



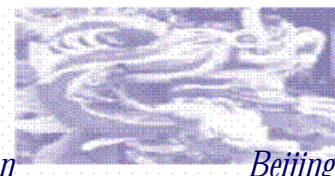
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We are delighted to announce **HSBC Holdings plc's** generous support of our international educational initiative. The global banking giant will be sponsoring a major scholarship for this year. "We are pleased to support the China Oxford Scholarship Fund with a **£25,000 HSBC Fellow** award for 2009. This Fellowship forms part of an extensive education programme, created by HSBC, to extend and improve knowledge and cultural understanding of a country that has become one of the most important economies in the world in the last two decades, and one that will affect our lives profoundly in the 21st century." said **Zarir J. Cama, HSBC's Group General Manager for International and Continental Europe**. The award will be disbursed to a postgraduate student studying in either business, finance or economics at Oxford University. "We are very grateful for HSBC's support. With its rich history of original foundation in China and its global prominence, I believe this affiliation with HSBC is very significant indeed for COSF" said **Nicholas Dennys QC**, the Chairman of the UK Board of Trustees. "We hope this will be the start to an on-going partnership with HSBC" he added. The award winner will participate in **HSBC's Scholars' Awards Day** event in March 2010 in the United Kingdom. The scholarship winner will be presented with a special certificate endorsed by **HSBC's Group Chairman Stephen Green**.

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#### *Special Points of Interest*

- *New Awards Panel members*
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# International Chairman's Letter

Dear Friends,

- The Awards Panel continues to grow in number and strength with the increased involvement of our committee members in Beijing and Shanghai in interviewing short-listed candidates. The Fund also welcomes Andrew Lo, Dennis Ho, Ronald Kwok and Jennifer Ma to the Awards Panel in Hong Kong.
- This year's significant increase in the number of students applying to our programme is a very positive sign indeed. This is testimony that awareness of COSF's awards programme is growing. I hope this will continue.
- The Summer Scholars' Luncheon was a good opportunity for our friends and supporters to meet the exceptional group of past and present COSF scholars. We were all pleased to learn about their experiences at Oxford. Scholar Diana Rong Hu gave a dynamic speech about her time studying in the United Kingdom.
- I would like to thank Sir Colin Lucas for his support of our scholarship programme. As Warden of Rhodes House, he has kindly allowed COSF to hold its annual welcome luncheon for new scholars at Rhodes House each November for a number of years. COSF wishes him all the very best with his retirement as Warden of Rhodes House.
- Fundraising in the current global economic climate continues to be a challenge. With your support, we can meet this challenge. If you would like to make a donation to COSF to help with our administration costs, make a gift towards any of our awards or would like to sponsor one of our COSF events, do contact us at [info@chinaoxford.org](mailto:info@chinaoxford.org) or visit our website at [www.chinaoxford.org](http://www.chinaoxford.org) for further information.
- We were particularly delighted to receive the support of HSBC this year. I am grateful for the bank's involvement with our programme and we hope that it will be the beginning of an important partnership.

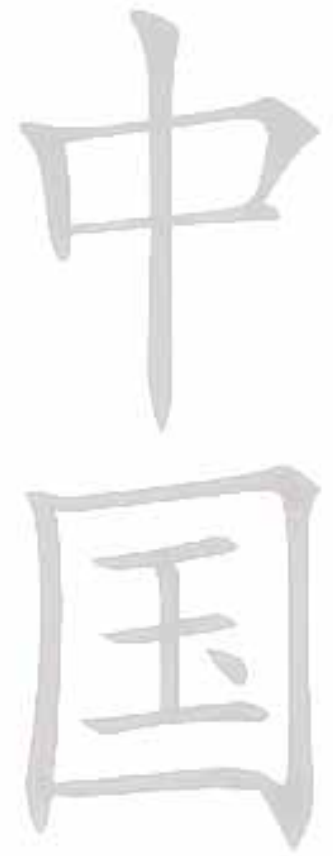


Timothy Beardson  
International Chairman

## 2009 Awards Process



L-R William Louey, Rupert McCowan, Dr Sharon Chan and Roland Muksch in Shanghai for the shortlisted interviews



The Fund's **Awards Panel** got off to a busy start with the 2009 application process. By mid-April, nearly 100 students applied to COSF's awards programme. This signified more than a 50 per cent increase compared with the number of those who applied last year. "The Awards Panel in 2009 followed the successful format of 2008, with five rounds of interviews, in Shanghai, Beijing, Hong Kong, Oxford and by telephone," said **Panel Chairman Rupert McCowan**. Two dozen students were shortlisted for interviews in **Shanghai** and **Beijing**. Five applicants were interviewed in **Hong Kong** while eight were interviewed in the **United Kingdom**. "The applicants, when interviewed, were of an excellent standard, leading to several difficult decisions for the Panel. One of the excellent improvements this year was the strong participation of the Shanghai and Beijing committees, who brought local knowledge both to the screening and interview processes" said Rupert.

Meanwhile, in Hong Kong, four new members joined the team. (Please see pages 4-5). The participating members of the 2009 Awards Panel are **William Louey, Kenneth Fok, Prof. Paul Tam, Sue Lau, Andrew Lo, Ronald Kwok, Dennis Ho, Dr Sharon Chan, Roland Muksch, Zhang Xing, Alastair Campbell, Will Chen, Peter Sunderland and Prof. Derek Siveter**. The Panel expects to nominate nearly two dozen students for awards this year. "We were delighted to be able to support another 21 applicants from greater China for the studies at Oxford this year" said Rupert. The award winners will be announced in COSF's Autumn Newsletter in October.

## Welcome New Panel Members



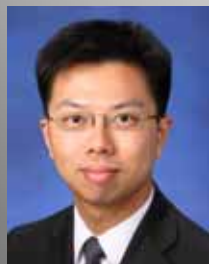
L-R Kenneth Fok, Sue Lau, Rupert McCowan, Andrew Lo, Prof. Paul Tam and Dennis Ho in Hong Kong interviewing shortlisted candidates.

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**Ronald Kwok** is the Business Development Director & General Counsel of the Nubrand Group Holdings Limited which engages in retail and trading businesses in Hong Kong and China. He graduated with a B.A. and M.A. in Jurisprudence from Keble College at Oxford University. As a Hong Kong and UK qualified solicitor, Ronald was a corporate M&A lawyer at international law firms Linklaters and Allen & Overy. He is involved with public services with roles as the Vice President and 2009 Varsity Ball Chairman of the Oxford and Cambridge Society of Hong Kong, Secretary and Incoming Vice President of the Rotary Club of City Northwest Hong Kong and Executive Director of the Hong Kong United Youth Association.



**Dennis Ho** was a Swire Scholar who, read international relations at Oxford University from 2003 to 2005. In 2001, he represented Hong Kong to attend the Goldman Sachs Global Leaders Program in New York City. He interned at the Asia Department of US Chamber of Commerce in Washington D.C. Dennis is now an Oil and Petrochemical analyst at UBS after working in the same field at CLSA Asia Pacific Markets and Citigroup. He presented his M.Phil thesis on Chinese energy policy at Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations in 2005.

# Welcome New Panel Members



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**Jennifer Ma** graduated with a B.A. and M.A. in Economics and Management from Pembroke College at Oxford University. She joined Merrill Lynch (Asia) Investment Banking Division as a financial analyst in 2003. Jennifer covered the energy and power sector and participated in a number of IPO and M&A deals in the Asia Pacific Region. Jennifer later joined Goldman Sachs (Asia) and is now an Investment Professional in the Investment Management Division. She is part of a Hong Kong team and provides investment advisory to private clients and small to medium size corporations. Jennifer is involved in a number of societies such as the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups, Junior Achievement and the Benenden School Hong Kong Trust. She has keen interest in the field of education.



**Andrew Lo** is Senior Vice President at RBS Coutts Bank in Hong Kong. A senior private banker, he looks after investment of clients, and leads a team of bankers at Coutts. Andrew took a M.Sc. in Management Research at Oxford University. He is a former president of the Oxford & Cambridge Society of Hong Kong and is active with a number of other charitable organisations in Hong Kong.

簡介



Sixteen past and present COSF scholars with COSF UK Board Chairman Nicholas Dennys QC and Trustees Anne Lindsay and Prof. Zhanfeng Cui

Once again, the Scholars' Summer Luncheon was held in fabulous style as the Fund's International Chairman **Timothy Beardson** and his wife **Clair** kindly opened their country home near Oxford to about 60 guests. With the weather being kind, people were able to enjoy summer refreshments on the magnificent grounds of **Hailey House** and have the chance to meet many of the sixteen former and present COSF scholars who attended the Sunday event on the 14th June. Before lunch was served, Timothy welcomed guests with a brief speech thanking all of COSF's benefactors, sponsors and supporters. The Reverend **Canon Alistair MacDonald-Radcliff** led prayers before the meal. And in what has become a luncheon tradition, a scholar spoke about the experience of studying at Oxford. This year **Diana Rong Hu** spoke on behalf of the students with a heart-warming address. (Please go to pages 11-12 for the text of her full speech). Before the lunch was finished, COSF's Chairman of the Board in the United Kingdom **Nicholas Dennys QC** had the opportunity to thank Timothy and Clair for their wonderful hospitality. Guests included the Principal of Brasenose College **Professor Roger Cashmore**, the Director of Graduate Admissions and Funding **Dr Jane Sherwood**, **Professor Andrew Briggs**, **Professor Alistair Borthwick**, the Rt Hon the Lord Norrie, the Rt Hon the Lord Northbrook and HSBC's **Lucia Xu**.

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# *Scholars' Summer Luncheon*

## *Pictorial*

### *Hailey House*



Guests enjoying the grounds at Hailey House



Timothy Beardson with Phyllis and Dr Cyril Levicki



Prof. Zhanfeng Cui with Pam and Iain Goddard



Grizelda Kerr, Nicholas Dennys and Prof. Andrew Briggs



L-R Peter and Gillian Sunderland, Anita and Prof. Derek Siveter and Diane Maclellan



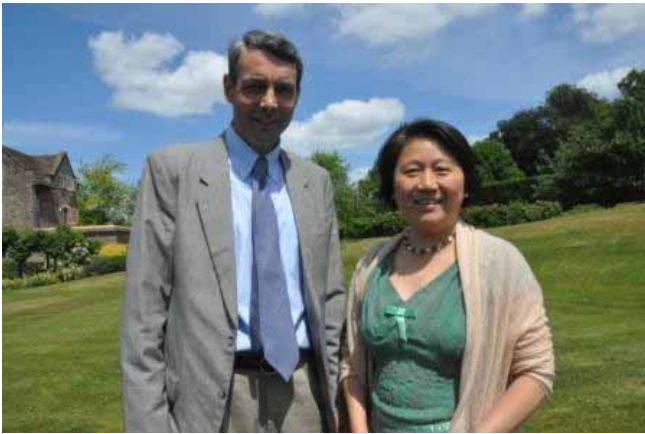
Lucia Xu and Kevin Smith



L-R Helen Yi Kat Wang, Daisy Teng Ben, John Siu Yau Lee, Araceli Keelan, Diana Rong Hu and Cui Yuqing



Hugo Page and Suzannah Kwok



Nicholas and Xiaodi Bell



Yiu-Tung Suen, Angelique Page and Yimin Wu



Dr Cyril Levicki, Daisy Teng Ben, Araceli Keelan and Helen Yi Kat Wang



L-R Hugo Page, Iain Goddard and Yimin Wu



Prof. Derek Siveter and Timothy Beardson



Thomas and Araceli Keelan



Dr Jane Sherwood and Hao Zhang



Anne Lindsay, Cui Yuqing and John Siu Yau Lee



Daniel Zhiyun Li, Dr Matthew Davies and Clair Beardson



Kevin Smith and Charlotte Pike



Gillian Pritchard, Prof. Alistair Borthwick and Araceli Keelan



Pam Goddard and Angelique Page



Grizelda Kerr, Prof. Roger and Ann Lindsay Cashmore



Dyan Sterling and Peter Sunderland



L-R Yiu-Tung Suen, Anthony Boshen Wu, Suzannah Kwok, Daniel Zhiyun Li and Hao Zhang



Clair Beardson and Gill Sunderland



Lord Norrie and Francis Finlay



Pam Goddard, John Siu Yau Lee and Yimin Wu



Diana Rong Hu, Suyu Liu and Lucia Xu



L-R Lord Northbrook, Clair Beardson, Prof. Zhanfeng Cui and Yimin Wu



Grizelda Kerr and Nicholas Dennys



Phyllis Levicki and Yiu-Tung Suen

## *Scholar Diana Rong Hu's Address at the Summer Luncheon*



Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentleman.

My name is Diana Rong Hu. It is a great honour and privilege for me to have this opportunity to speak on behalf of all the China Oxford Scholars. First of all, I would like to thank Mr and Mrs Beardson for their luncheon invitation and the China Oxford Scholarship Fund for the generous support to our studies in Oxford.

I am a DPhil student in Materials and I come from a small city in Gansu Province in the west of China. When I was a little girl, my father always told me to study hard; therefore I would have the chance to go to Tsinghua University in Beijing. The top university and the capital of China was really a huge temptation for a little girl. When I grew a little older my ambitions grew bigger too. I had hopes to continue my studies in the top universities in the world. Oxford, of course was one of them. Now I am studying in Oxford, the oldest and most prestigious university in the world. Sometime even I can't believe that I finally made my biggest dream come true. I am sure every scholar here can tell you a story of their own, about laughter and tears, about struggling and about our goals. Our generation is often called the "after 80s". There are many comments about us but without a doubt, our generation has had the happiest childhood since modern China was established. We have the right to pursue our own aspirations freely, which was not even possible for our parents.

Therefore, I would also like to take this opportunity to express my deep gratitude to China Oxford Scholarship Fund. It is only due to your kindness and efforts that many young Chinese students can live their dreams. The Fund is not only about financial support but also for spiritual support as it builds up such a warm family for all the friends of the Fund and the scholars. Talking about my life in Oxford and studying in the United Kingdom, I feel very British in some ways as I have complaints about the weather. But I have to say it is really a great pleasure to live and study in such a wonderful place, to be able to touch the marks left by all the great men and women so closely, to follow their footprints into the sacred hall of science. My supervisor, Prof. George Smith, is one of the founders of the atom probe tomography technique and a world leading scientist in nanostructure analysis. He is not only supervising my project to help me expand research experience into a whole new level but also always encouraging me to enjoy both science and life. He and his wife were very kind to invite me to join their Christmas family lunch. In my spare time, I even cycled along the ancient perimeter of Oxford University according to a map Prof. Smith drew. Our lab has a friendly international environment. We celebrate each other's birthdays; bake cakes in turn for the weekly group meeting; share ideas in science, culture and personal experiences. These opportunities have allowed me to benefit enormously by enabling me to expand my view and allow me to see life in a more colourful and different way. I am sure all of this will be an important step for me in developing my career in China as a material scientist.

This year on October 1st, the People's Republic of China will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Since 1949, China has made extraordinary achievements and become one of the largest economies in the world, meanwhile it is also facing tremendous challenges. We are so lucky to be able to witness all the changes in China and have the chance to fulfil our dreams and hope to participate in these great challenges. However, China is still a developing country and there are young people who do not have the opportunities we have had. That's why I hope students like myself who have a background of studying abroad can pursue a career in China and bring back new ideas and help shape creative minds. We may not all become famous leaders and people, well at least not yet, but as long as everyone is willing to contribute no matter how small, I believe we can make a better future for China. Furthermore, we can help more children to make their dream come true within and outside of China. I think this is the spirit we all appreciate so much and it is something we hope to inspire and pass on to future generations in China.

Thank you.



L-R Andrew Dilnot, William Louey, Catherine Dilnot,  
Sir Roger and Lady Bannister

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The University's Encaenia Luncheon was held on the 24th June with the annual event taking place at **Rhodes House**. Some of the guests who attended the event were COSF Hong Kong Trustee **William Louey**, the Principal of **St Hugh's College Andrew Dilnot** and **Sir Roger Bannister**, the former Master of **Pembroke College**. The gathering was

held a week before Sir Colin's official retirement as Warden, a position he oversaw for five years after serving as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Oxford from 1997 to 2004 and the Master of **Balliol College** from 1994 –2000. Sir Colin is the Chairman of the British Library. He is a specialist in the history of 18th-century France, principally the French revolution.

COSF is grateful for Sir Colin's support of its educational initiative by providing Rhodes House as the venue for the Fund's welcome luncheon event for the new award winners in the autumn. During his seven years as Vice-Chancellor, Sir Colin led the modernisation of the University. He is a member of various committees to do with Higher Education in Guangdong Province in China, Hong Kong, Singapore, India and Germany. Sir Colin's successor at Rhodes House is **Dr Donald Markell**.





Yimin Wu and Araceli Keelan

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On the 4th June, COSF scholars had the opportunity to participate in an unconventional activity. Benefactor **Araceli Keelan** has been providing pastoral care for scholars and this summer she invited students to attend an Oxford event aimed to bridge cultural and religious differences. The **Friendship Walk** has been going strong for the past five years thanks to its organiser **Charlotte Bannister-Parker**. This year's **Faiths Walking Together** event was organised to attract Oxford Muslims, Jews and Christians to all march together holding balloons.

"I was moved by this Friendship Walk with people of different faiths. Peace is from heart no matter what faith you believe" said COSF **Wolfson China Scholar Yimin Wu** who attended the event. Yimin and Araceli joined other participants who marched from the local Synagogue to the local church and then to the local mosque. At each stop walkers were able to enjoy food and drink while the local vicar, rabbi and imam competed against each other to give the friendliest speech. The walk began in the early evening and the starting point was the **Oxford Synagogue**. Marchers then made their way to the **University Church of St Mary the Virgin** and then to their final destination which was the **Central Oxford Mosque**. There were prayers at each location. The Patrons of the Friendship Walk are the **Bishop of Oxford**, the **Imam Munir Chishti**, the **Rabbi Norman Soloman**, the **Venerable Panyasansa, Davinder Singh Gill** and **Chinta Kallie**.





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