

City Challenge Open for Registration Now!   YOUNG POST NOW ON Instagram  CHECK US OUT!

Register Login Photos Videos Blogs Listening Companion

 **youngpost**  #chillax

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON

News Over to you Junior reporters Education Entertainment Go-to gurus Events

Home / News / Sports / Football player Chan Pak-hei on target as he gets US university scholarship

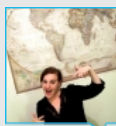
Football player Chan Pak-hei on target as he gets US university scholarship

By Ariel Conant | March 17, 2016

 SHARE  TWEET  EMAIL  Like 275



Chan Pak-hei is grateful for the opportunity to prove himself overseas.



Ariel Conant

REPORTER

A reporter with Young Post since 2014, Ariel covers the Liberal Studies and Economics pages, along with everything from art to extreme sports.

Former French International School student Remi Dujardin now wows the crowd in US

April 28, 2016

Look out for South Island School's Paul

Getting into university is tough for Hong Kong students. Exams, grades and schoolwork all add to the pressure of university admissions. But Chan Pak-hei got his university acceptance not by scoring high marks on tests, but by scoring on the football pitch.


Pak-hei, 19, a student at Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Secondary School, has received a full athletic scholarship to Campbellville University in the US.


“Getting a full sports scholarship to a US university is extremely rewarding,” Pak-hei says. “I’ve read that only 5 per cent of all US high school athletes can compete at the university level and less than 1 per cent receive a scholarship.”


Pak-hei is used to high levels of competition when it comes to football. He has been playing for 15 years, and has spent the past few years on the Hong Kong national team. “I was able to train with the best players in Hong Kong on a daily basis,” he says. “Through this training, I was able to become one of the top players in my age group. I received many hours of training


Subscribe now to our **SUMMER** HOLIDAY READING PROGRAMME 2016 


WE RECOMMEND

 **JUNIOR REPORTERS - TOP 10**
The Top 10 best things about the Occupy Central movement

 **NEWS - SPORTS**
Former French International School student Remi Dujardin now wows the crowd in US

 **NEWS - SPORTS**
YCH Tung Chi Ying Memorial Secondary School beat Jockey Club Ti-I College to win the All Hong Kong Schools Jing Ying Football Tournament

 **NEWS - HONG KONG**
HKFA says Fifa boeing penalty 'reasonable'

 **NEWS - SPORTS**
Hong Kong International School crowned champions after tense shootout

Altier at a future Hong Kong Rugby Sevens

April 24, 2016

Jack Wong has a smashing future in tennis ahead

April 17, 2016

St Catherine's star volleyball player Rachel Tam scores full US university scholarship

April 10, 2016

Timothy Lam is a master of the high jump

April 07, 2016

Move over, Mad Men - these HK students are masters of marketing for an Uber campaign

April 05, 2016

All that Boston - hometown of Captain America actor Chris Evans - can boast

April 04, 2016

Introducing Venia Yeung: Hong Kong's very own future Serena Williams

April 03, 2016

GSIS student joins Run for Refugees to raise funds for displaced Syrians - and their teeth

March 31, 2016

Dr Clare Burrage takes science to the dark side

March 29, 2016

to develop my football skills and speed."

But Pak-hei worries that even with all his experience, playing in the US may still prove challenging. "I've heard that football in the US is extremely physical and fast," he says. "I will need to improve my fitness and athleticism."



Despite the challenges ahead, Pak-hei still feels lucky to have been accepted to university based on something he loves. "Since I know that you rarely get such a scholarship, I will need to work extremely hard to impress my university coaches," he says. "I am motivated to make a name for myself in the US."

Pak-hei believes there are opportunities for local students to look beyond the narrow limits of academics. "Especially in Hong Kong, people do not believe that football

players can also be good students," he says. "I want to inspire others to believe that you can play sports and study at the highest level if you put your mind and heart into it. I also believe that you need to be optimistic because there will always be people doubting you."

Bench Notes

What song/movie title best describes you when you're playing your sport?

Good Time by Owl City & Carly Rae Jepsen

"It's always a good time."

If you could have any superpower for 24 hours, what would you choose and how would you use it?

Time travel. There are many moments and people that I miss.

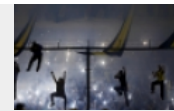
If you could have an unlimited supply of anything, what would it be and why?

Food. I love eating and I would like to try different types of food from around the world.

Ten years into the future, you are a famous athlete. What company would you sign on as spokesperson for, and what product would you promote?

Adidas. I would like to promote football boots and the other sports products made by the German company.

This article appeared in the Young Post print edition as "Pak-hei keeps the ball rolling"



NEWS - SPORTS

5 fiercest rivalries in football



TOP JUNIOR REPORTERS



Joy Pamnani / **FACE OFF: SHOULD THE COPYRIGHT AMENDMENT BILL 2014 BE PASSED?**



Catherine Wang / **JRS MAKE CHOCOLATE EGGS AND MORE AT JW MARRIOTT KIDS' LOYALTY PROGRAMME, MAX!**



Henry Lui / **TURKISH PRESIDENT RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN'S DISCONTENT OVER GERMAN COMEDIAN JAN BOEHMERMANN MAY START A SLIPPERY SLOPE**

HIGHLIGHT ON SCMP.COM

Japan's foreign minister makes three-day trip to China amid tensions over maritime territorial disputes

Captain and two crew arrested for scuffle over can of coffee as tensions rise on ship detained in Hong Kong waters

Sea lion that made strange, 50-mile trek to ranch found dead

SHARE TWEET EMAIL

Like 275


Tag:
Chan Pak-hei, football, Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Secondary School, Campbellsville University, Hong Kong, Ariel Conant

COMMENTS

To post comments please

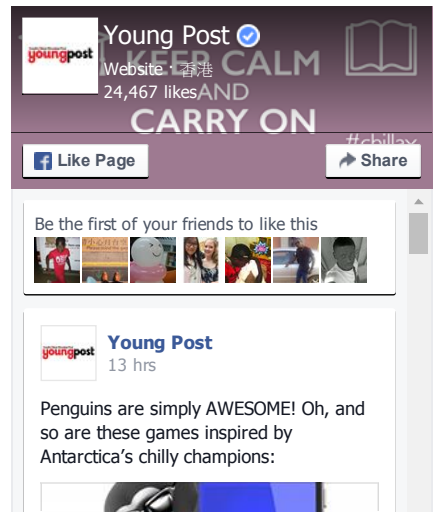
[LOG IN](#) [REGISTER](#) or [f LOGIN WITH FACEBOOK](#)


1 COMMENT

 **primasupriatna1...**
Mar 28th 2016
09:12am

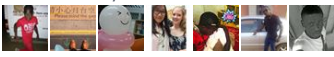
Thank you for the information, and healthy greetings.
<http://obattradisionaldarahtinggi77.blogspot.com/>

[Log in](#) or [register](#) to post comments



Young Post 
Website · 香港
24,467 likes AND
CARRY ON
#chilly
[Like Page](#) [Share](#)

Be the first of your friends to like this

 **Young Post**
13 hrs

Penguins are simply AWESOME! Oh, and so are these games inspired by Antarctica's chilly champions:



ABOUT YOUNG POST

Young Post covers the latest news, views and stories on Hong Kong students, school life, sport and local education, as well as keeping tabs on what's hot and what's not.

STAY CONNECTED



youngpost

NEWS

- Hong Kong
- China
- Happenings
- International
- Features
- Science
- Sports
- Special reports

OVER TO YOU

- Brain game
- Columns
- Competitions
- Op-ed
- Photos
- Poems & short stories
- Letters to the editor

JUNIOR REPORTERS

- Reports
- Top 10

EDUCATION

- Debating
- Exam tips
- Listening & script

ENTERTAINMENT

- Books
- Movies
- Music
- Otaku
- Tech & games

GO-TO GURUS

- Advice
- Beauty & fashion
- Careers
- Food
- Personal development

EVENTS

- Calendar
- YP exclusive
- School happenings

PRESENTED CHANNEL

- Featured
- YP exclusive

OTHERS

- Photos
- Videos
- Blogs

- About Us
- Contact Us
- Write for us
- Privacy Policy
- Terms And Conditions

Visit [South China Morning Post](#)

Copyright © 2016 South China Morning Post Publishers Ltd. All rights Reserved.