

Report from the President 2002/2003
HKUAAO
AGM - August 17, 2003

First of all, let me thank you for the opportunity to serve you as the President of the HKUAAO for the 2002/2003 term. It gives me great pleasure to report to you on what we have done in the past year:

Annual General Meeting and Joint U Dinner- June 27, 2002

The function was held at the Richmond Hill Country Club. The Annual General Meeting was followed immediately by the Dinner Dance which was jointly organized by the alumni associations of HKU, CU, Poly U, Baptist U and Lingnan U. The highlight of the evening was a speech by our incoming Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui on gene regulations.

The event was well attended by over 200 people including 70 HKU alumni and friends. Our honoured guests include Bernadette Tsui and Janet Chung from the HKU Development and Alumni Affairs Office.

HKUAA North American Joint Function in New York - Oct 11-13, 2002

We chartered a bus to travel to New York City in support of the 5th North American Chapters Joint Function. There were over 30 alumni, friends and families on the trip. The re-union dinner was held at the Peking Park Restaurant in Manhattan and was attended by many alumni from New York, Boston, Washington, California, and of course, Ontario. The trip was most enjoyable and we had lots of fun. Besides re-union, we attended Broadway shows, sightseeing, shopping and enjoyed singing, jokes and stories on the bus.

Spring Dinner - February 16, 2003

The Spring Dinner for the year of the ram was held at the Times Dynasty Restaurant in Richmond Hill. We had an attendance of about 80 people including about 20 HKU exchange students in Ontario (mantees). As usual we had good food and good conversations. But the presence of our mantees, the second generation, added a lot of liveliness and energy to the gathering. They are top-notch and are as bright, if not brighter, than us!

Spring 2003 was marred by SARS and our group activities had been halted for a few months, including the postponement of the AGM. However, we had supported the fight against SARS by

- participating in a signature campaign to pay tribute to the health workers in HK
- raised \$2,740 (together with the HKU Ex-Staff Association) donations to the

family of Dr. Kate Cheng, a young HKU alumna who died in the fight against SARS.

Other Activities

We contributed \$750 to the Canadian Multi-Cultural Council Asian Month Forum that took place in May. Our Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Lap-Chee Tsui was the speaker at the forum which was well attended by the public. Some of our alumni were also in the audience

We continued to sponsor the Ontario Inter-Collegiate Debate (Cantonese) by contributing \$1,000 as scholarship prizes to the winning teams.

We also contributed \$500 as travel award to a HKU student in exchange in Ontario.

On an ongoing basis, we have 2 \$1,000 scholarships and the U of Toronto and one at York University for post-secondary studies in Chinese culture or related disciplines. One of our directors had been involved in the recipient selection process.

The new membership directory was published and distributed in the summer Of 2002.

We will continue to encourage and sponsor educational, intellectual and cultural activities amongst our members, to keep close contact with our Alma Mater, to develop a network with similar groups in Ontario 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 of the Association in the past and for years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Cheng (signed)
President, HKUAAO
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