

## HKUST Rowers won medals of the “Around the Island Race 2015”

On 15 Nov 2015 Kelvin CHU and Matthew LAI joined the Men’s double event of the “Around the Island Race 2015, a 42km race around the Hong Kong Island starting and finishing at the Middle Island. The race was organized by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht club attracting over 230 rowers and paddlers.

In the first 8km before entering the Victoria Harbor, the HKUST pair was in the lead. After entering the Victoria Harbor, the traffic condition, swell from the ferry and high speed boat brought a lot of challenges to the pair and they had to slow down. After passing through the Victoria Harbor, they entered the Big Wave Bay and Shek O where the sea was rough and the wind speed of with a 35km/hour.

Our crew was able to overcome all the challenges and finished with third place in 5 hours and 11 minutes.



Passing through the Victoria Harbor!



Heading to Shek O!



Kelvin CHU (left) and Matthew LAI (right), the Men’s Double Second runner-up winner.