

**Minutes of meeting of the
Master of Public Administration Alumni Association (MPAAA)
Executive Committee (EC) (2/05)
held on 2 December 2005 at 7:45 p.m. in the AMS Officers' Mess, AMS HQs**

Present

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| Chan Yiu-wing | Chairperson |
| Tam Tai-keung | Vice Chairperson |
| Ms Lee Chi-ching, Kathy | Hon. Treasurer |
| Ho Kam-tim, William | Hon. Secretary |
| Lau Man-kwong | Member |
| Lui Hok-leung, Michael | Member |
| Miss Chan Suk-yin, Irene | Member |
| Ms Lee Wai-yee, Helen | Member |
| Lor Hing-hung, Louis | Member |

Absent with Apologies

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| Ms Lau Chi-wai, Edwina | Vice Chairperson |
| Pang Chung-yin | Member |

Action

OPENING REMARK

The Chairperson welcomed all to the second meeting of the EC.

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

2. The minutes of last meeting was confirmed with no amendment.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

(i) Financial report

3. Ms Kathy Lee gave a brief account of the statement of accounts of the MPAAA as at 30.11.2005 and said that the current balance at bank was \$35,997.50, being the same as the financial position reported at the last meeting. The statement was endorsed by the meeting.

(ii) Future activities of the MPAAA

4. Members reported and discussed the forthcoming activities to be organized in 2006 as follows:-

(a) Two talks by visiting scholars – regarding the proposal of organizing talks on public administration by the HKU’s visiting scholars, Mr. Michael Lui said that he would approach Dr. Danny Lam to further discuss the arrangement of the talks and whether registration fees should be collected from participants. Two prominent international scholars, namely Professor Guy Peters from the University of Pittsburgh and Professor Martin Rein from MIT would visit HKU in the first half of 2006 to deliver talks/lectures for the MPA programme and Dr. Lam was lining up with them.

Michael
Dr. Lam

(b) Familiarization visits - To provide an opportunity for MPAAA members to familiarize with the legal system of Macau, Mr. TK Tam reported that he had sought the assistance of The Chief of Cabinet of Macau’s Court of Final Appeal to arrange a visit to the courts in Macau. The visit was tentatively held from 3 to 5 March 2006. A side trip to Zhuhai would also be arranged if possible.

TK

A local visit to the Fire Services Communication Centre of Fire Services Department situated in FSD’s HQs in Tsim Sha Tsui East would be held on 26 February 2006 (Sunday). Details of the visits and enrollment method would be announced in the MPAAA’s website in due course and all MPA alumni were welcome to join.

TK

(c) Tsinghua visit – As agreed at the last meeting, the alumni’s residential study tour to Tsinghua University should tie in with that for the MPA programme normally held in May/June. On this, Mr. Michael Lui would seek confirmation from Dr. Lam of the visiting period and inform EC members once available. In the meantime, some publicity should be considered to promote the event. Moreover, to facilitate the preparation of the visit, the meeting agreed to send a questionnaire to all alumni by email in order to gauge their views and interest to the

TK
Louis
Michael
Mr. LAU

proposed study tour to Beijing such as time, duration, name of visiting universities/organizations and content of the visit. Mr. Louis Lor undertook to draft the questionnaire for EC members' comment before issue whilst Mr. MK Lau would get a list of email addresses of the alumni from PPA Department.

(post-meeting note: the questionnaire was uploaded to MPAAA's website on 12 December 2005)

(iii) Newsletter

5. Mr. Louis Lor said that some members had enquired why they did not receive any newsletter of the MPAAA. Mr. William Ho clarified that as resolved at the last meeting, no newsletter would be issued due to resources constraints but the minutes of each EC meeting would be posted onto the MPAAA's website for members' surfing. The PPA Department would also send the minutes of meeting to each member by email to keep them abreast of the discussion and work of the MPAAA. After some discussion, the meeting proposed to send a letter together with the MPAAA's constitution to all members to inform them of the EC membership and remind them that they could get the minutes of each EC meeting on the MPAAA website. It was further suggested to include a message from Chairperson to encourage members' participation in the upcoming functions/events. To make it more informative, a time table setting out the schedule of social and academic activities to be held in 2006 and a contact list would also be included. Mr. Michael Lui would contact PPA Department for the mailing list.

William
Michael

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Recruitment of New Members

6. The meeting endorsed Mr. TK Tam's suggestion to organize a briefing about the MPAAA for the current MPA students with a view to inviting them to give support to an alumni association of their own. Mr. William Ho had kindly agreed to liaise with Dr. Lam to find out a suitable time slot and occasion to conduct the briefing.

William

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7. The next meeting would be held on the same date of the visit to the Fire Services Communication Centre of the Fire Services Department i.e. 26 February 2006 (Sunday).

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8. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:45 p.m.

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Chairperson : Chan Yiu-wing