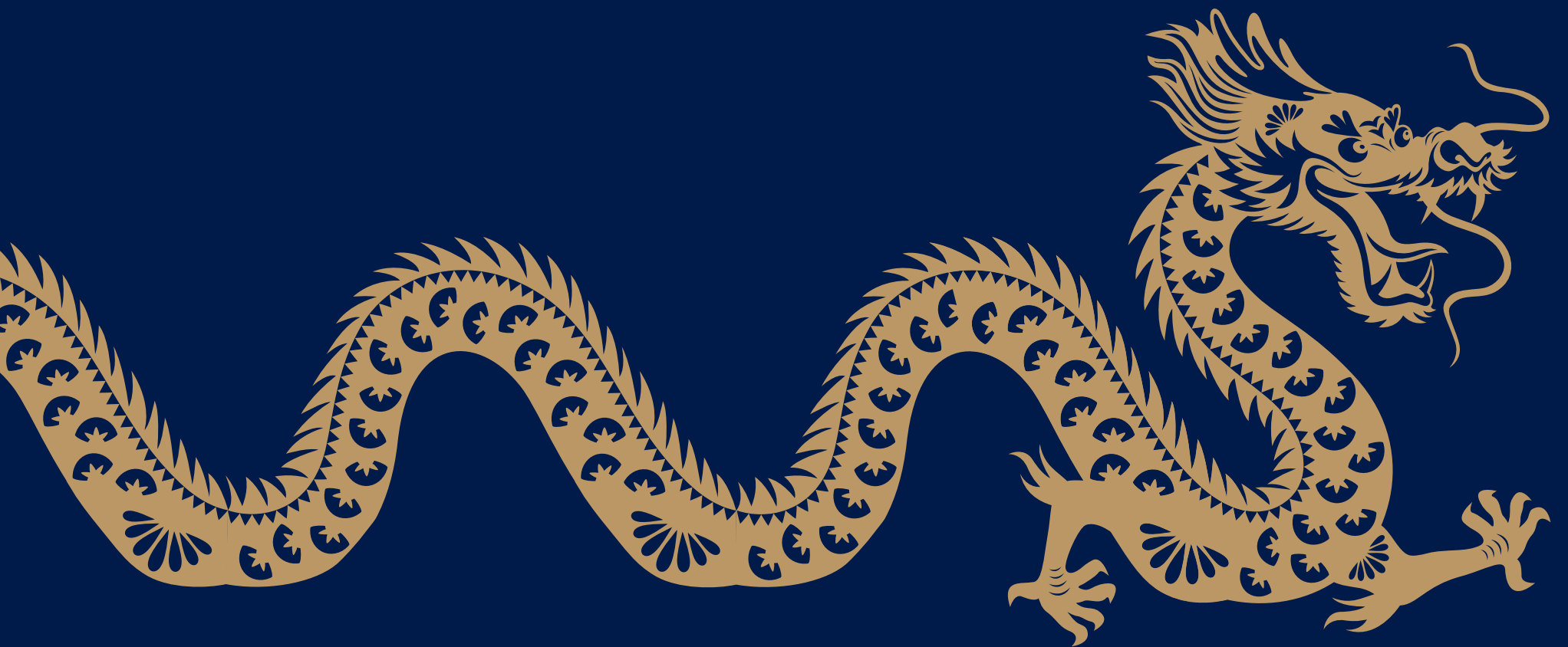


# BOUNDLESS HORIZONS

## CELEBRATING OUR ASIA-PACIFIC COMMUNITY



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# OLD FRIENDSHIPS, NEW HORIZONS

Established in 1827, the University of Toronto has grown from a small college in a colonial outpost to a global teaching and research powerhouse, consistently ranked among the world's best universities.

Today, we welcome thousands of outstanding students from scores of countries to three distinctive campuses, a dozen hospitals, and countless other sites of learning and discovery. The small colonial outpost is now a vibrant metropolis—and one of the most welcoming, multicultural regions in the world. Our alumni are leaders, visionaries and innovators in all walks of life: Prime Ministers, Supreme Court justices, celebrated authors, groundbreaking scientists, Nobel laureates and Olympic gold medal winners.

U of T's deep roots in the Asia-Pacific region span three centuries of collaboration, exchange and achievement. The University's remarkable international success is largely attributable to the ongoing and reciprocal connections that have been nurtured in the region. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, our outstanding students from the Asia-Pacific region have benefited from a world-class U of T education. The University has, in turn, been inspired and enriched by our extraordinary Asia-Pacific scholars, partners, collaborators, alumni and friends.

As we honour our shared past, we look forward to a bright future of friendship and collaborative success. Please join us in celebrating our robust history and supporting our limitless potential to shape a better tomorrow.



# GLOBAL IMPACT AND EXCELLENCE

The University of Toronto is consistently rated among the top universities in the world. Our faculty are among the world's most cited and productive scholars and are setting the pace for global research across a broad range of disciplines.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO IS AMONG SEVEN UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD THAT RANK IN THE TOP 22 FOR ALL FIELDS.**

The others are: UC Berkeley, Cambridge, Oxford, Stanford, the University of Michigan and UCLA.

Times Higher Education Supplement (2011)

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO IS 1<sup>ST</sup> IN CANADA AND 3<sup>RD</sup> IN THE WORLD OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES.**

Newsweek College Rankings Report (2011)

**9<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD AND 1<sup>ST</sup> IN CANADA.**

Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities, Higher Education Evaluation & Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT) (2010)

**THE TOP TWO UNIVERSITIES IN THE WORLD IN TOTAL RESEARCH OUTPUT ARE HARVARD AND THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.**

Thomson Reuters (2012)

**16<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD AND 1<sup>ST</sup> IN CANADA BY ACADEMIC REPUTATION.**

Times Higher Education World Reputation Rankings (2012)

**THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO'S LIBRARY SYSTEM IS ONE OF THE TOP THREE IN THE WORLD.**

Association of Research Libraries (2012)

**19<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD AND 1<sup>ST</sup> IN CANADA IN A LIST OF THE TOP 400 UNIVERSITIES.**

Times Higher Education World University Rankings (2011–2012)

**19<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD IN A LIST OF THE TOP 700 UNIVERSITIES.**

QS World University Rankings (2012)

**27<sup>TH</sup> IN THE WORLD AND 1<sup>ST</sup> IN CANADA.**

Shanghai Jiao Tong University Ranking (2012)

# PREPARING GLOBAL CITIZENS

Nowhere is U of T's global footprint more evident than in our first-year undergraduate student body, representing 111 countries and more than 900 municipalities around the world.

In the early 1900s, a small group of Asian students arrived at U of T; a century later, we welcome close to 6,000 students a year from the region. Today, 75 per cent of the University's international undergraduate students come from the Asia-Pacific region. Moreover, thousands of students of Asian heritage—who grew up in Toronto's multicultural metropolitan region—enrich and contribute to academic and student life at U of T.

Across our three campuses, we offer a remarkable breadth of teaching and research—from the basic sciences, social sciences and humanities, to engineering, medical science and public policy. Our students benefit from access to world class scholars, have the opportunity to learn in collegial small-group environments and engage in countless research opportunities and a wide range of global learning experiences. The University of Toronto seeks to provide all students—international and domestic—with an education that serves as a passport for success. Our students become global ambassadors, who contribute meaningfully to their communities in Canada, Asia and around the world.

For students who choose an overseas education, few places in the world offer as broad a range of choices and experiences in a top-rate academic setting, as the University of Toronto.



# SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH NEW EYES

For more than a century, outstanding Asian students have studied at the University of Toronto and built bridges between nations across numerous disciplines.

Originally from Amoy, China, **Suat Chwan Yin** worked in Singapore as an interpreter to the British Supreme Court. But he wished to study medicine—and so he chose the University of Toronto, where he received his medical degree in 1903. He made his mark in both China and Singapore, not only as a doctor but also by educating young women.



Hailing from Shanghai, **Ah Mac Wong** was one of the five women who graduated with a medical degree from U of T in 1906. The daughter of the first Chinese clergyman of the Episcopal Church, she too returned home to China to set up her own medical practice.



The first female Chinese-Canadian doctor, **Victoria Cheung** (1897–1966) was 20 when she enrolled in medicine at U of T. In 1923, she moved to Kongmoon, where she served as a respected surgeon, teacher and administrator. She is credited with introducing modern medical practices into south China.



Every year, close to 6,000 students from the Asia-Pacific region call the University of Toronto home.

As the University's largest international cohort, our Asia-Pacific students have a significant presence on our three campuses, bringing a global perspective to our academic community as well as student life. There are dozens of clubs devoted to Asian culture at U of T—from the Buddhist Club to the East Asian Film Club to the Mahjong Club. In addition to these students, there are thousands of Canadian students of Asian descent who further enrich U of T's incredible diversity and global outlook.





# UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (HONG KONG) FOUNDATION

One of the great success stories about cross-hemisphere alumni support started in the mid-nineties, between the University of Toronto and a small community of graduates in Hong Kong.

Countless University of Toronto alumni go on to become leaders in fields and industries around the world, and many of them use their talent and energy to give back to their alma mater. In October, 1995, a dedicated group of University of Toronto friends and alumni helped to found the University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation. The Foundation now sponsors three high-profile scholarships at U of T, and its membership body includes two Honorary Patrons and 18 Directors and Governors.

U of T students from the Asia-Pacific region choose to acquire their academic experiences in an entirely new city, culture and context. This is never a decision

they make lightly—in some cases these students are leaving their country for the first time. And, in every case, for four of the most formative years of their lives, they call the University of Toronto home.

For more than 60 students, the U of T (Hong Kong) Foundation has made sure that this transition is as warm, welcoming and barrier-free as possible.

The Foundation advances the interests of the University of Toronto, and of Hong Kong, by supporting programming and scholarships, which enable bright students who have a financial need to attend the University of Toronto. The Foundation focuses on

attracting donations from alumni, friends and parents of students in Hong Kong. It also assists the University in selecting talented students with financial need.

Since 1996, these scholarships have been awarded to young people who have demonstrated academic excellence, a commitment to their community, and a keen interest in living overseas. Today we aim to build on this foundation of support, and continue the work of a small group of U of T graduates of yesterday, who understood the importance of supporting the students of tomorrow.

# HONG KONG FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the foresight of generous benefactors, the Hong Kong Foundation offers three scholarships to promising students:

**The University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation Scholarship** is given to one exceptionally talented Hong Kong student per year, who demonstrates strong financial need.

Dr. Cheng Yu-Tung, an honorary patron of the Foundation, generously endowed the **Dr. Cheng Yu-Tung Scholarships**, which offer two scholarships annually to outstanding Hong Kong students with strong financial need.

Dr. Patrick Y.B. Fung and family kindly endowed the **Fung Yiu King Memorial Commerce Scholarship** for talented Hong Kong students with strong financial need. The value of the award increases during the final three years of completed study. It is available to students completing an honours undergraduate degree in commerce.

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO (HONG KONG) FOUNDATION

Since its inception, the Hong Kong Foundation has been led by a group of dedicated alumni. Today this stellar community of supporters includes heads of corporations, science and technology specialists, business leaders, and a range of others who contribute their time, energy and guidance to the next generation of students. We thank them for their outstanding leadership.

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Above: Honorary Patrons of the Hong Kong Foundation, Stanley Ho (left) and Cheng Yu-Tung (right).



The University of Toronto (Hong Kong) Foundation offers scholarships annually to Hong Kong students who possess a strong academic record, a history of community leadership and genuine interest in living abroad. **Junko Asano** (BA 2013), **Sharon To** (BSc 2008, MA 2011) and **Jody Chan** (BSc 2011) are recent recipients.

“There were a number of professors with whom I had great relationships and they passed on their passion for their studies and research. Their passion for education really inspired me to do the same thing for the next generation. That’s why I turned to the education field.”

**Olivia Wong** (BSc 2006 UTSC), recipient of the 2002 Dr. Cheng Yu-Tung Scholarship, is co-founder of the Cana Elite Education Centre in Hong Kong, which helps tutor and prepare students for post-secondary success.





# NURTURING GLOBAL FLUENCY

U of T offers a broad range of programs and courses to facilitate bilateral exchange with the Asia-Pacific region. Such exchanges offer students a transformative experience that opens their minds to new cultures, new ideas and new possibilities.

The **Green Path** program at the University of Toronto Scarborough helps prepare students from China for life as university students in Canada. More than 900 students have participated since the program's inception in 2005.

The **Summer Abroad** program—U of T's flagship exchange program—has sent generations of students to Asia to study business, Chinese cinema, East Asian studies, history and religion. In addition, many U of T departments offer in-course exchanges with universities in Hong Kong, China, Korea and Japan.

Exchanges greatly enhance learning and prepare our students for global competency and leadership. Working with our alumni, friends and partners in the Asia-Pacific region, U of T is committed to building on these bilateral exchanges and creating more opportunities for Canadian and Asia-Pacific students to study abroad and participate in transnational research collaborations.



“When I studied in Shanghai, I’d go to lunch with my Chinese colleagues and we’d continue our discussions. As the days went by, there was a greater willingness to understand each other’s point of view.”

U of T student **Rajin Singh** took part in a comparative politics course at Fudan University in Shanghai, led by Professor Joseph Wong, Canada Research Chair in Democratization, Health and Development, and Director of U of T’s Asian Institute.



# MEETING GLOBAL CHALLENGES

As far back as the 1870s, U of T students, alumni and faculty have lived, worked, studied and taught in Asia.

Dr. Norman Bethune (MD 1916) is perhaps the best-known symbol of our shared history. A graduate of U of T's Faculty of Medicine, Bethune travelled to China in 1938 where he operated on war casualties and trained Chinese doctors and paramedics. After Bethune's death, Chairman Mao Zedong wrote "In Memory of Norman Bethune," in which he praised the doctor for his dedication to the Chinese people.

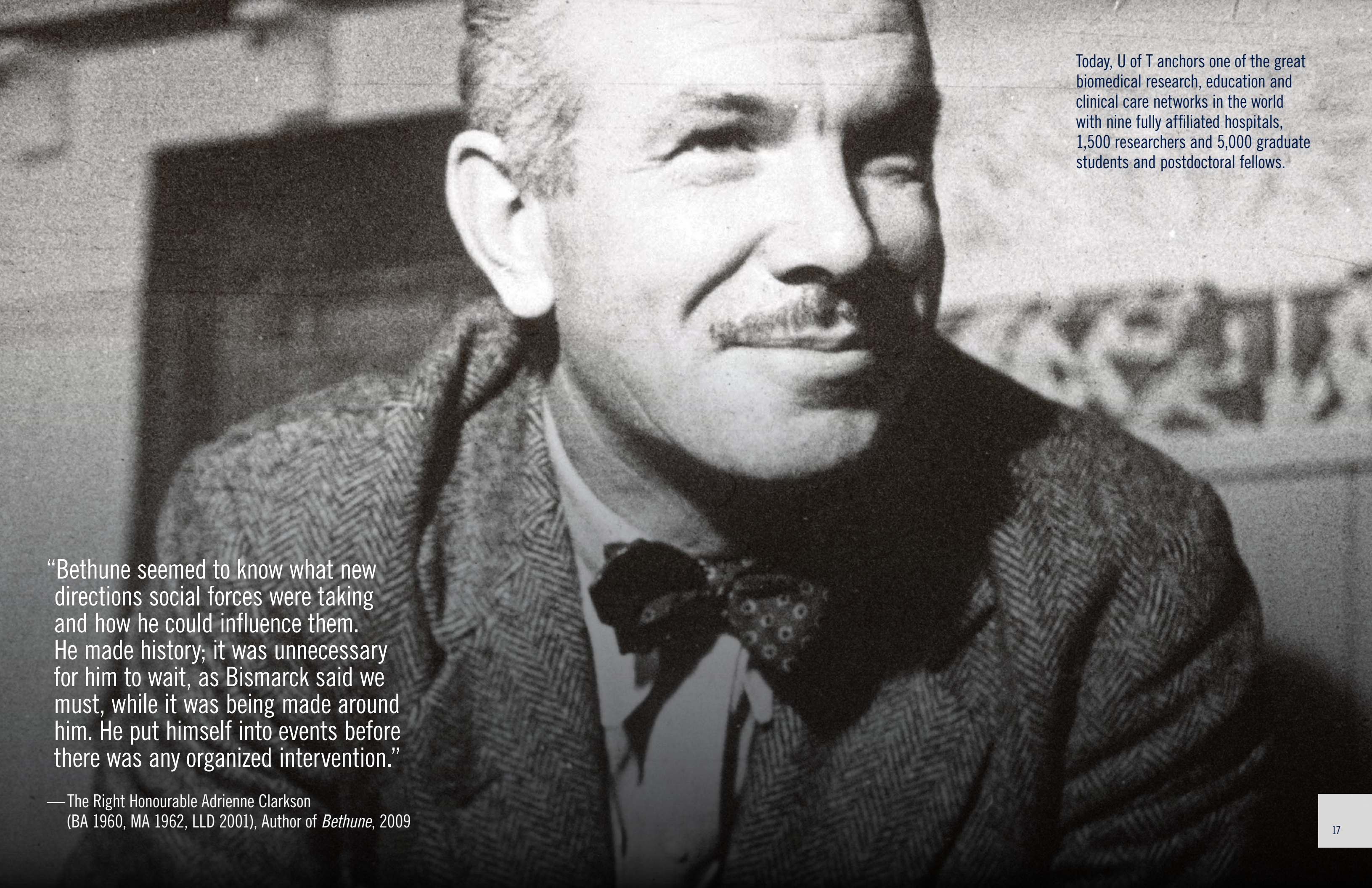
Bethune became a household name in China, but there were many other U of T alumni who made striking contributions to the Asia-Pacific region as well. Dr. William Macklin who opened Nanjing's Drum Tower Hospital in 1892—an institution that has since grown into one of the largest medical facilities in China. Or Dr. Bob McClure, who devised a surprisingly effective rural healthcare system during the 1920s, which used local volunteers, whom McClure trained himself, to deliver basic services to the towns and villages outside Huaiqing. Or Rev. George Leslie Mackay, who established a number of schools and hospitals in Taiwan and is regarded as a national hero to this day—so much so that an opera has been written about his life.

Thanks to the passion of countless such individuals over the past 140 years, the University has fostered mutual understanding and benefited the lives of people in Canada and people throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Today, the University of Toronto is carrying this tradition of collaboration into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Working with our global partners, including many top universities in Asia, we are pushing the vanguard of sustainable energy, urban prosperity, water innovation, global nutrition, health equity and transdisciplinary research on the social, biological and environmental determinants of health.

Our growing engagement with the Asia-Pacific region includes joint research projects, faculty exchanges, post-doctoral fellowships and student exchanges. The flow of ideas, knowledge and people between U of T and institutions in the region is delivering broad benefits to our societies. The bright path that Norman Bethune and others blazed decades ago is still being pushed forward today. Through deep engagement with the Asia-Pacific region, we are helping build a better world.

Today, U of T anchors one of the great biomedical research, education and clinical care networks in the world with nine fully affiliated hospitals, 1,500 researchers and 5,000 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.



“Bethune seemed to know what new directions social forces were taking and how he could influence them. He made history; it was unnecessary for him to wait, as Bismarck said we must, while it was being made around him. He put himself into events before there was any organized intervention.”

—The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson  
(BA 1960, MA 1962, LLD 2001), Author of *Bethune*, 2009

# ADVANCING HEALTH AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

In recent decades, we have witnessed an explosion of knowledge in the biomedical sciences. Thanks to breakthroughs in genomics, cell and systems biology, imaging, and population health, we now possess extraordinary tools for understanding the underlying determinants of health and disease. With this new knowledge comes an opportunity to pre-empt, modulate and even eradicate some of the world's most common illnesses.

At the same time, the challenges we face are daunting. Chronic diseases, such as obesity, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and tobacco-related illnesses are on the rise globally. As our populations age, more families are facing the burden of degenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.

Depression is a leading cause of disability affecting more than 120 million people worldwide and we are experiencing alarming increases in the rate of autism. Major health emergencies, such as an influenza pandemic, are more likely in increasingly globalized societies. Such issues threaten the health and stability of communities in the Asia-Pacific region and Canada with equal force.

With top researchers in medicine, public health, nursing, pharmacy, social work, biomedical engineering and public policy, U of T is one of the few places in the world with the comprehensive strength to address the most intractable challenges in human health today.

Recognizing that the most exciting health advances this century will be collaborative in nature and global in scope, U of T is committed to intensifying its partnerships with top research universities in the Asia-Pacific region. Already, our researchers are collaborating with Asian counterparts in fields such as cancer, stem cell biology, regenerative medicine, nutritional science, infectious diseases, population health, community medicine, knowledge translation and health policy.

Together, they are enlarging our understanding of health and disease, developing smarter and more cost-effective ways to treat illness, educating tomorrow's health care leaders and developing the policies and practices that lead to better health and well-being.

## THE CHINA PROJECT

In 1997, U of T's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work launched the China Project, which brought together researchers and practitioners from China and Canada to advance social work in both countries.

Led by U of T professor **Ka Tat Tsang**, the project initially focused on working with Chinese partner institutions to develop much-needed social work education in China. Today, the China Project has two components: collaborating with colleagues at Tsinghua University and Shandong University, and developing better social services for Chinese communities in Canada.



**Dr. Joseph K. Wong**, (MD 1981) (above) and a Toronto-based plastic surgeon, founded the Smile China Project in 2001 to help Chinese children with facial deformities. With more than 30 million births in China, it is estimated there will be 40,000 new cases every year.

**May Lynn Quan** (left) is an assistant professor in the U of T Department of Surgery and a surgical oncologist at the Odette Cancer Centre, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre. Dr. Quan is leading research to determine the most effective surgical treatments for younger breast cancer patients.

# DRIVING SUSTAINABILITY, INNOVATION AND PROSPERITY

Urbanization is a defining phenomenon of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For the first time in history, more than half of the world's population lives in cities, and by 2050 that figure is expected to exceed 75 per cent.

This demographic shift has profound implications for human society and particularly for the Asia-Pacific region where urbanization has unfolded rapidly.

Climate change, sustainability, energy, poverty and economic growth are challenges confronting every urban area in the world. Reimagining the city in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is critical to addressing these issues. Research universities—as key drivers of innovation in management, science, technology and policy—are laying the foundation for smarter, more prosperous and livable urban areas.

With tremendous strengths in management, engineering, architecture, urban geography and planning, and public policy, the University of Toronto is a wellspring of ideas for sustainable cities, urban infrastructure, urban policy, green industries, the management of innovation, new patterns of economic growth and new possibilities for social progress. Working with our partners in the Asia-Pacific region, we are educating leaders and developing the next wave of technologies, infrastructures, products, services and policies to drive innovation, grow economies and create greater prosperity for all.



At the Centre for Water Innovation (CWI) graduate student **Jine Jine Li** is exploring ways to dechlorinate contaminated water through bio-remediation.

Recently named one of the world's top 35 innovators under the age of 35 by MIT's *Technology Review*, Professor **Joyce Poon** is exploring how data connections could be made with light instead of metal wires—an innovation that promises to make computing more energy efficient.

The **Rotman School of Management**, which has set out to redesign business education through its Integrative Thinking curriculum, has strong ties to the Asia-Pacific region. Professor Wendy Dobson is an international authority on the emergence of the Chinese economy. Professor Jia Lin Xie is an expert on cross-cultural management, with a focus on Chinese organizational behavior. The school offers

MBA exchange programs with Tsinghua University in Beijing, the University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the China Europe International Business School in Shanghai, Shanghai Fudan University, the National University of Singapore, the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and National Taiwan University.



# BUILDING BRIDGES, CROSSING BOUNDARIES

The Asia-Pacific region has emerged in the past half-century as a major force in politics and the global economy. The University of Toronto, building on more than a century of scholarship in the region, is committed to developing a higher level of understanding and perspective on the Asia-Pacific region's role in a complex international order.

The **Asian Institute** at U of T's **Munk School of Global Affairs** is home to more than 100 affiliated scholars who span a range of disciplines across the humanities and social sciences. Although organized along sub-regional lines—with centres for South Asian Studies, Korean Studies, and related groups on Southeast Asia and Central and Inner Asia—the institute encourages intra-regional dialogue and interdisciplinary collaboration.

The **Dr. David Chu Program in Asia Pacific Studies** was established in 1996 through a generous gift from the late Dr. David Chu Shu-Ho. Based at the Asian Institute in the Munk School of Global Affairs, the program's goal is to work cooperatively, both inside and outside the University, to gain new perspectives in the study of the Asia-Pacific region.

The Munk School also offers a Collaborative MA Program in Asia-Pacific Studies in partnership with the graduate departments of anthropology, East Asian studies, economics, geography, history, political science, sociology, and women and gender studies. Other collaborative Masters programs in Asia-Pacific Studies are offered in partnership with management, social work, public policy and planning. Through such programs, we are educating leaders who are fluent in Asia-Pacific issues and adept at moving across disciplines as they tackle global problems.



# UNDERSTANDING ASIAN CULTURE AND HISTORY

The Asia-Pacific region, with its extraordinary breadth of history and material culture, has been a subject of inquiry at U of T for decades.

Chinese archeology has been taught—and practiced in the field—since the 1930s, when the University of Toronto was affiliated with the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM). The **Department of East Asian Studies**, founded in 1952, was the first department in Canada dedicated to the interdisciplinary study of East Asian art, languages and literature. The **Global Asia Studies** program at University of Toronto Scarborough offers undergraduates an intensive study of Asia, past and present. Buddhist studies are taught on all three U of T campuses.

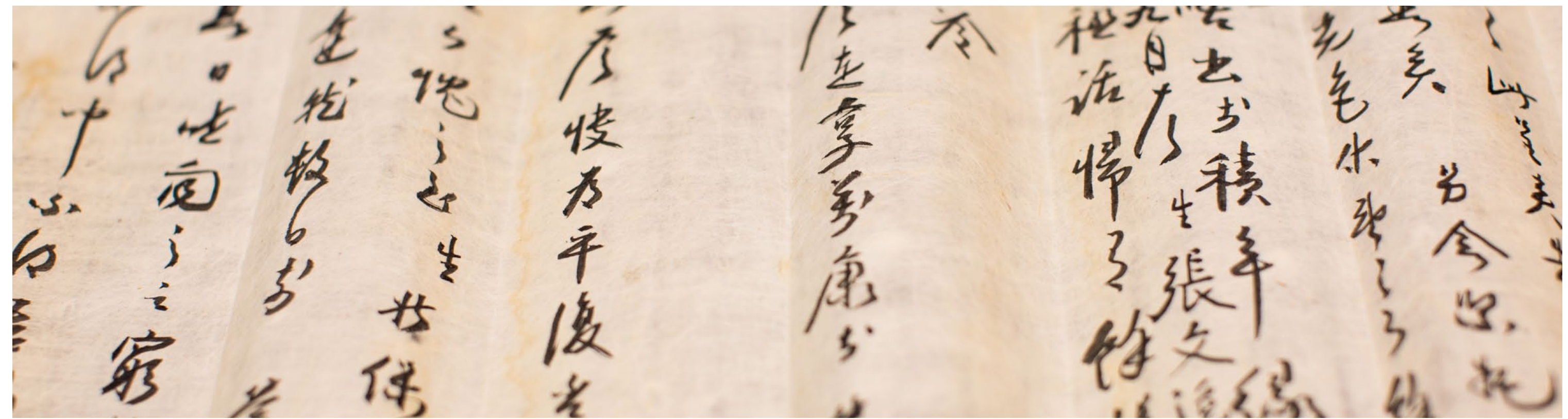
The University is also home to two libraries devoted to Asia-Pacific study. The **Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library** features a unique research collection on Canada-Hong Kong studies. The **Cheng Yu-Tung East Asian Library**, which holds more than 500,000 volumes, is considered one of the major research collections in North America. With these great assets at hand, the University of Toronto is deeply engaged in teaching and researching the history and culture of this critically important part of the world.



In 1930, **Davidson Black** (MD 1906) helped a group of Chinese scholars excavate 40,000 year-old early human remains at a site at Zhoukoudian. He named the species "Peking Man," (now *Homo erectus*), a direct ancestor of *Homo sapiens*.



Professor **Chen Shen** (PhD 1997) was drawn to U of T for its reputation in Chinese archaeology—in which he is now a world authority. Serving as Vice-President, World Cultures at the ROM, his research is widely read in English and Chinese.



Educated at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and U of T, **Jack Hang-tat Leong** is the director of the Richard Charles Lee Canada-Hong Kong Library.



# LEADING SCHOLARS

Generations of U of T scholars have placed the Asia-Pacific region at the heart of their inquiry. Here are just some of the leading scholars who are deepening our understanding and bilateral ties to this dynamic part of the world.



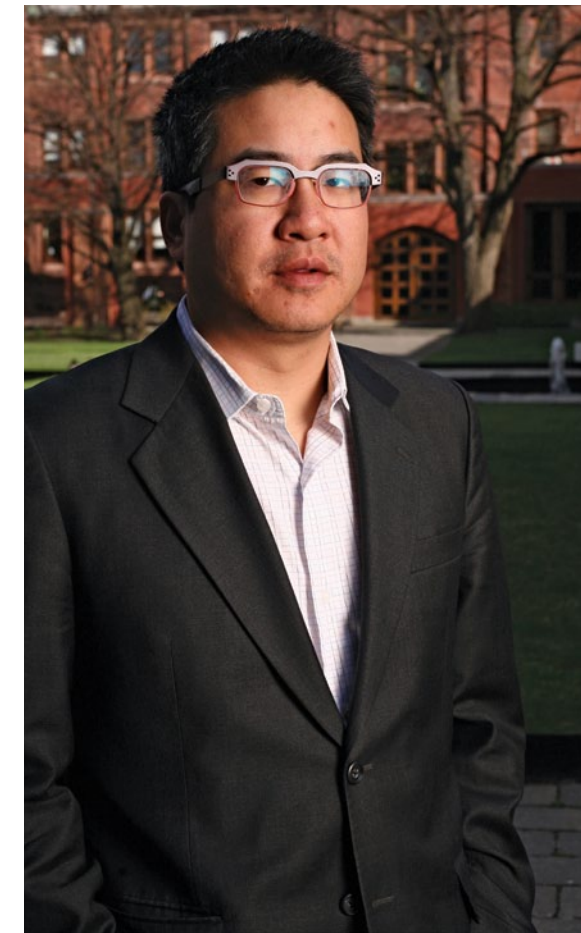
Professor **Lap-Chee Tsui** led a University of Toronto team that discovered the defective gene that causes cystic fibrosis—a major breakthrough in human genetics. Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Hong Kong from 2002 to 2012, Professor Tsui has also made significant contributions to the study of the human genome.



Professor **Jennifer Purtle** is a respected authority on Chinese and East Asian art. Her research focuses on Chinese art and visual culture from the Six Dynasties to the present, in particular, the cultural geography of artistic production, urbanism, East/West exchange, and optical media.



Professor **Wendy Dobson** is the author of *Gravity Shift: How Asia's New Economic Powerhouses Will Shape the 21st Century*. The Mandarin translation, *Ya Zhou Xin Shi Li*, was awarded Best Book in Finance and Economics by China's influential website Hexun.com.



Director of U of T's Asian Institute at the Munk School of Global Affairs, **Joseph Wong** is a professor of political science and Canada Research Chair in Democratization, Health and Development. His most recent book is *Betting on Biotech: Innovation and the Limits of Asia's Developmental State*.



**Betty Mayfoon Ho** (1948–2010) received her law degree from U of T in 1977. A professor of law at both U of T and Tsinghua University Law School, she designed new programs and authored seminal books that helped build the foundation for Chinese legal education.



Fluent in Mandarin and Cantonese, Professor **Ruth Hayhoe** bridges East and West. She has served as Director of the Hong Kong Institute of Education and her most recent book, *Portraits of 21st Century Chinese Universities*, is co-authored with Jun Li, Jing Lin and Qiang Zha.

# GLOBAL PARTNERS

Today, the University of Toronto partners with more than 100 institutions around the world—including some 30 across the Asia-Pacific region—in areas as diverse as education, social work, forestry, earthquake science, medicine, pharmacy, engineering, computer science, chemistry, geography, archaeology, anthropology, physical education, economics, management and public policy.



In the spring of 1962, U of T President **Claude Bissell** (BA 1936 UC, MA 1937, LLD 1977) travelled to the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Chinese government. His visit occurred eight years before Canada established diplomatic relations with China. The three-week trip would take him to universities, factories and cultural organizations in Guangzhou, Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou and Wuhan.

Today, academic, executive, and research collaborations are reinforced between the University of Toronto and the Asia-Pacific region on a monthly basis. In February 2012, President **David Naylor** (MD 1978) travelled to Beijing and Shanghai to meet with alumni as well as government, business and university officials—paving the way for even greater exchanges and research partnerships.



# A STELLAR COMMUNITY

The University of Toronto takes great pride in its graduates from the Asia-Pacific region—these alumni have gone on to leadership roles in every walk of life.

Our alumni community includes entrepreneurs, innovators, artists, educators and groundbreaking scientists. They are the heads of industry, government, business, academia, culture, technology, and countless other fields.

Across the Asia-Pacific region, U of T alumni and friends gather to host dinners, mentor students, welcome newcomers, reconnect with each other and give back with their time, expertise and financial support. For decades, our Asia-Pacific community has helped build the foundations for the University's growth and profile in the region. In no small measure, our standing as a great, global university is a reflection of the remarkable graduates who live, work and excel in leadership roles in the region.

We are tremendously proud of our alumni. They are our greatest ambassadors. You will read about some of them in these pages, but these profiles only represent a small sampling of this remarkable community's accomplishments and impact.

“My University of Toronto education pushed me to the limit and brought out the best in me.”

**Daisy C.F. Ho** (MBA 1990) is CFO and Deputy Managing Director of Shun Tak Holdings Ltd. and Chair of the U of T Hong Kong Foundation. She is also a member of the Boundless Campaign Executive and the Dean's Advisory Board of the Rotman School of Management.



# REMARKABLE LIVES

The following is a snapshot of the more than 10,000 U of T alumni in the Asia-Pacific region.

They share a number of things: a desire to study abroad, a passion for excellence, and a University of Toronto education.

Spanning three centuries, U of T has fostered stories like these—its core ambition in the Asia-Pacific region is to foster countless more in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



“Chinese students studying at the University of Toronto contribute so much to the success of our university.”

The **Hon. Vivienne Poy** (MA 1997, PhD 2003, LLD 2009) came to Canada from Hong Kong in 1959 as a university student. In 1998, she became the first Canadian of Asian descent to be named to the Senate of Canada. She served as U of T’s 31<sup>st</sup> chancellor from 2003 to 2006.



“The environment at U of T was fantastic. It is committed to educating people from all corners of the world—that’s the magic of a U of T education.”

**Fred K.C. Kan** (BASc 1964, LLB 1967) is founder and senior partner of Fred Kan & Company, a commercial law firm in Hong Kong. He is the Macau representative for the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA).

“I didn’t go to China to be a comedian, but a bridge between East and West.”

**Mark Rowswell** (BA 1998 UC) is known to hundreds of millions of Chinese as the comedian Dashan. In 2012, he was named Canada’s Goodwill Ambassador to China.



# REMARKABLE LIVES



“U of T prepares students to be truly global citizens, contribute to society and add value to everything they do.”

**Tennial Chu** (BA 1999) is vice-chairman of Mission Hills China, the company that owns and operates Mission Hills Shenzhen, one of the world’s largest golf resorts, and Mission Hills Hainan, also a luxury golf resort.



“The University of Toronto is one of the best universities in the world, without any question.”

Scientist, artist, entrepreneur and philanthropist, **Dominic Man-Kit Lam** (PhD 1970) is Chair of the World Eye Organization, a charitable organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of eye diseases, especially among the poor.



“U of T offers you a chance to think globally and then it gives you the skills to go out and take that next step.”

Asian Institute affiliate **Ryan Pyle** (BA New 2001) is a photographer and author based in Shanghai since 2002. He covers China for the *New York Times* and other leading publications. Pyle and his brother created a documentary about their record-breaking, 65-day motorcycle tour of China in 2010.



“The University of Toronto is open, considerate and committed to service. It gave me a very good foundation for my career and my life.”

A social work administrator, policy maker and leading public figure in Hong Kong, Dr. **Rosanna Wong Yick-ming** (MSW 1979) has served as Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups since 1980.



“There is a lot of synergy between Canadian and Asian business people. What I learned at U of T was applicable for so many years.”

**Keng Lam Ang** (MBA 1975) is a leading Asia-Pacific businessman, who has served in executive positions with the China World Trade Center, Beijing Properties Holdings Ltd., the Kuok Group, Kerry Holdings Ltd., among other companies.



“When I moved back to Hong Kong after I graduated, I met so many U of T grads in all kinds of sectors. We’re all very grateful for the really good education we received.”

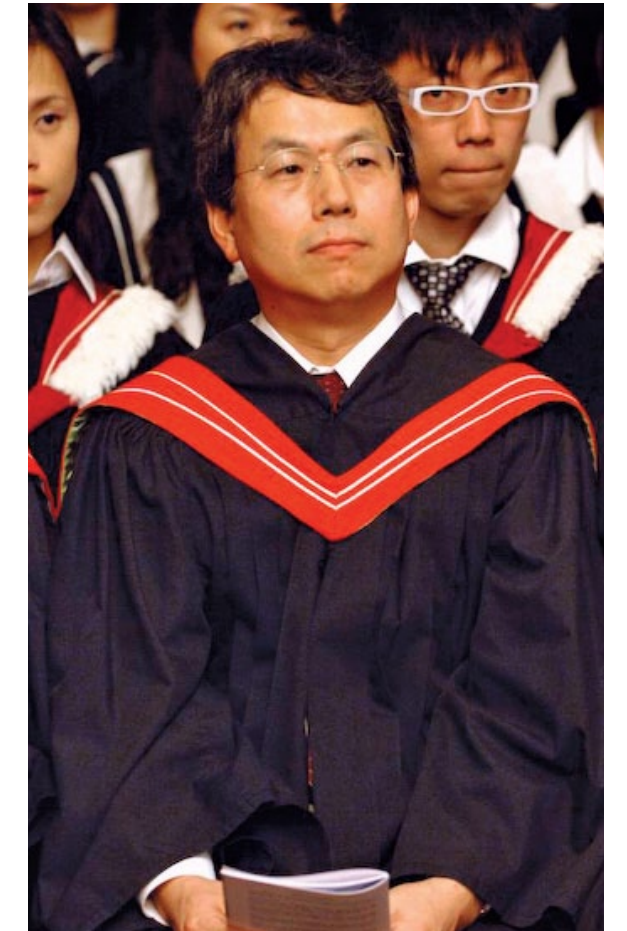
**Derek Kwok Cheung Tsang** (BA 2001) is an actor and filmmaker based in Hong Kong. He co-wrote and co-directed *Lover’s Discourse*, which debuted at the Hong Kong Asian Film Festival in 2010.

# HONG KONG CONVOCATION

There are few events in a young person's life as important as graduation from university—and like any of the most important days of our lives, it's made all the more meaningful when shared with friends and family.

The University of Toronto regularly hosts an Asia-Pacific graduation ceremony in Hong Kong. In Toronto, convocation season is one of the most significant times on campus, when the University of Toronto community comes together to celebrate the accomplishments of thousands of students from all over the world, many of whom are the first in their families to earn a university degree.

The Hong Kong convocation ceremony allows those family and friends of graduates—who may not have the means to travel to Toronto—to celebrate the accomplishments of their loved ones. Since 1996 it has grown into one of the most meaningful events in the calendar for the University in the Asia-Pacific region, and an event that has since been emulated by many international post-secondary institutions.



In November 2010 at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, U of T's Asia-Pacific Graduation Ceremony honoured 131 graduates. In total, more than 850 graduates, alumni, family and friends attended from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, Singapore, Thailand, Japan, the United States and Canada.

# CONNECTING WITH OUR ALUMNI FAMILY ACROSS THE ASIA-PACIFIC

With more than 10,000 Asia-Pacific alumni, U of T is committed to maintaining its important ties to the region. Its community of graduates stand as the most important proof of U of T's impact and excellence.

Over the past five years, 75 regional events have taken place—in Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Taipei, Tokyo, Seoul, Singapore and Jakarta. The events have ranged from golf days and happy hours to lecture series and art exhibits, to book launches, dinners and receptions. The events bring the University to our alumni throughout the region, keeping them connected and engaged with their alma mater.

We have also expanded our alumni associations in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to Hong Kong, we now have alumni representation in Beijing, Shanghai, Macau, Taiwan, South Korea, Singapore and Japan.



"Next Stop U of T" are informal receptions for new students and their parents, hosted by our U of T alumni in the Asia-Pacific region. As students prepare to leave for Toronto, alumni offer their insight and advice on how to make the most of life at U of T. Recent send-offs have taken place in Guangzhou, Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul and Hong Kong.

# CONCLUSION

Students and alumni from the Asia-Pacific region hold a special place of honour at the University of Toronto. Our extraordinary friendship has flourished for more than 100 years and grown stronger over time.

Every year we welcome thousands of Asia-Pacific students to our campuses. Our Asia-Pacific alumni are in leadership positions across a spectrum of disciplines—from arts and culture to business and engineering to health care and public policy. Through our research, our exchange of ideas and talent, we continue to mutually enrich our societies and the world at large.

Our history of engagement with the region is a source of great pride. As we look to the future, we are determined to build on this foundation. Our alumni and friends in the region will continue to be vital to our success. Together, we will unlock the boundless potential of the next generation to make the world a better place.



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