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5 things about “the Greater Bay Area”

- Deep cultural, historical, and economic tie with HK
- World’s largest and most populous urban area
- Generates 10% of China’s GDP (equivalent to half of UK’s GDP)
- Comprehensive growth plan from innovation to trade
- Three different legal systems and currencies

The Pearl River Delta region (aka “the Greater Bay Area”) is a major focus of HKU’s Mainland Strategy. It’s where opportunities abound for our research to deliver greater societal impact and for our students’ future career to soar. From our home campus on Pokfulam, HKU is further connected to the region through the HKU Shenzhen Hospital, Shenzhen Institute of Research and Innovation, various collaborations with universities and industry. Our international and Mainland partners are envious of our positioning and are knocking on our door. Let’s answer them!

VOICES FROM ALUMNI

“We are very pleased that HKU has collaborated with the Wu Zhi Qiao (Bridge to China) Charitable Foundation to launch an Experiential Learning Programme for a trial period of 3 years. The 1st summer programme will take place from July 16 - Aug 12, 2018. It will enable the undergraduate students to extend their horizons and apprehend a wide spectrum on way of life in the Mainland, ranging from the modernized capital, Beijing, to the ancient capital Xi’an with rich historical and cultural heritage in the first two weeks. On ground experience in construction and community services in rural Macha Village, Gansu province will be a highlight in this project-based construction/humanity experiential learning programme.

An MOU was signed on March 8, 2018 with VP & PVC (Teaching & Learning) Professor Ian Holliday and members of the WZQCF.

Participants will be engaged in community service activities in scope of architecture: Sustainability and environment protection / building; arts and culture; public health etc. Students from Hong Kong and the Mainland will have the opportunity to interact and exchange ideas during a varsity of events so as to foster better mutual understanding and appreciation.

Credit:
Ms. Leonie Ki, Founder & Honorary President, WZQCF, HKU’70, Member of HKU Council

FROM VP (GLOBAL)

We live in a hyper-connected mobile world. HKU is strategically situated in a ultra dynamic region, “the Greater Bay Area”, with qualities and attributes required by the international academic community. Let’s capitalize on this 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 preparing them to apply their talents and to be successful anywhere. Why not start with what’s at our door step?

Contact us at VPglobal@hku.hk. We support your global aspiration.
VOICES FROM STUDENTS

"I chose to pursue postgraduate studies in HKU because I believed the academic approach in HKU is one that expands horizon. The HKU environment which values inclusiveness, diversity and collaboration enabled me to work with researchers at the forefront of my discipline at a global scale. Recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in HKU 3MT 2018 which challenges research students to explain their research in three minutes to a general audience. My HKU 3MT journey kept pointing to the bigger picture of research – to consolidate novel biomedical findings and translate that to knowledge for society with hopes to improve healthcare. As I endeavour to make a difference in the global community, HKU continually provides the platform towards realizing this goal and it will be such an honour to further represent HKU at the international stage for international 3MT, conferences and research exchange! PhD in HKU is an inspired experience."

Credit: Ms Khong Mei Li, PhD, Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine

"Born and raised in Thailand, I only began learning proper English and Mandarin in secondary school, putting me at a disadvantage in this globalized world. Thus, to gain more foreign language exposure, I have always aspired to study overseas for university. Knowing that my dream would not have materialized without a scholarship, I am incredibly thankful to be part of the Belt and Road Scholarship Program. Indeed, HKU’s diverse and multilingual community had attracted me to study here as language skill and social interaction skill are undeniably crucial to my personal growth and future career path. After a semester here, I have made plenty of local and non-local friends, who came from countries such as Kazakhstan, Greece, Sri Lanka, Finland and many more. While juggling with my double degree program in BBA(IS)/BEng(CompSci), these friends introduced and supported me to participate in various activities and to apply for leadership positions and university teams. I passed the auditions and joined the university rock climbing team, HKU international case competition society, Lady Ho Tung Hall's lacrosse team, and HKU Information Systems Association’s editorial sub-committee team. Beyond a wide-range of extra-curricular activities available to me at HKU, I was also grateful for the valuable internship experience at Soap Cycling, a company, run by HKU student interns, which recycle soaps from hotels and distribute them to the disadvantaged communities. Evidently, opportunities available in HKU is limitless. Hence, I believe that it is really a matter of adequate preparation and right attitude we all need to establish for ourselves to grasp these opportunities and achieve our goals."

Credit: Ms Sriweerawanichakun Sangnapa, BBA(IS)/BEng(CompSci)

NEW HKU International (Video)

https://uvision.hku.hk/playvideo.php?mid=21802

Global Partnership Seed Fund /
Strategic Partnership Fund with UChicago, USydney, UCL and KCL

Upcoming deadline: 30 September, 2018

The Silk Road exchange programme organized by the School of Chinese has entered the third year. With the support from the HKU VP Global Office and sponsorship of Tin Ka Ping Foundation, the programme became even more successful.

HKU students were accompanied by project leader Hayson Liu, with the President of Dunhuang Academy, Professor Zheng Binlin, and Dunhuang expert Professor Wei Yingchun throughout the trip. Students have learnt a lot from the on-site lectures of Silk Road history and culture along the trip which exceeded 2700km.

In order to deepen the learning experience, a tour to Tsz Shan Monastery and Chinese calligraphy workshops were held after the trip.