Tasmania, Melbourne, Sydney and

On the occasion of Professor Jao Tsung-I’s 饒宗頤 exhibition “The Amalgamation of Mind and Universe”《心通造化——一個學者畫家眼中的寰宇景象》at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery, alumni came from Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Auckland and Hobart to meet the HKU delegation led by Professor Rosie Young 楊紫芝 (MBBS 1953; MD 1959; Hon DSc 1995), Professor S P Chow 周肇平 (MBBS 1968; MS 1988), HKU Pro-Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President, and Professor C F Lee 李焯芬 (BSc(Eng) 1968; MSc(Eng) 1970), Deputy Chairman, HKU Foundation.

“Jao is conversant with all the classic styles of landscape ... At the same time he has developed a distinctive manner of his own and is a master of that most elusive Chinese art, calligraphy, which he executes in every variant of Chinese script, including bone oracle characters, several classic scripts and the cursive and highly abbreviated running writing.”

A review by Christopher Allen, Weekend Australian, October 3-4, 2009 issue

Dr Michael Yiu 姚家聰 (MBBS 1984) and his son, John Yiu 姚鍚安 who is currently an F6 student, a big fan of Professor Jao and who wants to study Arts at HKU.

Professor Jao Tsung-I (4th left), the 94-year-old artist, is a worldwide renowned scholar and a versatile talent in Chinese learning. Exco members of HKUAA, New Zealand posed for a picture with Professor Jao at Government House of Tasmania where a reception was held to mark the exhibition.

Professor Rosie Young visited Dr Margaret King Baikie (MBBS 1954) in Hobart, Tasmania. Dr King is the daughter of Professor Gordon King, former Dean of Medicine (1940-1949), and Mrs Gordon King, first Warden of Lady Ho Tung Hall.

Alumni from New Zealand, Melbourne, Sydney and Hobart after the opening ceremony of the Exhibition.

HKUAA New South Wales: http://www.hku.hk/alumnibodies/hkuaansw/
HKUAA of Victoria, Australia: http://www.hku.hk/hkuuavic/
HKUAA of New Zealand: http://www.hku.hk/alumnibodies/hkuaanz/
New Zealand

Before flying to Tasmania, Professor Young joined a dinner gathering with Exco members of the HKUAA of Victoria, Australia.

The delegation also attended the Annual General Meeting and Election of HKUAA New South Wales Chapter, Australia. Most alumni with the NSW chapter are from medical faculty.

New Exco members of HKUAA NSW. The immediate-past President Mrs Louisa Chin 錢張秋霞 (BSocSc 1980) (3rd left) and the new President Dr Chung Chak-man 鍾澤民 (MBBS 1969) (4th left).

Professor Chan Yiu-nam 陳耀南 (MA 1969; PhD 1979) now resides in Australia.

Professor Wong Shiu-hon 黃兆漢 (BA 1967; MA 1969) and his wife Nancy Wong.

An email from Flora Chan Statham 陳念和 (BA 1971)

Dear Professors and ladies from the Development & Alumni Affairs Office

On behalf of the New Zealand delegation, may I say how very special Professor Jao’s exhibition in Hobart has been for us, and how very grateful we are for being able to witness first-hand the unique HKU brand of cross-border cultural ambassadorship, which is cultural exchange and bridge-building of the highest order.

We would be delighted to table to our Exco in Auckland any further initiatives from our alma mater to promote Professor Jao’s work on the global stage, and hope to be of assistance, even though we are a young and small chapter of the global HKU alumni family.

Once again, many thanks for letting us take part in this memorable event. We are deeply honoured and feel very privileged indeed.

Best regards

Flora Chan
for Margaret Chan, Henry and Michelle Leung, and Perpetua So
HKUANZ Inc
Alumni Network of New England, USA
Annual luncheon at Lexington, Massachusetts
May 2, 2009

Three New England states, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island, joined the luncheon for the first time. Professor Siu Yum-tong 蕭蔭堂 (BA 1963; Hon DSc 1990) gave a summary of the North America alumni joint event in Las Vegas, held in early April, and reported on the University’s new initiatives.

HKUAA, Malaysia
Tea reception for new Malaysian HKU students
July 12, 2009

Sixty students, school counsellors and alumni attended the tea reception hosted by HKUAA Malaysia. Dr Seow Kim-cheok 蕭金昌 (MBBS 1964), the current President, gave a short speech to cover some historical details, their quest to get more students from Malaysia to attend HKU and how well this quest was going.

HKU Alumni Network of Japan
Tea Gathering at the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Tokyo
April 17, 2009

Two undergraduates, Kenneth Wu 胡立基 (left) and Darren Chen 陳貽欣, who are studying at Tufts University, shared their views on “What it is like to be Exchange Students in Boston” at the luncheon.

http://www.hku.hk/daao/album/JPalumni/
Lady Ho Tung Hall Graduates’ Association
“Her girls have will as strong as steel and hearts sincere and true.”

The Hall song demonstrates the essence of Hotungnians tough will plus a sincere heart. To pass the good attributes on, a “Lady Ho Tung Hall Alumni Fund” was set up as part of the 60th Anniversary Celebration programmes.

The Fund will support hall education and strengthen the sense of belonging to LHTH by graduates. As a token of thanks, the book “91A – I’m a Hotungnian” written by Mary Lee 李挽靈 (BA 2004), a graduate of LHTH, will be presented to donors with a donation of $300 or above (alumni) and $150 (students).

http://www.lhthga.org

Medical Alumni Association
Catching Up with Overseas Alumni and Dinner Talk
July 17, 2009

A dinner talk, entitled “From HKU to CUHK – Experience of a Medical Teacher” by Professor Fok Tai-fai 霍泰輝 (MBBS 1975) (3rd right), Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, was given immediately after the HKUMAA’s 9th Annual General Meeting.

Vice-President Dr Kathleen So 蘇碧嫺 (MBBS 1971) (1st left) visited Penang, Malaysia in July to meet alumni. (From 2nd left) Professor Felice Mak Lieh 麥列菲菲, Dr Tan Ewe-aik 陳幼奕 (MBBS 1950), Dr Eleanor Eu 尤玉珠 (MBBS 1950), Professor Chan Li-chong 陳立昌, Head of HKU Pathology Department (MBuddhStud 2008) and Professor Lam Kam-hing 林鑑興 (MBBS 1970; MS 1981).

President Professor Leung Nai-kong 梁乃江 (MBBS 1966) (front row, 4th right) visited Canada in May and had dinner in Toronto with over 30 medical graduates at which he updated alumni on recent developments at the University, Faculty and Association.

http://www.hku.hk/facmed/alumni/
With the warden and students, 2009.

Sam So at work, 1980s.

At U Hall reception counter, with students, 1979.

In celebration with U Hall students and alumni, 1995.

U Hallites congratulated Sam So at the Honorary University Fellowship ceremony on September 22, 2009.

Photo courtesy: Apply Daily
Sam So – the legend

“In 1957, Madam Yuen So-moy 袁蘇妹, a young mother of three, joined her husband to run the University Hall kitchen. Little did she know that she was to have an enjoyable career there for the rest of her working life. Affectionately known to U Hallites as 三嫂 (“Sam So” or “Auntie Three”), she served U Hall ceaselessly to the day she retired in 1998. Her official job titles – Cook IV, Assistant Cook and Hall Attendant – belie the importance of her contributions to the Hall and to HKU over four decades.

She assumed the role of a kindly maternal figure – preparing special meals for the ill and offering solace or encouragement whenever needed. She contributed to higher education in the most fundamental of ways: by nurturing, sustaining and strengthening the emotional well-being of generations of U Hallites. She demonstrated one can, regardless of one’s rank and simply with dedication to one’s job, make a genuine difference to other people. Her devotion to the Hall has not wavered since her retirement as she returns to the Hall regularly to encourage the new U Hallites and tell them the standards and ideals they should aspire to.

The Students’ Association at U Hall elected her an Honorary Member in 1990. The University made an unprecedented formal recognition of her invaluable contribution by the presentation of an Honorary University Fellowship to her on September 22, 2009. Thus tells the legend.”

Dr Albert Chau
Dean of Student Affairs
Warden of University Hall (1996-2006)

June 21, 2009
The University Hall Alumni Handicap race took place at the Shatin Races. 30 U Hallites and Sam So had a lunch party at the Chairman’s Box at the invitation of John Chan 陳祖澤 (BA 1964; DipManStud 1971), Chairman of Hong Kong Jockey Club and an alumni director. On the occasion, a total sum of $23,000 was donated towards the Alumni Trust Fund. The Fund gave five awards totalling $18,000 to current U Hall students this year.

July 10, 2009
The whole Board of Directors, led by Chairman Trevor Lee 李大華 (BA(AS) 1977; BArch 1979), were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting.

October 10, 2009
Alumni hosted a big dinner in honour of Sam So, Professor Enoch Young 楊健明 (BSc 1961), another Honorary University Fellowship recipient and former U Hall warden, U Hallites and Silver Bauhinia Star recipients, Professor John Leong 梁智仁 (MBBS 1965) and Yue Chi-hang 余熾鏗 (BA(AS) 1972; BArch 1974).

Coming
Sports Day at Sandy Bay:

http://www.uhall.com.hk