

Secretary's Report
at the Annual General Meeting of
HKU MPA Alumni Association (MPAAA)
on 30 December 2007

In 2007, the Executive Committee (EC) of the MPAAA took part in the Sociologist Gathering at the University Lodge on 13 February 2007, to inaugurate the year-long celebratory activities of the 40th Anniversary of the Faculty of Social Sciences, HKU. It was a great opportunity to mingle with scholars and alumni from other faculties in the University.

The Reunion Dinner on 5 December 2007 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre was the highlight of the celebration for the 40th Anniversary of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Around 50 MPA alumni joined the dinner in support of this meaningful event.

The EC had planned to visit to the Shenzhen Communist Party School in August 2007 but due to clash with the schedule of the organizer, the visit was cancelled. The EC would explore other visit opportunities for the MPA alumni in the coming year.

The EC had from time to time received feedbacks from MPA alumni who expressed interest to join the Tsinghua study course. The Department of Politics and Public Administration (PPA) kindly undertook to liaise with the Tsinghua University to make arrangements for MPA alumni to join the Tsinghua study tour in 2008 with the current year of MPA students.

(Post-meeting note : Preliminary details of the study tour were announced on 29 February 2008 at <http://www3.hku.hk/alumnibodies/mpaaa/doc/tsinghuacourseflyer.pdf>).

Regarding membership, we have 34 life members and 42 ordinary members. The EC would continue its effort to expand the membership network.

Turning to 2008, the EC's three-year tenure of office will expire on 9 April 2008. One of the important tasks of the EC in 2008 is to arrange the election of a new EC to continue the pursuit of MPAAA mission and vision and to serve the MPA alumni. We welcome our members to stand for the offices of the EC. We will also ensure a smooth handover of our works to

the new EC.

(Post-meeting note : Invitation of candidate registration was issued on 29 February 2008 and the Election General Meeting would be held on 29 March 2008. Details at <http://www3.hku.hk/alumnibodies/mpaaa/index.php>)

Last but not least, the EC would like to thank all those MPA alumni for their support and assistance given to us during the past years. Our special thanks also go to our MPA professors/lecturers and staff of the PPA Department for their advice and unfailing support.

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