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The recent blockbuster, La La Land, sang about the dreams of millions of audience members all over the world. Other than ‘La La Land’ (meaning dreamland), the university is another platform for pursuing dreams. Young adults learn, explore, tryout, and reach for their destination.

近期講述追夢的電影《星聲夢裡人（La La Land）》在全球掀起熱潮，牽動了不少心懷理想而不言放棄的人的共鳴。除了洛杉磯以外，大學也是另一個La La Land（意指做夢的地方），讓學生在這遼闊的平台上學習、探索及嘗試，在離開前找到屬於自己的那片藍海，邁向理想的目的地。

Edwin and Angus with friends on the day of the College Graduation Ceremony

Edwin及Angus與書院同學於書院畢業典禮當日留影

“’You’re the average of the five people you spend most of your time with.’ It might be the cultural atmosphere and the humanity of CUHK which made me less profiteering. I would consider every possible impact on society when making decisions. If not, I might make my money by fair means or foul.’ Recalling his university life, Edwin enjoyed the free and easy days the most. There were no rules and no boundaries to explore new worlds. ‘I sometimes skipped classes for part-time jobs and society work, and through the above, I figured out what fit me the best.’

The College boosted entrepreneurial spirit, and its atmosphere played a part on my way to a startup. Professor Kam-fai Wong (College Associate Master) discussed with me the current industry environment, related resources in CUHK and how to seek support. Participating in various university activities also extended my social network. Some of my clients now are CUHK alumni, and small talk makes things more easy-going.

Edwin’s words to his fellow Sunnies were to embrace losses, echoing College Master’s teaching. ‘Try more new things, and know yourself. Embrace failures, and don’t expect you will achieve anything if you are not paying your all-out effort in your work. Spend more time and learn. Taking up more tasks means learning more.’

Chun-wing Lui (Angus), graduated from the Department of Chinese Language and Literature, stepped into another school life after leaving the university. His role instead, has swapped from a student to a teacher. He now works in the CUHK Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies, Wu Yee Sun College waved goodbye to its first batch of graduates last November. In the first Graduation Ceremony, Professor Rance P.L. Lee, College Master, encouraged our founding Sunnies to pursue their dreams with creativity, passion and perseverance, while the Guest of Honour, Mr. Stanley H.C. Hui, JP, urged the graduates to constantly remind themselves of what they could contribute to the common good of society. The graduates departed for their life-long career. We will go through the stories of two of our Sunnies as newbies in their career.

Edwin P.S. Ty started ‘ImOffered’ with his friends last December after he had graduated from the Faculty of Engineering. ImOffered is a startup providing an online recruitment platform, especially in the financial sector. Edwin was inspired and made up his mind to start his own company after working in several firms when he was a student. ‘I once wanted to build a recruitment platform specialised in public relations when I was working in a PR firm, but after rounds of discussions with my partners, we decided to target the financial sector, considering our own capabilities, current environment and opportunities.' This past experience led him the way today.

LOSE TO GAIN

Edwin gave up his chance to study abroad and chose to continue his studies in Hong Kong; declined a well-paid offer from a big firm. Instead, he started his own company from nothing. ‘It is always hard to make decisions and step forward, but “Don’t be afraid to give up the good to go for the great”. That’s what I always remind myself, that I am still young and ready to lose.’ Edwin actually tried his hands at starting his first business with his friends when he was still a student, though the results did not meet his expectations. ‘If this is not my way, just try another.’

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and teaches Chinese, English and Integrated Humanities in secondary and primary schools using sign language.

‘I love my job and everything of it: the sign language, teaching, and the kids. The everyday work never gets dull, as there are always new challenges.’ CUHK first launched the Symposium on Sign Bilingualism and Deaf Education in 2006. The programme aimed to promote education using sign language in three mainstream secondary and primary schools, which builds a bi-modal learning environment with both sign and spoken languages and co-enroll both deaf and hearing students and teachers, hoping to achieve social inclusion. Speaking of the origin of his enthusiasm in sign language, Angus was excited. ‘I have been interested in this special language since childhood, thinking of chatting with my classmates silently in class. Sadly I didn’t have the chance to learn, until I enrolled in the sign language class in CUHK, and finished all six courses in one go.’

PASSION, WITH PLANS, AND A BIT LUCK

Everything sprouted from his interest, and now his interest has become his career. Angus spent every effort to learn the language since day one, and walked his way through with passion. Opportunities followed. ‘One of my teachers in the faculty package was an expert in sign language, and often used related examples in classes. I was so interested in sign language and this assured my affection towards this language. I once had the chance to visit one of the schools I am currently teaching in, and I told myself this would be my future workplace. I then directly contacted the Centre for Sign Linguistics and Deaf Studies, and was offered the chance to lead tutorials with deaf students during weekends and summer break. It was a precious opportunity to polish my skill set. Everything was smooth, and I think I am lucky.’

Didn’t he earn his luck from his passion and perseverance?

Sometimes the low tide hit him hard too. Being a less popular subject, the sign language class cannot run unless it meets the minimum class size of ten students. Angus thus encouraged his peers to join the class. He also recalled earlier days when he started teaching. ‘Although I love sign language, my expression was confined by my limited vocabulary and skills. The Chinese language is also an alien language to the deaf students, and I was quite depressed during the time.’ Angus then smiled, ‘But I had enough passion to overcome the down moments.’ It looks like having only passion isn’t enough to take you to your destination; you also need heart and soul.

CHANGING YOUR LIFE WITH YOUR INTEREST

The College encourages creativity. Angus joined the Creativity Laboratory (ciab) team, and put his interest in art and design into practice. He was responsible for the design work in the team, and he was surprised by the atmosphere in ciab. ‘I could never imagine having a graffiti wall in the College, and our own space to do whatever we wanted.’ He furthered his passion in art in his teaching. ‘I do grab chances to create. During preparation for classes, for example, I find it better if I had my own teaching materials instead of gathering pictures from the internet. I thus draw my own.’ Angus is happy to better daily life with creativity.

NEVER GIVE UP

Angus also learns from his students. ‘Owing to their own difference, the deaf encounter more obstacles on their way to finding their own identity. Using sign language could attract peculiar looks on the street, and it is hard for them to ignore their own differences from others.’ University students also strive in defining themselves in society, but some of them might abandon the struggle. ‘The minority group don’t give up on themselves, and I see strength among them. This is what we should learn: Never give up. One would easily get lost if they give up on finding themselves.’

AN UPSET OR A HIDDEN TREASURE

Working in unpopular industries might allow greater enjoyment as there is less competition. Would that be another opportunity? ‘If sign language were a popular language, I might not have been able to get this precious offer with just one application letter and an email. Things might not be that complicated. If you are firm enough with your goal, the reality might be less harsh than imagined.

‘When you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.’ (from ‘The Alchemist’) When you glance back, you might suddenly find every experience, every effort you had made, and every person had actually helped you find your way here. You might think you are talking nonsense, or struggling between reality and your dream, but never forget that you are now in the La La Land named university.
Try more new things, and know yourself. Embrace failures, and don’t expect you will achieve anything if you are not paying your all-out effort in your work. Spend more time and learn. Taking up more tasks means learning more.

多試不同的事情，認清自己的興趣。不要怕輸，也不能期望遲到早退的工作態度能成就不凡，多花點時間和努力去學習，吃虧才代表你在學習更多的事情。
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COLLEGE FORUMS
書院論壇

Two College Forums were organised in November and January. In the Forum on Bushido spirit in Japan, Mr. Philip Li introduced the origin and development of Bushido in Japan, and how it has been transformed into the modern Japanese spirit. Mr. David M.H. Fong discussed with students the topic ‘From Corporate Social Responsibility to Shared Value: the Case of Genesis’ and introduced how corporate social responsibility was implemented in Hip Shing Hong through sharing the case of the revitalised industrial building, and discussed with students how corporations could execute CSR in the current business environment.

書院於十一月及一月共舉辦兩個書院論壇。李永權先生於「武士道花落花開」論壇中為同學簡介武士道精神及其傳承。方文雄先生則以協成行為例子，分析企業如何於現時商業環境中實行社會責任。

HIGH TABLE DINNER
高桌晚宴

The High Table Dinner of term two, entitled ‘Financial Planning and Your Life’ was held in February in the College Student Canteen. Mr. Matthew K.Y. Kwok, Managing Director of China Goldjoy Asset Management Limited, encouraged students to establish healthy financial planning from a young stage. He also advised students to have a good work attitude and master good communication skills when they start to work.

第二學期之書院高桌晚宴於二月上旬舉行，中國金洋資產管理有限公司董事總經理郭家耀先生就「理財及人生計劃」分享，與同學分析及早開始正確理財的重要性，並建議同學投身社會時要建立良好工作態度，掌握溝通技巧。

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS
學生殊榮

Thank you for every College team’s effort in the Inter-collegiate Competitions! This year’s achievements of Track and Field Team were remarkable. They were ranked overall fifth in the CUHK Athletic Meet held in November and won prizes in ten individual races. Man-tnsun Wu and Hanniel H.N. Chow took part in the CUHK Cross Country Team, which won the Men’s overall first runner-up in USFHK Cross Country Race held in November. Hanniel also obtained second runner-up in Men’s Individual. Our College teams won the champion in Men’s M1x and first runner-up in Men’s M4+ in the 13th CUHK Rowing Championship held in January. Our hearty congratulations and appreciations to each and every College athlete who devoted their time and energy in training and delivered their best in all competitions!

感謝所有書院運動隊伍在各院際比賽付出的努力！今年田徑隊收穫甚豐，除在中大田徑精英比賽取得全場第五，更在十項個別項目取得四金佳績。胡文津同學及周漢聶同學於香港大專體育協會越野錦標賽中協助中大越野隊勇奪全場亞軍，而周漢聶同學同獲男子個人季軍。划艇男子隊亦於中大划艇錦標賽囊括四人單槳有舵手銀牌及單人雙槳金牌。書院衷心恭賀所有奪獎同學，亦感謝各位書院運動員努力不懈，展現優秀體育精神！
STUDENT ACTIVITIES

EXERTING CREATIVITY IN NEW AREAS!

The Sunnies have been busy showcasing their creativity in the past few months!

A drama workshop was hosted by Mr. Karley Ng, an experienced drama artist from Exploration Theatre, and his team in Creativity Laboratory (c!ab). Mr. Ng has been working on community education through drama performance to raise public awareness on social issues, such as revitalisation and usage of public space. Our Sunnies were impressed by Mr. Ng’s recent project in Kwun Tong and interested in being further involved to gain first-hand experience in community service.

The c!ab x Music Team unplugged show also returned in late January, with the student band performing rock and roll music with our newly acquired drum set and audio equipment. Some students also went onto the stage to play pop songs with guitars and lead the audience to sing along. The beautiful singing and chill atmosphere lingered around c!ab for hours.

If you also want to use the drum set and other Music Team equipment, please register as a Music Team member now!

Miss Winnie Lee, a CUHK alumnus was invited by c!ab to share her entrepreneurial experience with students after the College High Table Dinner. She established a startup company called ’Spread-it’ last year with her partner which focuses on online viral marketing. As people nowadays rely much more on online information when making consumption decisions, ’Spread-it’ acts as a platform to link the brands and the users by connecting micro-influencers in various social media platform with commercial brands. The micro-influencers can join this platform and share their views on the product or services with their own trial experiences. At the event, students learnt more on the key to start a new business and the trends on digital marketing.

書院同學於過去數個月把握機會，在創意實驗室（c!ab）中以不同形式投入自己的創意。

c!ab舉辦了名為「藝術是社區工作的秘密武器？」的座談會，由專業劇場工作人、赫墾坊劇團藝術總監吳家禧先生及其團隊以觀塘社區為例，講解如何以戲劇方式進行地區教育工作，帶出近年漸受社會大眾關注的舊區重建、遷拆及公共空間等議題，讓市民能從較顯淺的角度重新認識及關心自己居住的社區。參加同學對吳先生的未來工作計劃亦感興趣，希望能在前期籌備及製作上提供協助，從而親身體會及學習進行地區工作的技巧。

第二次創意實驗室及音樂小組音樂會於一月下旬回歸，主辦同學一試書院新添置的鼓具和音響組合，演奏了多首搖滾樂曲。在表演結束後，同學亦自發上台表演流行曲，更與其他參加者合唱，在c!ab渡過一個精彩的晚上。如果你也希望使用一系列的音響器材，請立刻登記成為音樂小組會員！

創意實驗室邀得網絡推廣平台‘Spread-it’創辦人李穎茵小姐，於高桌晚宴後與同學分享創業經驗。

有見近年消費者主要於網上搜集商品資訊，李小姐在去年與友人一同創立公司‘Spread-it’，為各大品牌及社交網絡上的「影響者」提供平臺，讓他們可以將自己對各產品及服務的親身體驗作出分享，藉此以低成本為產品在網上迅速提供宣傳效果。同學於分享會中了解到更多關於創業及當今網絡營銷的要點。

1/ Drama Workshop 戲劇座談會
2/ c!ab x Music Team Unplugged Show 創意實驗室及音樂小組音樂會
3/ Sharing Session on Startup 創業經驗分享
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The College aims to cultivate our students to be future leaders. Four lessons of The Way to Success Course, with the aim of training students to be successful leaders and focusing on students’ holistic development, was conducted in term one. Six modules named ‘The Way to Success’, ‘Communication with Impact’, ‘Trust and Integrity’, ‘Servant Leadership’, ‘Failing Forward’ and ‘Life Management’ were conducted. Apart from lectures, students also had games and interactive discussions with their mentors and learnt from their valuable experience. After the course, students had sharpened their skills to overcome life’s challenges and built up a more positive outlook on themselves and the world.

A calm mind is also essential on the way to success. Two lessons in Meditation – Mind, Body and Spirit workshops were conducted in term one by Dr. Kanny Chou from the Department of Cultural and Religious Studies. The Sunnies not only learnt the fundamental theory of meditation, they also practised meditation during the lessons and at home to wipe away daily stress and restore calmness and inner peace.

Other than workshops, a group of Sunnies joined the relaxing Reading Club conducted by Ms. Kam Ling, a famous travel writer. Ms. Kam Ling shared her new book ‘Mysterious Girl in Iceland’ with the Sunnies and showed a lot of gorgeous photos taken in Iceland at the event. The participants also shared their feelings on the book and travelling experiences.

The Healthy Cooking for Christmas Workshop conducted by Mr. Leslie K.P. Chan, registered dietitian, was held before Christmas to encourage a healthy diet. To echo the ‘International Year of Pulses 2016’, Sunnies learnt how to cook healthily by using pulses as the main ingredient. Professor Kwai-cheong Chau, Chairman of Campus Environment Committee, also gave a speech on the benefits of pulses to our health and environment.
The Chinese Painting Workshop held in term one allowed students to learn under the guidance and demonstration of Dr. Phil K. N. Chan, Research assistant Curator (Painting and Calligraphy) from Art Museum, CUHK. Students finished many Chinese paintings and their interests in Chinese culture were greatly raised.

Over 30 Sunnies and College members joined the English through Music and Songs Appreciation: An Evening with Laymen in Jazz. Dr. Elaine Ng, lecturer in the English Language Teaching Unit as well as the vocalist, shared with us several poetic and lyrical songs. Students learnt the English expressions in the songs and enjoyed a relaxed evening by the sunset at the College Gallery.

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More than 50 students and staff members gathered to celebrate Christmas and New Year in December. Professor Kam-fai Wong, Associate Master, was Santa Claus and distributed gifts to share the joy. The delicious feast started with Professor Rance P.L. Lee, College Master, giving a warm welcome to all and cutting the turkey. The dazzling array of food increased everyone's appetite. Our Master then led the participants to visit the newly revamped House of Sunny Living to mark the finale of the party.

Professor Kam-fai Wong led more than 50 staff members and students on a hike in February to celebrate the Chinese Lantern Festival. Participants departed from Luk Keng Wong Uk and gazed across the delightful scenery of Starling Inlet, and this was all followed by a pun choy banquet in the College.

Should we gain some work experience first before starting up a business? An inspirational Career Sharing Session was conducted in January by College alumnus, Mr. Edwin P.S. Ty, College graduate of Class 2016 majoring in Systems Engineering and Engineering Management. As a recent graduate, Edwin shared his experience on how he planned his own career direction and developed strategies starting from year one. He encouraged students to first identify their own interests, develop their strengths and then go straight to the goals. He also shared some practical tips on how to enhance their social media profiles in order to draw the attention of potential employers, as well as some useful online education resources for lifelong learning.

Our Drama Society took part in the CUHK Drama Competition for the first time. Their production ‘Ever After’ probed the audience to rethink their life goals. Our student Chi-yip Kung, who attained the ‘Merit for Actor’, played the role of ‘Kin’, a homeless musician pursuing his dreams.
Weng-in Ng is from Macau and majored in Architecture. She is the one of the founding College graduates and stayed in Hong Kong to continue her development in the architecture field. She also volunteers in non-government organisation. The picture shows Ng in the event ‘Very DVRC | Walk Our Imaginations’.

請簡單介紹你現在的工作。
I am now working in a local architect firm as an intern. I work on projects including public housing, hospital facility repairing and some other projects with smaller scales. My duties include assisting the architect in design, tender drawings and administrative works.

I understand that you are from Macau. Why did you choose to continue your university studies in Hong Kong?
One of the reasons is that I was attracted by the education and working environment in Hong Kong. I wish to grab the chance to experience more when I am still young. Hong Kong is equipped with great teaching resources and standards, and the city itself is internationalised. I hope to learn and grow in a different environment.

What do you think about the school life in Hong Kong? Did you enjoy it? Are there any unique inspirations during your university life here?
I think the university life in Hong Kong is free and easy. You have many opportunities and choices on what to pursue, and there are many people supporting you. You can join societies to find friends sharing similar goals; you can read quietly in the comfortable library; you can also work around the clock in the architecture studio... you can choose anything you wish to accomplish. I love the nature and thus I particularly enjoyed my campus life in CUHK, which is a ‘city on the mountain’. Talking about the greatest inspiration, I would say it is the people and experiences interacting with them. There are many individuals with great ambitions which I really admire.

You majored in architecture. Why did you choose this subject? Did your studies in CUHK help your development in this field?
The reason I chose this subject as my major was simple: I love architecture. This is the only subject I have applied for university. My growth in the profession was witnessed by the teachers and peers in my university life, and CUHK provided a great platform for me to interact with and learn from them.

Did the hostel life and the experience in Temporary Resident Association help in your decisions in your career path?
The College provided many opportunities to students to try new things. I have participated in internship programme and exchange programme, and met great cabinet members in the Temporary Resident Association. It was really a precious experience to work with all of them and meet different people.

Did you have any preparation for your career during your university life?
I did not particularly prepare for my future career, but always bared in mind the ‘play hard, work hard!’ principle, and being responsible to myself.

Anything you would like to share with the fellow Sunnies?
University life is free and easy. You can try whatever you want to, so it is important to have good time management and a clear goal.
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二零一六年十一月十七日是第一屆伍宜孫書院畢業典禮的大日子，院長李沛良教授於畢業典禮上殷切期望每一位畢業生無論做人做事都要有熱誠、不怕辛苦，不計較利益多寡。院長隨後邀請主禮嘉賓許漢忠太平紳士上台，許先生分享了他在個人事業上的發展心得，並勉勵畢業生要秉持書院院訓「博學篤行」，不僅要國際學識，也要以批判性角度思考問題，並且要有這種拋棄安逸、堅持實踐，為社會作出貢獻的美德。典禮最後由畢業生代表張力行先生致辭，細數過去數年與書院共同成長的經歷及分享畢業生將面對的挑戰，幾番落淚作結，表達對畢業生完成本科課程的恭喜。

當日亦是書院畢業生名錄牌匾揭幕的一天。隨著牌匾緩緩被揭開，畢業生的囂囂聲搭配著親友們此起彼落的相機快門聲，見證各位畢業生完成大學課程的喜悅。
The College organised Service-learning Trip to Cambodia 2016 from 30 December 2016 to 6 January 2017. With enthusiastic and concerted efforts among 16 students from all eight faculties, the trip was completed successfully under the guidance of Mr. Wai-hung Tang, Director of Service-Learning Programme. During this eight-day trip, our delegates had thoughtfully planned and organised various activities to serve local street children in slum areas, orphans, primary students and the elderly. They shared happiness with the kids through hand-crafts games, and taught the elderly some simple stretching exercises. Some other unforgettable experiences included homestay with local villagers, planting mangrove trees in shallow water and a boat ride to watch fire-flies. The Sunnies also interacted with a group of local university students in a sharing session and team-building exercises.

After having undergone the entire process of planning, preparation, implementation, as well as daily evaluation and reflective sharing during the trip, the students have not only learnt more about Cambodia and the local socially disadvantaged groups, but also gained better understanding of themselves and each other. We are glad to see our Sunnies further develop their life skills, leadership potentials and sense of social responsibility.
When it comes to Cambodia, people usually associate it with poverty, poor living conditions, and low education level. Yet, I would rather describe it as a ‘diverse’ place where I could literally feel the divergence between the rich and the poor throughout the trip. Thanks to this Service-learning Trip, I managed to meet different strata of Cambodians, ranging from kids to elderly, and from fresh university students to experienced staff in YMCA. Only when you pay a visit to a place can you truly look into its culture, customs and even interact with the people there. Thus, this trip not only widens my horizons but also provides me with an opportunity to get a taste of the contrasting Cambodian lifestyle when comparing to Hong Kong’s.

Frankly speaking, I was quite unsure of whether I spiced up or disturbed the service targets’ lives when I was only staying there for a week. After all, talking about changes in an eight-day trip is just chasing rainbows. Despite the fact that I was the one who taught the children in a primary school on day six, I kept wondering what I could bring them in a few hours. Nonetheless, seeing a child remember the word ‘bird’ after I have repeated for five or six times, my feeling of uncertainty was eased. I realised that a real service lies not in the give-and-take process at once but the progress made from time to time. As the old saying goes, ‘Rome was not built in a day’, neither were the people’s behavior and mindset in a country. But there must be someone laying bricks every day. Therefore, I think regular service trips or visits are still meaningful to a certain extent.

Cheuk-yan Lau
(English Studies and English Language Education/2)

I particularly treasure my time before graduation to gather with others who share common social values to serve the underprivileged. We were grateful to have Mr. Wai-hung Tang to provide us helpful guidance as well as the full support from YMCA Cambodia. We engaged voluntary teaching in street children centres, orphanage and primary school. That is to say it is enormously rewarding to everyone in the team. We had shared our global vision and exchanged life experiences with them, with children enjoying both handicraft workshop and campfire dancing. Impressed by them being devoted and energetic, we believed that no effort is ever wasted though some pay dividends later than you think. Time flies and we could never feel enough from the one-day programme. We all wish they dare to dream big and also to keep this great memory, more importantly to remind them that they have never been forgotten. Meanwhile, we dived deep into the history, local cultures, social condition and education policy of Cambodia. We witnessed the misfortune past of Cambodia in the S21 museum; and its improving modern society just out there in the city. We spent four nights with our host family in Phnom Penh. Although they do not speak fluent English, we could still use body language and limited Khmer to communicate with them. They prepared local food for us and we had the opportunity to live like a Cambodian in traditional houses. Probably showering in cold water for four consecutive days was the most unforgettable homestay experience.

Volunteering can nurture important values for our personal growth which are only enriched through constant serving and learning outside our comfort zone. For those who still hesitate to go on a service trip, act now. You will regret the things you did not do rather than the things you have done.

Hiu-lam Mok (Contemporary China Studies/4)

‘My mom is now starving.’ The boy took his own lunch away, ran through a dusty lane, all the way home. Both of them were starving. These fragments of memories are still arising in my mind, still shocking. In contrast to the magnificent royal palace in Phnom Penh, the people, however, are suffering from hunger, corruption, poverty... you name it. There are street children centres established by the YMCA Cambodia, in which the children are left home and not educated. Upon interaction through activities, they were unexpectedly outgoing and welcoming. We acted as trees, enfolded them in our arms, carried them on our backs, held their hands and so on. All they need is love and care.

Despite the increasingly developed internet network, frankly, without seeing it with your own eyes, or hearing it with your own ears, hardly could we know the actual situation and the seriousness of any problems. But how could we respond and react to it? I have no clear answer, and that is why I was there. Will you?

Yan-ho Tam (Biology/4)
Our Ninth College Anniversary Celebration Organising Committee, The Order of Wu Yee Sun and Sports Association casted the magical spells on our Sunny College to unveil the mysterious excitement for College’s birthday. The Organising Committee was determined to unleash their creativity and bring happiness for every Sunnie.

第九屆書院院慶活動籌委會及體育學會以「伍宜孫的密令」為主題，齊齊揮起魔法棒，揭開書院生辰的神秘驚喜。籌委會決心以無限創意，為每一位同學帶來歡樂。

1/ Stars cannot shine without darkness. A haunted house and maze were set up in Creativity Laboratory and Terrace of Dreams for participants to experience a thrilling adventure of brightness.

沒有黑暗，就沒有閃亮的星星。創意實驗室及圓夢臺搖身一變成為鬼屋及迷宮「迷離宜孫」，讓參加者展開尋找光明的驚險之旅。

2/ Professor Rance P.L. Lee, College Master, led College members and student representatives to celebrate the birthday of our College with all 300 runners and cut the birthday cake. The runners then gathered for the Campus Run, and ran along United College, New Asia College and returned to our College.

當日院長李沛良教授帶領書院成員及學生代表切生日蛋糕，與三百位跑友同慶書院生日。各位跑手其後聚集參與環校跑，沿路跑往聯合書院、新亞書院再折返伍宜孫書院。

3/
Our signature 523 banquet attracted 300 students and teachers to share joyful moments. The stunning dance performance and band show were impressive. Lovely gifts prepared by the Organising Committee for lucky draw spread extra joy. The event reached its climax with the performance of the popular band, Dear Jane.

院慶傳統523人宴吸引三百位師生聚首一堂，同享火鍋盛宴。其後精彩的學生舞蹈，樂隊表演令人目不暇給，而籌委為抽獎環節精心挑選的禮品亦提高現場的歡樂氣氛。樂隊Dear Jane的演出更將全場氣氛推至高潮，大家都盡興而歸。

More than 30 booths with home-made snacks and drinks, handicrafts, photo-taking and games were set up in the Sunny Festival. Hundreds of students and staff members gathered in the Central Courtyard to celebrate the College’s birthday. Dazzling singing and dancing performances by students were on show in the College Gallery and attracted a big crowd.

超過三十個自家製食物、手藝品、拍照及遊戲攤位於中央庭園擺賣，吸引數百師生到Sunny Festival參加。書院藝廊更有精湛的學生舞蹈及歌唱表演，不少參加者駐足觀看。

Quidditch, the last tournament of the magical journey of the College Anniversary celebration, had the participants dressed as wizards holding a broom and scoring points by chasing after each other for the ball.

這次院慶魔法旅程的終點站是魁地奇。同學模仿魔法師拿著掃帚搶球，你追我逐以爭取分數。

Despite the rain and chilly weather, the College had set up a booth in the University Mall to welcome alumni and their friends back for the CUHK Alumni Homecoming Day. The booth was packed with visitors playing the games that we designed to introduce our newly renovated House of Sunny Living and the meaning of our College slogan: ‘Go Green! Be Sunny!’ College Master, Professor Rance P.L. Lee, hosted a dinner with alumni and their guests on the same day to welcome them back to the College. It was a delightful gathering with alumni sharing their latest updates and interesting things they came across at work.

儘管天氣不似預期，寒風更兼細雨，書院於中大校友日設置於百萬大道的攤位仍是擠滿人群。當天兩個攤位遊戲分別介紹「如日坊」及書院標語「Go Green! Be Sunny!」，遊戲加入互動元素，吸引了不同年齡的人士到來。院長李沛良教授主持特意設宴招待書院校友及其親屬，校友們分享近況及工作趣事，共渡一個愉快的晚上。

Tea Gathering with Recipients of Admission Scholarships 2016/17

With the start of the new academic year, the College invited recipients of College admission scholarships of 2016/17 to a tea gathering held in November. Participants got to know each other and had a pleasant chat with our College members.

隨著新學年的開始，書院邀請本學年獲頒發入學獎學金的新生與書院老師茶聚，希望藉此機會互相認識，讓他們更了解書院的歷史及文化。
Go Green!  
Be Sunny!

The publicity name of Wu Yee Sun College is ‘The Sunny College’: half word-play on Dr. Wu’s name and half the College vision.

May the College and its members radiate positive energy and be a passionate force that makes the world a better place.

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也寓言書院朝東，學生第一時間感受到太陽東升的朝氣與光芒，
有活力有熱誠，矢志追求理想，造福人群。