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New UG Hall Named

The two towers of a new undergraduate hall of residence at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) have been named the Jockey Club Tower and S H Ho Tower respectively, in honor of these two staunch supporters of the University.

A naming ceremony was held on campus today (2 April 2004), officiated by Mr Simon S O Ip, Steward of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Dr David Ho, Chairman of the S H Ho Foundation, and Prof Paul Chu, President of HKUST.

The new hall was built with 75% funding from the Government, 12.5% from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, and the remainder from other private sources.

A long-term supporter of HKUST, The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust originally provided nearly \$2 billion, or almost two-thirds of the funds required, to construct the HKUST campus. Since then it has gone on to donate nearly \$400 million to HKUST, supporting its scholarship programs, education, research and development initiatives. In recognition of its enormous generosity, the HKUST Atrium was named after The Hong Kong Jockey Club in 1998.

The S H Ho Foundation recently donated \$10 million to the University's Library Enhancement Fund, the second major gift from the Foundation. The first donation of \$10 million was made in 1992 for general purposes, and the indoor sports complex was subsequently named the "S H Ho Sports Hall" in honor of the Foundation's munificence.

Opened on 25 January 2004, the new hall provides an additional 594 places for undergraduate students. This brings the total number of hall places available at the University to 2,976. Approximately 54% of HKUST undergraduates now reside in campus accommodation.



Unveiling the plaque (from left): Paul Chu, David Ho and Simon Ip