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Message from the Archivist

Dear Friends of the HKSCH Archives,

Let me begin by thanking all of you for your support of our work over the past year. Your interest, your contributions, your advice and your presence with us have encouraged us in what we do. This year's newsletter focuses on selected areas of our work. We hope that this format will make the newsletter more "user friendly," and if you have time, drop us a line .



In October, I presented a paper at Central China Normal University (CCNU) in Wuhan. My paper was on M. Searle Bates, a highly regarded historian from Ginling University, and later Union Theological Seminary. The conference was entitled, "Retrospect and Prospect: An International Symposium on Thirty-Years' Research on the History of Christian Colleges in China." Many of the thirteen Christian colleges in China before 1949 were associated with the Anglican-Episcopal tradition, notably St. John's University in Shanghai, and I attended the conference representing the HKSCH. In his closing remarks at the conference, Professor Ma Min, Director of the Institute of Modern Chinese History at CCNU, observed: "The Christian colleges helped to modernize higher education in China. The study of these colleges today helps promote reform and openness in our country." Without archives like ours, such study would not be possible. We seek to serve church and society in providing a place and the resources needed to study the past so that we can learn for the future.

These are trying times in Hong Kong, and we cherish your prayers. On behalf of our archives, may I wish each and every one of you our very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Philip

New Acquisitions

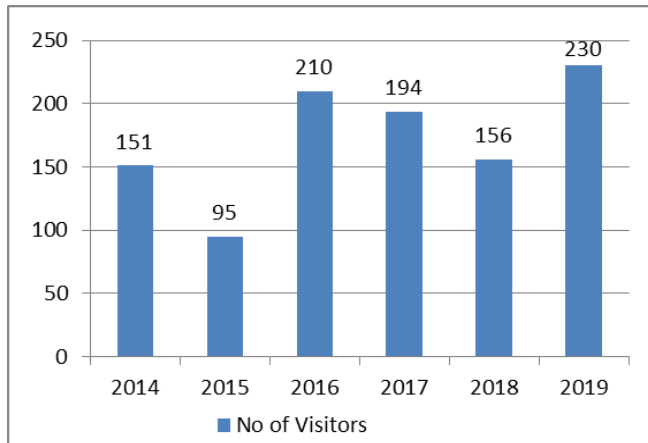
Our Archives collection has been enriched with a number of important new acquisitions since last December.

- ◆ Collections of the Revd Canon Thomas McClatchie, second missionary to China, c. 1813-1885
- ◆ Bishop George Smith Portrait, c.1855
- ◆ A set of 79 cassettes of voice recordings of Sermons of Revd Canon Ho Sai Ming (1910 -1996) from 1982 to 1996
- ◆ Charles Gutzlaff (Drawing by James Bearblock, c.1840)
- ◆ 40th Anniversary souvenir of St. Paul's Church – mini Chinese calligraphy, 1951
- ◆ *Church Review* Stanley Camp, July, 1942
- ◆ 16 bound volumes of *St. John's Review*, 1959 -2012
- ◆ "3 Dimensions Chinese Calligraphy & Paintings" of the late Revd Canon Loong Gon (1926 -2019)



General Statistics

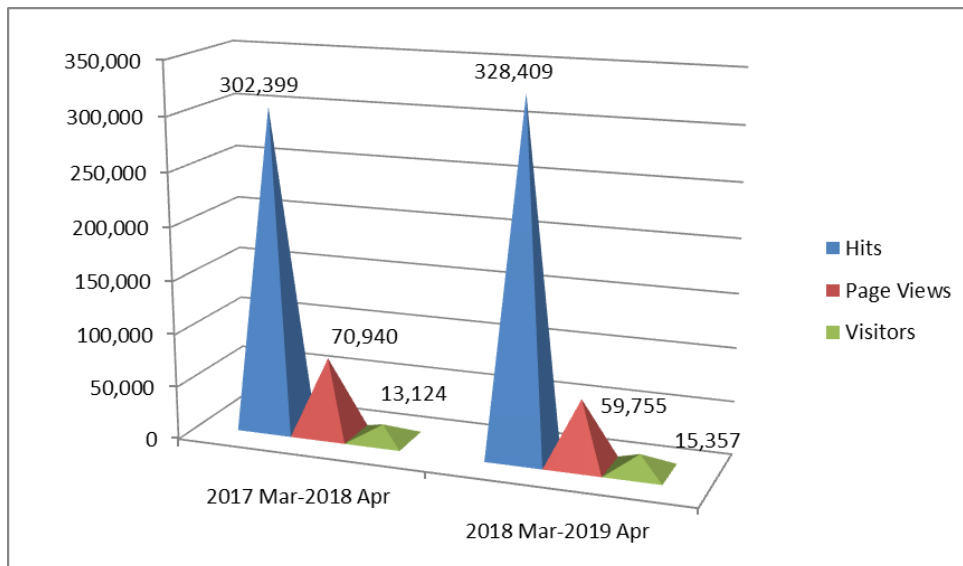
Visitors to the Bishop's House Archives



Website Visitors (Most Active Countries)

Rank	2017 Mar-2018 Apr	2018 Mar-2019 Apr
1	Hong Kong	Mainland China
2	United States	Hong Kong
3	Mainland China	United States
4	Russian Federation	France
5	France	Russian Federaton
6	Turkey	Korea, Republic of
7	Germany	Vietnam
8	Netherlands	United Kingdom
9	India	Germany
10	Czech Republic	Singapore

Website Activity Since Launching in March 2017



Visit to Roman Catholic Archives in Macau

The staff of the HKSKH Archives visited the Catholic Church Archives in Macau on 15 February 2019. The Diocesan Archives contain material dating back to the 17th and 18th centuries.



16th Century Japanese martyrs

Some of their earliest materials from the 16th century are now in Lisbon and Rome. We were shown the rare painting of the death of the 16th century Japanese martyrs and viewed other archival materials, and also toured St. Joseph's Seminary, which has many precious artefacts.



Archives Open Day 2019



The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Archives 2019 Open Day was held on 30 March with more than 300 visitors. The theme was “Education for a Better Society: Historical Contributions of HKSKH Schools”. The Open Day featured guided tours; archival materials and artefacts were also on display. Archbishop Paul Kwong officiated the Opening Ceremony and a combined alumni/ae choir from St. Paul’s College and St. Stephen’s Girls’ College sang several songs and hymns. The event lasted from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm with visitors from the church and the wider community coming and going throughout the day.



Distinguished Scholar Award



The Revd Prof. Philip L. Wickeri was presented with one of two 2019 "Distinguished Scholar" awards at the 11th International Symposium on the History of Christianity in Modern China, 14-15 June 2019 at the Hong Kong Baptist University. The award recognizes his work at the HKSKH Archives, as well as his writing on the history of Christianity in modern China.

Summer Interns

This summer was bustling with new faces and excitement at the Bishop’s House. We had two local interns as well as two students from the Shanghai University working in our Archives. They learned how archival work is done and helped to index and arrange the collections of the Canon David M. Paton and Bishop K.H. Ting. Archives and museum visits along with practical lessons on simple paper repair and archival box making highlighted their internship. Response from the internship program was very positive.



HKSKH Archives Website Development



On 28 June 2019, a new searchable function for online resources was added to provide searchable online resources for several Anglican journals and periodicals (one in English the “*Outpost*” and four in Chinese 《靈鐸週刊》, 《港粵教聲》, 《港澳教聲》 and 《教聲》), as well as books, commemorative publications and historical documents. For further details, please browse our website <http://archives.hkskh.org> and register as a member, which will allow you to read and download numbers of papers of documents, in Chinese and English.

Our New Staff



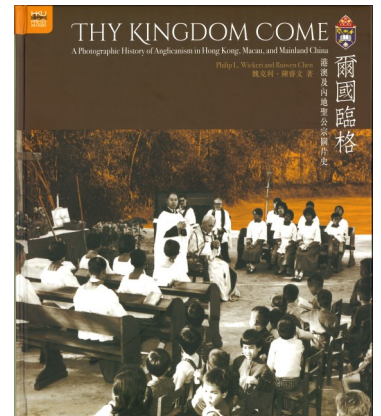
From Left to Right: Tiffany, Philip, Ruiwen and Michelle

We are happy to have Ms. Tiffany Kong join our Archives as an Archival Clerk. Tiffany graduated from the Hong Kong University with a B.A. Degree, majoring in Chinese Language and Literature and minoring in Chinese History and Culture. She is a devoted HKSXH church member of St. Matthias' Church in Yuen Long. Her major duties in the Archives include organizing, indexing and digitizing archival files, publications, books and photos; and uploading and updating of Archives website. She is also responsible for various conservation work.

New Publication and Book Launch



To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Province of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. The Archives was commissioned by Archbishop Paul Kwong to publish a photo history book *"Thy Kingdom Come: A Photographic History of Anglicanism in Hong Kong, Macau and Mainland China"* by Philip L. Wickeri and Ruiwen Chen, was published by Hong Kong University Press in July 2019. A book launch was held on 18th September at the Bishop's House with around 40 guests. Archbishop Paul Kwong gave the opening address which was followed by brief introductory remarks by the two. The evening was concluded with a book signing.



Archives and History Advisory Committee



We are grateful to our Archives and History Advisory Committee. Our work has progressed well and smoothly with the guidance and professional advice of our committee members. The main work of the thirteen members, which met twice in 2019, is to offer advice and oversight of our work, including organization and preservation of Church archives, the enrichment of our collections and making the materials available for use by the church and researchers.