Convocation Ordinary General Meeting
May 8, 2001

The 2001 Ordinary General Meeting (OGM) of Convocation was held on May 8 in the Convocation Room of the Main Building, HKU. The Meeting was chaired by Mrs Mary Rodrigues (BA 1967) who, after serving as Chairman for three terms, retired upon the completion of the Meeting. At the Meeting, an election was conducted and a report on Convocation issues and activities in the past year was presented by Ms Wendy Gan (BA 1987), Clerk of Convocation.

Report on Convocation issues and activities

HKU 90th Anniversary Celebrations
The first ever research project, Impact Study: “Growing with Hong Kong: HKU and its Graduates” will outline the contribution made by graduates to Hong Kong’s social, economic, political, cultural and other developments. The Grand Reunion scheduled for December 18, 2001 at the Grand Hall of the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre will be a celebratory event reuniting local and overseas alumni and members of the University extended family.

Events Committee
The Sports & Fun Fiesta 2000 was held on Sunday, November 19, 2000 and attracted more than 5,000 visitors. The Sports & Fun Fiesta is a biennial event organised by Convocation since 1994 aiming at networking alumni, staff and students of the University.

With the conclusion of the Luncheon Talk series in 1999, a Happy Hour Talk series was launched in September 2000. The talk aims to provide a platform for alumni to share among each other in a friendly, relaxing and intellectual atmosphere. ‘Creativity’ was the theme of the series. Two talks were held. The first one was delivered by Mr Yau Ching Yuen (BA 1989) and Mr Lam Chiu Wing on “Creativity & Survival in New Media Era”. The second one featured on “The Truth about Dots and Brands: Navigating your career path in the digital economy” delivered by Mr Raymond Lo of Futurestep.com.

China Committee
An educational adventure to Tibet was organised in July 2000 with the help of Dr Gerry Postgione of the University’s Department of Education and the Tibet Academy of Social Sciences. The trip included visits to schools and various cultural exchange programmes such as discussions with local teachers and education officers on Tibetan culture, history and education.

Subsequent to the trip, a Tibet Group was formed which aims to look into possibilities of contributing to the cultural, religious and academic exchanges between Hong Kong and Tibet for the benefits of both places.
Hundreds of copies of the Children’s ethical and intellectual literature 《嬰兒車和輪椅》were donated to schools in Hong Kong and the Mainland.

**Computer Committee**

With the support of the Careers Education and Placement Centre, career services are now provided for graduates under the “Netjobs” system linked to the Convocation webpage (www.hku.hk/convocat/).

The Committee also worked with the Computer Centre to enhance the University permanent graduate email accounts. First, graduates are allowed to choose their own account names. Secondly, a new system is introduced to enable students to be provided automatically with a free and permanent email account on their completion of final examinations. About 16,000 graduates have registered the graduate email accounts as at May 2001.

**Convocation Newsletter**

The Newsletter which will be published four times a year continues to be the major channel of communication with some 50,000 graduates.

**HKU Graduate Credit Card**

The number of cardholders has grown to 20,512 this year and has generated an accumulative contribution of about $48 million since its inception in November 1993 through the Bank of East Asia for the benefit of the HKU Foundation.

All of the above are Convocation’s endeavours to enhance and strengthen the links among fellow graduates and their affiliation with the University. As a statutory graduate body, Convocation pledges its support to the University in every possible way such as contributing opinions in the poll incident aftermath and submitting to the Council Chairman ideas on the new Vice-Chancellor’s qualifications. Representatives of Convocation also serve in various University committees/working groups such as the Career Advisory Board, Working Group on Communications, the Selection Committee for the New Vice-Chancellor, the Council and the Court.

**Election Result**

**Chairman of Convocation**

Ms Wendy Gan 颜金施 (BA 1987) was elected *ipso facto* Chairman of Convocation and shall hold the office with immediate effect until the Ordinary General Meeting in 2004.

**Seven members were elected to Standing Committee**

- Mr Moses Cheng 鄭慧智 (LLB 1972)
- Mr Choi Sau Yuk 蔡秀煇 (BSocSc 1972)
- Mr Andrew Fung 高可強 (BA 1969)
- Mr Gary Ho 何浩明 (LLB 1999)
- Mrs Rosanna Mak 麥巧賢 (BA 1978; MA 1985)
- Mr Frank Won 吳錦康 (BScEng 1970)
- Mr Wong Kai Man 黃啟民 (BSc(General) 1972; BSc (Special) 1973)

They shall hold the office with effect from September 1, 2001 until August 31, 2004.
FAQs on Convocation
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WHAT IS CONVOCATION?

Origin
HKU Convocation was established as a statutory body of the University in 1959 under the University Statute XXVIII.

Composition
It composes of mainly graduates, teachers and officers of the University including the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Pro-Vice-Chancellors, the Treasurer and the Registrar.

Aims
– to enhance and strengthen links among graduates and their affiliation with the University;
– to channel ideas of graduates and needs of the community to the University to assist in its formulation of policies;
– to act as a channel with which graduates can participate in the development of the University.

Membership
All graduates are automatically members of Convocation.

Website
www.hku.hk/convocat/

HOW IS CONVOCATION MANAGED?

Convocation is managed by a Standing Committee comprising 27 members who are HKU graduates of various seniorities and disciplines undertaking their responsibilities in voluntary capacities.

Membership of Standing Committee:
• Chairman
• Deputy Chairman
• Clerk
• Immediate Past Chairman, and
• 23 members

Election will be held annually at the Ordinary General Meeting in May.

Other sub-committees (as at July 2001):
• Events Committee
• China Committee (中國事務委員會)
• Communications Committee
• Constitution Committee
• Editorial Board of the Convocation Newsletter

WHAT DOES CONVOCATION DO?

– Networking through various kinds of activities or events such as
  • Luncheon Talks by graduates (a total of 45 talks were held during 1994 – 2000)
  • Happy Hour Talks on “Creativity”
  • Sports & Fun Fiesta (since 1994), a biennial event for graduates, students and staff members of the University (a total of 4 fiestas were held during 1994 – 2000)
  • Educational & Cultural Visit to Tibet, etc

– Communications such as
  • Convocation Newsletter (香港大學畢業生議會通訊), a quarterly publication free for all graduates
  • Graduate Email
  • Convocation Webpage

– Privileges to graduates such as
  • HKU Graduate Credit Card since 1993 (including Mortgage Loan Scheme since 1996 and HKU Shell Card since 1995)
  • Graduate Career Services through Careers Education and Placement Centre
  • Permanent Graduate Email Account

– Publications
  • Alumni recollections: 《校友回憶錄》
  • Children’s literature: 《小兒故事》

– Opinion Survey
  • Convocation Poll
工作累，也要休息好。去西藏，工作和休息不能兼顾，要懂得享受生活。西藏的自然风光和人文景观会让你流连忘返。