2017 Major Events Review
A Year of Brilliance

Time flies. The year of 2017 has come to an end for the School of Communication of HKBU. 2017 was a year of brilliance for the School, featuring students, alumni and faculty's academic and professional accomplishments.

January

- Faculty and masters students went to cities such as London, Prague, Vienna, Warsaw for their study tours.

A visit to BBC News

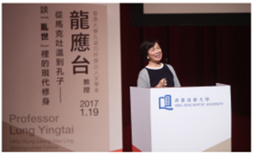
A visit to and an interview with ORF TV, Austria

A visit to the National Film School in Lodz, Poland

A learning exchange with Saint Petersburg

- Oliver Chan, 2015 MFA graduate won the championship in the Higher Education Institution Group of the third First Feature Film Initiative (FFFI). She will gain HK$3.5 million funding from the Film Development Fund (FDF) to bring her winning commercial feature film proposal to the big screen.

- The School invited Professor Lung Yingtai, a renowned writer, as the guest speaker of the 60th Anniversary Shun Hing Distinguished Lecture series.



State University, Russia

February

- Year 4 students Kevin Chan, Ashley Cheung, Virginia Hung, Kwok Hiu-tung, Ian Lai and Ivan Li in the Integrated Communication Management programme earned the Best Multimedia Award at the Asia Social Innovation Award (ASIA) with a short film *See You Angel*.

- Alumna Joanna Wong was selected to participate in a six-month assignment in Timor-Leste under the second United Nations Volunteers (UNV) – Hong Kong Universities Volunteer Programme.

March

- Two alumni, Philip Wei Yiyang and Jason Cheng Long-ching, scooped three awards at the Hang Seng Management College Business Journalism Awards.

April

- Nicole Chan, who graduated in 2016 from AF with a Higher Diploma in Creative Film Production, won the Best Director Award in the Student Division of the 11th Fresh Wave International Short Film Festival.

Fresh Wave
International
Short
Film
Festival

- *Weeds on Fire*, the debut feature film by Steve Chan, a graduate of AF, won two awards at the 36th Hong Kong Film Awards. The film, co-written by Steve and another AF alumnus Nihat Wong, earned eight nominations in multiple categories of the Awards, including Best Film and Best New Director.

- Professor Kineta Hung, Professor Vivian Sheer and Dr Kimmy Cheng have received University recognition for their outstanding performance in service, research and teaching, respectively. In addition, Dr Celine Song won the President's Award for Outstanding Young Research.

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- Together with the production team, Steve and Nhiat donated HK$300,000 to AF to support students to produce their graduation projects.

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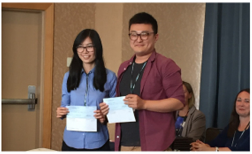
May

- *The Goddess* and *Fearless Neighbours*, movies created by Dr Sobel Chan, Senior Lecturer of AF, have been selected respectively for the Hong Kong-Asia Film Financing Forum 2017 (HAF 2017) and the Cannes Film Festival.

- A number of fresh graduates have been admitted to the graduate schools of leading universities around the world, including Harvard University, Columbia University, the University of Pennsylvania and Northwestern University in the United States.

- Vincent Huang and Piper Liu, PhD candidates of the School, were recently presented with a best student paper award in Organisational Communication at the 67th International Communication Association Annual Conference held in San Diego, USA. Their paper was also published in a leading academic journal, *Computers in Human Behavior*.



- Of these high-flying students, Charlotte Yang (International Journalism) has been admitted by Harvard University's John Kennedy School of Government, whereas Lindsy Long (International Journalism) will study at the Graduate School of Journalism of Columbia University.

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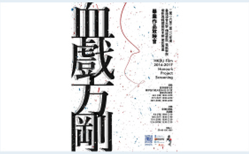
June

- Students of the Film and Media Arts major in AF organised a Film Honours Project Screening and a Media Arts Graduation Exhibition, "MAdventure", showcasing 2D/3D animation, branding, interactive and installation arts, as well as game design etc.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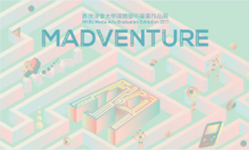
HKBU Film 2016-2017 Honours Project Screening


香港浸會大學媒體藝術畢業作品展
HKBU Media Arts Graduation Exhibition 2017
MADVENTURE

July

- AF and the Airport Authority (AA) of Hong Kong teamed up to organise an exhibition themed "Cinema Fantasia Hong Kong". It is the first time that crucial areas of the local film industry have been showcased at Hong Kong International Airport.

- The "INNO-Action! HKBU Academy of Film Seeds Project" held a ceremony for the winning entries in its 6th Digital Short Video Competition, presenting a total of 18 awards for outstanding short dramas and documentaries produced by local secondary school students.

- The Media and Social Communication programme's "Our Era" Research Scheme released two surveys on "University Students' Views on Political Acts" and "University Students' Career Aspirations After Graduation".

社傳 Media and Social Communication

- Students from the Department of Communications Studies, under the guidance of Dr Angela Mak, teamed up with the Family Value Foundation of Hong Kong to produce a book entitled *We are Good Fathers*.

August

- Ada Hui (Broadcast Journalism) won the Commendation Award for her work entitled *A love as myself* at the 2017 TVB Inter-Collegiate Documentary Competition.

2017 TVB大專紀實短片比賽
TVB Inter-Collegiate Document

September

- AF 2016 graduates, Eleanor Li (Film and Media Arts major) and Heung Yuen-tung (Professional Programme in Film) were selected to screen their graduate short film projects, *The (Science of) Cocoon* and *NOS* respectively at the fifth China Women Film Festival (CWFF).

- Renowned Mainland film director Lu Chuan gave a sharing on the creative process of his wildlife film *Born in China* at a talk at HKBU, jointly organised by AF and Chinese Film Panorama.

October

- AF runs the "Watch Great Movies" series, showcasing classic films every Wednesday. Guided film screenings are led by renowned film directors, film critics and scholars.

放大電影
WATCH GREAT MOVIES
Academy of Film HKBU

- The School is collaborating with Tencent and Tencent Research Institute to establish partnerships in the area of new media technological development, including artificial intelligence, big data journalism and virtual reality.

- The MA in International Journalism Studies programme organised its 10th anniversary celebration, gathering all the alumni over a span of 10 years together.

MA in International Journalism Studies

- AF's 2013 graduate Chan Tze-woon (MFA) received the New Asian Currents Ogawa Shinsuke Prize for his documentary film *Yellowing* at the 15th Yamagata International Documentary Film Festival (YIDFF) in Japan.

New Asian Currents Ogawa
乱世備忘—僕らの雨傘運動
Yellowing
Director: Chan Tze-

- 10 students and graduates from the Department of Journalism won a total of seven awards in the 2017 China Daily Hong Kong Edition Campus Newspaper Awards.

CHINA DAILY
2017
校園學報新聞獎頒獎典禮
Campus Newspaper Awards Presentation Ceremony

- The Department of Journalism invited seven winners of the Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) Awards for Editorial Excellence, the Asian media industry's most prestigious journalism award, to participate in the HKBU-SOPA Award Winners Forum.

- A total of 17 awards were presented at the 14th Global Chinese Universities Student Film and Television Festival award ceremony. Chen Nan, a fresh graduate of the MFA programme, won the Best Script Award, while her fellow Lee Pik-shan won the Best Documentary Award.

November

- *The Dinner*, a graduation short film project directed by Chan Tin-long (2017 Film graduate), has been selected for screening at the "Children's World" of the 20th International Children's Film Festival India (ICFFI) in November 2017.

- AF and the Hong Kong Asian Film Festival co-organised a master class with renowned Australian-Hong Kong cinematographer, Christopher Doyle, and Japanese actor, Joe Odagiri, to share their journey of independent filmmaking.

電影大師班
杜可風 x 小田切讓

- *A Gong*, a graduation short film project directed and written by AF graduate Huang Hang (MFA), has been chosen to compete for awards at Kinoproba, the 14th International Festival-Workshop of Film Schools in Russia.

December

- The final year projects of three AF graduates brought home major awards from the HK Heart Anywhere Short Film Competition 2017. Abdul Wahid Lui Nok-hei was crowned Champion, whereas Chow Lok-sum took the first runner-up for his short film, and Leung Lok-ting's short film won the Outstanding Award.

2018 Preview

The School's 50th Anniversary Celebration

- The School of Communication Family, together with other departments, will organise a series of celebratory events. Stay tuned for the news from the School. You are all invited to join our events!

- The rooftop of the Communication and Visual Arts (CVA) Building will turn into a **rooftop garden** which will serve as an outdoor classroom, a leisure spot, as well as an open space for the exchange of ideas and generation of insights.

- The School is constructing the **AI Media Research Laboratory** and **VR & AR Workroom**. The labs will be in use in the new school year of 2018-19, and will greatly benefit faculty and students in their research and creative work.

*The displayed pictures are simulations. They are for reference only.