It was a convivial and dignified event with singing of HKU’s “Union Song,” alumni of several generations sharing anecdotes about campus life, exchange of news about latest career and personal development, endless flashes accompanying enthusiastic photo-taking and video-taping, and even mass hypnotism conducted by a professional hypnotist on a group of voluntary participants.

Re-united in North America

Last October, the New York alumni chapter organised a two-day joint function attended by nearly 100 alumni and friends in North America (New York, Northern California, Boston, Washington DC, Ontario…). The itinerary included informal dinner, Broadway shows, a visit to “Ground Zero”, a trip to the biggest outlet, and the climax reunion dinner.

Miss Jacqueline Willis (BA 1969), Hong Kong Commissioner, USA, was the guest of honour at the reunion dinner. She spoke of Hong Kong’s latest economic and social developments and was joined by Ms Sarah Wu (BA 1978), Director of Hong Kong’s Economic and Trade Office in New York. Professor Kan Yuet-wai (MBBS 1958; DSc 1980), President of Friends of HKU, Ltd, also addressed the participants on the mission and vision of “Friends”.

Visit to Ground Zero which was then clear of debris and construction of new foundations had started

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