The Asian Edge, released at the end of each term, summarizes the main news and events of UBC's Department of Asian Studies.

Department News

The 2013 Yip So Man Wat Memorial Lecture

This year's guest speaker was Pai Hsien-yung, one of the most celebrated authors in the Chinese speaking world. With nearly five hundred people in attendance, Dr. Pai discussed his latest book, a photobiography of his father whose military career both paralleled and profoundly influenced the history of the Republic of China.

Watch the Full Lecture & Photos >>

$2,000,000 Donation to Sponsor a new Cantonese Language Program in the Department

Faculty News

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Professor Edwin G. Pulleyblank (1922-2013)

A memorial service will be held for the late Dr. Pulleyblank on December 7th, 2013.

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Dr. Anne Murphy Awarded $74,997 SSHRC Grant

Anne Murphy, Assistant Professor and Chair of Punjabi Language, Literature and Sikh Studies, has recently gone on a one year sabbatical.

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Thanks to an extraordinarily generous gift by brothers Alex and Chi Shum Wat, UBC will now be among the few institutions in North America that offer a Cantonese Studies program.

[Watch the Announcement of the Gift >>](https://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=515295&q=0&qz=d4c521)

[Watch Dr. Shin’s Interview Discussing the Gift >>](https://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=515295&q=0&qz=d4c521)

### 2013 John Howes Lecture in Japanese Studies

For our second annual John Howes Lecture Professor Hardacre of Harvard University addressed the debate in Japan today regarding religion’s contribution to the public good and how Shinto fits into it.

[Watch the Full Lecture & Photos >>](https://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=515295&q=0&qz=d4c521)

### Chinese Language Programme receives $58,000 Grant to Develop Flexible Learning Project

Our instructors from CHIN101/103 have been developing a flexible learning project titled “Your Chinese Learning, Your Way”. Through this project, they are transitioning many materials and exercises to a new and more efficient online learning system called Connect.

[Your Chinese Learning Your Way >>](https://www.mailoutinteractive.com/Industry/View.aspx?id=515295&q=0&qz=d4c521)

### Professor Barrie Morrison Memorial Service

Professor Barrie Morrison passed away on April 26, 2013. A memorial service was held at 2 pm on May 2, 2013 at the Community Centre on North Pender Island.


### Student News

**PhD student, Asato Ikeda, Wins the Governor General's Gold Medal**

Asato Ikeda, a graduating PhD student, had the most outstanding academic record in her 2013 graduating class. Her supervisors at UBC include John O’Brien and Joshua Mostow.


**Robban Toleno is awarded the Khyentse Foundation Award**

Robban, one of our Ph.D. students, was awarded the third annual Khyentse
The Inaugural Dhahan International Punjabi Literature Prize

The Dhahan International Punjabi Literature Prize has been founded to celebrate the rich history and living present of Punjabi language and literature around the globe. Beginning this year a cash prize of $25,000 CDN will be awarded annually to one 'best book' in either Gurmukhi or Shahmukhi script.

About the Prize >>

Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado of Japan Visits UBC

Princess Takamado visited UBC in June 2013 to give a private lecture to a small group of academics, government officials and local Japanese business professionals. The lecture discussed the evolution of Netsuke, from traditional Japanese ornament to modern contemporary art form.

Photos >>

Symposium on Early Modern Japanese Values and Individuality

Foundation Award of Excellence in Buddhist Studies. Robban is currently writing up his doctoral dissertation on questions of food, eating and sustenance, based primarily on a rare Song dynasty Buddhist leishu.

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Merchandise

Stock up with our winter selection of Asian Studies Merchandise! Guaranteed to keep you warm and stylish throughout the holiday season!

Our Winter Selection >>
Nineteen scholars from around the world were gathered for this symposium on Early Modern Japan, hosted by Professor Nosco. With 6 panels over 3 days the public, students and faculty were invited to come gain in-depth knowledge from the top minds in the field.

Symposium Lecture and Schedule >>

Relevant Stories

Why an Asian Studies Degree Matters: UBC’s President Toope

Early in June, we met with Professor Stephen Toope, President of the University of British Columbia, to discuss the rise of Asia, the importance of prepping the next generation and why an Asian Studies degree matters.

Dr. Toope’s Interview >>

Abroad with Asian Studies

In an effort to raise awareness about the UBC Go Global Program we have begun interviewing our students who have gone abroad and sharing their stories through our newsletters.

Read about Melody’s Exchange to Japan >>

UBC Asian Studies Alumni Careers Night
The Department of Asian Studies and UBC's ASIA Club partnered up to host a "Working in Government" themed career night.

"Working in Government" Alumni Bios >>
Alumni Spotlight Interviews >>

If you are a department graduate and would like to share your experiences and advice with current Asian Studies students, we will be holding our Annual Asian Studies Careers Night on February 4th, 2014. Please contact Oliver Mann (oliver.mann@ubc.ca) to learn how you can be involved.

Asian Studies Careers Night >>