

# **Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario Annual Report 2007 – 2008**

It is my great fortune to be able to work with a team of passionate and dedicated directors and fellow alumni. We experienced and shared the true spirit of volunteering as evidenced by the ongoing activities and ad-hoc projects listed in the following paragraphs.

## **Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

We enjoyed the company of alumni members and friends at Annual Dinner held at Diamond Banquet Hall in Markham. Mr. C.K. Lung was invited to give a speech on tips and tricks in internet surfing and e-commerce. We all found the speech interesting and informative.

At the Annual General Meeting prior to dinner, a resolution for life membership has been adopted. And I would like to hereby report that 19 life members have been enrolled (couple counted as one).

## **Dinner with Vice-Chancellor – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-chee Tsui, visited Toronto in June 2007 to receive an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Toronto and had dinner with the directors and alumni members at Ambassador Chinese Restaurant on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007. He gave us a very detailed update on recent developments of HKU, in particular the Centennial Campus.

## **Hong Kong Spirits Cup, Arts and Literary Contest – June 2007**

To celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government, we jointly organize the Hong Kong Spirits Cup – Arts and Literary Contest with Chinese University, Polytechnic University and Baptist University, under the support of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office. Augustine Chan, Vice President, was in the organizing committee. Final contest was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

## **Bauhinia Gala – June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

We have participated in the Bauhinia Gala that was held at Metro Toronto Convention Centre on June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hong Kong SAR Government and to raise funds for Immigrant Resource Centre under Centre for Information and Community Services. Immigrant Resource Centre has a goal to provide comprehensive services to new immigrants in the areas of settlement, youth services and employment. We are proud to sponsor a corporate table for such a meaningful cause!

## **Hike on Oak Ridges Trail Uxbridge – July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007**

We continue to enjoy ourselves outdoor. Oak Ridges Trail is a small section of the Oak Ridges Moraine to the northeast of Markham. Under the leadership of John Liu and Thomas Wong, we went for a leisurely hike on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to celebrate Canada Day and to enjoy warm summer breezes. We all work hard to make ends meet and to accumulate wealth. As time goes by, we forget the importance of good health and what regular exercise means to us. What a great way to get together with fellow alumni to stretch muscles and to enjoy the company of one another.

## **“Traces of the Dragon” fund-raising film show – October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

We hosted a fund-raising Canadian premiere of “Traces of the Dragon” – a documentary on Jackie Chan, his family and his life, at Isabel Bader Theatre in Toronto on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007 for our Chinese Cultural Heritage and Award Fund. It was our great honour to have received a project start-up funding from Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, support from Jackie Chan’s Group that has loaned the documentary to us for free and generous sponsorships from alumni members and business community. Most delightful of all is to experience the passion of a team of dedicated volunteers who have devoted time and efforts to help raise proceeds. Thanks to Kristine Lai (alumni member) and Sally Chan (Cultural Fund Director) for providing leadership to the project team; KF Siu and his family, Elza Lee and Jennifer Chua for all their efforts, Barry Po (alumni member) for reviewing our financial results and a number of volunteers from HKU mentorship program and OCDA team.

## **Hike at Rouge River Conservation Area – October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007**

We re-visited Rouge River Conservation Area for its fall colours on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Dr. K.F. Siu, Vice President, was the leader of this event. Alumni members, friends and HKU exchange students all got together to enjoy the great Canadian wilderness and to witness the change of seasons.

## **HKU Mentorship Program**

We are proud to be a supporter of HKU Mentorship Program again. Each year we pair up volunteer mentors with exchange students from Hong Kong University who stay in Canada for one to two academic semesters to enrich their life and learning experiences. Mentors stay in touch with these students and provide assistance in settlement and keep them company.

We follow our tradition to organize a **gathering of mentors and mentees**. John Liu was the host **on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007** and this is the fifth year we enjoy the hospitality of him and his family. Once again, the evening turned out to be warm and extremely enjoyable.

## **University Scholarship**

Rebecca Copelovici from York University has received a scholarship from our Cultural Fund endowment for her exchange program in Hong Kong.

## **Ontario Inter-Collegiate Chinese Debate Competition**

We continue to support Ontario Inter-Collegiate Chinese Debate Competition. With their goals to promote communication and Chinese culture among participants from nine universities in Ontario, the alliance is going into its 17<sup>th</sup> year. Final contest was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 and the winner was University of Waterloo.

## **Travel Award**

A travel award of \$500 has been assigned to Andrew Chui, a HKU exchange student to the University of Waterloo.

In addition to the above activities, we have also made a number of improvements in operations. Financially, we have achieved a better return on investment – thanks to Jennifer Chua, Treasurer. On communications, Tim Cheng, Communications Director, put together newsletters twice a year for us. We continue to reply more on emails and updating website contents for efficient and up-to-date communication - credit goes to Elza Lee, webmaster. We would also like to acknowledge the services by our volunteer legal counsel, Iris Chung.

We treasure all the contributions made by board members and support given by our fellow alumni. We will do our best to provide a good network to HKU graduates in Ontario and will strive to be an alumni organization that cares and gives back to our community.

Respectfully submitted,

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