



Dear students, parents, alumni and friends:

Happy New Year!

This marks the start of a very special year as it is our first new year at the Mount Davis site, and it is only a month after the [opening celebrations of the UChicago Hong Kong Campus](#) that took place Nov 30 – Dec 2, 2018. It has been most exciting and rewarding for everyone who participated in the grand opening of the new campus, bearing witness to the University reaching this major milestone in Hong Kong. We are thankful for the support of The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust and a leading gift from University Trustee Francis Yuen (AB'75) and his wife, Rose Yuen, together with alumni, parents and friends for making all these possible.

We were honored to have Mrs. Carrie Lam, the Chief Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, officiating the opening ceremony. A series of academic panels with engaging discussions were held on Dec 1. Nearly 400 guests joined the campus tours on the Heritage and Community Day on Dec 2. Special thanks to our alumni ambassadors who had served as docents to share with the public about the history of the Mount Davis site as well as their experiences with the University. Here are a [photo collection](#) and a [new campus video](#) capturing the opening festivities.

**New Campus in Action**

The inaugural art exhibition '[Art of War: Chinese woodcuts from Yan'an ca. 1944](#)' and literacy exhibition '[The Art of Literal Articulation: Translation Manuscripts of Jin Ping Mei & Xiyou Ji](#)' were launched as part of the opening celebration. The woodcuts talk immediately following the opening weekend featured Professor Thomas Ebrey (SM'65, PhD'68) who acquired and donated the woodcuts to the Art Museum of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, and Josh Yiu (AB '00) who curated the art exhibition to discuss the woodcut paintings.

The first academic conference on Dec 8 was hosted by UChicago Mellon Scholars Professors Yung-Ti Li, Kenneth Pomeranz, Johanna Ransmeier and Brook Ziporyn on 'The Politics of Scholarship: Experts, Lay People, and the Production of Knowledge', bringing together speakers from Canada, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan and the U.S.

The first public lecture on Dec 15 at the new campus by Professor Amanda Woodward, Dean of the Social Sciences Division, attracted parents from Shenzhen and Guangzhou to hear her speak on 'Social Nature of Children's Early Learning'. The talk also brought to campus our first group of children visitors. What a lively campus scene with EMBA students taking classes, public audience attending the lecture, children having fun activities in the heritage block, and visitors touring around the Jubilee Battery!

**Heritage and Community Outreach**

With the adaptive reuse of the existing Grade 3 heritage buildings, the previous Victoria Road Detention Centre is now used for classrooms, student lounges, and home to The Hong Kong Jockey Club University of Chicago Heritage Courtyard and Interpretation Centre (HCIC). HCIC will present permanent and rotating exhibits with guided tours highlighting the unique history of the Mount Davis site, and is open to the public free of charge.

In just the one month since HCIC opened in Dec, over 600 guests have signed up for 55 heritage tours. Other than heritage lovers, visitors include museum fans, architect groups, primary school children, as well as members from churches, community and elderly centers. It is gratifying to see the high level of public interest in our site and we will continue to engage the community, not only through heritage, but also other university initiatives.

To plan for your next HCIC visit, please check [HCIC website](#).

**Looking Ahead**

As a regional hub for ambitious research, education and collaboration, The University of Chicago in Hong Kong has and will continue to host different academic conferences and research trips led by UChicago faculty to facilitate knowledge exchange and partnership building. We will bring together talents in the fields of urban sciences, mathematics learning of early childhood, gaming, languages of Asian minorities, molecular imaging, doctor-patient relationship, palliative care, and many more to our Hong Kong Campus in 2019.

As for student activities, we will be welcoming the 5<sup>th</sup> batch of study abroad students to the new campus for their Colonization program in March. Currently, we are recruiting Metcalf employers to provide summer internship opportunities to our college students. If you are interested in hiring UChicago students, please click [here](#).

Join us at upcoming events and be inspired by our world-class professors and guest speakers:

- [Harper Lecture: Turning Immunity On and Off with Jeffrey Hubbell](#) (Jan 17)
- [Digital Imaging Projects at the University of Chicago: Methodologies and Perspectives for Recording](#) (Jan 21)
- [Trade Wars, Economic Uncertainty, and the US/China Relationship: What's Next?](#) (Jan 29)

Stay tuned for more updates on our [campus website](#) and follow us on [Facebook](#).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and participation in the past year, and I look forward to another exciting and fruitful year in 2019 with you all!

With regards,

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