

A Word from the Archivist

Greetings from the HKSKH Archives. We are located in Martin House on Upper Albert Road, an old building which is most appropriate for housing our church archives, for it too is part of our history. The year 2024 was very productive for the archives as you can see from the pages of this annual report. In our work, church and society intersect, reflecting the three aspects of Anglican mission: church, education, and social service. This has been evident through our more than 180 years of existence in Hong Kong.



Martin House Archives
on Upper Albert Road

Archives are a repository of our church tradition. They document and substantiate our tradition historically. The materials we acquire, the researchers and parishes we serve, the interns we train, the exhibitions we host, the lectures we give, and the books and papers we write, prepare us “to make a defense to anyone who demands an accounting for the hope that” is in us (I Peter 3:15).

As we approach the Chinese Spring Festival, we ask for your continuing prayers and support for HKSKH Archives and all the people we serve.



HKSKH Provincial Archivist

2024 Exhibition

The 2024 HKSKH Archives Exhibition was held on 6-12 April at All Saints' Cathedral with the theme of “Anglican Beginnings in Hong Kong, 1842-1912.” Valuable historical documents, artefacts and photographs were on display. The exhibition was enhanced with the activities of Opening Ceremony, guided tours and talks. The exhibition attracted more than 1,000 visitors.



Bishop's House History Gallery

The Renovation work on the Bishop's House has been completed and the HKSKH Provincial Office together with the Archbishop's Office and some other units moved back to Lower Albert's Road, Central in August. The HKSKH Archives was asked to help in setting up the History Gallery.



Some of our New Acquisitions



CHSKH Group Photo: Consecration of Bishop Kimber Deng of the Diocese of Zhejiang, 1950



**Materials of
Bishop Gilbert Baker**



**Materials of
Archdeacon Lee Kau Yan**



Publications from the 1950s

In September of this year, we began to make available the original letters that Bishop R. O. Hall wrote to his wife Nora between 1942 and 1975. These letters, written in his own hand, are a precious resource for qualified researchers and historians.

Our New Staff



Miss Tabris Kiu began her work on 18 November to take up her new position as Archival Assistant.

Tabris graduated from the University of Hong Kong and holds a Bachelor Degree of Science in Information Management. She will mainly assist in archives and records management and operating the HKSKH Archives Records Management System; updating the clergy record data bank, managing the Archives Website and Facebook Page, and other duties.

Our Volunteers



Martin



Lisa

In sun or rain, volunteer Martin ELLISON came every Friday afternoon to continue the indexing work of the St. John's Cathedral's Archives.

In 2024, Ms. Shirley Lee joined our volunteer program and is working on our Church Ordinances.

Visitors & Researchers

In 2024, the HKSKH Archives received more than 150 guests coming from Hong Kong, the Mainland and overseas.



Group visit in February from the Hong Kong Baptist Church to share our experience in setting up church archives



Conference participants from the 13th International Symposium on the History of Christianity in Modern China visited the Archives in June



Bishop Matthias Der visited the Archives in June



Visitors from the Amity Foundation, Nanjing, in October



Visit of Bishop Baker's former secretary (middle) and her friend from St Paul's Church in November



There were 24 researchers who visited our Archives for research and used our records for different purposes. There was an increase number of Mainland China and overseas researchers using our Archives records.



Professor David Pong, from U.S.A. conducting research about his late father, Bishop James Pong



Revd Yang Pingying from China (TSPM)



Dean Samson Fan of All Saints' Cathedral

Internship Program

The Archives has received 45 interns since the commencement of the Internship Program in 2011. In 2024 three interns came to work in our Archives.



Zheng Shiyao from the University of HK



Letitia Lee and Jessica Or from the HK Baptist University



Research & Publications

Our Researcher Dr. Chen Ruiwen traveled to Europe, Fujian and Shanghai for research on a project “*Echos of Kulangsu: Christianity and Christian Musicians in China*,” supported by the Education Ministry of Austria and NaviSite City of Music and Performance Arts in Vienna. Professor Huang Anlun, a renowned composer, has been appointed as academic advisor of the project.



Professor Huang Anlun

Books published in 2024



The Chinese version of *History of Christianity in China: An Intercultural Perspective* (635 - 1949) written by different authors was published in March 2024. We are now working on the English translation and the book, which will also be translated into Korean.



A biographical collection of prominent Christians in Hong Kong was published in August 2024. Dr. Chen Ruiwen, one of the authors, was invited to write about eight prominent Anglican Christians.

A Festschrift in Honor of the Archivist, Professor Philip L. Wickeri, *GLIMPSES OF THE SOUTHERN HILLS* () was published in November. The book is a collection of essays written by colleagues, former students, and friends to acknowledge Professor Wickeri's contribution on the study of History of Christianity in China and other fields.



(the Chinese translation of the book *Reconstructing Christianity in China: KH Ting and the Chinese Church*) won the Golden Prize of the Christian Publishers Awards for this academic translation.

(*A Short Biography of Charles Ridley Duppuay, Bishop of Hong Kong*) won the award of new best author.



The Archives is currently working on the publication of a history book of the St. Paul's Co-educational College. Meanwhile, a book of Early History Materials of the Hong Kong Anglican Church from 1842-1912 is in preparation.



St. Paul's Co-educational College

Digitization Project

The Special Collection Unit of Hong Kong Baptist University Library invited St. John's Cathedral via our Archives for collaboration in a digitization project of the Cathedral's historical magazine *St. John's Review*. A few meetings were held in 2024 and the project is hoped to be commenced in 2025.



HKSKH Records Management System

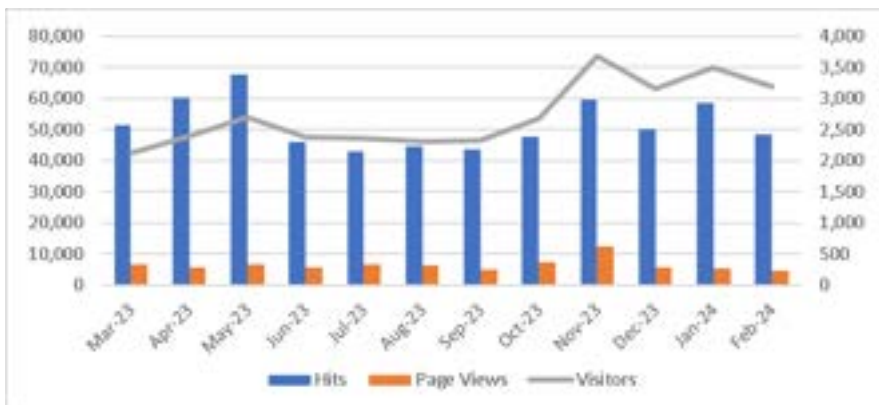
The HKSKH Archives Record Management System by using R.F.I.D. will be adopted in 2025 to facilitate better management and retrieval of records.



Website and Facebook

The Archives had total hits of 620,841 and 32,756 visitors between March 2023 and February 2024. The first three most active visitors (countries/regions) were United States, Mainland and Hong Kong.

Website Activities



Visitors (Most Active Countries & Regions)



The number of followers of the Archives Facebook Page continued to grow and currently has 1,178 followers. The first three most active countries/regions were Hong Kong, Britain and Taiwan.

Conservation

To strengthen the skills and knowledge about conservation. The Archives staff attended a Conservation seminar organized by the Lingnan University Library. There was a talk given by mainland conservation specialists together with demonstration on paper conservation and archives exhibition.



Annual Retreat 2024

The HKSKH Archives held our annual retreat on 2 December at Tao Fong Shan, Shatin. The theme was “Facing a New Year, 2025”. This was a time of reflection and planning for our work in the coming year.



Archives Retreat at Tao Fong Shan

Outreach Programs

To promote the awareness to archival work and to introduce to SKH members and the general public about the HKSKH education mission and services, our Archives participated in the Archives Expo of the International Archives Week organized by the Hong Kong Archives Society in Po Leung Kuk on 8 June, and the Education Expo organized by the HKSKH Education Services Department in the Convention and Exhibition Centre on 14 and 15 December 2024.



International Archives Week Archives Expo in Po Leung Kuk



Education Expo in Convention and Exhibition Centre

Talks and Seminars



Plenary speaker in the 13th International Symposium on the History of Christianity in Modern China in HK Baptist University

The Archivist, Professor Philip L. Wickeri, had working visits to Beijing, Nanjing, and Shanghai in January and October - November 2024. He was also invited as speaker in the 13th International Symposium on the History of Christianity in Modern China in the HK Baptist University and in the “Christians in Central” luncheon of the St. John’s Cathedral.



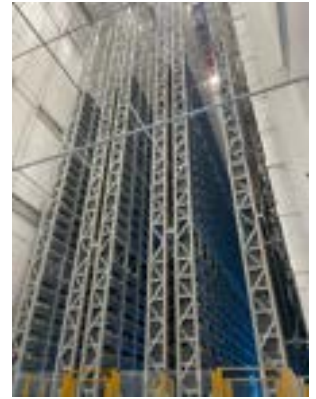
Photo with the Rev. Xu Xiaohong, Chairman of the TSPM



“Christians In Central” talk at St. John’s Cathedral



Field Trip and Exchange Visits



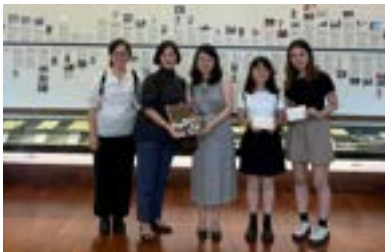
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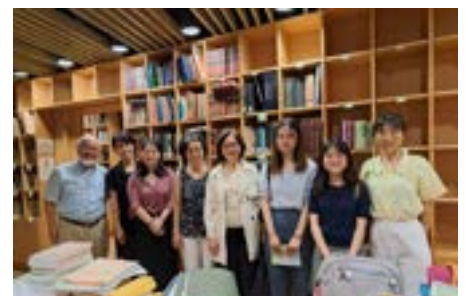
Field Trip to Shenzhen and Exchange Visit with Shenzhen Archives and North Library on 12 July



Visit to Holy Trinity Cathedral and History Gallery on 5 July



Visit to St. Paul's Co-educational College on 25 July



Visit to the University Archives of CUHK and the Divinity School of Chung Chi College on 31 July



IMPORTANT

Coming Events

Mark
your
Calendar

Study Trip to Dunhuang

A study tour co-organized by HKSKH St. Philip's Church and the HKSKH Archives will be scheduled in the summer of 2025. The trip includes historical sightseeing study in Dunhuang and a few days lectures in Beijing and Shanghai. Details about the trip and registration will be announced later.



2025 Exhibition

The HKSKH Archives is planning for our 2025 Exhibition. The exhibition will be held from 11 to 18 October 2025 at HKSKH All Saints' Cathedral. The exhibition theme is "Anglicanism in Hong Kong from 1912-1966". Valuable historical documents, artefacts and photographs will be showcased. Please mark your diaries and reserve time to come to this important event. We look forward to seeing you.



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Happy Chinese New Year Greetings from the HKSKH Archives Team

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