Celebrating 50 Years of Hong Kong Partnership

This year UCEAP celebrates its 50th year of academic partnership between UCEAP and Hong Kong. Several events commemorating this milestone took place in Hong Kong in April, including site visits to Hong Kong partner institutions, an academic roundtable, and a 50th celebration in honor of UCEAP alumni and students.

Beginning with a partnership with the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1965, and later expanding to the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, students from these three Hong Kong institutions and the 10 University of California campuses have enjoyed the opportunity to take classes, engage in campus and community activities, and develop lifelong relationships that benefit not only our institutions but also fortify relations between Hong Kong and the State of California.

Click [here](#) to see photos from all our events in Hong Kong.
Academic Roundtable: Inspiring the Next Generation of Global Leaders

Hosted by UCEAP at CUHK, the roundtable focused on sharing strategic initiatives, ideas and innovations currently being undertaken in Hong Kong and California. Prof. Joseph J.Y Sung, Vice-Chancellor and President of CUHK opened the event with a welcome address and Professor Hsiu-Zu Ho, Associate Dean, UCEAP introduced the panelists. The speakers included Dr. Richard T. Armour, Secretary General, University Grants Committee, Hong Kong, Professor Cindy Fan, Vice Provost for International Studies, UCLA, Professor Ian Holliday, Vice President and Pro Vice Chancellor, HKU, Professor Hong Lo, Associate Dean, School of Engineering, HKUST, Mr. Eric Ng, Registrar and Secretary, CUHK, Mr. Paul Turner, East Asia Regional Director, Institute of International Education and Professor Chia-ning Chang, Director, UCEAP in China, UC Davis. Over 125 faculty, alumni, students and staff attended the event.

At the event, UCEAP presented CUHK with a plaque in honor of our longstanding partnership. Read more >>

Alumni & Friends Celebrate Hong Kong 50th

The celebration culminated with a wonderful evening reception at the Gloucester Luk Kwok Hotel, hosted by UCEAP. It was an evening of celebration and
remembrance with over 75 alumni, friends, staff, students and campus partners in attendance. The event featured a short program with remarks by Dr. Mark Sheldon, who recounted some of the early days of the partnership. UC Berkeley alumnus Richard Warfield shared his transformational exchange story as a UCEAP student at CUHK in 2001. Current UCEAP and UC Davis student Kamal Thomas shared his inspirational experiences and path to Hong Kong. Excellent food and conversation were enjoyed by all. Thank you to Richard and Kamal and the many other exceptional alumni who have participated in our programs. We look forward to another 50 years of student exchange in Hong Kong.

It’s not too late to join in the festivities! Save the date – for a reception in California on August 29, 2015 at the UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center as we celebrate 50 years of exchange with Hong Kong and the United Kingdom. All UCEAP alumni are invited!

UC Davis student Kamal Thomas speaking at 50th Celebration

UCEAP Berkelium in Bologna Award

UC Berkeley students, Chantel Taite, Guy Borlée, Nigel Bowles, and Kuan Hwa were part of a group of students who presented the UCEAP Berkelium in Bologna Award to Frederick Wiseman, the director of At Berkeley (2013) during his visit to the Cineteca.

The Cineteca di Bologna is one of the exceptional resources available to students participating in UCEAP programs in Italy.

Founded in 1963, the Cineteca is active in all areas of restoration for films like the
Chaplin collection as well as archival work (46,000 films, the Pasolino collection and library), research and film festivals such as "Il Cinema Ritrovato."

The Cineteca offers rich and diversified film programming and UCEAP students often take advantage of the Cineteca's internship programs, screenings of Italian and international films in their original language, and other special events like the master classes with cinema luminaries like Frederick Wiseman.

Wiseman was also the winner of the Golden Lion Award for Lifetime Achievement at the 71st Venice International Film Festival in 2014 and taught a master class on documentary filmmaking. The opportunity to meet Frederick Wiseman in person and ask him inside questions about the filming of *At Berkeley* was an exciting moment for these UCEAP students.

UCEAP Cooking with Celts in Scotland

On a short break from studying for exams, a group of UCEAP students in Edinburgh and Glasgow participated as chefs for an evening of learning to cook (and eat!) traditional Scottish cuisine.

In partnership with the renowned [Edinburgh New Town Cookery School](https://www.edinburghcookeryschool.co.uk), the [UCEAP Edinburgh Study Center](https://www.ucop.edu/study/locations/edinburgh) hosted a "Scottish Cookery Evening" and UC students were joined by professional Scottish chefs who taught the ins and outs of cooking some of Scotland’s most popular dishes. The evening's menu included delicious cheese scones, sweet shortbread, and traditional bridies (Scottish meat pastries). By the end of the evening, everyone had full stomachs as well as new found skills in chopping, mincing, and crimping like a true professional.
Until Next Time: London Eye and High Tea

As the English university term comes to a close, the London Study Center organized a farewell event for all UCEAP students to give them a final taste of British culture before they head back to sunny California. The event began with a visit to the famed London Eye, a landmark of the skyline that provides a spectacular view of the city from far above the waters of the Thames. The timing was especially lucky because their visit occurred the day after the UK General Election when crowds outside Buckingham Palace and 10 Downing Street awaited the announcement of their new government.

In the celebratory atmosphere, the students enjoyed a traditional High Tea at the Royal Horseguard’s Hotel in central London. Their meal included freshly made scones with clotted cream and jam, a selection of finger sandwiches, along with tea and coffee. Read more >>
Fresh from the Blog: A Few Familiar Faces

We caught up with former UCEAP student, Abby Shapiro of UC Merced. She studied abroad for a semester in Spain and had such an amazing time she just had to go abroad again – the second time to Singapore. Read more >>

We connected with Tiffany Tai, a UC Riverside student who traveled to Hong Kong for a year-long UCEAP program. After graduation, Tiffany served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uganda. Read more >>

We spoke over email with UCSB alumnus, Colin Machado, to discover how his experience on study abroad shaped where he is today and what he’s doing now. Colin went to

We chatted with Shelby Newallis, a UC San Diego student who is wrapping up a semester at the University of Bologna, Italy after an intensive Italian Language Program in
Bordeaux, France (2005) and Trento, Italy (2006) on UCEAP. Read more >>

Florence, Italy. She’s been abroad since June 2014 and plans to return to California in late July 2015. Read more >>