

Chan Chung's Lecture @ CityU [June 12, 2000]

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What do you get if you put two businessmen, one psychologist, one early child educator, one AV technology director, and one physics professor in a lecture on Plasma Physics & Materials?

The two businessmen will doze off, the psychologist and the child educator will daydream while the AV technology director will pretend to feel interested in the lecture. The only guy who really knows what is going on is the physics professor. Now, let's try the matching.

Chan Ching Hai, Lam Wai Leung, Law Yam Kuen, Yip Ho Wah (with his wife, Winnie), Yung Yan Chi and Tin Wing Sin went to a lecture given by our very distinguished classmate, Professor Chan Chung, on June 12 at the City University of Hong Kong. The topic of the lecture was Plasma Physics and Materials. Just to give you an idea what the lecture was about, here is something to impress you.

Recent research in the interactions between semi-conducting materials and charged particles has enabled the development of many high technology products. The particular aspect of linking advance research to product developments is easily seen in this field of study. Specific topics in ion implantation and the manufacturing of new semiconductor materials were discussed in the lecture.

Aren't you impressed ? [Yes, I copied the abstract from the handout.]

Actually, I have something more than that. I showed great interest in the first five minutes of the talk when Chan Chung was introduced. Chung is the Robert D Black endowed Chair Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the Northeastern University, Boston. He is currently on sabbatical as a Visiting Professor at the City University of Hong Kong. He is a Fellow of IEEE and has founded several high technology companies in the U.S.

Now you know I was not kidding when I told you I understood part of the lecture. Other than those five minutes, I did not even try to figure out why Chan Chung kept babbling. The lecture lasted for about 45 minutes. When it came to the Q & A section, we all regretted for not asking Chung before the lecture to prepare a few questions for us to raise. It's OK. We did not want to hold up the audience anyway.

Winnie went home to take care of the kids after the lecture. What a great and loyal fan !



[from Left: Wing Sin, Yam Kuen, Chung, Yan Chi, Ho Wah, Ching Hai, Wai Lueng]

Au Chun Sang, Ho Chi Ming, Lau Kwok Kwong and Lee Jee Yin joined us for dinner at the Staff Chinese Restaurant of the CityU. We stuffed ourselves with Dung-Gua ["Winter Melon"] Chung, Steamed Shrimps, Sliced Skin Duck, [Now you can tell I don't know much about food either.]



We had casual talks on almost everything but a major part was on the education of Hong Kong. Do you guys see how intellectual and serious we were ? Don't frown on it yet. We all had a good laugh when the three professors shared with us what the Hong Kong college students were like. Ching Hai complains that he has to tell the students what books to read while Yam Kuen calmly says he has even to specifically point out to the students which pages and which lines to read ! Yam Kuen guarantees anyone will get a degree in physics from the Chinese University as long as he has a valid Hong Kong

Identity Card. No pre-requisites are required. No questions asked. Just enroll with Yam Kuen if you are interested. Chan Chung is probably too scared to take up any langs in Hong Kong.

Just when we sighed on the low standard of the HK students and how they're not like what we used to be, someone asked what exactly we were like in those days. Then Chan Chung and Yip Ho Wah shared with us their tearful college life. Everyday on their way to classes, Chung and Ho Wah had to go to a "research lab" where Chung repeatedly experimented on the impact of the billiard balls by using different cues at different angles. I don't know how much time he spent on this research but the success in his field of study was undoubtedly nurtured in this room. Quite a scholar, isn't he ?

What a fun-filled night. It does not matter what the function was about. As long as we are together, the fun is ensured. Hope to see you in the next function.



[from Left: Kwok Kwong, Yam Kuen, Ho Wah, Chung, Yan Chi, Chi Ming, Ching Hai, Wai Leung, Jee Yin, Chung Sang, Wing Sin]