

Report of HKUAAO President 2003/2004

AGM – August 22, 2004

I would like to start my report by saying that it is an honour and a privilege for me to be serving you as the President of the Association for the term 2003/2004. May I first of all wish our members and their families healthiness and happiness.

Our association has a history of excellence, built up and sustained by those who served before me. In the past year, I had been trying to continue this tradition to the best of my ability.

The Association's functions and activities in the past year were as follows:

1. Annual General Meeting and Barbeque Dinner – August 17, 2003

The function was held at Shangri-Li Banquet & Convention Centre in Markham. During the AGM, Timothy Cheng, our immediate past president, presented the annual Report 2002 – 2003 and a new Board of directors was elected. After the formal part of the AGM had been completed, Dr. Tam, an alumni member, gave an update on the research on osteoporosis.

Following the AGM, a barbeque dinner was arranged at the garden of the Convention Centre. Approximately 70 people (alumni members and their families) enjoyed the delicious dinner under a warm and relaxing environment. The dinner was followed by a few jokes presented by Dr. Chan, one of our alumni members.

2. HKU Mentorship Program

Our Association has been actively supporting the HKU Mentorship Program. Every year, a number of HKU exchange students come to Ontario universities and study for one or two semesters. There was no exception for the year 2003/2004. A total of 16 alumni members had volunteered to act as mentors to help the exchange students. We received excellent feedbacks from the mentees.

On November 30, 2003, we organized a gathering of 12 mentors and mentees at John Liu's residence. It was a great moment to share their experience. It was also a fun time to challenge each other at the karaoke contest.

3. HKSAR Secretary for Justice's Toronto Visit – November 19, 2004

Elise Leung, Secretary for Justice of the HKSAR Government, visited Toronto in November 2003. A luncheon was arranged by the Canadian Club of Toronto at Metro Toronto Convention Centre on November 19, 2003. Some of our Board

members had attended the luncheon and got an update on the laws under the principal of “one country, two systems”.

In the evening of November 19, 2003, Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office (“HKETO”) arranged for a reception for the Secretary for Justice to meet local Chinese community leaders. Our Association accepted the invitation made by HKETO. Dennis Au-Yeung and K.B. Ng represented our Association to attend the reception.

4. Spring Dinner 2004

We celebrated the Year of the Monkey on February 1, 2004 at the Time Square Dynasty Restaurant in Richmond Hill. It was a big gathering of old friends and new faces. HKU exchange students from all across Ontario got together to share the warmth and New Year wishes. We also had a record number of prizes for the lucky draw. Mr. Kenneth Cheng, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office conducted a speech on the current affairs and economic outlook of Hong Kong. Approximately 90 people attended the Spring Dinner. The gathering was so enjoyable that many of us continued to chat with each other and were reluctant to leave the restaurant after the dinner was finished.

5. Ontario Inter-Collegiate Debate (Cantonese)

Our Association continued to sponsor the debate program by contributing \$1,000 as scholarship prizes to the winning teams. Some of our Board members supported the program to volunteer to be judges for a number of matches. There was an award dinner held on March 20, 2003. Dennis Au-Yeung and Augustine Chan represented our Association to attend the award dinner.

6. Canadian Multi-Culture Council Asian Month Forum

As we did in 2003, we continued to support the Canadian Multi-Culture Council Asian Month Forum for 2004. On May 18, 2004, our Association was a co-sponsor of the Asian Heritage Month Lecture chaired by Senator Vivienne Poy and presented by Haroon Siddiqui of the Toronto Star.

7. HKUAA UK International Joint Function in London

The 2004 International Joint Function of HKUAA was held in the United Kingdom. The arrangements were made by HKUAA UK Chapter. Dennis au-Yeung represented our Association to attend the function during July 2-3, 2004. The Reunion Dinner was held at the Ballroom of the Four Regions Chinese Restaurant, London on July 2, 2004. Professor Cheng Kai Ming, Pro-Vice Chancellor of HKU made a speech at the dinner. The dinner was attended by approximately 100 people, including Rayson Huang (Vice Chancellor of HKU in

70's) and alumni members from UK, Hong Kong, Singapore, Australia, Canada and USA.

On July 3, 2004, a tour of Stratford and Oxford was arranged. Approximately 40 people joined the tour and there were a lot of funs. The Closing Dinner of the International Joint Function was held at Phoenix Palace Restaurant, London and was attended by 40 people.

We will continue to encourage, participate and sponsor educational, intellectual and cultural activities among members and with the local community, establish links and exchanges with other university alumni associations, and make grants and awards of scholarships for meritorious achievements.

The Board of Directors will also continue to arrange for activities and functions to promote, support and protect the common interests of our members and to provide a good network for our alumni residing in Ontario.

Finally, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our directors and honorary advisors, who have displayed quality leadership. They have given me tremendous support in the past year. I also wish to thank all our alumni members for their support of the Association. Please join me in watching the Association's continued growth and success.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Au-Yeung
President 2003/2004
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