



# newsupdate

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## Prof. Joan Stringer Awarded Yellow River Friendship Award



The Principal has been awarded the prestigious International Yellow River Friendship Award by the Henan Provincial Government of China. The honour was conferred on Prof. Stringer by Henan Provincial Government at a ceremony held in Zhengzhou followed by a banquet hosted by the Governor of the Henan province.

Prof. Stringer is the first British citizen to receive this accolade and it is in recognition of both her individual commitment to developing higher education in China and Napier long standing links with both the Henan province and China as a whole.

Napier University has a number of ties with Higher Education Institutions in China and this award is recognition for Prof. Stringer and her contribution to the development of international education exchange between Henan province and Scotland in particular the successful development of the collaboration between Zhengzhou University of Light Industry (ZZULI) and Napier.

Prof Stringer said: "It is a wonderful honour to receive this Yellow River Friendship Award. We have formed excellent links with many institutions in the province and made many friends in the process.

China is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. There is a huge demand for university education and as such there are opportunities for Scottish Higher Education institutions to help meet that demand and share knowledge with their Chinese counterparts. I'm proud that Napier University is at the forefront of this drive?"

The Yellow River Friendship award is a National Day Award presented to foreigners who have made an outstanding contribution to the economic development and social progress of the people of central China.

Prof. Stringer was one of three recipients to be presented with the award. Prof Stringer's efforts in China were also recognised in 2006 when she was made an honorary citizen of Shandong province.

While in China, Prof Stringer also awarded Ji Bin, member of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), the supreme advisory body to the Chinese Central Government, which serves a similar function to the House of Lords in the UK.

## Napier University Participate in the Scottish Education Evening

Napier University was participating in the Scottish Education Evening at the Chinese International School on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, organized by The British Council. The event is positioned to uplift the awareness of Scotland universities and its education system in the territories.

At the event, two of our alumni who studied full-time on campus volunteered their time in sharing with potential applicants and their parents on the experience studying at Napier and life in Edinburgh. Also attended was Prof. Stephen Ho,



Life President of the Napier University Hong Kong Association; who also gave practical advises to prospective students on their programmes selection.

In addition to being merely an information platform, Scottish performance was also arranged to give visitors first hand experience on Scottish culture. Meanwhile, they also received our alma mater's souvenirs



## Our Facebook Group is Growing Fast

Since the inauguration of our Facebook group “Napier University Hong Kong Association”, the number of group members grew beyond the 100-mark this month. The use of such online community proves to be popular among our young alumni and students where we can unify our alumni and students virtually. Currently, it serves as an additional information platform and also as an interactive channel in promoting of the Association’s activities and handling registrations. Meanwhile, we are also exploring of ways in utilizing it more thoroughly to furthering enhancing our communication with our alumni and students. With the current rate of members growth, we are expecting to welcome the 200<sup>th</sup>, 300<sup>th</sup> and so on members on our Facebook group very soon. So don’t wait any longer, join us online now. Any of your comments and suggestions of our Group are truly welcome and appreciated.

## Sighthill Campus Redevelopment Project Update

Napier University is in the latest phase of its £100m estate strategy which will help achieve its goal of becoming the best modern university in Scotland and one of the finest in the UK.

Following the success of the 2004 redeveloped Craiglockhart Campus - home to the Business School - the University is now setting its sights on Sighthill Campus.

The campus is to become home to the Faculty of Health, Life & Social Sciences as well as some professional service departments and will provide a sustainable state-of-the-art building with premier teaching and learning facilities.

In February 2008 the University submitted a detailed planning application to the City of Edinburgh Council for the Sighthill project. On 11th September 2008 the plan was formally approved.

The design work is progressing well with the Design Team using information gathered from extensive briefings across the many University user groups. The Sighthill project is currently on track to achieve practical completion in the autumn of 2010. Students will be able to access the new campus in 2011.

Demolition works are almost complete. The main spine block, which is being retained, has been stripped back to the structure for redevelopment works. The remaining buildings, including the sports dome have been demolished and where possible the crushed material is being re-used. Some of this crushed material is being used for the base of the temporary car parking at Stevenson College.



This investment is not just in the future of the University but will also add to the regeneration of Sighthill. The construction programme alone will support in the region of 100 full-time jobs. From 2010 onwards, some 5,000 students plus staff will be based there, bringing with them a beneficial economic effect to the surrounding area.

In parallel with the Sighthill project, initial design work is now underway for improvements at Merchiston Campus. This project is aimed at providing students with a modern, social learning environment by 2011/12.

## Napier's Biofuel Research Centre Shows Its Global Importance

Director of Napier's Biofuel Research Centre, Martin Tangney, has been invited to speak at the 4<sup>th</sup> World Biofuels Symposium and was the only expert speaking on butanol development which was further evidence that Napier's Biofuel Research Centre has a global importance in bibutanol development.

International biofuels professionals were gather in China early this month for the Symposium. The event brought together stakeholders and influencers from across research, industry and government around the world to discuss policy and biofuel development in countries all over the world.

Martin's involvement in the conference highlights Napier's growing importance in China and comes just a few weeks after Principal Joan Stringer was awarded the prestigious Yellow River Friendship Award by China's Henan province.

## Forthcoming Activities

### 1. Association's Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November

The Association is scheduled to have its Annual General Meeting on Thursday 27th November and all alumni are cordially invited to join us. As well as participating in the AGM, alumni are also encouraged to play a more active role in the Association as a Committee Member and provide volunteer support to the Committee. It provides an opportunity for you to make your voice heard and to be involved in the

Association's development with the ultimate goal of strengthening the relationship between alumni and the University. Those who are interested in volunteering their time and expertise are truly welcome. Please contact Edward 3151.8444 or [edward\\_wong@napier.org.hk](mailto:edward_wong@napier.org.hk) for details and RSVP.

## 2. Graduands Party on Saturday 06<sup>th</sup> December

University graduation is surely among the most memorable and colourable events in life. How about celebrating in Scottish style that link to your alma mater's origin???

To celebrate your academic achievement and welcome you to the big family of Napier University alumni, the Development Office at Napier and the Napier University Hong Kong Association is jointly organizing a Graduands Party for graduating students in Hong Kong who will be conferred their degree in January 2009.

The party will be held at a Scottish-theme pub which provide traditional Scottish snacks and atmosphere that gives you the first hand experience in our alma mater's origin. In addition, there will be a Scottish quiz which you can enter into a prize draw and knowing more about Scotland. Last but not least, participants will receive a Scottish/Napier "goody" bag.

When: 12:30 - 2:30pm on Saturday, 06th December, 2008

Where: The Canny Man, B/1, Wharney Guangdong Hotel, 57-73 Lockhart Road, Wanchai.

Cost: HK\$50 each (included 2 drinks, snack, game, souvenir and lots of fun)

Reservation is on first come, first serve basis.

Inquiry & registration contact Edward at 3151-8444 or [edward\\_wong@napier.org.hk](mailto:edward_wong@napier.org.hk) or simply fill in and return the activities registration form attached below.

## Stay in touch

Do you have any recent changes to your job, your address or other personal particulars? Our alma mater and the Association are keen in staying in touch with you and knowing your latest development. Also, to ensure that you get regular updates from our alma mater and the Association on our developments and activities, you are highly encouraged to bring us up to date with such information. You can either complete the form attached underneath and return to us or simply jot us an email with your changes.



**Activities Registration Form**

Name of Activity:	Graduands Party		
Event Date:	Saturday, December 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2008		
<b>Participant Information</b>			
Name			
Membership No.			
Contact Information	Tel	Fax	Email
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Contact Information	Tel	Fax	Email
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Membership No.			
Contact Information	Tel	Fax	Email
<b>Registration Fee (if applicable)</b>			
Please make your cheque payable to Napier University Hong Kong Association Limited.			
Total Amount: HK\$ _____ Cheque No.: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tick here if you need official receipts <input type="checkbox"/> Tick here if you need Attendance Certificate for claiming your CPD hours			

Notes:

1. Registrations are accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Please fax in your registration form to 2185-7729 or email to [edward\\_wong@napier.org.hk](mailto:edward_wong@napier.org.hk). You are obliged to pay after submitting your registration by sending in a cheque.
2. Kindly send the completed form to Napier University Hong Kong Association Limited, Rooms 1004-6, 10/F, Bonham Trade Centre, 50 Bonham Strand East, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong with enclosure of your registration fees.
3. All registrations will only be confirmed upon receiving of payment properly.
4. The Alumni Association reserves the right to cancel the activity in case of under-enrolment, to change the speaker, date or venue if necessary. Except when the function is cancelled by the Alumni Association due to under-enrolment, all fees paid are non-refundable.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>For Official Use Only</b>	
Accepted Date: _____	Events Officer _____



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Name in English: Dr/Mr/Miss/Mrs		Chinese Name:	
HKID No.	Date of Birth		
Level of Studies	Postgraduate Degree / Hon. Degree / Degree / Diploma / Certificate		
Subject of Studies	Year of Completion		
Campus	CraigLockhart/Merchiston/Sighthill/ Craighouse/Canaan Lane/HKU/CityU		
Personal Data	Address for correspondence: <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Home		
Occupation			
Company Name			
Office Address			
Office Contact	Tel	Fax	Email
Home Address			
Home Contact	Tel	Mobile	Email
Subscription Enclosed			
Life Membership		10-year Membership	
<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$500.00		<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$250.00	
Ordinary Membership			
<input type="checkbox"/> HK\$50.00 per annum			
Please make your cheque payable to Napier University Hong Kong Association Limited.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Tick here if you want to contribute your time and expertise to the Association.			

Notes:

- Members should abide to the Rules and Regulations as stipulated in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Napier University Hong Kong Association Limited.
- Kindly send the completed form together with membership due payment to Napier University Hong Kong Association Limited, Rooms 1004-6, Bonham Trade Centre, 50 Bonham Strand East, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong or fax to +852 2185-7729.
- It will be much appreciated if you can provide your email address as the Alumni Association will mostly communicate with its members through emails.
- For more information about the Association, you are invited to visit [www.napier.org.hk](http://www.napier.org.hk) or contact +852 3151 8444.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Accepted Date: _____	Membership No.: _____
Receipt No.: _____	Cheque No.: _____