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COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



Aug 25, Sep 23, Oct 23, Nov 28 Afternoon break with HCers

"Afternoon Break with HCers" is a regular gathering for HC members and students. Students are free to talk about not only study and work, but also news, hobbies, films and even family. The event is with the purpose of providing an opportunity for students to communicate with each other in a relaxing atmosphere outside of daily study and work.



Prof. Hongjie ZHANG (FHS), Prof. Anna Pou Iu VONG (FBA), Dr. Angel On Kei TANG (CKLC) and Dr. Manuel Antonio NORONHA (MCMC) are the hosts for this semester.

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



Aug 20, Oct 15 HC Orientation (C2028 & C2029)



Prof. Rose Neng LAI greeting the new batch of HC students and introducing the College



Students listening to the sharing attentively



Ms. Tiffany Hei Tong MAK, Treasurer General of Honours College Student Association (HCSA), introducing the Association and the upcoming activities to the new students

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



Sep 20 HVP Orientation at Pou Tai



In cooperation with the Macau Pou Tai Integrated Service Centre, the Honours College Volunteer Programme (HVP) aims to provide HC students with opportunities to engage in volunteer services. This semester, 12 students joined the programme as volunteers. They could choose to serve either at the Pou Tai Elderly Centre or the Youth Centre. It is hoped that the students will learn how to care for the elderly, enhance their communication, problem-solving, and collaboration skills while fostering social awareness through the programme.



COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

Sep 27 Principal's Recommended Admission Talk (PRA Talk)



Dean LAI and Ms. Adela Ka Ian MUI, student of C2026, introducing HC and Honours College Certificate Programme to the recommended secondary school students and their parents



Students interested in Honours College and the Programme



COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



Oct 19 HC Student Retreat

At the beginning of every new academic year, a full-day Retreat will be organized for all Year 2 students (newly admitted open admission sophomores and the current sophomores), aiming to build up students' self-confidence, providing them with leadership training and a platform for them to know each other, through a series of team-building activities and assignments.



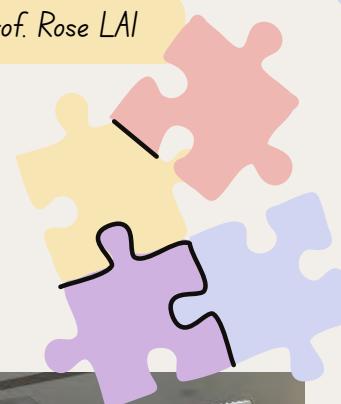
HC Class of 2028 having group photo with Prof. Rose LAI



"Amazing Crayon"



"Silent Communication"



"Find the Exit"

COLLEGE ACTIVITIES



Nov 26 BOC Financial Fraud Sharing



In collaboration with Mr. Nelson Man Kam KOT, Chairman of the University of Macau Alumni Association (AAAUM), HC students are pleased to attend an insightful sharing session by Ms. Sabrina Ieng Chi CHOI, Deputy Director of the Digital Finance Department of BOC Macau (Back of Macau), on the topic "Internet and Financial Fraud Prevention Tips".



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

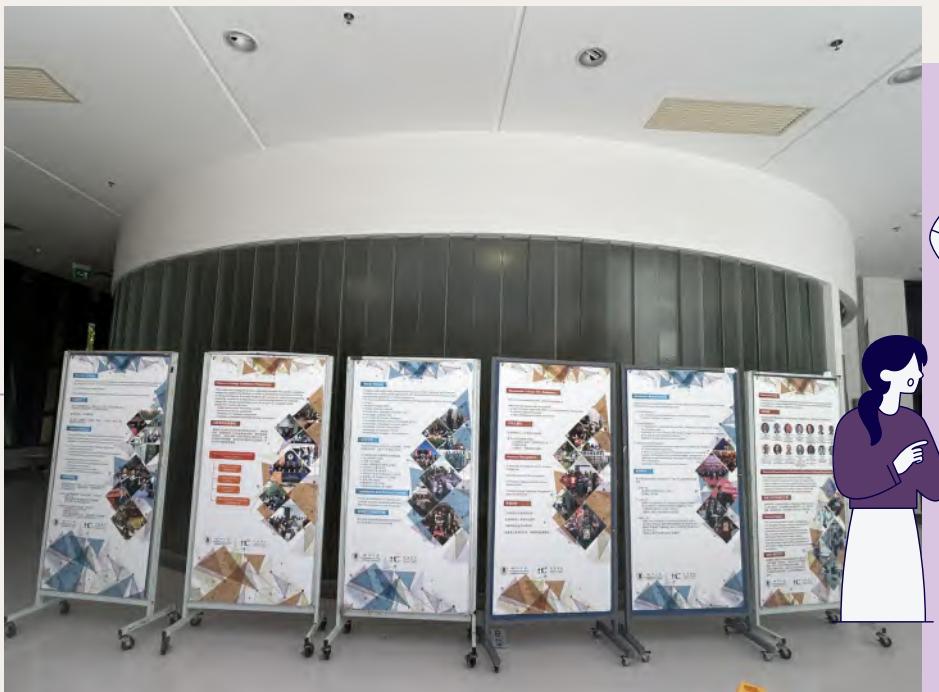
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HC Promotion Month Series

Sep 1-12 RC Promotion Booths



Sep 1-28 HC Exhibition



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

HC Promotion Month Series



Sep 17 News Discussion Forum
titled "Commemoration of the 80th Anniversary of the Victory of the World Anti-Fascist War: The Fundamental Issues in Post-war International Order Construction and China's Solution" by Dr. Kuan Ju LAI, Senior Instructor of Faculty of Law, UM

● Sep 21 Masdaw Dog Walking



● Sep 24 Rock Climbing Workshop



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Sep 6–7 HCSA Mentorship Camp



The Mentorship Camp aims to provide an opportunity to foster closer relationship between HCSA and students through a series of games and activities. All participants got familiar with each other at the camp.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Dec 2 HCSA Turnover Ceremony and Study Abroad Pre-departure Gathering



The new batch of HCSA members presenting a gift to Prof. Rose LAI, and having group photo with our invited guests Prof. Hongjie ZHANG and Prof. Peng Un MAK



HCSA board members of AY2024/2025 and AY2025/2026



Ms. Julian Sam Ye CHEONG, HC Class of 2026, giving a sharing session on her study abroad experience in the U.K.



“DIY Wind Chime Workshop”

NEW BATCH OF HONOURS COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (HCSA)

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The Honours College Student Association (HCSA) aims at providing students opportunities to foster their leadership skills and promote personal growth through enriching community services, social and academic activities. In addition, it is of great importance to promote the Honours College to the surroundings.

PREVIEW OF EVENTS IN AY2025/2026

2ND SEMESTER



College Activities

JANUARY

- Afternoon Break with HCers I

FEBRUARY

- Afternoon Break with HCers II

MARCH

- Honours College Volunteer Programme (HVP) Kicks-off
- Afternoon Break with HCers III
- Etiquette Workshop
- Call for RESHC Programme

APRIL

- Honours Project Symposium (C2026)

MAY

- Graduates Gathering (C2026)
- China Trip

Student Activities

FEBRUARY

- Valentines Day theme activity

MARCH

HC Promotion Month Series:

- Photography Workshop
- HC Day
- News Discussion Forum: World Vision Talk
- Public Speaking Workshop

APRIL

- Easter theme activity
- Visit to Patriotic Education Base for the Youth

Alumni Activities

- HCAA Annual General Meeting Dinner (August)

HCER'S STORIES



Dr. Angel On Kei TANG, CKLC Liaison Officer for HC

Stop Wishing Start Doing

It is a privilege for me to join the RC team and become an HCer, allowing me to grow alongside each of you and share in our collective experiences and wisdom. As an HCer, you face countless challenges and opportunities. I want to discuss three fundamental themes: preparation, self-discipline, and the future, encouraging you to embrace the path ahead.

Firstly, opportunity favors those who are adequately prepared. Success is rarely a matter of luck; it is often the natural outcome of hard work. Here, preparation encompasses not only the accumulation of knowledge but also the fortification against future uncertainties. Each lecture, discussion, and assignment is a chance to refine your thinking and enhance your capabilities. Instead of viewing challenges as setbacks, consider them opportunities for personal growth. Each effort you invest is a stepping stone toward future achievements, and this mindset is essential for us all.

Furthermore, it's crucial to embrace your unique journey without constantly comparing it to others. Your contributions, whether in quantity or quality, are invaluable and deserving of recognition. Every bit of hard work builds a new layer of experience that will ultimately transform into an intangible asset. The efforts you make now are shaping an increasingly resilient self, empowering you for the future.

As an HCer, self-discipline will become your most reliable ally on your path to excellence. Self-discipline is not merely a skill; it is a mindset. It allows you to maintain focus amidst numerous distractions and find balance amidst rigorous academic demands. Short-term pleasures can lead us astray, but true fulfillment comes from dedicating time to meaningful pursuits. A disciplined lifestyle increases your efficiency, placing you in a stronger position for both academic achievement and personal growth.

Finally, I want you to remember that every fellow student in the HC reflects a facet of your own journey. We share not just knowledge but also dreams and aspirations. As we pursue excellence together, let us support one another through every challenge and cherish every opportunity for growth.

The road ahead may not always be smooth, but with adequate preparation and a commitment to self-discipline, success will inevitably bloom.

Let us strive together, hand in hand, toward a brighter future. Keep pushing forward!

HCER'S STORIES



Mr. Bingo Cheok Hei CHEANG, HC Graduate, Class of 2025

Thank you, Honours College!

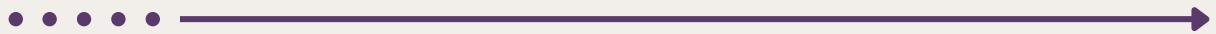
Greetings to whoever is reading this article; I am Bingo, an Honours College graduate from the Class of 2025, and now I am doing my master's at the University of Macau.

Time indeed passes quickly in this circle of life; the four years that I had spent as an HCer ended officially not too long ago, and so much has happened during my time at HC. Looking back at my learning journey in HC, it could be called blissful and truly transformative: I was lucky enough to meet some incredible and kind professors, fellows, and staff, and to acquire valuable knowledge and skills under the rigorous curriculum of HC; I strongly believe that all of the things and moments that I have encountered and been through have had positive contributions to my academic, social, and, in general, personal development.

To be specific, besides all of the memorable events of significance, such as the various camps and retreats held by HC, in which I got to interact and bond with other talents from HC, the most impressive experience I have had in HC has to be the study abroad experience in the UK. Here, I would like to sincerely thank HC for providing me with such an honour and an amazing experience. Recalling my time studying abroad in the UK, not only was I able to immerse myself in a different culture that was extremely eye-opening, but more importantly, I was able to experience a learning environment and modules that may not be available at my home campus, which greatly enhanced my expertise in my areas of interest.

In the end, while I may be unable to meet my previous companions from HC regularly or interact like we used to, I promise the precious moments that we shared would always have a special place in my heart, and I absolutely enjoyed my time at HC. Further, I genuinely hope that all current HC students would be able to achieve what you guys are longing for and make the most out of your time at HC!

NEWS/UPDATES FROM HC ALUMNI



**Ms. Agnes Sam Ut WONG, Master of Global Management,
The University of Hong Kong, Graduate of HC of 2025**

Exploring Comprehensive Global Business ESG Possibilities in HK

In line with the Macao SAR Government's "1+4" development strategy, the ESG development trend is gaining traction. I am currently pursuing postgraduate studies at the University of Hong Kong, with a particular focus on sustainable ESG development. With some additional trainings in Generative AI and Digital Marketing, I look forward to the opportunity to develop innovative, practical solutions to contribute to the implementation of ESG in Macau. In addition, during my studies in Hong Kong, I discovered that the HC course content, especially the Honours Project, provided me with the essential skills to quickly adapt to the competitive environment of postgraduate studies. This is one of my key takeaways from pursuing higher studies, which has again motivated me to express my gratitude to the Honours College. Therefore, I am eager to participate in forthcoming activities, stay connected, share our unique experiences, and provide assistance to our UM family members and HCers around the world.



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We'd love to stay connected with our HC Alumni and Students! Please feel free to share your updated contact information with us!!

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