Archival Materials relating to the University of Hong Kong

University Archives, The University of Hong Kong (HKUA) selects, collects, preserves and provides access to documents that are created, produced and organically accumulated by HKU itself and its staff members through its daily business:

- http://www.uarchive.hku.hk/

You may also contact the individual Faculty, Department or Residence Hall for current records that may not yet have been transferred to the University Archives:

- https://hku.hk/faculties/

The Special Collection of the University Libraries collects rare materials that relate to the wider scope of Hong Kong history including government publications, personal papers, corporate materials and rare books:

- https://lib.hku.hk/hkspc/

Hong Kong Public Records Office (PRO), Government Records Services may provide government materials relating to the University including pre-war records and digitised photographic materials:


The Legislative Council (LegCo) Archives may provide other source of information on legislation and ordinances relating to higher education of Hong Kong:


Chinese University of Hong Kong Archives (CUHK) may provide materials relating to the University of Hong Kong through their academic cooperation:


The National Archives (TNA), UK may provide archival materials including the early establishment of the University, pre-war records, and post-war rehabilitation of the University:

- http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/

Wellcome Library, UK holds some of the records relating to the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese including materials relating to alumnus Dr. Sun Yat-sen:


HSBC Archives may provide other source of information on pre-war financial records relating to the University and individual staff member who served as early management board member of the University:

- https://www.hsbc.com/who-we-are/our-history/archives
Secondary Source Research (Published Materials)

The following publications have extensively used most of the archival materials from the University Archives of HKU. You may refer to them as the first access point to your research:

- Ching, Frank, ‘130 Years of Medicine of Hong Kong – From the College of Medicine for Chinese to the Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine’ (Singapore: Springer, 2018)

- Chiu, Lawrence M.W. and Cunich, Peter; ‘HKU Space and Its Alumni – the First Fifty Years (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2008)

- Cunich, Peter, ‘A History of the University of Hong Kong Volume 1, 1911 – 1945’ (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2012)

- Gould (Lee), Stacy B. and Pang, Tina, ‘HKU Memories from the Archives’ (Hong Kong: HKU Gallery and Museum, 2014)

- Munn, Christopher, ‘A Special Standing in the World – A History of the Faculty of Law at The University of Hong Kong’ (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2019)

Other Publications:


- Griffin, Kathy and Fitsell, Teri; ‘Faculty of Arts 100 – A Century in Words and Images’ (Hong Kong: The University of Hong Kong Press, 2014)

- Harrison, Brian; ‘University of Hong Kong – The First 50 Years 1911 – 1961’ (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press: 1962)

- Matthews, Clifford and Cheung, Oswald; ‘Dispersal and Renewal – Hong Kong University During the War Years’ (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 1998)

- Mellor, Bernard, ‘The University of Hong Kong – An Informal History Vol. 1 & 2’ (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 1980)

- ‘Golden Jubilee 1911 – 1961’ (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 1961)

- ‘Growing with Hong Kong – The University and Its Graduates the First 90 Years’ (Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press, 2002)