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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



“ On behalf of the GPA Department and the MPUP Programme, I am pleased to welcome all the new students who join our programme, full of inspiration and anticipation. At the same time, I would like to greet existing students, who return to the campus to continue their studies with their spirits refreshed and renewed after the long summer break.

The MPUP Programme has gone from strength to strength in terms of its academic quality, international reputation and student performance since it was launched in 2011. It is now one of the region's most highly regarded master's programmes in public policy. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Professor Wilson Wong, the retired Programme Director, for his remarkable effort in engineering all these outstanding programme achievements. As his successor, I aspire to build on this strong foundation for programme enhancement and content enrichment in support of students' intellectual development and career aspirations.

Specifically, there are two major initiatives in the pipeline. The first aims to broaden students' academic horizons and enrich their learning experience. By partnering with National Chengchi University, MPUP and GPGC will jointly organize a Taipei study tour with a focus on learning about

government and public policy in Taiwan, for students in these two master's programmes. The longer-term plan is to organize this Taiwan government and public policy study tour into knowledge-based experiential learning by making it an elective course in both programmes.

The second initiative takes advantage of the joint-programme synergetic effect through course sharing between MPUP and GPGC. The aim is to provide a broader course selection and facilitate the interactions of students across different programmes.

As a graduate of the Department, I am excited to share with you that the GPA Department will reach an important milestone next year, when we will celebrate its 50th anniversary. We are proud that the Department has graduated a large pool of students whose talents are now spread across political circles, the public sector, commerce and the academic community. There is much for all of you to learn from these outstanding senior GPA alumni and I encourage you to take their remarkable achievements as the source of your inspiration. Preparation for this celebration are now well under way, and we welcome you to join in all the anniversary activities. In the meantime, explore the frontiers of public policy knowledge, enjoy campus life and stay in touch!

PROFESSOR CARLOS LO WING-HUNG

**Department Head, Department of Government and Public Administration
Director, MSSc Programme in Public Policy (MPUP)
Professor, Department of Government and Public Administration**

Carlos Wing-Hung Lo is professor in the Department of Government and Public Administration and concurrently the Director of Business Sustainability at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He obtained his PhD degree from the Flinders University of South Australia in 1990 and received a doctor of law degree from the Renmin University of China in 2001. He was visiting fellow in the Centre for Asian Studies at the University of California, Berkeley in 1993, and was visiting scholar in the School of Public Administration at the University of Southern California in 1994 and 2008, as well as in the Harvard China Project at the Harvard University and the East West Centre of University of Hawaii in 2008. His main research interests are in the areas of law and government, environmental management, public sector management, and corporate social and environmental responsibility, within the contexts of China

and Hong Kong. Recently, Professor Lo has offered consultant services and organized management training programs for public and business sectors. He is the coauthor of *Institutions, Regulatory Styles, Society and Environmental Governance in China* and the author of *China's Legal Awakening: Legal Theory and Criminal Justice in Deng's Era*. His works have appeared in leading international academic journals including *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Public Administration Review*, *Regulation & Governance*, *Law and Policy*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology*, *Administration and Society*, *American Journal of Comparative Law*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *World Development*, and *The China Quarterly*.

PROGRAMME UPDATE



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019!

01 Term End Gathering 2018-19

MPUP office organized a term end gathering in April 2019 to celebrate the end of the academic term and year and to bid farewell to the graduating class of 2019.

02 Academic Distinction Awards 2019

In the graduating class of 2019, Eunice Chiu, Isabel Fong, Violet leong, Johnson Ip, Janette Yan are awarded the Academic Distinction Award for their excellent academic performance in the programme. Congratulations on their outstanding academic achievements.

03 Outstanding Service Awards 2019

In the graduating class of 2019, Edmund Chau, Harper Gan and Roy Hung are awarded the Outstanding Student Service Award with their contribution to the programme and the University. Congratulations on their achievements and special thanks for their effort in strengthening the bonding among students.



PROGRAMME UPDATE

WELCOME ALL NEW STUDENTS OF THE 2019 ENTRY!



04 Admission Scholarship 2019

For the Admission Scholarship for 2019 entry, 8 newly-admitted students with remarkable academic achievements and/or impressive working experience are awarded, namely, Andrew Chan, Jonathan Lau, Tommy Lui, Pinky Wong, Cheryl Xie, Jorie Yang, Frank Zeng and Joyce Zhou.



05 Orientation 2019

New students of the 2019 entry were invited to the MPUP Academic Orientation on 31 August 2019 to get to know more about the programme structure and to meet the teachers and the fellow classmates. A mingling session was also held to let the teachers and students get to know each other before the start of the academic year.



06 Student Profile 2019

For 2019 entry, we have admitted around 50 full-time and part-time students with a good mix of background. All newly admitted students came from major local universities and "Double First Class" universities in mainland China. As for the part-time new students, they are working in various fields, such as government, disciplinary forces, NGOs and educational institutions. We wish all new students a fruitful and rewarding learning journey in MPUP.

TEACHERS & STAFF UPDATE



PROFESSOR WILSON WONG AND PROFESSOR MAY CHU LEAVING MPUP

With the need to focus on research, Professor Wilson Wong has retired from the MPUP programme directorship, whereas Professor May Chu has resigned from her position as the MPUP Assistant Programme Director. We express our gratitude to them for their guidance and tremendous contributions over the years. We hope that our paths will cross again in the future.



DR RAYMOND YUEN - NEW TEACHER OF MPUP5111 PUBLIC POLICY PROCESS

Dr. YUEN obtained his PhD in Government and Public Administration from CUHK in 2015, and completed his master in public policy from University of Bristol, UK in 2009. Before joining CUHK, Raymond taught in Lingnan University, City University and The Education University of Hong Kong. His academic interests include global political economy, comparative public administration, public policy analysis and Hong Kong government and politics.

PROFESSOR MIRON MUSHKAT - PUBLICATION IN LAW JOURNAL

Professor Mushkat co-authored with Professor Roda Mushkat, a law professor earlier for an article titled "The Political Economy of Regulating Tobacco in a 'Laissez-Faire Haven': The Hong Kong Model" published in the Tulane Journal of International and Comparative Law. The article could be accessed via [here](#).



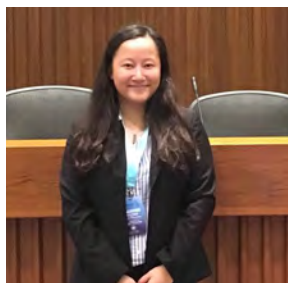
STAFF UPDATE OF MPUP OFFICE

Ms Koey Lee, our Project Co-ordinator, left her position in April 2019. We thank her for her contribution to MPUP and wish her every success in the future. Her successor, Ms Tina Tang, has joined us since July 2019. In spite of the staff movement, the programme office is always ready to provide assistance to students and alumni.



STUDENT & ALUMNI UPDATE

NEWS FROM RACHEL CHEUNG CLASS OF 2019



Rachel is currently working as an Associate for policy analysis in a consultancy firm.

She considered that MPUP has equipped her with essential skills to digest and communicate information in a professional way and to think broadly about the challenges in the world. The interdisciplinary nature of the programme also offered her with opportunities to learn from a wide range of subjects. She also highlighted the talented classmates who always bring her new insights, network and inspiration.

NEWS FROM VIOLET IEONG CLASS OF 2019



Violet is now a Senior Manager at the China Telecom in Macau.

She described MPUP as a programme providing students with holistic education academically and practically. The programme helped her develop practical abilities and a spirit of innovation and service, which have had a significant impact on her career path and cultivated her to be a well-rounded person.

NEWS FROM SHUYI JIANG CLASS OF 2019



Shuyi is now working as a Telecoms Operations Assistant at the International Telecommunication Union of United Nations in Geneva.

MPUP courses have opened her mind to new ways of seeing things, under a series of intensively critical-thinking training. Her qualitative and quantitative skills have been sharpened as well. Acquainting with like-minded friends in the programme also inspired her a lot and motivated her to keep working hard.

NEWS FROM RUOBING JI CLASS OF 2018



Ruobing is currently a Committee Member of a NGO committed to help the disadvantaged elderly.

Dedicated to voicing for the disadvantaged people suffering from health inequality, such as those suffering from dementia, she hopes her research can inspire more and more people working in the field of healthcare and medicine to address the inequality. In MPUP, she had a wonderful journey with the professors, classmates and other programme members, who always encourage and support her to live her own life.

NEWS FROM JANETTE YAN CLASS OF 2019



Janette is a Personal Data Assistant at the Office of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data.

Throughout the programme, different sets of analytical tools to examine policy inquiries and governance strategies are her major takeaway. The exchange of ideas in the classroom has also embellished her horizon and enriched her social network. She believes she has become a more presentable, proactive and competitive candidate to pursue her career in public organizations.

PAST EVENTS

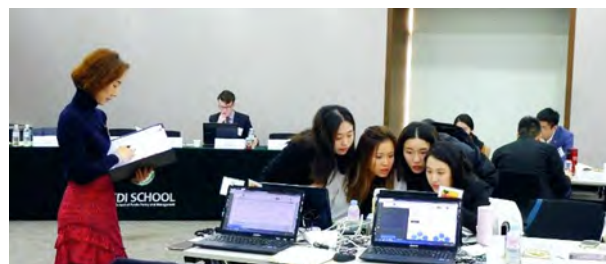


CONGRATULATIONS! TOP 3 IN NASPAA-BATTEN POLICY SIMULATION COMPETITION (23 FEB 2019)

Refugees have been one of the pressing global issues arousing concerns from every country. 5 MPUP students formed a team to come up with policy recommendations for refugees' issues at the NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competition (Site Competition) on 23 February 2019 in Sejong, South Korea. The team competed head-to-head with 11 teams from other top Asian universities. CUHK, together with the KDI School of Public Policy and Management in South Korea and National University of Singapore, became the top three in the competition.

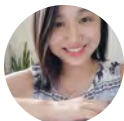
The CUHK team, formed by Violet Ieong, Harper Gan, Stella Son, Eunice Chiu and Retam Tam, spent 2 months preparing for the competition with support and guidance from Professor Wilson Wong, former Programme Director of MPUP, and Professor May Chu, former Assistant Programme Director of MPUP. The day-long competition was divided into rounds of simulation games. Each team represented a country making policy decisions and was required to collaborate strategically with the other teams within limited time to achieve 'win-win' outcomes.

Congratulations to the MPUP team again and we are glad to see the team's hard work and efforts have paid off!



EUNICE CHIU

"Despite the fact that it was a simulated contest, the obstacles that we had faced in the operation and actualization of strategies were very close to the reality."



VIOLET IEONG

"It truly aroused our stronger sense of social responsibility towards refugees' issues in reality, and built up my commitment and compassion to contribute to the community."



YEONJI SON

"I enjoyed having to work under a limited time and being able to demonstrate quick decision-making, teamwork and presentation skills during the competition."



RETAM TAM

"I have deeply realized the urgency of some global migration issues and the need for every country to collaborate with each other to achieve the best possible outcome."



GAN YING

"I found that some theories I learnt in the study of public policy are applicable to both the game and the reality, which is also beneficial to my study."

PAST EVENTS

VISIT BY PROFESSOR MARY FEENEY (29 MAR 2019)

Professor Feeney delivered a talk during her visit to CUHK on "Engaging through Technology: The Role of Administrative Culture and Mandates". After that, the audience discussed actively with Professor Feeney on her research findings, research methods and gave new insights into future research. Professor Feeney also introduced JPART to the audience and encouraged submissions from local academics. The whole session was a full house with audience who appreciated the valuable exchange with an experienced scholar in the field.



Professor Mary Feeney, Associate Professor and Lincoln Professor of Ethics in Public Affairs, Associate Director of Center for Science, Technology and Environmental Policy Studies, School of Public Affairs, Arizona State University and also the Editor of the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory (JPART), the top-ranked journal in the field of public administration and public management



VISIT BY PROFESSOR EDUARDO ARARAL (11 MAR 2019)

Professor Araral was invited to deliver a talk titled "AI and Job Losses: Competing Approaches of Estimation and Policy Implications - Using Singapore as a Case Study", co-organised by MPUP and the BSSc Programme in Data Science and Policy Studies (DSPS) of CUHK. Professor Araral presented current capabilities of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and general dire prediction of its social-economic impacts. The audience found the talk insightful as Hong Kong and Singapore shared many similarities in various aspects.



Professor Eduardo Araral, Associate Professor and former Vice Dean for Research, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (NUS)



DOLPHIN-WATCHING TRIP (9 MAR 2019)

Professor Lam Kin Che, teacher of MPUP5422 Environmental Policy Analysis organized a Dolphin-Watching Trip for MPUP and CUHK students to take a cruise trip in western waters of Hong Kong to study the impacts of infrastructure projects on marine environment and biodiversity of the area. The cruise trip was led by the Hong Kong Dolphin Conservation Society (HKDCS) staff, who introduced to the students about the impacts of human activities on Chinese White Dolphins and current conservation approaches in the area.



PAST EVENTS

MPUP co-organized two sharing sessions with the CUHK Career Planning and Development Centre on the HKSAR Government Recruitment Exercise for the Administrative Officer (AO) Grade and Executive Officer (EO) Grade respectively. Here are the highlights of the sessions:



AO FINAL INTERVIEW SHARING SESSION (5 MAR 2019)

The Session offered comprehensive insights to participants about how to prepare their mindset and sharpen their skills for the recruitment process, with Professor Wilson Wong sharing strategic approaches for different rounds of interviews; Professor Annie Tam, Honorary Professor of CUHK and Former Permanent Secretary of the HKSAR Government sharing the career path, mission and core values of the AOs and interview tips; and Ms. Joey Wong, a serving AO sharing her experience.



EO SHARING SESSION (28 JAN 2019)

Three serving EOs of the HKSAR Government have been invited by MPUP, including two MPUP alumni and one CUHK alumna, to share with participants their work experience as an EO and the interview tips. Through the speakers' experience sharing, participants grasped a better idea of the job nature, possible challenges and career satisfaction of an EO. They were also reminded of the pitfalls to avoid in the EO interview and had the opportunity to interact with the speakers during the Q&A session.



AND STAY TUNED TO OUR UPCOMING EVENTS...

STAY CONNECTED



INTERDISCIPLINARY EDUCATION IN
PUBLIC POLICY: CONTRIBUTING
KNOWLEDGE FOR LONG-TERM
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



If there is any information you would like to share in the "**Student/Alumni Update**" section of the forthcoming issue, please feel free to contact us.

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