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Dear Colleague, Alumni & Friends,

It has been a vibrant and fruitful year for the Center in Hong Kong, and I am excited to share with you a number of key milestones that we made together.

Engaging scholars and collaborators

Academic conferences and research trips led by UChicago faculty had brought together more than 580 scholars, collaborators and researchers from different universities in the region to discuss about a wide range of topics - from cancer genomics to surgical ethics; molecular imaging to customer behavior; refugee crisis to poetry translation. The network of partnerships went beyond academic institutions and we were excited to have partnered with the Hong Kong International Literary Festival for our first series of arts and cultural events, making a record high of 200+ participants over 3 days of programs.

Bringing students together

Last Spring, 20 students spent nine weeks in Hong Kong for their Study Abroad Program on "Colonization" and they were warmly received by student ambassadors of the University of Hong Kong.

In summer, the Center, for the first time, placed 8 summer undergraduate interns for programs at various local universities. Another student ambassador from College Admission was based at the Center for summer information session. They joined the rest of the interns in Hong Kong and met newly admitted students and alumni at the send-off party.

In December, 28 postgraduate students and faculty from Peking University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and UChicago visited the Center for their 2-week Winter Institute to study about social issues in Hong Kong, China and the United States. The program is made possible by the generous lead gift of Anna Pao Sohmen X'68 and will continue as part of the tripartite agreement among the three universities.

Highlight of the Year

climax of the year. A \$30 million (HK\$234 million) grant from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust will support the construction of the University's new center in Hong Kong at Mount Davis. The new facility is named the Francis and Rose Yuen Center in Hong Kong, in honor of University Trustee Francis Tin Fan Yuen, AB'75, and his wife, Rose Wai Man Lee Yuen. The construction has started after the <u>Ground Breaking Ceremony</u> last June and the Yuen Center is scheduled to open in 2018.

The Naming Events for the Francis and Rose Yuen Center last November marked the

Looking ahead

We are now preparing for the arrival of the first group of law students in mid March. They will spend a week in Hong Kong visiting government departments, courts, law firms, NGOs and alumni. Another 23 students forming the third batch of the study abroad group will come immediately after them and stay in Hong Kong till the end of May.

Upcoming events in February include <u>Social Enterprise Initiative on Venture Fundraising</u> and <u>Chicago Conversation 2017 on Big Data</u>. Please check out the <u>Center website</u> for details and more updates.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and participation for a great and successful past year.

Wish you and your family have a healthy, wealthy and prosperous Year of the Rooster!

With regards,

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