



HKU Jockey Club

Student Village IV, College Two



Annual Report

2024-2025

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Foreword

As we pause to reflect on the past year, we are reminded of the remarkable journey during the second year of College Two, which has firmly shaped our college into a thriving community. From the moment our doors opened wide to welcome a full house of students, this space has transformed from a state-of-the-art modular integrated concrete structure into a home filled with learning, laughter, and growth.

The past year has served as a testament to resilience, collaboration, and shared aspirations. We have witnessed friendships flourish, academic pursuits deepen, and a spirit of inclusivity that defines our identity. In this annual report, you will see the proud establishment of our five working clusters (*Academic & Career, Wellbeing, Community Flourishing, Communication & Media, and Sustainability*) and how they have served students in various ways to meet their different needs. Through meaningful conversations, engaging activities, and relaxing interactions, our college has acted as a foundation for personal and intellectual development. Late-night study sessions, heartfelt discussions, and moments of celebration have all contributed to the tapestry of residential experiences that make your HKU journey special. As students, faculty, and tutors, we have each played a role in shaping an environment that fosters support, sustainability, and inspiration.

However, none of the moments captured in this report would have been possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of everyone who has contributed to this journey. As I look back on the past year, I do so with gratitude for the tutors and helpers who are the true heroes behind these stories.

This foreword serves as an invitation to revisit the moments that have defined our year—moments of effort and joy, growth and discovery. Together, we celebrate our journey and eagerly anticipate the chapters that are yet to be written.

Professor SHIH Kaimin, Master

Vision

Building a flourishing residential college for sustainability...

Humanity and our planet Earth are at a crossroads. The university environment is where future generations of thinkers, leaders, and pioneers are trained to collaboratively meet the global challenges towards a sustainable future.

College Two in Jockey Club Student Village IV is designated as the largest residential postgraduate institution within the University of Hong Kong (HKU). Its establishment highlights the university's commitment to incubate research and professional leaders through residential education. The college is dedicated to [the United Nations's Sustainable Development Goals \(UNSDGs\)](#), integrating sustainable development, social responsibility, and global citizenship as our core principles and shared values. It aims to build a stimulating, caring, inclusive, and participatory academic community where students from diverse academic, social, and cultural backgrounds could become well-informed, equipped, and connected to lead vibrant individual and communal lives and innovative professional careers, towards the fulfilment of the UNSDGs. We achieve these by fostering academic excellence, critical thinking and problem solving, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a creative and entrepreneurial mindset. The emphasis on academic and professional development is coupled with our efforts to promote individual wellbeing, community flourishing, effective communication, ethical leadership and governance, and sustainable lifestyles.

By integrating academic and professional development with the cultural and social ethos and practices, we aim to engage our students in developing College Two into a holistic sustainability living lab. We endeavour to mobilise the world-leading education resources at HKU and relevant resources and opportunities in the wider society, even globally, for these purposes.

The college warmly welcomes students from all disciplines who are driven by curiosity, excellence, passion, and a desire to make a positive impact on society to apply to join us.

Staff Information

Senior Management Team

Master: Professor SHIH Kaimin

Senior Resident Tutor: Professor Yi Samuel Chen

Resident Tutors (RTs)

Felix Hui

Hayley Leung

Ryan Mak

Anthony Tai (former RT)

LI Yang (former RT)

Amy Wang

Sara Wat (former RT)

Dr Faith Zheng (former RT)

Junior Resident Tutors (JRTs)

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LI Mengfei (former JRT)

LI Xinxian

LI Zekai (former JRT)

LIAO Xiaochang

SHI Zhaohe

Acknowledgements

College Two started operation in the first semester of the 2023-24 academic year. The 2024-25 academic year marks as an important stage of our college's development. With the completion of recruitment of RTs and JRTs in the second semester of 2023-24, the college published its website (<https://jcsv4c2.hku.hk>) and its college-wide and cluster events in the first semester. The website has provided the transparency and publicity of our college's vision, ethos, organisational structure, and student engagement activities and events. Under the guidance of the Senior Management Team, the Tutorial Team has successfully run all the events and activities designed to foster community building as well as cluster-based academic & career, wellbeing, communication & media, and sustainability development.

We are grateful for the dedication and talents of our tutors. We are also thankful for the strong support from Professor ZHANG Xiang, President of HKU; Professor Samson Tse, Dean of Student Affairs; Mr Laurence Tang, Head of Campus Life; the Centre of Development and Resources for Students (CEDARS); and the General Office of HKU JCSV IV for providing strong guidance and support to our college development and operations. We would also like to thank all our speakers invited to give talks during the High Table Dinners and workshops and seminars. Special thanks should also go to Ms Claudia Montero who has supported our college with her design expertise and to all the service suppliers for our college operations. We reserve our final hearty thanks to all our resident students who have made our college their residential home community within HKU!

Professor Yi Samuel Chen, SRT

Cluster Reports



1. Academic and Career Cluster

Overview

This section highlights the activities organised under the Academic and Career Cluster during the 2024–2025 academic year. These initiatives aimed to provide students with insights into pathways to their academic and career development and to create college-wide academic support.

Academic & Career Development Events

Fireside Chat

“Navigating the Transition between Academia and Industry as a PhD”

Date: 18 November 2024

Venue: Co-working Space, JCSV IV

The first event was joined by two speakers, Dr. Cynthia Shum, an HKU PhD Graduate in Microbiology, and Mr. Liam Reeve, an HKU Presidential PhD Scholar in Geography. The session involved a presentation from each guest speaker, where they shared their unique experiences in navigating the transition between academia and industry. This was followed by an in-depth panel discussion focusing on the reasons, advantages, and disadvantages of their decisions. The event was well-received, with an attendance of approximately 15 students.



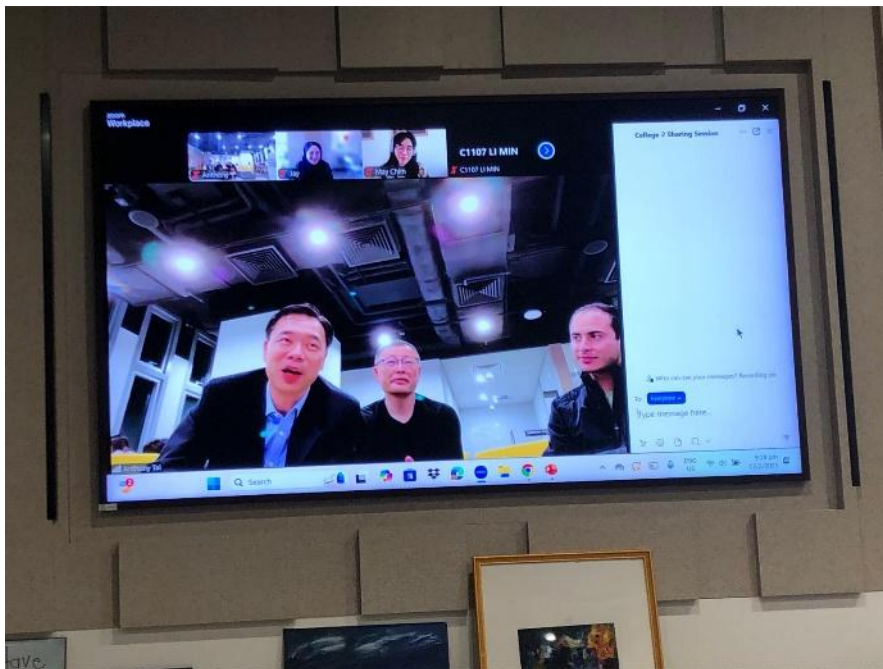
Sharing Session

“Pathways to Global Academia: Navigating the Journey to Overseas Doctoral Studies”

Date: 17 February 2025

Venue: Co-working Space at JCSV IV

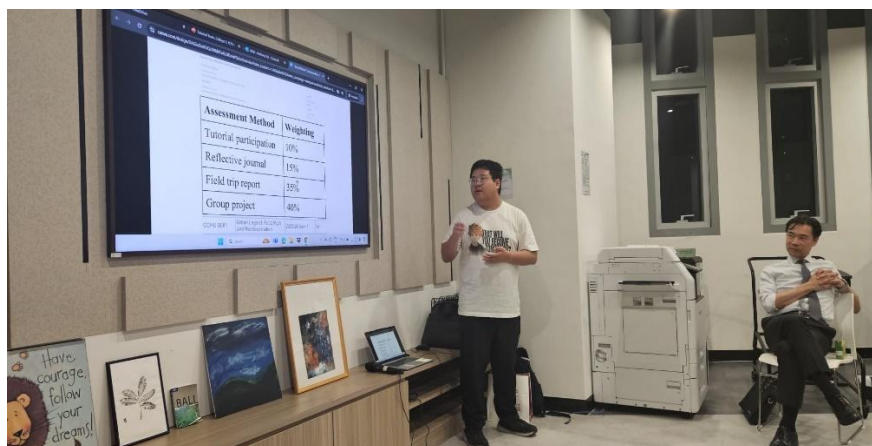
This event featured Dr. May Chim, a Postdoctoral Researcher at the University of Exeter, and Ms. Jay Mok, a DPhil Candidate at the University of Oxford. The speakers delivered presentations on their experiences in studying overseas and the process of applying for international scholarships. They also discussed lifestyle changes, academic pressures, and the opportunities and challenges that accompany studying abroad. The session was conducted in a hybrid format, accommodating both in-person and online attendees. Approximately 10 students joined the sharing session.



Residential Student Academic Advisor Program

During this academic year, College Two recruited 15 students to serve as Student Academic Advisors. An introductory session was conducted in November 2024 to familiarise these Advisors with the program's structure and expectations. The Advisors also participated in a briefing session organised by CEDARS. They were expected to conduct academic advising sessions for College freshmen in the 2025–2026 academic year.

College freshmen and the Advisors were invited to attend an introduction and meet-up session on 25 March 2025. It was the first arranged meet-up of the program. The tutor responsible for the program introduced the program and the academic advising resources available to the freshmen. This was followed by a sharing session by the Advisors. The meet-up concluded with a networking session between the freshmen and the Advisors.



Concluding Remarks

The Academic and Career Cluster successfully implemented various enriching initiatives during this academic year, providing students with insights and guidance on various aspects of academia and industry. We also addressed the needs of the undergraduates in the College, where academic advising is a major need. We look forward to continuing these efforts in the upcoming year with the hope of increasing student participation and addressing the needs of all residents in the College, both undergraduates and postgraduates.

Tutorial Team Members Involved in the Cluster

Anthony Tai (former RT and Cluster Lead)

Felix Hui (RT and Cluster Lead)

Sara Wat (former RT)

Dr Faith Zheng (former RT)

LI Yang (former RT)

LIAO Xiaochang (JRT)

2. Wellbeing Cluster

Overview

This cluster focuses on designing events and activities for the wellbeing of all residents within our college. These include providing opportunities for students to learn, grow and connect with one another through assisting students in establishing interests clubs for cultivating and sharing similar healthy interests and hobbies. The tutorial team encourages residents to brainstorm ideas for setting up new clubs, assisting in their formation and planning process, as well as subsequent promotion and implementation. In this academic year, three student-led clubs were established and held regular events: running, hiking, and basketball clubs.

Running Club

Organiser: LIU Jiayi (current running club leader)



1. Photos shot on 09 Oct 2024



2. Photos shot on 20 Oct 2024



3. Photos shot on 03 Nov 2024



4. Photo shot on 23 Feb 2025

The running club organised three activities in Semester 1 and one activity in Semester 2. College participants delighted in exploring captivating scenic routes near the college, such as Deep Water Bay, Aberdeen Promenade, and Tai Shue Wan, while engaging in exercise to enhance their well-being. The runs were filled with joy and laughter as we bonded over

beautiful moments and captured some wonderful photos together. Each activity attracted 3–7 residents.

Hiking Club

Organiser of the hike on 19 Oct 2024: Anisha Rahman Fiza (former hiking club leader)

Organizer of the hikes on 23 Mar and 10 May 2025: LIU Jiayi (current hiking club leader)



2. Photo shot on 23 Mar 2025



1. Photos shot on 19 Oct 2024

The club organised three group hikes in total. In Semester 1, 7 residents ventured to Brick Hill (Nam Long Shan), located near the college. The hike was relatively easy and suitable for beginners, with sunny weather and breathtaking scenery. In Semester 2, the hikes to the Peak and the Dragon's Back involved 9 and 3 participants respectively. Many nice photos were taken. Residents savored delightful moments in nature, creating lasting memories together.

Basketball Club

Organiser of the events: CHENG Yu Sin (current basketball club leader)



1. Photo shot on 29 Sep 2024



2. Photo shot on 3 Nov 2024



3. Photo shot on 8 Feb 2025



4. Photo shot on 28 Feb 2025

Sports is a significant part of our college life, and basketball is no exception. Thanks to the meticulous planning and dedication of the basketball club leader and other residents, four exciting events were successfully held during this academic year. The first, held in September 2024 at the Stanley Hall, attracted 5 participants. The second, held in November 2024 at the West Island School, engaged 8 participants. The club hosted two more events in Semester 2, on 8 February and 28 February 2025 at the Aberdeen Promenade Basketball Court, with 4 and 13 participants respectively. These basketball activities were a huge success as students cheered for their teammates and displayed impressive teamwork and sportsmanship. Not only did these activities promote fitness for the participants, they also strengthened the bond among them as they enjoyed every exhilarating moment. In the future, we will keep creating more opportunities to connect students and encourage more fitness activities to enhance their overall well-being.

Concluding Remarks

We take great pride in the strong sense of community and remarkable achievements that have blossomed at College Two. Each precious moment within the Cluster has played a pivotal role in providing our students with a rich and fulfilling experience. Our Cluster eagerly anticipates carrying forward this newly established tradition of college engagement and fostering a robust sense of community in the years ahead.

Tutorial Team Members Involved in the Cluster

Dr Faith Zheng (former RT and Cluster Lead)

Sara Wat (former RT and Cluster Lead)

Hayley Leung (RT and Cluster Lead)

LI Mengfei (former JRT)

LIAO Xiaochang (JRT)

SHI Zhaohe (JRT)

3. Community Flourishing Cluster

Overview

This cluster is responsible for designing college-wide social and cultural activities and events to contribute to the building of college community. These activities and events are held regularly throughout the entire academic year, at the beginning and end of each semester and around important festivals.

Induction

Date: 6 September 2024

Venue: College Hall

Theme: welcoming all residents of College Two and introducing the College, the tutorial team, the College clusters, and the upcoming events

Attendees: Master, the Tutorial Team, and 178 residents



First Floor Gathering

Date: 8 October 2024

Venue: floor pantries

Theme: promoting a sense of community on floor level

Attendees: Master, the Tutorial Team, and 81 residents

The inter-floor gathering at College Two was a delightful success. Providing pizza, snacks, and drinks created a relaxing atmosphere that encouraged friendly interactions among residents from different floors and genders. It was great to see everyone enjoying the food and each other's company. Residents were particularly pleased with how the event was organised, and many expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to socialise in such a cozy setting. Overall, it was a wonderful way to foster a sense of community.



Mid-Autumn Festival

Date: 17 September 2024

Venue: College Hall

Theme: games (lantern DIY and *touhu*), mooncake tasting & networking

Attendees: Master, the Tutorial Team, and residents

The Mid-Autumn Festival event at College Two was a great success. Both Lantern DIY and *touhu* were popular among international and Chinese students. They had fun creating lanterns and playing *touhu*. The mooncakes and drinks added to the festive atmosphere. It was a wonderful way to bring students together and celebrate the Chinese festival.





First High Table Dinner (HTD)

Date: 6 December 2024

Venue: College Hall

Attendees: distinguished guests, Master, the Tutorial Team, and 209 residents

List of Distinguished Guests:

Professor ZHANG Xiang, HKU President (Guest of Honour and Speaker)

Professor Samson TSE, Dean of Students, HKU

Professor Pamela LEE, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Paediatrics, HKU

Professor JIANG Bin, Associate Professor, Department of Landscape Architecture, HKU

Mr Gavin Coates, Senior Lecturer, Department of Landscape Architecture, HKU

Dr WANG Shengyu, Associate Curator, Hong Kong Palace Museum

Ms Claudia Montero (Design Consultant), Lecturer, Department of History &
Department of Architecture, HKU

This was the first HTD organised at College Two. We were particularly honoured by the presence and speech of President Professor ZHANG Xiang. The event was carried out in an orderly manner and the exigencies were also handled appropriately. The most important part that needs improvement is that prior to the event we should inform the residents the rundown and etiquettes of HTD, e.g., they could only leave the hall after the guests have exited the hall.







Chinese New Year Gathering

Date: 23 Jan 2025

Venue: College Hall

Theme: games (paper cutting, lantern riddles, ring toss and writing spring festival couplets),
rice-cake tasting & networking.

Attendees: Master, Ms Claudia Montero (Design Consultant), the Tutorial Team, and 55 residents.

This event was a resounding success! The event featured a variety of traditional Chinese cultural activities, including paper cutting, lantern riddles, ring toss, and writing spring festival couplets. Each activity was well-received, with ring toss emerging as the most popular game among attendees. It was wonderful to see everyone fully engaged and enjoying these activities, which not only provided entertainment but also offered a fascinating glimpse into the traditions of the Chinese New Year. The evening concluded with a delightful spread of sticky rice cakes, fruits, and drinks, adding to the festive atmosphere. Overall, the gathering was a perfect blend of fun and cultural learning. Attendees left with a deeper appreciation for the customs and a sense of joy from the shared experience.



Second Floor Gathering

Date: 21 March 2025

Venue: floor pantries

Theme: promoting community life on floor level

Attendees: Master, the Tutorial Team, and 80 residents

Our inter-floor gathering in the second semester was a great success, especially considering the short preparation time. The event was designed to create a relaxed atmosphere and encourage friendly interactions among residents from different floors and genders. Despite the tight schedule, everything ran smoothly. We offered a variety of delicious foods, including pizza, BBQ chicken wings, and Italian pasta, along with refreshing drinks. The residents thoroughly enjoyed the event, with many commenting on how tasty the food was and how much they appreciated the format of the gathering.



Second High Table Dinner (HTD)

Date: 11 April 2025

Venue: Loke Yew Hall (LYH), HKU

Attendees: distinguished guests, Master, the Tutorial Team, and 185 residents

List of Distinguished Guests:

Professor NG Mee Kam, Emeritus professor, Department of Geography and Resource Management; Associate Director, Hong Kong Institute of Asia-pacific Studies, CUHK (Guest of Honour and Speaker)

Professor Sophia Chan, Senior Advisor, President's office; Director, Primary Health Care Academy; Master, College 1, HKU JCSV IV; Professor, School of Public Health, HKU

Professor Creighton Connolly, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Design, HKU

Professor Waisthan Qiu, Assistant Professor, Department of Urban Planning and Design, HKU

Dr. Derek Huo, Lecturer, Department of Real Estate and Construction, HKU

Ms. Claudia Montero (Design Consultant), Lecturer, Department of History & Faculty of Architecture, HKU

Ms. Sara Wat (Former RT), Senior Research Assistant, Faculty of Education, HKU

The second HTD was held at LYH in the Main Building, the oldest building at the University of Hong Kong. We were particularly honoured to have Professor NG Mee Kam from CUHK, a renowned urban planning and sustainability development scholar and an alumnus of HKU, who shared her experience and insights on urban sustainability. We also took the opportunity to celebrate a variety of achievements of our residents with awards, including academic, wellbeing, social, and cultural achievements. This event provided a truly unique and unforgettable experience for all residents who participated. The setting of LYH, with its historic Edwardian architecture, added a special charm to the evening. We prepared canvas bags and card holders with the "College Two, JCSV IV" logo as souvenirs for the attendees, while students helpers received a special gift—power banks. This thoughtful gesture showed our appreciation for their hard work. One of the highlights of the evening was the residents' performances, which included a stunning Japanese flower arrangement. The completed piece was so beautiful that it left the audience in awe and earned enthusiastic applause. This HTD was not only a celebration of our community but also an opportunity for residents to connect and create lasting memories in a historic and elegant setting.







End-of-Year Gathering and Review

Date: 13 May 2025

Venue: Games Room, HKU JCSV IV

Theme: to review our college life and events this past academic year with our Student Academic Advisors and student helpers and gather their feedback and suggestions for the next year's development

Attendees: Master, the Tutorial Team, and 26 student helpers



Tutorial Team Members Involved in the Cluster

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4. Communications & Media Cluster

Overview

The mission of this cluster is to share student life experiences and support other clusters through promotion of the events and activities organised within the college. We aim to provide resources and assistance that enhance media communication, foster collaboration, and actively engage the student community.

Our Work

We assist the college in organising activities and play a crucial role in promoting events. Our responsibilities include designing posters, drafting promotional emails, and distributing information through official college email channels and WhatsApp. Additionally, we develop and maintain the college website in collaboration with our website designers and developers. We also promote and celebrate student achievements, granting awards during the High Table Dinner events. This year we also launched a competition to foster community and collaboration through vlogging about college life.



Sharing Session by College 2

Pathways to Global Academia: "Navigating the Journey to Overseas Doctoral Studies"

Sharing + Discussion + Q&A

MON 17 FEBRUARY, 2025
8:30PM - 9:45PM
CO-WORKING SPACE, BLOCK B

ABOUT:
This session will provide a unique opportunity to learn from two scholars who have walked the path you may be considering.

From the process of crafting a successful application for an overseas doctoral programme and scholarship to adapting to the academic culture abroad, our speakers will share their personal experience and offer valuable advice. The session will also cover the lifestyle changes, academic pressures, opportunities, and challenges that come with studying abroad.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED

SCAN AND SIGN UP BY 14 FEB (FRI)

Dr. May chim
Speaker
Postdoctoral Researcher in The University of Exeter

Ms. Jay Mok
Speaker
DPhil Candidate in Oxford
HKU Alumna

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CONTACT WITH NATURE AND MENTAL HEALTH
TWO SESSIONS WITH PROF. BIN JIANG

SESSION 1: LECTURE & DISCUSSION
Contact with Nature and Mental Health: Mechanisms, Evidence, and Place Making
Date: Saturday, March 1, 2025
Time: 14:30 - 16:00
Venue: HKU JCSV IV (Co-working Space)

SESSION 2: WORKSHOP
How to Gain Mental Restoration and Spiritual Promotion Through Nature Therapy
Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025
Time: 14:30 - 16:00
Venue: HKU JCSV IV (Co-working Space)
Format: 45-50 min presentation + 40-45 min Q&A

SPEAKER
Prof. Bin JIANG is an Associate Professor in Landscape Architecture at the University of Hong Kong and the founding director of Urban Environments and Human Health Lab. He has a Ph.D. of Landscape Architecture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and Master of Science in Human Geography from Peking University.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!
SCAN AND SIGN UP BY 27 FEB (THURS.)

Join Now



Running Club
2024-25

Run with resilience, passion and smooth progress like running your codes

JCSV IV College 2

- Mini marathon (not Python) and fieldtrips
- To run, to promote positive well-being and to connect
- Self-initiated and no hurdle requirements on distance or speed

Join Now

For more information:
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CALLING ALL FRESHMEN!
MEET OUR STUDENT ACADEMIC ADVISORS

Date: 25 March 2025
Time: 2100-2200
Location: Co-working Space

Let Us Know Your Concerns and We Are Here to Help!
ALL FRESHMEN ARE REQUIRED TO JOIN

LIGHT REFRESHMENT WILL BE PROVIDED!



Floor Gathering

Free Drinks and Foods Provided!
8:30 - 9:30PM, Friday, 21st March
Venue (Floor) Details in Email



HIKING CLUB
JCSV IV COLLEGE 2

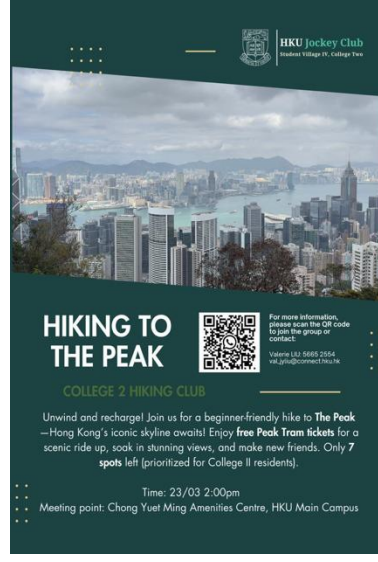
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EXCITING OUTDOOR ADVENTURES!

Get ready to hike and explore HK's great outdoors!

Scan the QR code to join us now!

For any inquiries, please contact:
Valerie Liu at +852 56652554



HIKING TO THE PEAK

COLLEGE 2 HIKING CLUB

Unwind and recharge! Join us for a beginner-friendly hike to **The Peak** — Hong Kong's iconic skyline awaits! Enjoy **free Peak Tram tickets** for a scenic ride up, soak in stunning views, and make new friends. Only **7 spots left** (prioritized for College II residents).

Time: 23/03 2:00pm
Meeting point: Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre, HKU Main Campus



HIGH TABLE DINNER
College II, JCSV IV

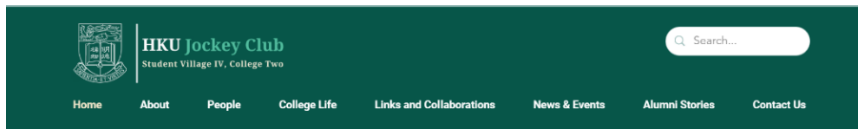
6PM, Friday, 11th April
LOKE YEW HALL, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

DRESS CODE

GENTLEMEN	LADIES
• Suit, trousers and shirt	• Knee-length dress
• Tie	• Shirt with knee-length long skirt or trousers
• Formal leather shoes	• Leather shoes

Gowns should be kept on at all times

The High Table Dinner is a long standing tradition of HKU, where distinguished guests, College Master, Resident Tutors and students gather for a formal dinner.



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Snapshots of College Website

Vlog Competition

by the Communications & Media Cluster

Date: February 2025 to March 2025

Venue: Student Village IV, College Two

This initiative encouraged students to share their unique experiences while enhancing their storytelling and video production skills. Our goal was to build a vibrant community where students could connect, collaborate, and showcase diverse lifestyles, with a focus on teamwork and support for all participants. Competition awards were presented during the second High Table Dinner on 11 April 2025 at LYH.

Future Direction

Workshops and Training Sessions:

Organise regular workshops on topics like digital media production, social media marketing, and effective communication strategies.

Enhanced Online Presence:

Develop a more robust online platform that showcases more student work, such as a dedicated section on the college website for student stories, videos, and creative projects.

Guest Speakers and Industry Experts:

Invite professionals from the communications and media industry to give talks.

Social Media Campaigns:

Launch more regular social media campaigns that encourage student participation and engagement. This could include photo contests, storytelling challenges, or themes.

Tutorial Team Members Involved in the Cluster:

LI Yang (former RT and Cluster Lead)

Ryan Mak (RT and Cluster Lead)

LI Mengfei (former JRT)

LI Xinxian (JRT)

5. Sustainability Cluster

Overview

This cluster aims to help students develop an overall understanding of the importance of sustainability (environmental, economic, social, and cultural) for humanity and our planet, and encourage students to align their professional and personal goals with the relevant UNSDGs of their interests.

Events and Activities

In the first semester, the Cluster invited Gavin Coates, a Senior Lecturer at HKU's Division of Landscape Architecture, to offer two events centered around the theme “Nature in the City.”

(1) Workshop: 26 October 2024

The event took place in the Co-Working Space of HKU JCSV IV from 14:30 to 16:00. More than ten attendees participated in the event. Gavin emphasised the significance of the relationship between nature and the city. He explored how this relationship reflects the complex and contradictory interconnections between humans and nature, and its impact on our physical, mental, and environmental health. Drawing from his 45 years of work experience as a landscape architect and 10 years of teaching at HKU's Division of Landscape Architecture, he encouraged the audience to contemplate their relationship with nature and consider their potential long-term roles as citizens, scientists, artists, and more. Attendees shared their thoughts, engaging in lively discussions during the tea and snack break.



(2) Walking Tour: 23 November 2024

The walking tour entitled “HK Street Tree Guided Tour: Nature in the City”, lasting two-hour, attracted more than ten participants. During the tour, Gavin shared the story of street trees in Tsim Sha Tsui, which spans over 100 years. He pointed out the benefits and challenges of some of Hong Kong’s oldest trees and explained what is needed to plant new ones. He emphasised how these new trees could improve the city and support the mental and physical health of future generations. Students enjoyed learning about the importance of trees in urban life.



In the second semester of 2024-2025, the sustainability cluster team at College Two invited Professor JIANG Bin from HKU's Division of Landscape Architecture to organise two events centered around the theme “Contact with Nature and Mental Health”.

(1) Sustainability Workshop: 1 March 2025

The event was held between 14:30 and 16:30, with the titled “Impact of Urban Green on Health and Sustainability,” led by Professor JIANG Bin. The Master, the Tutorial Team, and residents attended this interactive session, which was held in the college’s Co-Working Space. Professor JIANG introduced five key mechanisms through which urban green spaces contribute to both individual well-being and environmental sustainability: the promotion of social capital, reduction of stress, recovery from fatigue, facilitation of physical activities, and provision of ecological services and products. Through engaging presentations and open discussion, participants gained a deeper understanding of how thoughtfully designed urban greenery can foster healthier communities and sustainable urban environments. The session concluded with refreshments, providing an opportunity for attendees to share their reflections and discuss ideas for enhancing green spaces within the residential college.



(2) Design Workshop: 22 March 2025

The second workshop offered by Professor JIANG was entitled “Creating a Restorative Living Environment” and took place at 14:30–16:30 in the Co-Working Space of HKU JCSV IV. The Master, the Tutorial Team, and nine residents from different floors attended this workshop. During the session, Professor JIANG emphasised the importance of creating a restorative urban landscape and shared his experiences in doing so across various environments. In the final twenty minutes, he encouraged all participants to redesign the HKU main campus to be a more restorative living environment based on their personal preferences. Each participant explained the rationale behind her or his design. Following the workshop, while enjoying drinks and refreshments, the attendees shared their thoughts about the workshop with each other.



Tutorial Team Members Involved in the Cluster

Professor Yi Samuel Chen (SRT and Cluster Lead)

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