



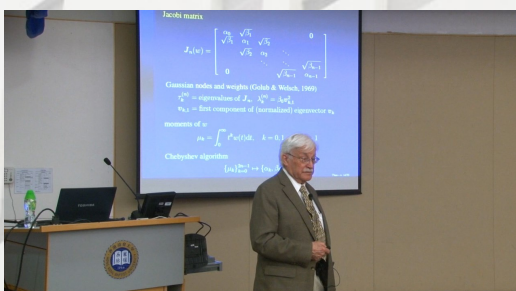
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MSc ITM & AIS Alumni Newsletter

25th Anniversary of our Department

Our Department organized a series of meaningful and forward-looking events to celebrate its 25th birthday in 2013/14:

Distinguished lectures: Eight world-leading authorities were invited to give a series of distinguished lectures on some hot and important topics (e.g., e-health, health information privacy, cloud computing, big data, etc.). They shared their insights and visions with our staff and students.



Anniversary Dinner: The 25th Anniversary Dinner was held on 16 Nov 2013. More than 550 participants joined this very happy occasion, including the University Vice President, Faculty representatives, Department staff, students, alumni and friends of the Department. Through a sequence of enjoyable activities (e.g., games, lucky draw, music and singing performance, etc.), all participants had a joyful and memorable night.



Open Day: The Department hosted its Open Day to the public on 22 March 2014. There were more than 300 participants, including the general public and secondary school students & teachers. Through a sequence of demonstrations and learning activities, the participants can better understand our Department and the roles of IT in both daily life and work.



Exhibition: The Department organized a public exhibition, called “Cloud Frontier – Computing Gala”, to showcase our recent achievements as well as the projects done by our former/current students. This exhibition was held in Metro City Plaza III on 24 May 2014 and it attracted many participants.



ITM Alumni Won Championship in Social Enterprise Project



Two ITM alumni, Dr Li Yuanxi and Mr Andy Chan, together with four other participants proposed a business plan entitled "Barrier-Free School". This business plan won the **Champion** at the 2013 Hong Kong Social Enterprise Challenge (HKSEC 2013) together with the **Best Social Mission** and **Best Presentation Awards**. They are the first team which wins all three awards since the Challenge started 7 years ago. Congratulations to Yuanxi and Andy!

Internship in Italy

In the summer of 2014, some MSc students participated in the Italy internship programme jointly organized by our Department and the University of Perugia. In this internship programme, students attended classes at the [University of Perugia](#) (a public university founded in 1308) and received on-the-job training in some companies in Italy. They learned extra knowledge, widened their exposure, gained work experience in overseas companies, and made new friends!



Study Tour

Our department organized a study tour to Seoul in June 2014. Dr Jean Lai and Dr Carmen Lam led students to visit: i) some well-known universities in Seoul for academic and cultural exchanges, ii) some high-tech companies to learn the frontier technology in the industry, and iii) some sight-seeing spots of cultural or historical values.



MSc ITM & AIS Fresh Graduates 2014

With two MSc programmes, we have more than 200 fresh MSc graduates. Most of them are now working in Hong Kong, some have returned to and are working in the mainland China, and a few further their studies in the USA and the mainland China. We wish them all the best.



Before taking class photos, the fresh graduates had a simple buffet lunch with our professors and shared their memorable moments at HKBU.



MSc ITM & AIS Freshmen 2014/15

We have more than 200 MSc ITM & AIS freshmen in 2014/15. They received their undergraduate education in Hong Kong, mainland China, Macau, Canada, United States, United Kingdom, Italy, Finland, Australia, New Zealand, and Nigeria. With this diversified background, students can widen their exposure through interaction with each other. Certainly they will learn a lot and gain valuable learning experience in the coming months.



In particular, we have three foreign MSc students in 2014/15. They could enhance multi-cultural exchanges among our MSc students. With the MSc Fellowship scheme launched last year, we expect that there will be more foreign students in our MSc programmes.

Studying for the Second MSc Degree

With the MSc AIS programme launched in 2012, our Department is offering two MSc programmes. You are welcome to study for the second MSc degree in our Department. In particular, course exemption and tuition fee reduction will be provided to you if you have taken the related courses. To learn more, please contact us at the following email addresses:

Enquiry about MSc ITM: itm@comp.hkbu.edu.hk

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Library and Email Services for Alumni

You can use certain library services at a small annual fee. For details, please read [Graduate Service Package](#).

You can use an alumni email account provided by Google. Its email address is **xxxxxxx@life.hkbu.edu.hk** where **xxxxxxx** is your student ID number at HKBU. For details, please read this [quick user guide](#).

Alumni Recent Status

You are welcome to share your recent status with your classmates and friends. Please send brief descriptions of your recent status (in Chinese or English) and recent photos to itm@comp.hkbu.edu.hk or ais@comp.hkbu.edu.hk.

Deng Jie, James 鄧傑

(ITM graduate 2009; PhD graduate 2014)

James recently completes his PhD study in our department. The past years have been a fruitful learning experience to him. Under the supervision of Prof. Clement Leung, he conducted research in the areas of music information retrieval, multimedia modeling, affective computing, and interactive intelligent systems. His research results have been published in the international journals and conferences. He also learned a lot from the exchange programme at the University of Perugia in Italy and the internship programme at Microsoft Asia-Pacific Research & Development Group in China. He recently joins the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Institute (ASTRI) and applies what he has learned to solve real-world R&D problems.





Li Yuanxi Kristen 李原曦

(ITM graduate 2010; PhD graduate 2014)

Kristen is "Double Alumni" of our department – MSc Alumni and PhD Alumni. Her PhD research life was stressful but colorful. While she did her research in the research laboratory, she also went outside to learn from the scholars all over the world – she visited the University of Perugia in Italy in 2012, 2013 and 2014, visited the Kyoto University in Japan in 2013, and attended international conferences in Shanghai, Seoul and Macau in 2010, 2011 and 2012 respectively. Last year, her business plan "Barrier-Free School" (co-developed with Alumni Chan Sheungwai and Zou Weiwen) won the Champion in the Hong Kong Social Enterprise Challenge 2013 and got startup investment from the HK Government to chase down her stream of helping the underprivileged people. Now she is Lecturer in our department and she is very happy to teach and share with our MSc students.

Chen Jiajie 陳嘉傑

(ITM graduate 2012)

Jiajie is working in the MIS (Management Information Systems) Department of a major travel agency, which is one of the top International Air Transport Association (IATA) members in Hong Kong. He is responsible for developing several IT systems for this company (such as travel product selling system, billing system, customer service system, etc.). He enjoys working with his teammates and learning new knowledge about IT and the travel industry. At the same time, he enjoys living in Hong Kong which is a full-of-opportunity city to the energetic people.



Mai Zhikai 麥智凱

(ITM graduate 2014)

Zhikai is working at Tencent as Web Engineer. He is responsible for developing the WeChat's website. The knowledge that he learned from the ITM programme is very useful in his work. In particular, project management is very useful because the projects have tight schedule and involve many people. He is very grateful to the HKBU ITM programme and his teachers.

Cao Jinrui 曹津瑞 (AIS graduate 2014)

Jinrui got a PhD admission offer from a major university in the USA as well as job offers from major companies in Hong Kong (e.g., PCCW). He learned a lot when he looked for PhD study opportunities in the USA and job opportunities in Hong Kong. Now Jinrui is going to pursue his PhD study in the USA. This is the first time that he dares to say to himself: "*You have done all your best and there is no regret in your MSc study*". He also wants to say THANKS to his teachers who not only helped him in his academic study but also taught him how to be a good person.



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