Feature Story

Top 5 reasons for HKU to become more global:

1. Better Teaching: academic staff with international experience reported increase in teaching quality and satisfaction.
2. Better Research: papers with international co-authors are published in higher impact journals with more citations.
3. More Impact: international exposure amplifies transversal skills to tackle new challenges and opportunities
4. More Innovation: Diversity (e.g. academic discipline, nationality, race, ethnicity, gender) is the key ingredient in fostering innovation
5. Better Jobs: students with international experiences develop better technical and soft skills making them more desirable to employers

And let’s not forget about FUN: students with international experience reported higher degree of overall satisfaction and more international life. Think Globally, Act Locally!

From VP(Global) … The continuing globalization of higher education is inevitable in an ever-interconnected and mobile world. HKU is strategically situated in China with qualities and attributes required by the international academic community. We will leverage our incredible talents, assets, and experiences in strengthening ties with strategic partners in the Mainland and overseas in order to foster future academic and student leaders who are equipped to tackle grand challenges of a rapidly changing world. The diverse HKU campus is a fertile ground to foster future leaders with global acumen while committed to upholding the plurality of the Hong Kong society and its distinctiveness. Not only are we providing opportunities for our students and staff in Hong Kong, we are training them to apply their talents and to be successful anywhere. We will amplify on-campus engagement, diversity, an inclusiveness that are augmented by international opportunities for everyone in teaching & learning, research, and knowledge exchange.

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Students have every opportunity to go forth and take in the appeal of Mainland China! The fantastic range of programmes the China Vision offers: Culture, Field Study, Learning, Service, Summer School and Internship. It is time to expand your horizon and to thrive, pushing your limits and gaining skills beyond the University’s walls, as well as to establish lasting global links with your peers. Deadline to apply for China Vision Winter Programmes: October 11, 2016.

Credit: China Affairs Office (http://www.als.hku.hk/chinavision/)

Internationalisation in Research

HKU is poised to take on global grand challenges. We have to think BIG to achieve this mission. Have you ever wondered how food get on your table? Hunger and food are a global challenge requiring interdisciplinary insights into agriculture, production, safety, nutrition, health, ecology, environment, logistics, economics, and many more. It is essential to train young scientists at an early stage to think longitudinally and globally. I brought students to Korea to learn how successful food development involves the harmonious work between farmers, research scientists, engineers, and cooperate managers to make this happen. Big Ideas needs group efforts.  By Dr. Jetty Lee, Assistant Professor of School of Biological Sciences, a recipient of Global Partnership Seed Fund.

Internationalisation in Knowledge Exchange

At the heel of the G-20 Summit in Hangzhou, students from HKU and other local universities came together to discuss globalisation and issues affecting Hong Kong and the world. The Model-UN style on-campus simulation provided a platform for students to debate and to negotiate topics related to geopolitics, economy and international governance. Supported by HKU, the US Consulate General in HK and Macau, and the Hong Kong-America Centre, the event promoted understanding between Hong Kong and global societies through educational exchange by providing students with a unique active-learning opportunity with various experts to gain global awareness.  By Professor Richard W.X. Hu, Head of the Department of Politics and Public Administration

Guest Contributor

The community desires physicians who are not only knowledgeable in biomedical sciences but compassionate and effective as a communicator. Interacting with people is the best way to appreciate humanity. An international experience allows medical students to understand people and other cultures, develop their communication skills and learn about scientific advances. It builds a strong foundation of intellectual development for the future doctors of Hong Kong.  Professor CS Lau
Associate Dean (Teaching & Learning),
Faculty of Medicine

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27th in QS
43rd in THES
3rd in Global Outlook (QS)

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