

ALIAappointments

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A very important message to users of the ALIANet website

[And especially to those who are unable to access ALIANet's webpages for any reason]

Some web users have reported that they are unable to connect to ALIA's website, ALIANet, and receive a 'permission denied' screen. This is not unusual, since we have had to block access to ALIANet by some users, and for very good reason. Some users have also experienced significant delays in material downloading, for reasons unknown. The two issues are related, and require identification and remediation.

We have denied access to a number of domains and IP addresses, on the basis of the damage that they (innocently) cause to ALL users of ALIANet at the time of access. These users have been identified as being users on a network 'protected' by Novell's BorderManager 3.x or greater, and we urge the systems administrators responsible for these domains and IP addresses to get in touch with us promptly for information on how to modify their configuration settings to prevent this problem crippling ALIANet, and to allow users to access the site once more.

Incidentally, this problem will also affect other websites, to the extent that users who are controlled by BorderManager may experience general web access performance difficulties across a range of sites, instead of the intended performance gain (the settings that require changing involve the read-ahead caching ability of BorderManager — a function that is by default set to 'yes' when it should be set to 'no').

The following IP addresses and domains have been identified as the culprits, and no doubt there are others as well that will be added to the list:

- 208.225.145.133
- 203.12.83.18
- 203.108.59.221
- 203.108.211.114
- 203.30.206.13
- 209.215.127.2
- www.bmphosp.org

Once identified and remedied, it is possible to reverse the block by providing assurances that the read-ahead cache settings are turned 'off', or that a patch has been applied. A patch is available from Novell or from ALIA. This issue will affect many sites, and is not related to ALIANet alone. It is therefore in the interests of the blocked site to implement this patch.

Please contact ALIANet's manager, Ivan Trundle, on 02 6285 1877 or via ivan.trundle@alia.org.au for further information or advice. ■

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



The University of Hong Kong is one of the leading international comprehensive research universities in the Asia-Pacific region, with more than 100 departments and sub-divisions of studies and learning. There is currently an enrolment of more than 15,000 students (6,000 at postgraduate level). Research students come from more than 40 countries. The medium of instruction is English. The University is committed to the vision of globalisation, scholarship and research excellence.

Librarian (Re-advertisement)

The University is looking for a dynamic leader with vision for appointment to the exciting position of Librarian (Ref.: RF-1999/2000-72) in the University Libraries to lead the University Libraries in the further development of its strong foothold in the knowledge-based era. The appointment, tenable immediately, will be made either on a fixed-term basis, with a possibility of renewal; or on probationary/substantive terms.

The University Libraries is committed to be an academic centre of excellence in its provision of collections, resources and services of the highest quality to realize the University's mission as a premier international university in Asia. The University Libraries was established in 1912 and constitutes the oldest established academic library system in Hong Kong. Over the years of establishment, the University Libraries has rapidly expanded its collection and information resources, and is continuously acquiring sophisticated hardware and software as well as a wide variety of electronic resources in support of teaching, learning and research. The University Libraries now comprises the Main Library and six branch libraries. The Fung Ping Shan Library is widely recognized as one of the most comprehensive collections of Chinese materials outside the Chinese mainland, while the other branch libraries support specific fields including medicine, dentistry, law, education and music. The University Libraries is striving on many fronts simultaneously to bring the latest and relevant information to its patrons. The total stock of the Libraries amounts to about 1.72 million bound volumes, with a periodicals collection of about 46,400 titles (of which some 23,700 titles are currently received), and approximately 910,700 items of non-print materials.

The Librarianship is a senior post at professorial level and the Librarian is a University Officer responsible for the effective management and development of the University Libraries to facilitate teaching and research. The appointee will undertake strategic planning, oversight of all library services and lead a team of 40 professionals and 190 support staff. Applicants should be exceptionally well-qualified and experienced in the field of library and information science, particularly in academic libraries, with a higher degree and membership of the relevant professional bodies together with evidence of vision and leadership. Ability to look after a substantial budget, extensive experience in library management and knowledge of computer systems and information technologies are essential. Experience in teaching and research in library and information science would be an advantage. A good publication record and knowledge of additional languages will be a distinct advantage.

Applicants who had responded to the previous advertisement need not re-apply. Their applications will be considered together with new applications. The University reserves the right not to fill the post or to fill the post by invitation or to make an appointment at a lower level.

Annual salary [attracting 15% (taxable) terminal gratuity or superannuable as appropriate] will be within the professorial range of HK\$1.2M+ (approx. A\$236,500; A\$ equivalent as at 30 September 1999) with starting salary depending on qualifications and experience. At current rates, salaries tax will not exceed 15% of gross income. Attractive benefits package will be offered to the successful candidate (comprising leave, senior staff passages, medical and dental benefits, an allowance for children's education in Hong Kong and a financial subsidy under the Home Financing Scheme for reimbursing either the rental payment or the mortgage repayment up to the relevant maximum entitlement).

Further particulars and application forms can be obtained on WWW at <http://www.hku.hk/apptunit/>; or from the Appointments Unit (Senior), Registry, The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong (Fax (852) 2540 6735 or 2559 2058; E-mail: apptunit@reg.hku.hk). **Closes 20 December 1999.**

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