**HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**New South Wales Chapter Australia Inc.**

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What an Extraordinary Year!
We are grateful we all stay safe and remain connected.

The Committee presents this **BUMPER edition** of our Newsletter for happy holiday reading

We wish our members a safe and happier 2021

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**OUR EXCITING 2021 YEAR OF THE GOLDEN OX CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER IS COMING !!!**

**喜迎金牛團年晚宴**

**Saturday**

6 February 2021
6 for 6:30 pm
Marigold Restaurant
George St Haymarket

PrePay for Members and Family $70 pp
Children 6-12 years $35 pp
$80 pp for Non Members and paying at the door

To avoid disappointment, please book your seats early!

RSVP and payment deadline:
30 January 2021 to
hkuaansw@gmail.com
to reserve your seats, indicating number of attendees and total costs

To avoid multiple cash handling on the day, we appreciate prepayment for the CNY Celebration Dinner.

Please notify
hkuaansw@gmail.com when you have made your payment

*Please note that our HKUAA NSW events will be COVIDsafe in strict adherence to NSW Health guidelines. We will refund payments if the event is cancelled or deferred due to NSW Health advice and at the discretion of the Committee. Thank you for your understanding.*
CALENDAR OF 
UPCOMING EVENTS
(Save the dates!!!)

Thurs 28 Jan 2021 –
Monthly Last Thursday of
the Month Yum Cha 1230 pm @King Dynasty
Restaurant, Westfield
Chatswood

Sat 6 Feb 2021 – Chinese
New Year Celebration
Dinner 6 for 630 pm @ Marigold Restaurant,
George St, haymarket
Details on Page 1.

Thurs 26 Feb 2021 –
Monthly Last Thursday of
the Month Yum Cha 1230 pm @King Dynasty Restaurant,
Westfield Chatswood

Full Details on pages 1 & 5

OUR FIRST EVER
ONLINE AGM,
KEEPING BUSINESS
AS USUAL AT
HKUAA NSW

Heeding the advice of
NSWHealth, we continue to
be business as usual, and not
even COVID restrictions can
prevent our Annual General
Meeting, albeit in a new
format.

On 19 August 2020, the
Committee sent out
notification of our first ever E-
AGM scheduled for Tuesday
8 September 2020, and called
for nominations for the
2020/2021 Executive
Committee. Deadline for the
closing of nominations was 31
August 2020. The Hon
Secretary received 9
nominations by this date.

On the scheduled date of our
E-AGM, 8 September 2020, the
Committee presented to
all members via email
1. Minutes of 2019 AGM
2. President’s Report 2020
3. Audited 2020 Annual
Financial Statement
4. Notification of nominations for 2021 Executive Committee
received.

Members were invited to
comment and accept these
reports by return email by 18
September 2020.

The required quorum was
formed when 15 members
responded by email.

We thanked all of our
members who supported and
participated in our E-AGM.

We acknowledge the
devotion and contribution of
our outgoing committee
member, and past Chairperson, Ms Linda Tang, who has contributed
greatly and actively
participated in the Committee
as Chair and Committee
Member for many years.

We welcome a new
committee member to our
team, Ms Tury Tu, M Soc Sc
(Criminology) 2000. Tury is a
registered Social Worker with
AASW, Service Manager for
a not-for-profit community
organization, and FieldWork
Educator for Bachelor’s and
Master's Degree in Social
Work.

See Tury’s full profile on
Page 6.

The following Executive
Committee for 2020/21 is
elected at the E-AGM ipso
facio

From Left: Benny Mok, Dr Chak
Chung, George Wong, Cathy
Lam, Lily Mo, Scarlet Fung, Dr
Terence Lam, Sze Cheng (Tury
To not in picture)

The 2020/2021 Executive
Committee

President
Cathy Lam (Soc Sc)
Vice Presidents
Sze Cheng (Architecture)
George Wong (Arts)
Hon Sec
Dr Terence Lam
(Architecture)
Hon Treasurer
Lily Mo (Soc Sc)
Public Officer
Scarlet Fung (Soc Sc)
Committee Members
Dr Chak Chung (Medicine)
Benny Mok (M Ed)
Tury To (M Soc Sc
Criminology)
WE RESUMED OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES POST COVID WITH OUR ANNUAL BBQ on SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020

COVID restrictions have pushed our very popular Annual BBQ to Saturday 21 November 2020.

Under a cloudless sky and barmy spring weather, 30 alumni and families enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch at the Cumberland State Forest in Castle Hill. This event was met with enthusiastic response and the Association had to keep a waiting list to keep within NSW Health allowed numbers for outdoor events. David Wong and his young family were able to join us later when the numbers dwindled with early departures of some members.

RESUMPTION OF K-SINGING DINNER WELCOMED BY MEMBERS Thursday 5 Nov 2020 @ King Dynasty Chatswood 2-8pm

In the spirit of providing more opportunities for social connection among members, John Au and Linda Park, with assistance from SK Hui and Dr Gabriel So, organised a Karaoke event with a difference on Thursday 5 November 2020 as soon as restrictions on singing had been eased.

About 12 keen karaoke enthusiasts sang their hearts out to live music provided by SK Hui and Ernest Chow, later joined by Dr Bernard Yim on electric guitar. It was a rousing success enjoyed by all. Non singers arrived around 6 pm to partake of a scrumptious dinner afterwards, rounding a most enjoyable evening.
HKUAA NSW KICKS OFF FESTIVE CHEERS WITH POPULAR XMAS LUNCH
Sat 12 Dec 2020 @ King Dynasty Restaurant, Chatswood

Our Annual Xmas lunch attracted a bumper crowd of 68, complying with the NSW Health guideline of 1 patron per 2 square metres.

We were delighted to have Ms Winnie Chan, Director-elect of HKETO, and her partner, Nelson Leung, joining us on this occasion.

We were delighted that most of our new members and associate members were able to join in the festivities.

Members David and Eva Wong with Winnie Chan from HKETO and Nelson Leung

New Associate Members
From left: Irene Wan with sister Wendy Wan, Angie Tsang with mum Cecilia Yao

Alan Tang with his table of young lawyers and accountants and new associate members
We also took this opportunity to present trophies to the champions and their representatives of our 2019 Table Tennis Tournament, Dr Gabriel So, Virginia Ning, Sze Cheng, Dr YK Ho, Cindy Ho, Anthony Hui, and WK Chan. The Jiang family received their trophies in December 2019.

Amid table prizes galore, our new associate member Linda Park was the winner of the lucky draw, taking home a deluxe Xmas box donated by our Past President Linda Tang.

HKUAA NSW CHAPTER CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS DESPITE COVID.

While 4 Uni joint events have grounded to a halt in this extraordinary year, liaison with the other Hong Kong Universities Alumni Associations are maintained, as well as liaison with Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office.

On 15 December 2020, Cathy Lam represented HKUAA NSW to bid a fond farewell to Raymond Fan, Director of HKETO for the last three years, and to congratulate our Alumnus Ms Winnie Chan on her promotion as incoming Director of HKETO.

Joint 4 HK Uni EVENTS IN ABEYANCE IN 2020

The Presidents of the HK 4 Uni Alumni Group continue to maintain liaison and shared advice on how to sustain contact with members in COVID times.

MONTHLY THURSDAY YUM CHA LUNCHES PROVIDE INVALUABLE SOCIAL CONNECTION IN COVID TIMES

When COVID restrictions eased, we resumed our Last Thursday of the month yum cha lunches in June 2020. The group has expanded to three tables at King Dynasty.
Restaurant Chatswood as some members who now work from home were able to join us and reconnect. These lunches, tirelessly coordinated by past Chairman John Au, have been going on for years and provide an invaluable informal social forum for our members.

WHO IS SHE?
話當年
你知她 是誰？

She participated in open swimming competitions at the age of 10. Coming only in third place in Women’s B group 100m backstroke event, she was immediately promoted to A group the following year to compete with top Hong Kong swimmers at such a young age.

At 12 years old, she represented Hong Kong in the Tokyo Asian Games, with virtually no time to acclimatise to the new environment. Not being granted any exemption, she had to sit through the then Primary School Certificate Examination until that very morning, and rushed to take the flight to Tokyo all alone by herself, arriving just in time for the Opening Ceremony. Although being the youngest athlete in the whole 1958 Games, she made it through the heats and semi-finals to be in the final of the women’s 100m backstroke event, and came in sixth to put Hong Kong on the international swimming scene.

Though backstroke is her forte, she was also skilful in other swim styles, not limited just to the pools. In the Marathon swimming (10-mile Tolo Harbour) race, she was the champion of the women’s session, but in the overall race, came in second place, beaten only by the then “Hong Kong Flying Fish”, Wan Shiu-Ming. She also represented her school, her club, and Hong Kong in other international events, and usually enjoyed a clean sweep in events she participated.
Receiving her last (1960) Cross Harbour Champion trophy from wife of Mr A. de O Sales, the late HK Olympics Tsar, before she left Hong Kong for Sydney to further her studies.

Some of us will remember the much awaited annual cross harbour swimming events in the 60’s. She made headlines in the annual Hong Kong Cross Harbour swimming competition. First competing in 1957, she took out the first place in the following year with new records in the subsequent three years, until her departure for Sydney to further her studies. Some swimming records remain unbroken after all these years.

Her admirers would wait patiently outside her school (Maryknoll Convent School) to get a glimpse of her, or for a lucky few, to get her autograph. In fact, she was the only swimmer in Hong Kong (men or women) to qualify for the 1960 Rome Olympics.

Who is she? And why are we HKUAA NSW so interested and so proud of her remarkable achievements?

The HKUAA NSW Chapter Newsletter is an excellent forum for members to get to know each other, or to update each other on their recent events and milestones. Members are welcome to share their news and the news of their family in this forum. More news and profiles will follow in subsequent issues.

Members Connect

INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER, TURY TO

Tury graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) at the City University of Hong Kong and Master of Social Sciences (Criminology) 2000 at HKU. Before migrating to Australia in 2011, she worked in the Social Welfare Department of HKSAR Government with extensive frontline social work experiences in complex counselling, case management and statutory duties. Currently she is a Service Manager for a not-for-profit community organisation, registered Social Worker (AASW) and Fieldwork Educator for Bachelor’s and Master’s degree social work placements for various universities in NSW.

Tury is a seasoned and dedicated volunteer with a particular interest in migrants. She was a volunteer of St Vincent de Paul for 6 years and visited refugees in Villawood Detention Centre and the community. In 2015, she founded a social support group for migrants from HK via Facebook with over 600 members. In 2020 she also...
started hosting a program at 2CR targeting migrants.

Tury started her journey as a Board Member for the not-for-profit sector since 2009 and served on the boards of three community organisations in Hong Kong and Sydney. To reinforce her governance knowledge, she completed a Diploma of Business (Governance) in 2019 and is currently a member of the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA).

Tury is also a keen café and coffee lover and have visited over 300 cafes in Sydney and tens in others states.

Ed: We are thrilled that Tury has joined our Committee. She has provided invaluable advice and guidance to HKUAA NSW on community and other issues. She is also a great social connector and is instrumental in introducing new members to our Association. Bravo, Tury!

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

AU Wai Keung, Francis
B Sc 1984
CHAN Wai Ling, Orina
Dip Ed 1974
LUI Siu Kuen
B Sc (Engineering) 1975
SUM Cher Leung
B Sc (Engineering) 1980
TANG Owen
M Phil 1995
TSE Ka Chun, Kenneth
B Sc (Engineering)2002

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
CHAN William
Lawyer
LAW Jenny
Commerce UNSW
PARK Linda
B Sc, Guelph U, Canada
SUM Christine
Entrepreneur

TAM Michelle
B Comm/Law Macquarie U
WAN Ah Yin Irene
Business, La Trobe U
WAN Wendy
Business HKCU
YAU Cecilia
Marketing U Calif, MBA UNSW

On a personal side, I am getting older and there are smaller physical and mental changes which are irritating but bearable and I feel blessed to be able to do so many things. I am still working one and half days per week seeing an average of 50 patients and I must confess that it give me great pleasure to be able to help other people at this age. As my youngest grandchildren Isaac and Bradley had now attained secondary school, Betty and myself are relieved of the duty of baby-sitting as they are more independent. Our oldest grandson Brianna has just finished her HSC and we hope that she can enter the Law School of her choice. Mikayla and Jonathon are in Year 10 and Year 9 and they are doing well in their school. Claire and Ivan, Yvonne and Jason continued to work in the medical fields and Kevin still works in Singapore as a small franchise restaurant group operator.

IT IS FITTING THAT WE BOOKEND 2020 WITH THIS ARTICLE FROM DR CHAK CHUNG’S POPULAR BLOG

2020 a memorable year
A memorable year
Dr Chak Chung 13/12/2020

20 years ago, we entered the 21st century and we worried about the change of time on our computer system on New Year Eve. We are now concerned about the efficiency and possible side effects of several new vaccines which will be given to millions worldwide in the coming years. We asked ourselves whether we are doing the right thing?

After years of monitoring, my PSA finally rose rapidly in June. I did MRI and Biopsy which confirmed Prostate Adenocarcinoma in the anterior lobe. As the tumour was confined to the prostate, I had robotic Prostatectomy in August and luckily the operation was very successful. I went back to my surgery part time in the middle of September 2020.

The travel restriction means I have more time to write and I felt most happy when some of my friends mentioned reading my blog.
(www.reflectionfromchak.blogspot.com) and sharing some of my viewpoints. This blog has become one of my mental outlets during times of frustration on what is happening in the world. The deteriorating relationship between Australia and China is not a good thing for both countries and their people. I think the western world has failed to understand the aspiration of the Chinese people. They failed to recognise the strength and advances made by modern China and they act in a way that is detrimental to themselves and others. What frustrated me most is their simple binary view tinted with a double standard and western superiority. They are bad losers who are beaten in their own game according to their own rule. The Chinese Communist Party is no longer a simple rigid party but it has incorporated and implemented a lot of capitalistic ideas to improve its efficiency and try to avoid the leaning of the western political system towards wealthy people. Political critics had always commented that democracy is the only way to govern and they simply divide government into authoritarian and democratic ones. This is too simple and naive. Politics and government are more complicated than this.

Finally, Betty and myself had made the hard decision to leave our big house at West Pennant Hills which we have lived in for 34 years. We will move to an apartment in Killara closer to Claire and Yvonne. Betty had tried to limit the strain on her knee joints by not climbing stairs and our new apartment with lift will help. Taking care of a big house is always a big job and we have to be more realistic about our own capacity. We look forward to meeting new neighbours and a closer relationship with our grandchildren as Claire’s home is only 100 metres away. 

The Covid 19 pandemics is a waking call which tells us that nobody and no country can be independent of another. We should respect others and try to iron out the differences. We are lucky to live in a democratic country like Australia but we should be careful with politicians who advocate hatred and antagonism under the banner of human rights and personal freedom.

ED: Thank you Dr Chung for so generously sharing your thoughts and personal tribulations with us.

MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

Life Membership
All current Ordinary Members with full membership of over one year can apply to become Life Members in writing to the Honorary Secretary.

The joining fee is 10 times the normal annual subscription fee. It will save you from worrying about renewal each year.

Associate members are ineligible for life membership or senior membership.

Senior Membership
Members over 70 years old or close to 70 are eligible to become Senior Members and entitled to free annual subscription on condition that they are paid ordinary members prior to submitting their application for senior membership.

We would appreciate if all members can renew and update their personal record by sending an email to hkuansw@gmail.com
# 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Please renew my annual subscription and update my membership details:

Membership Category:  □ Ordinary  □ Life  □ Associate  □ Ordinary Couple  □ Ordinary Life

Name in full: ___________________________________________ (Dr/ Mr/ Mrs/ Miss/ Ms)

Name of spouse (Couple members only): __________________________ (Dr/ Mr/ Mrs/ Miss/ Ms)

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I prefer receiving future newsletter via email  Yes / No

Annual subscription fee is attached: $_________ ($30 for ordinary or associate members, $40 for ordinary couple members, $60 for associate couple members)

**By bank transfer:**
Account name: HKUAA NSW Chapter
BSB 122 724 Bank of Queensland
Acct No 20650905 Ref: MEM followed by your last name, name or first initial  Example: MEM CHAN D M Peter

**OR**

**By Cheque** Payable to HKUAA NSW Chapter and post to The Hon. Treasurer, HKU Alumni Association NSW Chapter Australia Inc., PO Box 5303 Chatswood West, NSW 1515

*If you are a life member or have already paid the annual subscription, please still send this renewal form for updating purpose. Alternatively please send an email advising/confirming the above details to hkuaansw@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Association.*
The Association was established in 1983 to provide a link and active interaction between former students and staff of HKU. The Association liaises closely with our Alma Mater, and frequently hosts welcome receptions for visiting HKU delegation. The Association also provides support for programs and initiatives of the HKU Development and Alumni Affairs Office.

Present Annual Subscription for Ordinary Members with voting rights is A$30. If your spouse is also a former HKU student or staff, he/she is eligible to apply for Ordinary Membership at a reduced rate of $10 per annum. Associate Membership is open to any person who, whilst not eligible for ordinary membership, subscribes to the aims of the Association and whose membership has been proposed and seconded by two ordinary Members of the Association. Information regarding Life and Senior Memberships are available on request from the Hon Secretary of the Association.

Surname

Other Names

Title (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Others)

Chinese Name

Date of Birth

University

Degrees/Faculty

Year(s) of Graduation/Attendance/Service

Home Address

Postal Address (if different to above)

Post Code

Email Address

Occupation

Phone

(h)                             (w)                             (m)

I wish to be added to the HKUAA NSW Whatsapp Group Yes/No

I apply for Ordinary Membership/Ordinary Membership (Spouse)/Associate Membership/Senior Membership/Life Membership

________________________________________________________Date:____________________

Applicant’s Signature

For Associate Membership – Proposer__________________Seconder________________________

Please return this form to Hon Secretary with proof of payment or cheque or hand in to any Committee Member.

PAYMENT OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

By bank transfer:
Account name: HKUAA NSW Chapter
BSB 122 724
Bank of Queensland
Acct No 20650905
Ref: MEM followed by your last name, name or first initial
Example: MEM CHAN D M Peter

OR

By Cheque Payable to HKUAA NSW Chapter and post to The Hon. Treasurer, HKU Alumni Association NSW Chapter Australia Inc., PO Box 5303 Chatswood West, NSW 1515

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