Established in 2006, the University Archives (HKU Archives) carries out its mission by collecting, preserving and providing access to the official records and publications of the University of Hong Kong (HKU), as well as those unofficial and personal records relating to the HKU Family.

MISSION

The University Archives serves as the memory of the University of Hong Kong and the HKU Family. We collect and preserve the records of the past and present, regardless of formats, to ensure their accessibility for our future.

FUNCTIONS

The University Archives was created in order to:

- maintain clear records and as complete an account as possible of University life and achievements, administrative actions and policies, educational programmes and the relationships between HKU and the larger community in one central repository;
- support administrative functions, teaching and research by keeping the primary resources of the University’s history in a single archival repository adhering to global standards of conservation and preservation;
- make the primary resources available for scholars, students, and researchers in history and other disciplines, maintaining the records, some in confidentiality, until such time as they can be opened to researchers;
- reinforce the legacy and traditions of HKU which in turn stimulates financial support and encourages an appreciation of the University’s past and its role in the global history of higher education and in the history of Hong Kong.

COLLECTIONS

The University Archives collects records with enduring historic, evidential and intrinsic value which document the functions and developmental processes of the University. Our collections are comprised of

- Records of Governance (Court, Council and Senate);
- Foundation documents;
- Administrative records;
- Pre-War records;
- Faculty records and Manuscripts;
- University Gazettes, Calendars and Publications;
- Architectural Plans and Drawings;
- Photographs, Posters;
- Paintings, Sculptures and Artifacts;

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1 Coat of Arms, 1913 & 1984

2 The University Mace, 1951
The HKU Archives provides access to the collections of both official and unofficial records and artifacts for interested persons who wish to research the history of the University and its impact on the development of Hong Kong and Asia.

ACCESS

The University Archives also collects materials from other sources that are about the University and our HKU Family members including staff and alumni through donations of their personal papers.

RESEARCH

HKU Archives provides researchers with history of the HKU and its relation to the social history of the wider region. Aside from HKU staff and students researchers include academics, overseas students, genealogists, architects, museum curators, historians, television and film companies and local authorities.

Examples of typical research topics include:

- Faculty histories;
- Genealogical interest in staff and graduates;
- University buildings;
- History of higher education.

CONTACT

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1 Dr. Sun Yat-sen and students at the Great Hall, 20th February, 1923
2 Original architectural drawing by Leigh & Orange, c.1909. Gift of Shelagh Meade
3 Centenary stamp - King George VI and the University, 1941. Gift of Michael Tse
4 Hong Kong College of Medicine Minutes of Meeting, 1887
5 University Silver Model, given to Sir Frederick Lugard, 1916
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