

Report from the President HKUAAO

First of all, let me thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the President of the HKUAAO for the 2000/2001 term.

It gives me great pleasure to report to you on what we have done in the past year:

Annual General Meeting - June 24, 2000

The function was held at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto. The Annual General Meeting was well attended. The Annual Report and Annual Financial Statement was reviewed and adopted. The new board of directors was also duly elected. We welcomed the addition of 2 new directors namely, Ms Lily Lee (Education) and Mr. Eddie Law (Engineering).

The occasion was followed by a dinner and address from Professor Y. C. Cheng, Vice-Chancellor of HKU. Scholarships from the HKUAA (Ontario) Chinese Cultural heritage Award Fund were also presented to exchange students from the University of Toronto.

Hong Kong joint universities Alumni (Ontario) Year 2000 Celebration Dinner - September 17, 2000

Together we have initiated and co-hosted with 4 other alumni associations of universities from Hong Kong, namely Chinese University, Baptist University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University and Lingnam University, a dinner celebrating the year 2000. It was an opportunity to socialize and foster a spirit of co-operation between the alumni associations. The attendance of 45 tables was encouraging and laid a solid foundation for future co-operation.

Spring Dinner - January 24, 2001

The Spring Dinner for the year of the Snake was held at the Times Dynasty Restaurant. The celebration was well attended. We have the special honour of having Mrs. Rosanna Ure, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, as our guest of honour. Mrs. Ure talked on the recent development in Hong Kong, particularly on anti-corruption.

Iron Road - April 2001

The Alumni Association arranged for a group discount for members to see the play Iron Road at the Elgin Theatre. It was a very enjoyable evening for members and their family.

Other Activities

We continued to support the mentorship program and some of our members acted as mentors to HKU exchange students in Ontario Universities. We also continued to support the Ontario intercollegiate Cantonese Debate by both

sponsoring the prizes for the winning teams as well as acting as judges for the debates.

Looking ahead, we have organized several exciting activities for you. These include the upcoming Annual General Meeting on June 10 with Mr. John McCallum, M.P. as our keynote speaker; the North American Chapters Joint Function on June 30 and July 1; and the "Fall Colours Tour by Cruise" on September 29 which we co-host with the alumni associations of four other HK universities. For details on each of these please refer to the other sections of the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you in these functions.

Our web site at www.hku.hk/hkuaaont has been updated. Please visit it regularly because we will continue to maintain the information current. Any questions and comments can be sent to email: hkuaaont@www.hku.hk. Planning on an update to our membership directory is underway. The current directory was published in 1998 and much of the information is outdated.

We will continue to encourage and sponsor educational, intellectual and cultural activities amongst our members, to keep close contact with our Alma Mater and to be a concerned corporate citizen in the communities that we live in.

Finally, I must thank all the directors for their time and effort, and to you all, our alumni members, for your support in the past and for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Cheng (signed)
President, HKUAAO
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