

Report of HKUAAO President 2004/2005 AGM - July 10, 2005

This is my second report as President of HKU Alumni Association of Ontario. I would like to start my report by saying that it is an honour to have been elected President of the Association.

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

1. Annual General Meeting and Buffet Dinner - August 22, 2004

The Annual General Meeting was held on August 22, 2004 (Sunday) at the Club 300 Bowl in Markham. It was encouraging to note that over 30 alumni attend the AGM. The President presented the Annual Report for 2003 - 2004 and a new Board of Directors for 2004 - 2005 was elected.

First time ever we had bowling at the association's function. Many of our alumni and their family members demonstrated their skill in playing bowling.

A buffet dinner followed after a few rounds of games. We then spent about an hour on the dance floor doing line dancing. We made arrangement for a line dance instructor to lead the dance.

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 2004/2005. A total of 16 alumni members had volunteered to act as mentors to help the exchange students. These students studied in various universities in Ontario for approximately 9 months.

3. Vice-chancellor Professor Lap-chee Tsui's visit – October 2004

Our Vice-chancellor, Professor Lap-chee Tsui, and a few senior staff members from HKU office had visited Toronto in October 2004 as they conducted a tour titled "The New Silk Road: A Renaissance of Asian Development" around North America to promote the university.

A luncheon was hosted by the Canadian Club on October 29, 2004 (Friday) in partnership with the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, the HKU Alumni Association of Ontario and the Hong Kong-Canada Business Association. Professor Tsui commented on the unique role of HKU in providing expertise and intellectual exchange for mainland China.

The Association hosted a dinner for Professor Tsui and the HKU staff on October 30, 2004 (Saturday) at Dragon Dynasty Restaurant in Scarborough. We were encouraged by the number of alumni who showed their support. Twelve tables were formed at the dinner and a lot of us were enthusiastic at the Q&A session on HKU's role in the dynamic educational landscape.

4. Spring Dinner 2005

We celebrated the Year of the Rooster at our Spring Dinner held at Times Square Dynasty Restaurant, Richmond Hill on February 27, 2005. Around 100 alumni, students and friends participated in this celebration of Chinese tradition. The warmth of getting together was well blended with the excitement of lucky draw and knowledge shared by our speakers.

Dr. Bill Stephens, Deputy Director, and Dr. Albert Yeung, Instructor Research and Evaluation, of Ontario Police College were invited as our guest speakers. It was an informative presentation on police training, changing demographics in GTA and the opportunities of a career in policing for visible minorities.

Sylvia Kim and Dianne Oliphant, exchange students to Hong Kong and OCDA representatives gave short speeches on their experiences. HKU mentees also reminded us of those good old days with the university cheers.

5. Ontario Inter-Collegiate Chinese Debate Competition

Our Association continued to sponsor the debate competition program and contributed \$1,000 as scholarship prizes to the winning teams. This year, twenty-four teams were drawn from seven universities across Ontario and final competition was held on March 6, 2005. The winner is York University in Toronto. Sally Chan and Augustine Chan represented our Association to attend the award dinner.

6. Dinner with Vice-chancellor Professor Lap-chee Tsui

Vice-chancellor Professor Lap-chee Tsui visited Toronto in June 2005. A dinner was arranged with Professor Tsui on June 7, 2005. About twelve alumni attended the dinner. During the dinner, some alumni expressed opinion in connection with the naming of the Faculty of Medicine as an appreciation of a donation from Li Ka Shing Foundation.

The Board of Directors will 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.

It is a great pleasure for me to serve you as President of the Association. 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,

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