

Welcome Home, Baptist Big Brothers!

首屆畢業生回校撫今追昔



At the Council Dinner, Mr. Wilfred Wong, Chairman of the Council and the Court, and Professor Albert Chan, President and Vice-Chancellor, present an Investiture Medal for Golden Graduation Anniversary and a re-issue of the 1960 graduation book to each alumnus

在校董會晚宴上，王英偉主席和陳新滋校長頒發「畢業金禧加冕紀念章」及「1960年同學畢業錄」予十二位大師兄

After half a century, 12 alumni from the first graduate class of 1960 travelled to Hong Kong from all over the world for a reunion at the campus down under the Lion Rock, recalling the good old days while witnessing the advancement of their beloved *alma mater*.

十二位於一九六零年在浸會學院畢業的「老同學」，於闊別校園半個世紀後，從世界各地重聚獅子山下的校園，緬懷昔日情懷的同時，亦見證母校的騰飛。

The returning alumni were Chen Tsen-siang (Civil Engineering), Cheung Chi-kong (Sociology), Ho Yui-kin (Business Administration), Kar Fook-keung (Civil Engineering), Lai Hoi-leung (Civil Engineering), Lin Chi-yee (Civil Engineering), Liu Chai-bo (Civil Engineering), Lo Kam-shing (Civil Engineering), Lo Yan-shing (Civil Engineering), Mark Kai-keung (Math), Tsoh Ka-kuk (Civil Engineering) and Wong Po-shin (Civil Engineering). They attended the Inauguration Ceremony of the President and Vice-Chancellor, the 51st Commencement and the Council Dinner in mid-November 2010. They also visited the Kowloon Tong and Shek Mun campuses, as well as the Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University United International College in Zhuhai. They were grateful to see that the college they helped launch has now spread its wings and become a university of excellence extending across geographical frontiers.

參與這次金禧團聚的「大師兄」包括：陳振祥（土木）、張子江（社會）、何銳堅（工管）、賈福強（土木）、黎海良（土木）、林子依（土木）、劉才波（土木）、勞錦城（土木）、盧恩成（土木）、麥繼強（數學）、左家毅（土木）、黃寶善（土木）。他們於二零一零年十一月中回港，出席校長陳新滋教授的就職禮、第五十一屆畢業典禮和校董會晚宴，又參觀了九龍塘校園和石門校園，並到訪位於珠海的北京師範大學—香港浸會大學聯合國際學院。看到母校從最初的暫借課室，發展至今日成

Raising funds

When the Hong Kong Baptist College was first established, classes were conducted at Pui Ching Middle School as the College did not have its own campus. So in 1959, teachers and students joined hands to stage a drama entitled *Xi Shi*, with proceeds going towards acquiring a permanent campus.

Lo Yan-shing, a leading member of the Drama Society, was the director of *Xi Shi*. "It was



A precious reunion 50 years after graduation 畢業五十年後再度聚首，實屬難能可貴



The old boys "create" their own 1st Commencement with just "two hands"

稍「露兩手」，這就成為屬於他們的第一屆畢業典禮



Attending class with students at the Shek Mun Campus, a reminder of the good old days
參觀石門校園，與年齡相隔逾半世紀的師弟妹一起上課

staged in Pui Ching Middle School's hall, which was crudely built. The roof was made of iron, and rattled so much when it rained that the noise drowned out the dialogue on stage." But they were blessed. The show was performed twice, both times in fine weather, and raised a handsome sum of HK\$100,000. "This was marvellous amount, considering a meal cost only 40 cents back then." This remarkable achievement has been written into HKBU's history.

Witnessing growth

After they graduated, the old boys kept up their links with Baptist College. In the early 1980s Liu Chai-bo served as a lecturer at the College. "I got a call from (the then) President Daniel Tse. While the College was fighting for university status, the College's Department of Civil Engineering had a question mark over it because none of the teachers had any practical experience in building projects. 'Come back and help,' President Tse said." At that time, Liu was in Canada, married and had just started his own engineering business. But he thought "We were all nurtured by our *alma mater*", and packed his suitcase.

However, life is full of surprises, some of them disappointing. Just before he flew to Hong Kong, Liu received another call from President Tse, this time telling him that the Department of Civil Engineering had been ordered to close in two years' time. However, President Tse still insisted that Liu come back and teach. "He said the junior fellows were all waiting for me," recalled Liu, who stayed with the Department for its final two years.

For his part, Lo Kam-shing witnessed HKBU literally growing from strength to strength as a university. An engineer by profession, he was involved in many building projects at the new Shaw Campus. 📄

The earliest student identity card

最早期的學生證

Deeply connected with his *alma mater*, Chen Tsen-siang had kept his student identity card in good shape all these years. The earliest student identity was a hard-cover booklet. Chen donated his card to the University, and it is now part of a collection in the Library's Special Collections and Archives Section.



陳振祥校友對浸大懷有濃厚的感情，甚至學生證也保存得完好無缺。最早期的學生證是一本硬皮小冊子，陳校友把這珍貴的學生證捐贈予大學作紀念，現由大學圖書館特藏及文獻組收藏。

為一所極具規模，並且跨越地域的高等學府，大師兄都感到安慰。

話劇籌款 興建校舍

浸會學院創校之初，需借用培正中學的校舍。然而，學校寄人籬下，畢竟叫同學難受。一九五九年，師生落力打造歷史劇「西施」，籌款興建永久校舍。當年劇社中堅盧恩成是「西施」的導演，他娓娓道來那次演出：「上演場地是昔日的培正禮堂，很簡陋，屋頂用鋅鐵做，下雨便『的答』響，聽不到台上的對白。」還好天公造美，兩場演出為母校籌得十萬元，盧恩成忙補充：「那是很好的成績，因為當時一頓飯才花四毛錢。」這一頁，已經載入浸大歷史了。

畢業離校，但是大師兄跟浸會學院的淵源沒斷。劉才波更一度回校執教鞭。那是一九八二年，「(當時的)謝志偉校長打電話給我，說他們正在爭取政府承認大學地位，但土木工程系被質疑沒有具實戰經驗的教師。他說，你回來幫忙吧！」劉才波當年已在加拿大成家，並且開設了工程公司。但是想到「我們都是學校培養出來的」，他還是決定暫別太太、暫時放下業務，一個人跑回香港。

共度存亡 見證壯大

事情的發展峰迴路轉。就在上機前，劉才波又接到謝校長來電，說土木工程系最後只能續辦兩年，以便政府重新分配資源。但謝校長還是請劉才波回去任教，「他說師弟都在等我」。

這邊廂，由救亡變成跟師弟共度土木工程系的最後時刻，劉才波不無唏噓。另一邊廂，勞錦城卻見證浸大日益壯大——逸夫校園不少建築，他都以工程師身份參與了。 📄