Global Exchange on Traditional Chinese Medicine

To broaden the international knowledge on the development of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) among the members, The University of Hong Kong Bachelor of Chinese Medicine (Full-time) Alumni Association (HKUBCMAA) organised the first study trip to explore various professional fields related to TCM in Europe in June 2012.

“It was a fruitful and rewarding trip. We visited a number of Chinese Medicine institutions, hospitals and clinics in London, Paris, Berlin and Munich. It was an honour to meet prominent professors, organisation founders, physicians and staff members, and exchange ideas on TCM. Some of the institutes, including the Asante Academy of Chinese Medicine at Middlesex University and the Confucius Institute for Traditional Chinese Medicine at London South Bank University, organise various TCM courses at degree level, which have marked a great leap to formalise TCM education into the European education system.

The professionals we met unreservedly shared their ideas and strategies on TCM business in Europe. The promotion of TCM in Western countries faces many more difficulties and challenges than in Asia, such as the European Union (EU)’s strict regulations on importing herbal medicine. Despite the obstacles, they are confident that TCM in Europe will develop progressively. We were deeply impressed by their passion.

We also visited the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, London. This beautiful and tranquil garden accommodates extraordinary and massive collections of living herbal plants. There is also a unique and large-scale library of herbs.

Besides the academic exchange, it was also great fun to be able to catch some musicals in London, visit the British Museum, the Palace of Versailles and the Eiffel Tower in France, and Neuschwanstein Castle in Germany, and try the yummy pork knuckles and sausages in Germany. All in all, we really enjoyed Europe’s culture and scenery."
Hong Kong University Education Alumni Association

Founded in 2004, the Association aims to provide a platform for all graduates of the Faculty of Education. They are teachers, administrators, government officials and education stakeholders. Through organising different educational, recreational, social, cultural and community service activities, the Association serves to maintain friendships and to further the interests of and professionalism amongst its members.

http://web.edu.hku.hk/alumni

HKU Education Faculty Research Degrees Alumni Association

Established in 2010 at the "Education Research Degrees Alumni Reunion", the HKUEdRDAA aims to promote networking and advance professionalism amongst members who are graduates from the Research Degrees of Education.

Last year, with the support of Dr Jin Leili 金蕾 (PhD 2009) of Tsinghua University, a reunion dinner was held in Beijing. It was attended by 22 research degree graduates and current students, including Professor Winnie Cheng 鄭梁慧蓮 (BA 1981; CertEd 1983; AdvDipEd 1988; MEd 1989; PhD 2002) and Dr Icy Lee 李潔冰 (BA 1983; PhD 1999).

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Hong Kong University Alumni Association in Beijing

Since March 2011, HKUAA has organised regular gatherings, such as the Monthly Professional Alumni Get-together, for alumni residing or working in Beijing.

Alumni who are working or studying in Beijing are welcome to contact Dr Lin Mengmeng 林萌萌 (BSc 2004) at mmlin0823@sina.com to join upcoming gatherings.

HKUAA also holds monthly professional alumni gatherings in Hong Kong. Please contact Joseph Chong 莊學正 (BSc(Surv) 2001; MSc(IDM) 2007) at josephhku@gmail.com for details.

www.hkuaa.org.hk
1. China’s household registration system, set up in 1958, divides the population into rural households and non-rural households. Under the system, rural citizens have no access to social welfare in cities, even though they may live and work there. (China Daily, March 4, 2008)

2. Migrant children in Shanghai are those coming to Shanghai with their parents from other provinces.
Serving the Community

HKUSAN offers support to summer interns and exchange students from HKU. From June to July this year, ten alumni shared their experiences with 32 HKU students who were preparing to have a taste of life in Shanghai under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Future Leaders Internship Programme.

“We are more than happy to share our experiences and knowledge about Shanghai with our HKU juniors whether they will pursue their careers on the Mainland or not. At least, we can help them to understand today’s China more,” said Walter Wai 衛裕峯 (BEng(ME) 2001).

Supporting Hong Kong People in Shanghai

HKUSAN embarked on a new attempt to reflect opinions to the office of the HKSAR government in Shanghai to support Hong Kong people who moved there. “We want to help make Shanghai a better living place for people from different walks of life. This is just the beginning. We will organise more focused discussions in the future with a view to working out feasible solutions,” said Doreen, the key driver behind this move.

This idea is welcomed by alumni. Many of them aired their opinions on issues spanning across health, education and the business environment during a gathering with Joyce Tam, Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Affairs Office, Shanghai of HKSAR government, in July.

Executive committee of HKUSAN at the inauguration on June 30:
(from left) Victor Liu 劉廷中 (IMBA 2006)
S K Wong 黃首健 (MSc(UrbanPlanning) 2003)
Doreen Cheung 張玉貞 (BSocSc 1985)
Wesley Chiu 趙賓 (PCLL 2000)
Linda Wong 黃桂新 (BA 1985)
Beatrice Chan 陳寶金 (BSc 1988)

Members not in the photo include Joe Chan 陳祖蔭 (BSocSc 1978), Walter Wai 衛裕峯 (BEng(ME) 2001), Peggy Shen (MJ 2011) and Anson Chan 陳焯賓 (BA(ArchStud) 1994; MArch 1997).

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www.alumni.hku.hk/home/shanghai/event/
HKUAA United Kingdom Chapter

Joint universities team at the Dragon Boat Festival
The HKU Alumni Association UK Chapter participated at the London Dragon Boat Festival held on July 1, 2012 at the London Regatta Centre located at the Royal Albert Docks on the River Thames. On this occasion, the Joint Hong Kong Universities Team was formed with The Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association members. Alumni from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and City University of Hong Kong were also invited to join the team.

HKUAA of Victoria, Australia

Visit to Parliament House
July 12, 2012 was a cold and wet winter day in Melbourne. But the gloomy weather could not dampen the high spirits of HKUAA of Victoria alumni and their families as they visited Parliament House of Victoria.

This majestic building was where the Parliament of Victoria first met in November 1856. Our group was very honoured to have Ms Gladys Liu, Special Adviser to the Premier, as our guide. We visited the Chambers for the Legislative Assembly (Lower House) and Legislative Council (Upper House) where policies affecting our everyday life are formed.

The highlight of the day was the high tea at the Strangers Corridor. As we had a big group, the restaurant was kind enough to let us use the room that is usually open to Parliament members only. Since it was a non-sitting day, we were the only group in the room. We all left Parliament House with full stomachs. This might have been a succinct lesson on Victorian politics in a most comfortable way!
Over 80 alumni, their families and friends attended the Annual General Meeting and Dinner. The guest speaker, Dr Ernest Tam 譚顯祥 (MBBS 1978) spoke on "Mind Your Health Mines", and received an overwhelming positive response from the audience.

Executive Committee:
Chairman:
Benny Mok 莫格明 (DipEd 1971; AdvDipEd 1980; MEd 1981)
Vice-Chairman:
Louisa Chin 錢張秋霞 (BSocSc 1980)
Hon Secretary:
C S Cheng 鄭重時 (BA(ArchStud) 1973)
Hon Treasurer:
C C Cheung 張宗泉 (BSc 1974)
Social Convenor:
Dr Chung Chak-man 鍾澤民 (MBBS 1969)
Sports Convenor:
Wu Dick-kin 胡迪乾 (BSc 1971)
Members:
Li Kwing-shun 李煥信 (BSc(Eng) 1959)
Linda Tang 鄧紫萱 (BA 1985)

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The new committee:
President: Margaret Chan 陳伍潔芳 (BA 1973; MSocSc 1975)
Vice President: Anthony Ma 馬適基 (BA 1974)
Hon Secretary: Terry Mak 麥陳惠明 (BSocSc 1980; CertEd 1982)
Hon Treasurer: Albert Lo 羅國光 (BA 1964)
Members: Dr Wilson Young 楊慧生 (MBBS 1971)
Ivy Ho 何雅婷 (BSocSc 1983)
Immediate Past President: Dr Lora Young 楊何笑敏 (MBBS 1971)

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Kwok Shuk, our Guardian

Kwok Wai-sum 郭惠深 (Uncle Kwok or Kwok Shuk 郭叔) served at Wei Lun Hall since its opening in 1994 until his retirement in May this year. For 18 years, he has taken care of over 2,500 students and his contributions are far beyond his main duty of guarding the Hall during night time.

Kwok Shuk is a man with a lot of talent especially in Chinese literature and calligraphy. His calligraphy is also featured on the Hall’s website. During the old days when mobile phones were not common, phone calls to the Hall were handled by Kwok Shuk. His strong voice and his signature tone of saying “偉倫堂” with a Chiu Chow accent was often imitated by the students.

“I am still amazed at how he was able to remember all the names of over one hundred and fifty residents and their room numbers.”

“I recently had the great pleasure of attending the retirement party of Kwok Shuk, the night watchman at Wei Lun Hall since its opening in 1994. That was also the year I entered HKU and Wei Lun Hall. For those of us who returned late at night (or very early in the morning) 郭叔 always had a stern face but kind words.

Occasionally, when he was in the mood, he would write a personalised poem for a lucky individual, which showed an uncanny understanding and insight of the subject. What is even more impressive is that now, after eighteen years of service, 郭叔 still remembers each of us by name. It is no wonder that he has so many admirers, Wei Lun Dragons, who love and respect him. This was best demonstrated at the retirement party, be it graduates of the last century (such as myself) or recent graduates who have known him for a short time.

I believe that whether one has known 郭叔 for years or just a few months, he will always be remembered and missed for his dedication, integrity and caring for students. I wish 郭叔 a very happy retirement.”

Katy Lau Suen 孫家璞 (LLB 1997; PCLL 1999)
First Chairlady of Wei Lun Hall Student Association
In May 2012, former and current Hallmates organised a gathering to bid farewell to Kwok Shuk郭叔 and Auntie Kwok郭嬸.

Uncle Kwok likes writing Chinese Poetry for hallmates, Hall Student Executive Committees and Sports Teams. He likes sharing his experiences, whether it be on religion, lifestyle, Chinese culture or love affairs. He loves the Hall just like our senior hallmates. He knows our students’ activities well even though he has never participated in them.

Uncle Kwok is our honourable hall member.

Joe Chan 陳文輝 (BEng-ME 1998)  (1994-98 resident)

Tang Ming-chung 鄧銘聰 (LLB 2011; PCLL 2012) (2007-12 resident)

I remember that when my hallmates and I were preparing for a mock campaign, Uncle Kwok brought us a lot of snacks! This was really a warm and most touching moment!

Sometimes, when we fell asleep at the Multi-Purpose Rooms during the orientation period, Uncle Kwok would bring us blankets. Every hallmate has treated Uncle Kwok as a family member!

Dr Cheung Kie-chung 張祺忠 Warden of Wei Lun Hall (since 2007)

「郭叔對工作非常盡責。有一天清晨，我走過門口接待處，見郭叔不在，正納悶間，見他氣沖沖的從一樓走下來。原來有個女交換生，帶了個朋友，沒有登記就跑了上樓。郭叔認出那個交換生，知悉她在那個房間。於是他走上樓，要那名闖關的朋友即時離開偉倫堂。」