office before the end of the relevant course (for courses lasting for less than 2 weeks) or within 2 weeks after the commencement of the course (for courses lasting for more than 2 weeks).

More FAQs can be found at

http://www.hku.hk/gradsch/faq/faq_student_q.htm

