



Dear Alumni and Friends of School of Life Sciences,

Establishment of Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium – We Need Your Support

To recognize Professor Hu's contributions to botanical research both locally and internationally and to further strengthen the role of the herbarium established by Professor Hu, the School of Life Sciences proposes to name it the Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium, after Professor Hu.

The Herbarium in the School of Life Sciences is a major asset to the university. The herbarium is registered in the *Index Herbariorum*, a global directory of public herbaria managed by New York Botanical Garden in collaboration with the International Association of Plant Taxonomists. Its collection contains about 38,000 plant specimens, mostly collected and archived by Professor Hu. The proposed Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium will continue Professor Hu's efforts in documenting plant biodiversity and exploring its economic uses. This herbarium now situated in the Science Centre will be expanded and relocated to the new Life Sciences Building in 2014-15. We are now raising an endowment fund of HK\$15 million, which will be used in the research, educational and public programmes. Details can be found in Appendix A.

Your support is of paramount importance to our efforts. Our goal is to seek maximal participation from our alumni and friends, and all donations, in any amount, will make a difference. All contributions to these efforts will go towards the development and the expansion of the Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium.

If you share our vision and would like to contribute financially to support the Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium, please complete and return the enclosed donation form to us. Names of donors/organizations with donation of HK\$50,000 or above will be embedded in the Herbarium's Donor Recognition Plaque, which to be hoisted up at the new Life Sciences Building. We are most grateful to you for your generous and unfailing support.

Chu, Ka Hou (Professor)
Director
School of Life Sciences

Use of Endowment Fund for the Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium

A. Research:

- 1) Documentation of the flora, vegetation and economic plants in Hong Kong and mainland China and research into their properties.
- 2) Collection and preservation for conservation of native flora.
- 3) Research on authentication of economic and medicinal plants.
- 4) Digitization and computerization of the existing collection to form an internet-accessible database, and to provide a web-based search mechanism through an online botanical information system.

B. Education:

- 1) Establishment of a visitor center to illustrate Professor Hu's career and achievements, and to display various themes of the plant collection using computerized images, poster exhibits and specimens.
- 2) Construction and maintenance of education and resourceful websites, particularly the websites on Hong Kong Flora and Vegetation <hkflora.com>, weeds <Mikania.net>, and economic plants <plantuses.com>.
- 3) Development of computer applications for plant identification and use.
- 4) Development of internet courses including self-finance for alumni and teachers.
- 5) Volunteer programmes for underprivileged students.
- 6) A publication programme to popularize plant biology knowledge in the community.

C. Public programmes:

- 1) Formation of the **Friends of the Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium** (including but not limited to donors with contribution of HK\$10,000 or above) to support activities such as outings to gardens and herbaria, professional workshops and public lecture series.
- 2) Other social activities, such as "SY Hu living bridge to knowledge" and "theme plantations."

Donation Form for the Shiu-Ying Hu Herbarium

(Tel : 3943-1362; Fax : 2603-7246)

Please send the completed slip to the School of Life Sciences, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin, Hong Kong.

1. I (*Prof./Dr./ Ms./Mrs./Mr.) _____ would like to donate HK\$_____.

** Please delete as appropriate*

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2. Donor's Information

Name :

Name to be printed on the receipt :

Tel. :

Fax :

E-mail :

Mailing Address :

(If applicable)

I am an alumnus/alumna of School of Life Sciences/former Department of Biology.

Year of Graduation :

Major :

3. Donation Method:

Please send a cheque payable to "The Chinese University of Hong Kong".

Thank you very much for your generous and unfailing support.