



From the Editors

We had a fruitful winter break and a busy spring semester this year. Winter break is a time of study tour: students of the Asian Studies (AS) programme visited Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages and various places in Kaohsiung and Tainan; while students of the Creative and Cultural Industries (CCI) programme visited museums and cultural events in Taiwan. During the semester, our students and staff engaged in a number of teaching and research activities – and congratulations must be given to our students who won several awards in the HSUHK G20 Summit Simulation. The semester concluded with a festive event “Asian Cultural Week” – during which we organised talks, exhibitions, and competition to celebrate the cultures of Asia.



Events and Awards

G20 Summit Simulation (4 April)

In the HSUHK G20 Summit Simulation, students from the AS and CCI teams represented Japan (host country of the Summit) and Argentina respectively. The former was given the “Friendship Award” and the “Best Dress Award” while the “Best Presenter Award” went to Lo Kar Li (Year 2 AS student). Congratulations to all of them.





Study Tours

South Taiwan History and Cultural Tour 2019 (3–9 January)

The Department of Social Science, with the support from Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages (Wenzao), organised a study tour during the winter break. Dr Gary Tang and fifteen students, including those from the AS programme, were welcomed by Prof Samuel Ku (Vice President for International Affairs) and his team at Wenzao. Together they visited various historic and cultural sites of Kaohsiung and Tainan.



BA-CCI Study Tour to Taiwan (6–11 January)



Together with Prof Desmond Hui, Dr Patrick Mok and Ms Charmine Hui, students of the CCI programme had the opportunity to visit various museums and to learn from cultural events across Taiwan. Places they visited included the National Kaohsiung Center for the Arts-Weiwuying, Chimei Museum, Blueprint Cultural & Creative Park, among many others.





Social Engagement and Community Services

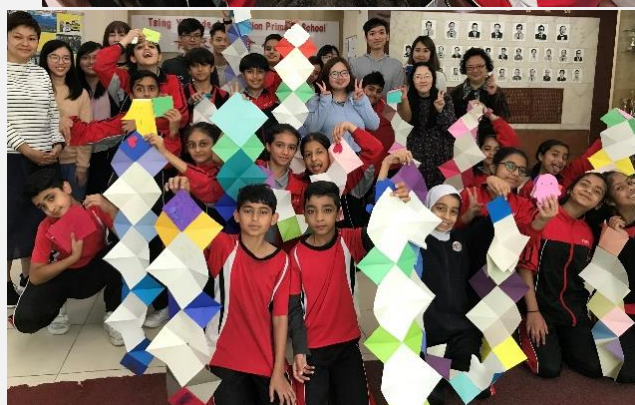
Presentation by Dr Gary Tang (16 January)



Dr Gary Tang from the Department of Social Science and Dr Lawrence Ho from The Education University of Hong Kong co-delivered a presentation on “Media and Policing” at the Hong Kong Police College.

Service learning led by Ms Maggie Wong (March-April)

Ms Maggie Wong brought learning outside the classroom – Students from the “ASI1002 Individual and Society” module visited a group of Pakistani children at a local primary school every Saturday in March 2019. During the 2-hour visits, they engaged the children in a number of activities such as ice-breaking games, Chinese story reading and doing artwork related to the story. On 5 April, those school children came to HSUHK where they enjoyed reading and a campus tour organised by our students.





Asian Cultural Week 2019 (8-12 April)

The Asian Cultural Week is a week-long annual event hosted by the Department of Social Science, to celebrate the diverse cultures of Asia with a range of activities including competitions, cultural experiences, workshops and seminars.

The opening ceremony

We are glad to have Mr Tomofumi Koida from the Consulate-General of Japan, Mr Yoshiaki Bando from the Kumamoto Prefectural Government Hong Kong Representative Office, Mr Hiroaki Tonotokoro from the Miyazaki Prefectural Hong Kong Representative Office, and Ms Lee Wai Ling, Maria, the founder of Ling Lee International Limited, to be the guests of honour in the opening ceremony of the first Asian Cultural Week this year. Not to mention the visit of the three lovely mascots – Kumamon, Miyazakiken, and our very own Handa!



The opening ceremony includes a dancing-together with the three mascots and also the presentation of the “1st Asian Cultural Experience Awards”, which are given to AS students with outstanding achievement in Asian culture or Asian Studies, within and outside the campus.

Congratulations to the winners of the 1st Asian Cultural Experience Award!

Gold

Chung Uen Yui (Left)

Merit

Chan Wing Yin (Right),
Athena Chan Yuen Wah (in absentia)
He Suying (middle)



Cultural activities:

Japanese karaoke competition, Indian yoga induction session, exhibition of specialties from Kumamoto and Miyazaki prefectures, and poster presentation by students of the “ASI4006 Asian Food and Cuisine” module.



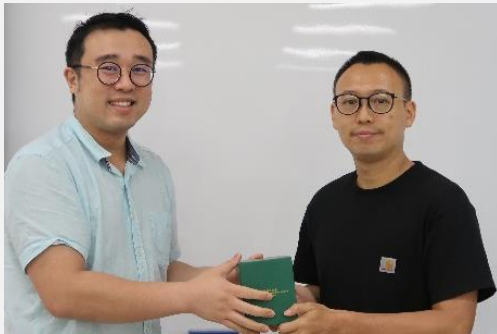
Workshops:

Chinese tea culture and appreciation, Japanese manga workshop.



Seminars:

Screening and discussion of *A Taxi Driver*, “Culture of Play in Republican Shanghai”, “Love in Indian fashion”, and a talk on heritage by The Conservancy Association.



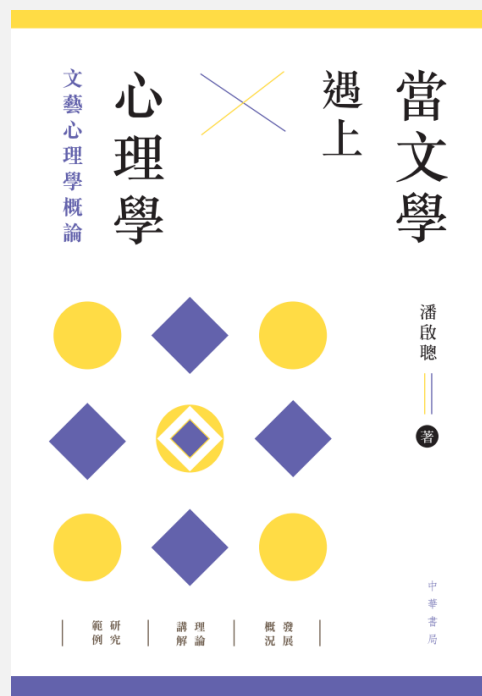


Research Activities and Outputs

Book Launch

Joe KC POON, *When Literature Meets Psychology* (HK: Chung Hwa, 2019)

Dr Joe Poon's latest book not only introduces readers to the field of "Psychology of Literature and Art" but also attempts to redefine the field by claiming a 'return' to psychology to challenge the over-emphasis on literature in preexisting studies.



Research meeting in Hunan

Dr Shiru Wang partook in a meeting at Xiangtan University at Hunan Province for a project of Asian Barometer Survey (ABS). Asian Barometer Survey is a long-term multi-wave survey study capturing people's attitudes towards democracy and politics.

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