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Farewell to Oxford Chancellor Lord Patten



Scholars Kai Tik Au Yeung and Alfred Weng Tat Lo with Lord Patten at the farewell gathering at the Chancellor's Oxford home.

After 20 years as Chancellor of Oxford University, Lord Patten retired from his position this summer. The China Oxford Scholarship Fund had the opportunity to bid him farewell and wish him and Lady Patten all the very best for the future. In early June, Lord Patten kindly invited the China Oxford Scholars to come to his Oxford home for a Sunday garden party. Guests included scholar alumni who travelled from London to attend and the former Oxford Awards Panel Chairman Prof. Michael Wooldridge, his successor Prof. William Swadling, Trustee Dyan Sterling and COSF's Company Secretary and Treasurer Iain Goddard.

A good time was certainly had by all whilst everyone enjoyed canapes, drinks, and luckily the fine summer weather on the day. The Scholars had the opportunity to chat with the Pattens about their studies at Oxford and thanking the Chancellor for his support of COSF during his tenure at Oxford University and wishing him well.

On behalf of COSF, Scholar Alfred Weng Tat Lo presented the Pattens with a four-volume set of David Bellis's "Old Hong Kong Photos and the Tales They Tell". Thank you Lord and Lady Patten for generously opening your home to the Scholars and hosting this splendid farewell gathering. We are also grateful to the anonymous COSF donor for sponsoring the wonderful catering for this event.

Farewell Garden Party Pictorial



L-R Scholars Haiyun Zhao, Tiancheng Wang, Chenqing An and Yuzhen Dong with Lady Patten



Oxford Awards Panel Chairman Prof. William Swadling and his wife Lily with Lord Patten



L-R Lord and Lady Patten with Scholars Shu Wei and Yan Wang



L-R Ex-Oxford Awards Panel Chairman Prof. Michael Wooldridge with his wife Janine and Scholars Yuzhen Dong, Haiyun Zhao, Xiao Su, Jihao Sun and Kai Tik Au Yeung.



Treasurer Iain Goddard and his wife Pam with Scholar alumni Steven Liu, James Guwei Tao & 2023/2024 Scholar Hangkai Wei



Oxford University's Exec. Assistant to the Chancellor, Anna Alcroft with Scholars Ruixuan Zhu and Shu Wei.



Guests were also able to enjoy Lord and Lady Patten's beautiful garden at their Oxford home.



Lady Patten with Trustee Dyan Sterling and Scholar Ruixuan Zhu



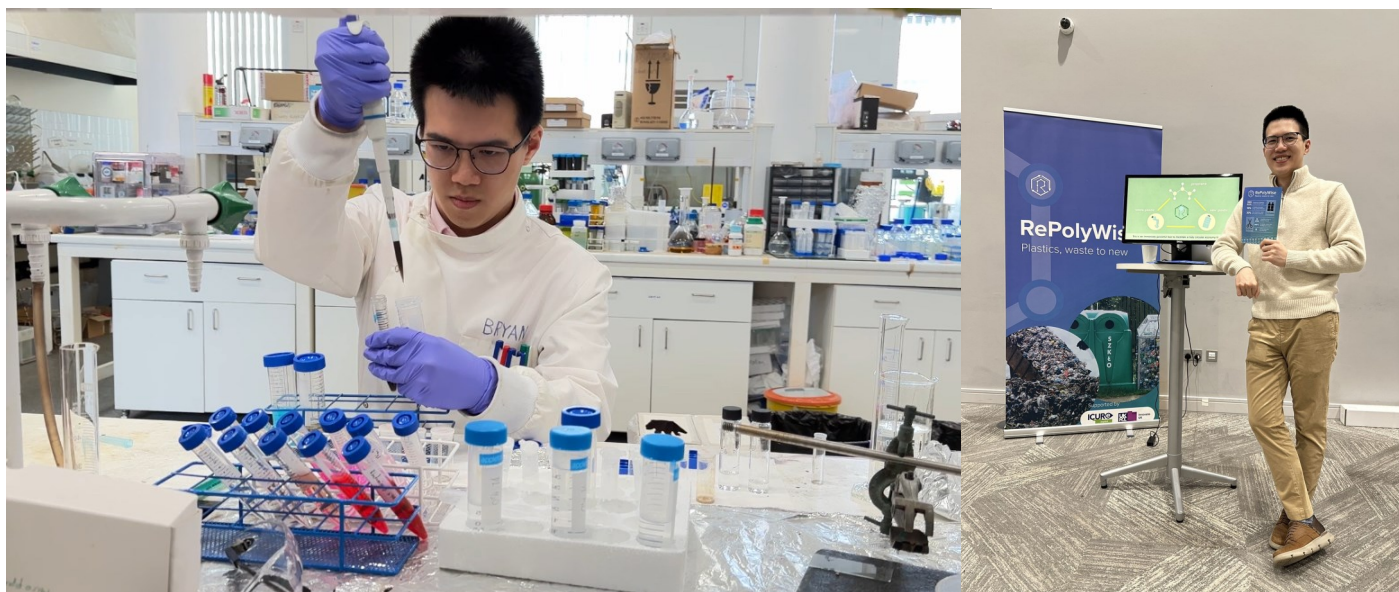
Scholar Alfred Weng Tat Lo presenting farewell gift to the Pattens.



Scholars Shu Wei, Claire Hao, Xiaojie Deng and Alfred Weng Tat Lo



China Oxford Scholar Q&A



We had the chance to catch up with Dr Bryan Kit-Yue Ng for a quick Q&A. Bryan was the 2021 Tang Oxford Scholar in STEM. He attended Trinity College and in 2024 was awarded his DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry.

How has attending Oxford University affected or impacted your personal and/or professional growth?

Oxford is a unique place to study. The academic environment challenges us to think critically and articulate our thoughts effectively. The diverse community exposes us to different cultures and perspectives, and it facilitated my personal growth by promoting the tolerance, empathy and open-mindedness towards our peers.

What kind of possible impact will your research have or is having on the eco/green movement?

My degree was DPhil in Inorganic Chemistry. My research was in heterogeneous catalysis and green energy conversion. We are looking on materials to speed up certain reactions, to transform energy from one form to another. This includes the production of hydrogen (H_2) from water (H_2O), or the transformation of carbon dioxide (CO_2) into methanol (CH_3OH).

What's your next step after Oxford?

The previous few years of research led to the invention of a technology to decompose plastics back to their starting materials. I have transitioned into an entrepreneur, by founding Repolywise to commercialize this process. In our vision, plastic waste can be diverted away from landfill and incineration via our novel catalysts to transform back to their starting materials, for the production of high-grade plastic with 100% recycled content.

What kind of advice would you give to someone who is about to commence their graduate studies at Oxford?

Explore all the interesting societies and events happening in Oxford, and build relationships with other members of the Oxford community. Going to Oxford should not be just about its studies!

COSF AA Keeping Busy in Beijing



L-R COSF AA members Hanyang He, Yumin Yang, Jingjing Chen, Tianyao Zhou and Boshen Wu.

The China Oxford Scholarship Fund Alumni Association (COSF AA) is going from strength to strength. It's even more wonderful to know COSF AA members are seizing opportunities to re-unite over dinner and lunches when members happen to be in the same place at the same time.

On this occasion, it's Beijing in August. Members met up for dinner whilst sharing their various life experiences over a delicious meal. Jingjing Chen and Xuemei Zhang also managed to catch up for afternoon tea in the Chinese capital too.

The COSF AA has organised a number of online events and meet-up activities in China, Hong Kong and in the United Kingdom since its creation in 2020. It has been serving as a valuable networking platform for scholars and scholar-alumni too.

Thank you Hanyang for sharing these photos with us.



Jingjing Chen and Xuemei Zhang

HK Trustees Welcome Prof. Cui



L-R Rachel Cartland, Sue Lau, Prof. Zhanfeng Cui, Prof. Paul Tam, Albert Shen and Annie Bentley

COSF's Hong Kong Trustees gave a warm welcome to UK Trustee Prof. Zhanfeng Cui in August when Prof. Cui visited the city for a week-long visit. It was the first time Prof. Cui had the chance to meet his Hong Kong counterpart. Hong Kong Trustees Sue Lau, Rachel Cartland, Prof. Paul Tam and Annie Bentley kindly hosted a dinner for Prof. Cui. Also in attendance was Albert Shen, the Co-ordinator for the Pay It Forward Scholarship who Co-Chaired the Awards Panel with Annie Bentley this year. The HK Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Anthony Wu, organised a lunch with Prof. Cui a few days later. With everyone's hectic schedules, it's wonderful this opportunity arose for Prof. Cui to meet with the Hong Kong Trustees. Thank you Hong Kong Administrator Colleen Lau for helping to organise the gatherings.



Prof. Zhanfeng Cui and Anthony Wu