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The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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**PERFECT WEATHER,
THE PERFECT SETTING.**

**OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO ATTENDED,
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THIS EVENT
WITH THEIR DONATIONS AND THEIR PURCHASES!**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Last Call Before New Directory

Goes to Print!

**Your Friends' Membership has expired
(unless you joined after April 1st. 2008)**

THE 2009 DIRECTORY GOES TO PRINT IN JANUARY.

If you wish to be listed, please complete and update your renewal form, write a cheque and mail both back as soon as possible.

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Chairman's Message...

Sarah Parnell



Dear Friends,

I am heartened by the fact that we've had a good turnout at many of our recent events, and it has been great to see so many friends again. The Annual Garden Party was a wonderful success. Held at the Barker Road quarters of the Chief Secretary and his wife, Lisa and Henry Tang, we were blessed with absolutely lovely weather. The venue for our tea was kindly arranged through our Patron, Diana Li, and the arrangements were made by Friend's Vice Chair Debbie Blount with help from our Hon. Secretary Leena Prakash. The tables were brightly decorated with flowers and set in the garden with the whole city spread out before us as a magnificent backdrop. Mrs. Tang welcomed us warmly and assured us that we were always welcome to hold our annual event there. Many of us departed happily carrying our newly-purchased CUHK student art and I'm confident the day will live fondly in our memories. Our thanks go out to all who made the day possible.

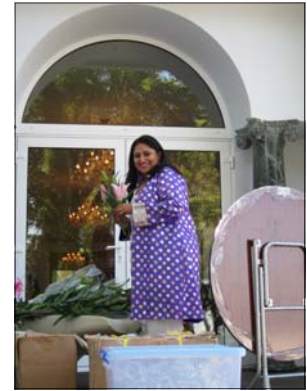
Now, it pains me to have to niggle on about this, but we really do need to have some volunteers step forward to help us out on the board NOW, with an eye to taking over after the AGM in May. Our requests for more help are not empty; in Hong Kong many of us have very busy and often complicated lives to lead. Several of us have served on the board for too long and, frankly, the time has come for me and other long-standing members to step down. The customary limit of tenure for a board member is 2 years in a particular position yet several members, including myself, have served in the same position for longer than that. This 2-year customary limit is in place to ensure that we have a constant flow of new ideas and fresh spirit and I'm afraid that I, at least, am feeling quite stale at the moment! Please, please volunteer to join the board. No matter what interests you, we'll find you a place. We really don't want to resort to strong-armed tactics unless all else fails...

As you may have noticed, after wandering further and further for the past two years, this year we are planning tours that are closer to home. We hope this will encourage those of you unable to take a long time away from Hong Kong to join us. Please read in this newsletter about our upcoming visits to Fujian Province and to India. Note that it is important to book early. Our latest trip to Jingdezhen and the Yellow Mountains was fully booked and a great success. The Huangshan scenery looked exactly as seen in all the paintings and photographs and our hearty group trekked fearlessly over the hills. Then we were fortunate to have Peter Lam, our mentor at Chinese University and pottery expert par excellence, lead us through the sites at Jingdezhen, including the museum and various pottery kilns. Many thanks to you Peter.

Sarah

Spectacular From Start to Finish!

*Thanks to our member,
Alida Pozzali
for her wonderful photographs!*



Garden Party Acknowledgments...

THE FRIENDS WISHES TO THANK THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS:

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Mrs. Diana Li
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Asian Artworks
for the beautiful embroidered sheets and duvet sets

JOSA
Joumana Achcar and Sagiri Dayal for their stunning necklace

LUXE City Guides
the consummately stylish pocket travel guides, packed with astute, opinionated information for the busy and sophisticated visitor.

Hong Kong Ballet
for VIP tickets to Giselle and private backstage tour

A generous Friend for the Japanese kimono

Zari
for the Vintage Indian Table Runner

The American Club (for tablecloths)

Eunice Chan and Phil Chan
CUHK fine art students
for coordinating the students and display for the show

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Fulbright & Jaworski

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Fulbright & Jaworski

Lecture...

ART AS AN ALTERNATIVE ASSET CLASS

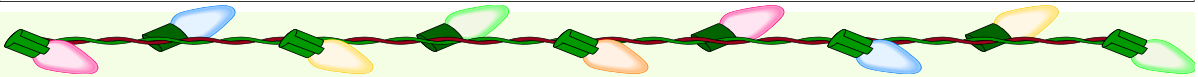
Speaker: **Mr. Kevin Ching, Chief Executive Officer, Sotheby's Asia**
Date: **Thursday, 4 December 2008**
Time: **6:30pm to 8:00pm**
Venue: **The Helena May, 35 Garden Road, Central**
Cost: **\$120 members, \$150 non-members (includes 1 drink)**

As CEO, Sotheby's Asia, Mr. Ching is responsible for developing the strategic expansion of the company in the region, particularly into mainland China. Previously a board executive director and group legal counsel of the publicly held company Dickson Concepts (International) Limited, Mr. Ching was in charge of its legal and general business affairs in the international world of luxury fashion, watches and jewellery.

Mr. Ching was educated in Hong Kong and England, and holds a masters degree in law from London University. He studied English law, Soviet law, Air and Space law and Customary and Modern Chinese law. He is qualified to practice law in Hong Kong and several other countries.

Mr. Ching's lecture should give us insights which will enable us to better understand the value of art, through appreciating its beauty and understanding its asset value within a collection.

Booking and Enquiries: Please send tear sheet and cheque payable to 'Friends of the Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.' to Paul Yu, Lectures Coordinator: 38 Shan Kwong Road, 6/F, Happy Valley, Hong Kong, Tel. 9282-0007, e-mail: paulyupk@netvigator.com



NEW MEMBERS HOLIDAY COFFEE

Date: **Wednesday 10 December**
Time: **11:00am**
Place: **Stanley, Hong Kong (address provided at time of registration)**

You are invited to meet the Friends' Board and Activity Coordinators and other new members. Look for your invitation in the mail. If you joined us in 2008 but were not able to accept our invitation to the previous new member coffee, we hope you can attend this event. We are looking forward to meeting you!

Enquiries or to register: please contact Gillian Fox, gand@netvigator.com

Study Group...

The joint Friends/Helena May study group offers members a chance to learn about a particular aspect of Asian art, history and culture. Each participant is expected to research a topic selected under the umbrella of the study theme and present it to the group in the form of a 40-minute talk. Usually, though this is not a requirement, the oral presentation is accompanied by visuals, such as PowerPoint images. Every presentation is different and no one is expected to be an expert. The emphasis in our study groups is on learning and sharing knowledge and making new friends in a relaxed, friendly environment.

The Dragon & The Tigers —Imperial China & Its Southeast Asian Neighbors

China and its Southeast Asian neighbors are connected by mountains and rivers and seas, and have a long history of interaction as recorded in Chinese historical literature. Members joining this study group are invited to explore an aspect of the culture, history and art of any one of these ancient kingdoms and the benefits or liabilities of living with a large, powerful and potentially aggressive neighbor on their borders. A partial list of suggested topics includes the following: **History:** The Great Wall of China; Emperors of Vietnam. **Art:** Temple Decoration at Angkor Wat; Textiles of the Hmong Minority. **Culture:** The Mekong River; Burmese Customs. **Religion:** Islam in China; Tibet: from a military power to a Buddhist nation.

**THE FRIENDS/HELENA MAY
JOINT STUDY GROUP TIMETABLE
HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO OFFER MEMBERS
UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUTUMN SESSION
AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN!**

For a list of topics not covered in the Autumn,
or to suggest a topic which you would prefer to research,
please contact the group coordinators at:
friends_studygroup@yahoo.com

The organizational meeting/PowerPoint workshop will be in mid-January.
Presentations will commence shortly thereafter.
Meetings will be held Tuesdays (10:15am-12:15pm), at The Helena May.

**To join the Study Group or find out more information please contact:
the group coordinators at *friends_studygroup@yahoo.com*.
The study group is open to members of The Friends and The Helena May.**

Museum News...

ONGOING EXHIBITIONS:

HEAVENLY STEEDS: HORSES IN CHINESE ART

Date: **14 July 2008 – 8 February 2009**
Venue: **Gallery II, Art Museum**

TIMELESS LEGACY: THE MOK FAMILY COLLECTIONS

Date: **26 July – 8 March 2009**
Venue: **Gallery I, CUHK Art Museum**

Gallery I presents the collections of three generations of the Mok family. Featured are paintings, calligraphy, objects for the scholar's studio, ceramics and jades, ancestral furniture and portraits.

HEAVENLY SPLENDOUR: THE EDRINA COLLECTION OF MING AND QING IMPERIAL COSTUMES

Date: **26 July– 29 March 2009**
Venue: **Gallery III, CUHK Art Museum**

Part of the exhibition 'Timeless Legacy: The Mok Family Collections'.

THE EXCITEMENTS OF DIGGING IN HONG KONG

Date: **September, 2008 to July, 2009**
Venue: **Gallery IV, CUHK Art Museum**

Illustrated by artefacts unearthed from excavations in HK, this exhibition introduces aspects of archaeology and displays the recent research output of the Centre for Chinese Archaeology and Art.

A ROOM OF OUR OWN...



Work on the new Friends' Centre at the Chinese University is nearing completion. The room will house our library and archives and can be used for both scholarly and more frivolous pursuits. As if a room of our own where we can meet to work or socialize wasn't enough to be thankful for at this holiday season, Friends' member Virginia Yee, has donated some of her beautiful Chinese furniture for our use. Virginia, you will be our guest of honor at the first event we hold and we will reserve for your exclusive use the most comfortable seat!

Asian Tours...



Two Types of Hakka Tulou

We will be accompanied by Ms. Rosman Wai, registered architect and Fellow of the HK Institute of Architects. She is a Senior Architect in the Housing Department and an Honorary Assistant Professor in the Architecture Conservation Program of The University of Hong Kong.

**CHINA – Fujian Province
UNESCO World Heritage Sites:
Wuyi Shan & Hakka Buildings**

**6—10 March 2009
5 Days / 4 Nights**

Our group will visit the cloud-shrouded formations of Wuyi Shan in Northern Fujian and then we will proceed south to explore the region of the Hakka people in the southwest of the Province. Both areas are listed as UNESCO World Heritage sites, the Hakka's earthen houses, *Tulou*, being one of the most recent listings.

**Sunday 6 March (HK/ Wuyi Shan)
HK/XIA KA602 (12:50-2:10pm)
XIA/WU FM9529 (5:10-5:50pm)**

We will meet at the HK Airport. On arrival we will transfer to Wuyi Mountain Villa Hotel and enjoy dinner at the hotel. 2 nights

Monday 7 March (Wuyi Shan)

After breakfast, we will spend the day exploring the scenic Heavenly Peak Area of the mountain, where poets throughout history found inspiration, and ride leisurely down the Jiuqu Stream on bamboo rafts. Lunch & dinner at local restaurants.

Tuesday 8 March (Wuyi Shan/Yongding)

After breakfast at our hotel we will visit the well-preserved tea merchants' houses of the Ming/ Qing Xiamei village, which once served as a distribution center for tea grown in the region. The village is also the site of well-designed senior officials' and Confucian scholars' houses, the area having been the setting of the development and spread of neo-Confucianism. After lunch at a local restaurant we will transfer to the airport. WU/XIA MF8346 (1:40pm-2:20pm) On arrival transfer to coach for 3 hour drive to Yongding. Check in at Jinteng Hotel for dinner. 1 night.

Wednesday 9 March (Yongding/Nanjing)

After breakfast, drive to the Hakka Culture Village to see the earthen *Zhencheng* and *Kuiju* buildings. Lunch nearby at a restaurant serving local cuisine. We then transfer to Nanjing (Fujian), around 2hrs drive, check in at Xiangjiang, or similar, Hotel for 1 night. Dinner at our hotel.

Thursday 10 March (Nanjing/Xiamen/HK)

After breakfast, visit the most unique Tianluokeng flower-shaped earthen building (see photograph, left). We then visit Yuchang earthen buildings (around 600 years old) along with the village and rice terraces before driving directly to Xiamen airport,, around 2.5hrs drive. XIA/HK KA605 (7:45pm-9:10pm)

Trip Cost:

Approx. **HK\$7350.00** per person (twin sharing, based on 16 participants.
Single surcharge HK\$550.00
Non-member surcharge HK\$500.00

Asian Tours...

Inclusive of:

Round trip air ticket HK/Xiamen, Dragon Air Economy class (group ticket); All domestic flights; 4 Nights hotel accommodation as per itinerary*; Meals provided as per itinerary; All sightseeing tours with private English speaking guide, coach & driver; Entrance fee to sites as per itinerary; Gratuities for guides and drivers All airport transfers in Xiamen.

*Where it is not possible to provide accommodation at the listed hotels, we will stay at comparable hotels.

Price Excludes:

Chinese Visa (**required**); travel insurance; personal expenses such as phone/laundry/alcoholic beverages.

To Book:

Please issue a cheque for **HK\$3000.00** made out to 'Friends of the Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.' and mail together with a completed tear sheet to: Margrit Tsang, 16 Chi Fu Road, Flat 18F, Pokfulam, Hong Kong. email mf_tsang@hotmail.com

ASIAN TOURS TRAVEL POLICY:

Please note that a \$1000 portion of your deposit is non-refundable. Space is not reserved until your deposit is received. Once airline deposits have been paid, the remaining portion of the deposit becomes non-refundable as well. Cancellation less than 45 days before departure will result in non-refundable charges. Cancellation less than 21 days before departure must be in writing and may result in no refund at all.



Rafting on 9-Bend River, Fujian

HOTEL ROOMS AND AIRLINE SEATS FILL RAPIDLY DURING THE EASTER SEASON!

PLEASE SIGNAL YOUR INTEREST IN THIS TOUR PROMPTLY.

**FOR DETAILED ITINERARY,
E-MAIL MARGRIT TSANG
mf_tsang@hotmail.com**

INDIA — KOLKATA/SILLIGURI/DARJEELING/PEMAYANGTSE/GANGTOK

6—16 April 2009

We fly to Kolkata via Bangkok. Highlights of our time in Kolkata include the Marble House, the Dakshineswar Kali Temple and an afternoon visit to the Indian Museum, followed by a walk to the *maidan*, the largest open field in Kolkata.

We fly to our next stop, Bagdogra/Siliguri, and board the "Toy Train" to Kerseong where we will be met by large jeep and driven to Darjeeling. Very early the next morning we will visit Tiger Hill to see the sunrise above the magnificent Himalayan Ranges, following which we will visit the Ghoom Monastery.

The next day we drive to Pemayangtse, where we will overnight, departing the next day for Gangtok. In Gangtok we will visit the Directorate of Handloom & Handicraft, the Enchey Monastery, the Institute of Tibetology, the Orchid Sanctuary, the Do Drul Chorten and the Rumtek Monastery. Kalimpong is our destination the next day and we will visit the Flower Nurseries, the Zang Dog Palri Fo Bang Monastery, the Durpin Dara, the Tharpa Choling Monastery and the Thongsa Gumpha. We overnight in Kalimpong, then drive to Bagdogra to catch our flight back to Kolkata.

...Asian Tours

Help Sought...

To Book:

Please issue a cheque for **HK\$ 4000.00** made out to 'Friends of the Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.' and mail together with a completed tear sheet to: Margrit Tsang, 16 Chi Fu Road, Flat 18F, Pokfulam, Hong Kong. For detailed itinerary please contact Margrit Tsang: mf_tsang@hotmail.com

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Ghoom Monastery, Darjeeling



Himalayan Ranges, Darjeeling

LOOKING FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Dear Friends,

I have served as newsletter editor under two chairmen for a period of almost five years and would like to retire and devote myself to some other projects close to my heart. During my tenure I have learned enough about desk-top publishing that I no longer flinch at the word 'electronic' and, more importantly, I have grown to love the work. I think I could convey that enthusiasm to you if you were considering taking on this position.

Here are the bare bones of the job. Articles about monthly Friends' and community events are researched and composed by Board Members and Activity Coordinators. I've found them to be very fluent writers and my job has generally been to proof their work and input it into the newsletter. They submit their articles by the 10th of each month and, by working 'a bit here and a bit there' (the work is portable if you have a laptop) over the next 10 days, I complete the project and hand it over to the printer. Its next appearance is probably in your home or electronic mailbox.

The main purpose of the newsletter is to bring to the attention of the membership monthly activities through which we raise funds for our charity, The CUHK Art Museum and art students. This endeavor requires neither a Shakespeare nor a Michelangelo. A detailed and accurate representation of events achieves our aim. Eloquence and artistry are just icing on the cake!

Please contact me at otoshis_hk@yahoo.com, if you are interested in or would like to learn more about editing the Friends' newsletter.

Corey Otoshi

Community...

JUST IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS —THE PERFECT GIFT TO FILL SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING...

Friends' member, Valery Garrett's latest book "*Discover Hong Kong: the City's History and Culture Redefined*" is a handy pocket-sized paperback with sixty sections covering places, people, culture, heritage, nature and lifestyle, all with illustrations from past and present, and with details on how to get there. Long time Hong Kong resident, former researcher for the Museum of History, consultant to the Tourism Board, and frequent Friends lecturer, Valery knows the city and surrounding countryside well. Giving little known facts, and introducing the reader to Hong Kong's hidden heritage and culture, she reveals a side of the territory of which even many local people are unaware.

Available from Dymock's bookshops while supply lasts. For those of you who prefer to order online, Valery's book is published by Marshall Cavendish. The publication date is November, 2008 and the ISBN number is: 978 981 261 654 8.

Joumana and Sagiri

invite you to view a new collection of their

Jewellery

Tuesday, December 2, 2008

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

11am to 7pm

22B Estoril Court Tower 1

55 Garden Road

Midlevels

Joumana 6100 7677

Sagiri 9179 0203



Tearsheets

Please send a **Separate Cheque and Tearsheet for each event.**

- Make cheques payable to: **Friends of the Art Museum, CUHK Ltd.**
- Please write your name, telephone number and activity on the back of your cheque.
- Send the cheque and tearsheet to the **organiser listed on the same page as the description of the activity.**
- Your reservation is confirmed unless advised otherwise, in which case your cheque will be destroyed.
- Refunds (except travel deposits) will be given for cancellations up to seven days before the event.

Please note that your membership number is on your newsletter envelope label.

Friends: Activities Tearsheet

Activity: _____ Date: _____

Amount enclosed:HK\$ _____ Bank/Cheque Number: _____

Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Phone/Mobile: _____

Friends: Activities Tearsheet

Activity: _____ Date: _____

Amount enclosed:HK\$ _____ Bank/Cheque Number: _____

Name: _____ Membership Number: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Phone/Mobile: _____

Friends: Asian Tours Tearsheet

Trip: _____ Today's Date: _____

Name as in Passport: _____ Membrsp. No. _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____ Tel: _____

I require a single room at extra rate. YES/NO

I have read and agree to the Travel Policy Terms & Conditions as stated herein.

Signed: _____

Art Museum Hours:

Open daily from 10:00am-5:00pm. **Closed Public Holidays**

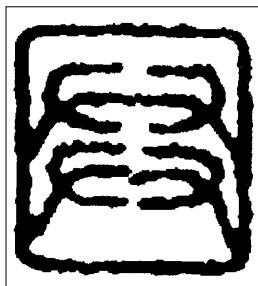
Friends' Library Hours: **Monday-Saturday**, 10am-4:45pm. **Closed Public Holidays**

Driving Directions to CUHK:

Take Eastern tunnel and follow signs to Shatin. Drive through Tate's Cairn Tunnel, get in left lane and turn off at second road to the left. Follow signs to Shatin central. Continue along this road; again go left to Shatin central. Right away, get into right lane and turn right at traffic lights. This road leads to Taiipo Road. Go straight until you see sign overhead indicating University. Exit left and at roundabout bear right. Go straight and take right at second university entrance (Main). At gate you will be issued parking ticket. First 30 minutes of parking free, thereafter \$10 per hour. Drive 200 yards past gate. Parking lot is on right, Art Museum is on left. Surrender card and pay at gate when leaving.

Public Transportation to CUHK

From TST take KCR East to the University KCR station (25 minutes from Kowloon). Turn right when leaving the station to reach University shuttle bus making regular runs to Art Museum. Alight at Sir Run Run Shaw Hall (second stop); walk straight to Institute of Chinese Studies building, where the Art Museum is located. To return, catch bus on lower side of the Art Museum.



The Friends of the Art Museum, The Chinese University of Hong Kong Limited was founded in 1981 to promote the study and appreciation of Chinese art and culture. It sponsors lectures by resident and visiting experts and organises study groups and tours. Through its fund-raising activities, the Friends provides scholarships and internships to Fine Arts students and augments the acquisition fund of the Art Museum at CUHK.

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