Of the twelve overseas alumni bodies, the Hong Kong University Alumni Association, Ontario in Canada is among the most active. Perhaps it is not surprising that with several hundred thousands of Chinese people in Ontario, there are many HKU alumni, and many of them have contributed in various ways to the community. With the new Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, the bond between Hong Kong and Ontario is immediately enhanced.

HKUAA, Ontario was established in 1987 and currently has over 300 members. Besides networking alumni residing in Ontario, the Association also aims at establishing links and exchanges with other HKU alumni bodies and local communities. It has also set up a Chinese Cultural Heritage Award Fund for post-secondary students in Ontario to attend exchange programmes in universities in Hong Kong.

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Music alumna Mary Yang (BA 1989) (left), Director, News & Current Affairs of Fairchild Radio and her colleague, alumna Vivian Au.

Mr Pius Fung (BScEng 1969) (right) retired, now operates a lodge for students in London, Ontario. Next to him are Dr C C Hui (BSc 1983) and his wife, Alice. Dr Hui is a genome scientist at The Hospital for Sick Children and Associate Professor at the University of Toronto.

Mrs Rosanna Ure (MSW 1981), Director, Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (Canada), posting outside her office, a heritage building on 174, St George Street which was sought by Mr Stephen Lam (BScSc 1978) when he was the Director there.

Former Comparative Literature student Ms Elise Cheng (BA 1979) (middle) owns an inn near Niagara. Enjoying a glass of red wine with Dr Evelyn Man (BA 1971) (left), past president of HKUAA, Ontario, and Ms Lily Lee (DipEd 1973), outside the gazebo of her inn where many couples have been married by Elise. Name of the inn? What else but a reminder of Hong Kong: The Peninsula! When you visit Niagara, or are planning a wedding or honeymoon, The Peninsula would be a choice: www.peninsulainn.com

President Tim Cheng (1st right) and his wife, Annie (1st left) welcome Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui and Mrs Ellen Tsui (middle) at the Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) Year 2002 Dinner at which Professor Tsui was invited to speak on “Gene Regulation and Beyond.”