

Heritage and Future

In 1888, the American Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions founded Christian College in Canton, China. It incorporated with the State University of New York in 1893 with a charter to confer degrees.

Christian College was renamed Lingnan College in 1912. In the ensuing years, renowned institutions willing to accept Lingnan graduates for postgraduate studies included Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Oberlin, Chicago, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, California, Stanford, Washington (at Seattle) and Toronto.

In 1927, the College was renamed Lingnan University and registered with the Ministry of Education in China. In the next quarter of a century the University developed, following the vicissitudes of change in war-torn China, into a major institution of higher learning. Because many of the students were from overseas, its alumni spread all over the world after 1952, when the University ceased to hold classes.

Through the efforts of a group of alumni, Lingnan University was revived in 1967 to continue its traditions under the name of Lingnan College, with its campus on Stubbs Road in Hong Kong.

The Church of Christ in China and her related mission boards in the United States,

Canada, Australia, New Zealand and England declared support for Lingnan College in 1973, as they had once done for Lingnan University.

In 1978, the College gained official recognition from the Hong Kong Government and registered under the Post Secondary Colleges Ordinance.

The year 1987 marked a turning point as Lingnan College celebrated its 20th anniversary. In December, the College underwent a successful institutional review by the United Kingdom Council for National Academic Awards which commended the College on its leadership, administration,



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teaching and the quality of its staff and students. As a result, the Government increased its funding to Lingnan College in 1988. Further, it asked the University and

Polytechnic Grants Committee (UPGC) to advise on the upgrading of the College to tertiary status.

In 1990, a special sub-committee of the UPGC, the Lingnan College Sub-Committee, visited the College and recommended to the Government that the College be upgraded to tertiary status with UPGC funding, beginning from 1 July 1991. Following this, the Hong Kong Council for Academic Accreditation conducted an institutional review of the College in March 1991. The Reviewing Panel concluded that the College environment was suitable for degree programmes.

In 1991-92, the College became a degree-conferring tertiary institution fully funded by the UPGC. In September 1991, it introduced its first Honours Degree Programmes in Social

Sciences and Translation. The College plans to further introduce new Bachelor's Degree Programmes in Chinese and Business Administration in 1993-94, thus rendering it a fully degree-conferring institution.

Along with the expansion in study programmes and student enrollment, the College will augment its facilities and equipment on a new campus at Tuen Mun, scheduled to be completed by the Autumn of 1995. It is envisaged that the College will be fully residential, offering students a unique environment for intellectual and social development.



1987 CNA Institutional Review

承繼與前瞻

一八八八年美國海外傳道長老會在廣州創辦嶺南學院的前身一格致書院。一八九三年格致書院成為美國紐約州立大學成員學院，並獲准頒授學位。

格致書院於一九一二年易名嶺南學院，及後，不少著名學府願意接受嶺南畢業生攻讀研究課程，計有：哈佛、耶魯、哥林比亞、康乃爾、約翰學健斯、奧拔蘭、芝加哥、伊利諾、密芝根、威斯康辛、明尼蘇達、加利福尼亞、史丹福、華盛頓(西雅圖)及多倫多等。

一九二七年，嶺南學院正式向中國教育部註冊成為嶺南大學。往後的廿多年，嶺南大學在風雨飄搖，干戈不息中發展成為一所著名的專上學府，不少學生越洋而至。一九五二年，大學停止授課，它的校友隨着遍佈全球各地。

一九六七年，一羣嶺南校友為繼承嶺南大學傳統，於香港司徒拔道以嶺南書院為名復校。

一九七三年中華基督教會及其在美國、加拿大、澳洲、紐西蘭及英國有關的傳道會，均表示就以往與嶺南大學的關係對書院支持。

一九七八年政府根據專上學院條例正式承認學院為註冊專上學院。

一九八七年為學院二十週年誌慶，同時也是發展史上一個轉捩點。是年十二月，英國國家學歷頒授委員會來校進行了一次成功的全面評審，對學院的領導、行政、教學、教職員和學生質素等均給予極高評價。政府因此於一九八八年增加對嶺南學院的資助，並建議大學及理工教育資助委員會(資委會)就嶺南昇格為大專院校一事作出研究。

一九九零年，資委會轄下的一個特別委員會——專責嶺南學院委員會訪問嶺南，並向政府建議嶺南昇

格為大專院校。自一九九一年七月一日起正式生效。接着，一九九一年三月，香港學術評審局全面審查嶺南學院，並於報告中表示嶺南已具有優良的學術環境，適合開辦學位課程。

一九九一至九二學年，學院正式昇格為頒授學位的大專院校，得到大學及理工資助委員會的全面資助。同年九月，學院首次開辦社會科學和翻譯學兩項榮譽學士課程。學院計劃在九三學年增辦中文和商業管理學士課程，屆時，學院將是一所全面提供學位課程的大專院校。

為配合課程的急劇發展和學生人數激增，學院將於一九九五年秋天遷往設備完善的屯門新校園。學院更會極力發展成為一所提供全面寄宿服務的學府，讓廣大學子在此獨特的環境下，智育和羣體生活都得到均衡發展。



1991學院評審(HKCAA)