

**HKU Centenary Gala Months & Gala Dinner
Fact Sheet**

Gala Dinner (Dec 18, 2011 Sunday)

<http://100.hku.hk/galadinner>

Venue: Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre
Grand Hall and Foyer, Convention Hall and Foyer

An evening to SHARE, beyond the HKCEC, for alumni and the public and those outside of Hong Kong

Facts and arrangements

1. 5,300 sit-down guests, among them over 90% are alumni. 150 student leaders from HKUSA, member associations and student groups invited. Among the participants are:
 - Former Vice-Chancellors including Professor Rayson Huang, Professor Wang Gungwu and Professor Cheng Yiu-chung
 - Former Pro-Chancellor and Former Council Chairman Sir Ti-liang Yang, and Former Council Chairman Dr Victor Fung
 - Oldest alumna 101 years old; six to seven are over 90 years of age
 - Over 50 alumni join the evening from all corners of the world, including North America, Europe, South East Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Chinese Mainland etc.
 - Some 80 overseas and local University Presidents attending the Presidents Summit at HKU will join.

2. Over 600 students openly recruited as “Student Hosts” so they can participate in this memorable occasion. They will join other working staff for a light buffet in the adjacent Working Zone (Hall 3B). They will receive a Centenary souvenir and enjoy Centenary wines.

3. 365 tables in
 - New wing -- Grand Hall & Foyer (>240 Tables)
 - Old wing -- Convention Hall & Foyer (>120 Tables)- breaking the banquet record at HKCEC

4. Bazaar at “University Drive” - a 200-M long corridor with thematic photo backdrops to refresh participants of their memories of university lives.

5. Webcast starts at 7:30pm, Sunday, Dec 18 (HKT) to share the memorable event with University Family Members and the public at <http://100.hku.hk/galadinner/webcast>
6. A half-hour "HKU 100 Special", entitled 《百載恩．香港情》, on TVB Jade at 11:00pm on Dec 18 (re-run at 3:30pm on Dec 25).

Gifts to Hong Kong and HKU “送給港大 送給香港”

Some alumni and staff have dedicated GIFTS to the University. All are *pro bono*. Also SHARE with people of Hong Kong the special programmes – will be premiered at the Gala Dinner.

1. The 1912 University Anthem revived with a short film “Sapientia”

On the 1912 University Anthem

- The HKU Anthem was first performed at the Opening Ceremony of the University held on Monday, March 11 1912, in front of the newly-completed Main Building. It was performed by the Choir of the St John’s Cathedral, the Chorus of the Philharmonic Society, and the full Military Band of the 1st Battalion, King’s Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. The music was composed by Denman Fuller and the Latin verses by the then Acting Colonial Secretary former Governor Cecil Clementi.
- The HKU Anthem was used at formal University occasions until the 1930s, but after the war it was largely forgotten, preserved in the archives as an historical curiosity that could be seen but seldom heard.
- To celebrate the University’s centenary, this 100-year-old anthem has been revived. The music has been reconstructed by Head of Music Department Dr Chan Hing-yan from the original parts, re-orchestrated and recorded, bringing an old tradition back to life for a new century.
- The Anthem recording was done on May 18, 2011, under the baton of Yip Wing-Sie, Artistic Director of Hong Kong Sinfonietta, HKU University Artist; and sung by the HKU Students’ Union Choir, DBS and DGS choirs.

On the “Sapientia” Short Film

- Alumni and famous directors Mabel Cheung 張婉婷 (BA 1973) and Alex Law 羅啟銳 (BA 1976), both University Artists, will produce a short film based on the newly recorded HKU Anthem as the background music. It will be premiered at the Gala Dinner. Mabel and Alex have, in their previous works of City of Glass, featured HKU.

- There was an open casting amongst HKU students for the role of “students” in the short film. 20 students were casted eventually to take part in the production. Some other groups were also involved in specific scenes by invitation, e.g. HKU Athletics Team, Union Choir, Dance Society, St John’s College, Ricci Lacrosse Team.
- This premiere at the Gala Dinner is a prelude. The full performance with orchestra and choirs will be staged when the 900-seat lecture hall in the Centennial Campus is ready.

2. The 2011 New Song – “Brighten Me with Virtues” 《明我以德》

- In true Canto-Pop style, "Brighten Me with Virtues" 《明我以德》 is an unprecedented collaboration of three masters - composed and produced by Sam Hui 許冠傑 (BA 1971), lyrics by Lin Xi 林夕 (BA 1984), arranged and co-produced by Adrian Chow 周博賢 (LLB 1991). This is a song dedicated by the kings of Cantopop to their *alma mater*.
- The Song was recorded by 18 HKU students after an open audition. Pop-singers - Arts alumna Kay Tse 謝安琪, Dental student Alfred Hui 許廷鏗 - as well as Sam Hui also took part in the recording.
- A video on the making of the Song, directed by Engineering alumnus Yankov Wong 黃曉初, featuring the 18 students, the 3 singers and many more students and staff, will premiere at the Gala Dinner. An MV with the University Family including alumni will be produced later.
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3. Parade, Hall Cheers and performances by students and alumni

Gala Months (Dec 2011 – Feb 2012)
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1. Themes:

- Thank the people of Hong Kong for nurturing HKU;
- Affirm the HKU Values and project the Spirit;
- Share the Missions (Knowledge, Heritage, Service; top Asian University nurturing global leaders)

2. Other special Centenary Celebrations Activities are attached. Or visit website:

<http://100.hku.hk/galamonths>