Convocation Ordinary General Meeting 2003

The Ordinary General Meeting was held on July 11, 2003 in Convocation Room, Main Building. It is an annual major event of Convocation where town and gown meet, share and exchange views. At the Meeting, Vice-Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui shared with members his vision and plan for the future development of HKU in the next decade.

Mission of Convocation

Convocation of the University of Hong Kong is a statutory body comprising graduates and teaching staff of the University.

With HKU’s well-being and excellence as our paramount concerns, Convocation is dedicated to networking HKU graduates, to offering our help and ideas to HKU, and to bringing HKU and the community closer together.

Networking

Launch of “Growing with Hong Kong: The University and its Graduates - The First 90 Years” on October 21, 2002 to celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the University. It is a document on the contributions of HKU alumni in the past 90 years.

University Affairs

Forum with Vice-Chancellor on January 11, 2003: “Positioning HKU in the New Millennium”. It was attended by over 100 alumni who had a lively discussion with the Vice-Chancellor on his vision of HKU.

Forum on “Fit for Purpose” Report on March 17, 2003

The Review Panel on University Governance and Management set up by the Council undertook an overall review of the governance and management structures of the University and produced a report, “Fit for Purpose”, in May. During the consultation period, a forum was conducted jointly with the Hong Kong University Alumni Association and the Hong Kong University Graduates Association to collect views from alumni for the consideration of the Council.

Community Affairs

Project “Hong Kong 2030 - Challenges and Opportunities - An Action Agenda for Hong Kong”, a study project on long term planning of Hong Kong in different aspects aiming to arouse awareness and participation of the University alumni, faculties and students in debating the future strategic development directions for Hong Kong.

“Salute” AVCD, a tribute to the SARS patients and healthcare workers of Hong Kong who fought bravely against SARS. The title song, “Salute”, is an adaptation of award-winning composer and alumna, Ms Lam Man-yee’s well-know tune of “The Story of O SHIN” (同窗會之歌), with new lyrics written by Mr Lam Man-chung. Some 20 top singers came up to support the project. A total of 25,000 and 2,200 copies of the AVCD were sent to local healthcare workers and SARS patients and the volunteers of the Auxiliary Medical Service respectively. Further copies were sold for fundraising to the “HKU Foundation – SARS Fund” for the support of the research and anti-SARS activities conducted by HKU.

Internal Affairs

• Permanent graduate e-mail accounts (@graduate.hku.hk)
• Free Convocation Newsletter (circulation: 65,000)
• HKU Graduate Credit Card
Services and Privileges offered by
– The Bank of East Asia Ltd. (BEA), including:
  • Perpetual annual fee waiver
  • Asia Miles Travel Reward Programme
  • Octopus Automatic Add-Value Service
– HKU, including:
  • Waiver of deposit of HK$500 for HKU Library Card
  • Waiver of HKU Students’ Union Life Membership fee of HK$800 when applying HKU Sports Card
  • Parking privileges on Main Campus or at the Medical Complex during weekday evenings and weekends (subject to charges and conditions)
  • Discounted accommodation rate at the Kadoorie Agricultural Research Centre in Yuen Long
  • Eligible to enjoy the dining facilities at the Robert Black College and Senior Common Room
  • Discount on subscription fee for a personal computer account to access the Computer Centre network service (including internet card)
• An accumulative contribution to HKU Foundation since 1993: $52 million
• Convocation Review Working Committee — a review of Convocation’s role, operation and structure

Election Result

Clerk of Convocation

Mr S Y Choi (BSocSc 1972) was elected ipso facto and held office with immediate effect until the Ordinary General Meeting in May 2006.

Seven members to the Standing Committee

Mr Alex Lau (BSocSc 1983), Mr Victor Ma (BScEng 1980), Ms Vivien Pau (BSocSc 1977), Dr Ambrose So (BSc 1971), Mrs Teresa Tong (BSocSc 1976), Mr Young Pak-sing (BSocSc 1973; MScEng 1980) and Mr Christopher Yiu (BA 1967) were elected members to the Standing Committee and will serve for a term of three years with effect on September 1, 2003 until August 31, 2006.