

### 2.1 The Graduate School

The University emphasizes the equal importance of teaching excellence and high quality scholarship in its academic programmes. With improved funding from the Government, HKBU moved at a deliberate pace to launch the MPhil in 1989. In 1992, support was extended to the offering of postgraduate studies by research up to doctoral level, and by coursework in a variety of disciplines in HKBU's faculties and schools.

To further promote postgraduate programmes and to upgrade the administrative support for postgraduate studies, the University established the Graduate School in April 2002. The primary goal of the Graduate School is to help the University build a postgraduate study culture. Ever since its establishment, the Graduate School has grown rapidly in terms of the spectrum of programmes offered and the number of students enrolled. Currently, the number of postgraduate students in the Graduate School accounts for approximately 30% of the University's total enrolment.

