

Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario

Annual Report 2006 – 2007

It is a great honour to take on the challenge as President of the association from Dennis Au-yeung, Immediate Past President. It has been a particular delight to work with the board and to see that different energies of our advisors, directors and members converged to achieve one common goal and that is to promote, support and protect the common interests of our members.

Despite the fact that this was a short year running from August 2006 to March 2007, we have attempted to make the most of the limited time and had made a few progressive moves which will be outlined in the following paragraphs.

Annual General Meeting and Dinner – August 20th, 2006

It was an enjoyable evening at Shangri-La Banquet Hall. A new board of directors was elected for 2006 to 2007. Professor C.F. Lee, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Hong Kong University was invited as our guest speaker. As an expert in geotechnical engineering and a consultant to the Three Gorges Project in China, he gave a speech on the project and its impact on China's demographics, economy and culture.

A Walk in the Seaton Trail – October 9th, 2006

To celebrate Thanksgiving, we hiked a 12 km section of the scenic Seaton Trail in Pickering. The trail runs through the valley of West Duffin Creek and offers a golden opportunity for hikers to admire the fall colours. A number of alumni members came with their families and friends. All agreed it was a great time to spend in the wilderness.

HKU Global Alumni Convention – November 2nd to 4th, 2006

The first-ever HKU global alumni convention was held in Shanghai, China from November 2nd to 4th, 2006. More than 600 delegates attended. The theme was "Discover Shanghai. Discover China – Tomorrow Today". It provided a platform for delegates to gain insights into the future of China

on the world stage and to determine the role of HKU alumni during the critical times of change. It was also a good opportunity for networking and re-union.

Mentorship Program

Our association has been a supporter of HKU Mentorship Programme. Incorporating the value of relationship building and interpersonal communications, it aims to provide a transformative and holistic development of the students. This year, we have paired up fifteen mentors and sixteen mentees.

Mentee Gathering – November 25th, 2006

It was held at one of our mentor, John Liu's house as a group function. Over thirty mentees and mentors showed up for this friendly gathering. We shared our experience of building lives in Canada and mentees told us their adventures exploring this unknown land of theirs. We sang a few folk tunes and played some games. It was an evening enjoyed by all.

Lunar New Year Hike and Dinner – February 25th, 2007

We went for a 10 km hike in Rouge Valley on the eighth day of the Chinese New Year. Although the trail was covered with snow and icy patches, weather was quite nice and it turned out to be a leisurely and enjoyable walk with the help of walking sticks and ropes. We got to appreciate this winter wonderland first-hand!

Ontario Inter-Collegiate Chinese Debate Competition

Our association continued the tradition to sponsor Ontario Inter-Collegiate Chinese Debate Competition. Final competition was held at First Markham Place on March 11th, 2007 and Loretta Hoi, KF Siu and Augustine Chan had attended as adjudicators. University of Toronto was the champion team. A total of \$1,000 is to be awarded to the top three winning teams.

Travel Award

An award of \$500 has been assigned to Clive Ngai, a HKU exchange student to the University of Toronto.

Life Membership

A resolution of life membership has been passed and is to be formally adopted at this Annual General Meeting. Fee for life membership is \$150. It is intended to promote support to the association and to reduce administrative work.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all advisors for their guidance, to Dennis for his mentorship and to my fellow directors and members for their support. This year, we are celebrating the 22nd anniversary. Through collaboration, we will grow better and stronger in the many more years to come!

Respectfully submitted,

Loretta Hoi
President 2006/2007
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