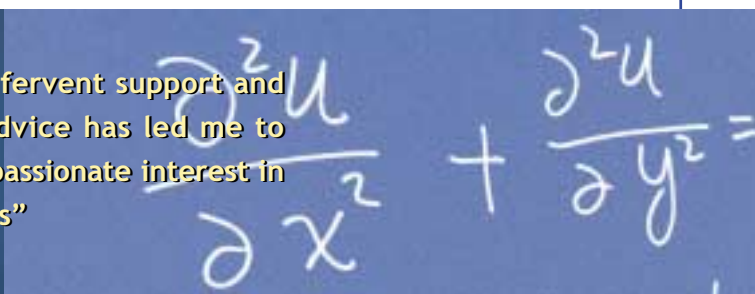




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A flying start at Princeton - “The Holy Land of Mathematics”

It was “a dream come true” for Li Dong, a Year 3 Mathematics student of Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), who has been admitted by Princeton University to enroll directly in its PhD programme. Princeton, known as “The Holy Land of Mathematics”, also awarded him a highly desirable “Centennial Fellowship”.

Before joining the first batch of mainland students the University recruited for its undergraduate programmes, Li Dong was among those eligible for admission to Tsinghua University. With the strong and sustaining support of HKBU teachers, classmates and friends, he has overcome difficulties in adapting to the academic environment and the local lifestyle both on campus and in Hong Kong.

The encouraging academic ambience and the harmonious relations between teachers and students have deeply impressed Li. “I have enjoyed a rewarding campus life at HKBU, both in terms of academic pursuits and personal development, that is far beyond my expectation,” he smiled.

Recognising the importance of nurturing talents, HKBU has given Li Dong opportunities to conduct research projects, participate in international conferences and even

attend postgraduate classes during his second year of undergraduate study. With a questioning mind and challenging ideas, Li once showed his extraordinary potential by

young people to be determined and farsighted in their lifelong studies and career. He is exemplary of HKBU’s pursuits in promoting academic research, cross-cultural



Inspiring figures...Mathematics Department professors, including Prof. Fred Hickernell, Head of Mathematics Department (fourth from right), Prof. Tang Tao (third from right) and Dr. Ng Sze-kui (first from left), with student Li Dong (centre).
李棟（中）對數學系師長深表謝意，其中包括系主任葉扶德教授（右四）、湯濤教授（右三）和吳仕駒博士（左一）


finding an original and creative solution to a problem posed by a visiting scholar from Germany.

Li Dong attributed his outstanding achievement to the ceaseless academic and research inspiration he obtained from his professors in the Mathematics Department, particularly Prof. Tang Tao and Dr. Ng Sze-kui. “Their fervent support and valuable advice has led me to develop a passionate interest in Mathematics,” he said.

“Diligence, confidence, curiosity, initiative and aspiration for excellence are essential elements of success.” Li Dong advises

exchange, whole-person education and internationalisation.

Besides Li Dong, the first batch of mainland students who studied in HKBU also achieved excellent academic performance. Most of them continued their studies, including three admitted by the prestigious University of California, Los Angeles; University of California, San Diego; and University of Wisconsin-Madison. Four will pursue postgraduate studies in Hong Kong, and one will join the accounting profession in a local “Big Five” accountancy firm.



「浸會大學對我影響深遠。我從來不知道自己的興趣所在，在老師循循善誘下，才驚覺數學符號充滿生命力，從而產生濃厚興趣。」

浸大生振翅高飛「數學聖城」－普林斯頓大學

挑戰自我 夢想成真

「青春就是財富，我一定全力以赴，裝備自己，迎接挑戰，回饋社會；目前我最希望從事數學研究。」浸會大學數學系三年級學生李棟夢想成真，得到全球數學家心目中的「數學聖城」－美國普林斯頓大學破格錄取，直接入讀為期四年的應用計算數學哲學博士課程，並獲頒「世紀獎學金」。

李棟來自中國江蘇，畢業於重點學校揚州中學，考獲北京清華大學電機工程系的入學資格。適逢現任浸會大學校長吳清輝教授率團前往內地招收高材生來港升學。在面談過程中，物理系湯雷翰博士道出令他印象最深刻的一句話：「如果你希望在香港尋找個人興趣，認真做好研究，浸會大學是一個好地方。」於是李棟選擇成為浸大首批內地生，並獲香港賽馬會優秀內地學生獎，來港入讀本科課程。

在內地主要受中文教育的李棟，初期應用英文課本很不習慣，加上對廣東話一竅不通，在學習及生活上均面對不少困難；幸而得到師長和朋輩的支持，樂觀的他憑著過人的毅力、頑強的鬥志，以及無比的信心，面對逆境，勇往直前。

發掘興趣 盡顯才華

李棟很享受尋找答案的過程，問題愈艱深，愈具挑戰性，所得的滿足感愈大。「解答數學難題跟培養閱讀習慣一樣，應該由淺入深，循序漸進；若想不通的話，便先將

問題擱在一邊，千萬不要浪費時間鑽牛角尖。」

浸會大學一向致力發掘及培養具潛質的學生，並盡力為他們創造條件。大學不僅讓成績出眾的李棟進行研究活動，並鼓勵他參加國際會議，汲取經驗，甚至在李棟唸二年級時特別准予他以本科生身分選讀研究院的科目。

師友情誼 教學理想

李棟回顧三年的校園生活，既感豐盛又覺愉快：「浸會大學對我影響深遠。我從來不知道自己的興趣所在，在老師循循善誘下，才驚覺數學符號充滿生命力，從而產生濃厚興趣。」他讚揚數學系兩位啟蒙老師－湯濤教授及吳仕駒博士，「課堂內容深入淺出，刺激我的求知慾，對學習有事半功倍之效。」他又感激老師常為他介紹好書，使他在閱讀過程中觸類旁通，得到很大的啟發。

在談到師生及朋輩關係時，李棟面上綻放喜悅的笑容：「浸大給我的感覺很溫馨、很親切，無論遇上學習或人生上的問題，我都會與老師分享，師生關係密切，亦師亦友。」在他眼中，本地生樂於助人，他們經常與他分享人生目標及生活瑣事，相處融洽，毫無隔閡。

教研並重 追求卓越

浸會大學秉承全人教育的理念，積極推動國際化，招攬世界各地及中國內地的精英，與本地生一

同學習，充分體現跨文化交流、追求卓越、教研並重及兼容並包的重要性。

湯濤教授說，李棟能夠在優越的學習環境中成長，締造驕人成績，有賴浸大高水平的教研隊伍的督導和啟蒙。近年大學吸引來自北京、清華、牛津及劍橋以及歐美等地著名大學的學者來港訪問，與本地教員一起從事研究，並把最新的知識、研究課題及發展方向帶給本地學生，對教研發展有莫大的裨益。



Prof. Rick Wong, Acting Dean of Science, with four mainland graduates – (back row, from left) Mr. Wang Nai (Biology), Miss Poon Yeuk-yu (Accounting), Miss Wu Tongtong (Mathematics) and Mr. Hui Sheng (Physics) 首批由內地來浸會大學攻讀學士課程其中的四位畢業生－（後排左起）生物系王翬、會計系潘若瑜、數學系吳彤彤、物理系惠勝和參與招收內地生的管理學院院長黃偉國教授

事實上，與李棟一起來浸大的第一批內地生，經過浸大三年的培育，大都挾優異成績繼續深造，十人當中有四人獲美國著名大學錄取修讀博士，包括洛杉磯加州大學、聖地牙哥加州大學、麥迪遜威斯康辛大學等；四人在港修讀研究院，另一人獲聘於五大會師行之一。