

Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario Annual Report 2009 – 2010

This is my fourth annual report and I am glad to provide a summary of activities that have successfully served the diverse interests of our alumni in the past year.

Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner

Annual General Meeting and Annual Dinner were held at Dragon Dynasty Chinese Cuisine in Scarborough on May 3rd, 2009. We have invited Ms. Connie Fong and Rita So to give us a presentation. They are tea connoisseurs who have conducted over 1000 presentations at ROM and Chinese Lantern Festival. With their rich knowledge in tea and tea culture, they have given us a very interesting and engaging presentation and have successfully encouraged enthusiastic participation by the audience. It was one of the most interactive and enjoyable annual dinners we have had.

Hike for Your Health

With the help of Thomas Wong (our hike leader) and tireless co-ordination by Augustine Chan and Pierre Fan, we have gone hiking five times:

Forks of the Credit Provincial Park – May 18th, 2009

Rouge River Valley – July 1st, 2009

Glen Rouge Trail – September 20th, 2009

Humber Valley Heritage Trail – May 26th, 2010

Seaton Trail – September 26th, 2010

As one of the best low impact exercise, outdoor hike provides opportunities for us to work out, take in some fresh air and mingle with alumni members and friends from Tai Chi Society.

Joint Hong Kong Universities Alumni Badminton Tournament

The tournament was organized by eight universities in Hong Kong and was held at Angus Glen Community Centre, Markham on May 16th, 2010. We formed a team of eight players and despite our busy schedules, were able to practice several times at Flying Dragon Badminton Club before the tournament. Although we did not make it to the top three, we were able to win friendship from other university alumni bodies and build team spirit among board members. Peter Yau played an instrumental role in the organizing committee, Tim Cheng helped organize the practices and with Augustine's co-ordination and cheer-leading talents, we have put together the best dressed and best spirited team!

Slogan Writing Contest

The contest was organized by the Chinese Arts and Literacy Contest for Youth and was sponsored by Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office and participated by five university alumni associations including HKU. It was held on May 2nd, 2010. The theme was "Go Hong Kong Go" and aimed to stimulate the hard-working spirit among the future generations of Hong Kong people. Peter Yau represented our association as the adjudicator.

HKU Mentorship Program

In 2009, we paired up eight volunteer mentors with exchange students from Hong Kong University who stayed in Canada for one academic semester to enrich their life and learning experiences. Mentors stayed in touch with these students and provided assistance in settlement and kept them company.

We organized a pot-luck gathering of mentors and mentees at Annie Wang's residence in downtown Toronto on September 26th, 2009. We were able to enjoy the amenities, downtown scenery and company of mentors and mentees. We thank Annie for her hospitality!

In 2010, we paired up 23 mentees with volunteer mentors. The exchange students will be in Canada for one academic semester only.

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 19th year. Final contest was held in March, 2010 and the champion team was McMaster University.

Last Train Home – film show

The event was held at Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts on February 26th, 2010. It was organized by Reel Asia and our association was one of the sponsors.

University Scholarships

We continue our support to the outbound exchange students from University of Toronto and York University to the University of Hong Kong through scholarships granted from our Chinese Cultural Heritage Award Fund.

Travel Award

A travel award of \$500 was granted to Shuk Fan Lau, a HKU exchange student to Canada.

2009/2010 was an eventful year. We were able to organize various activities from recreational, cultural to outdoor. It was a pleasure to see that new board members were able to get engaged and active and more alumni members participated in our activities. With your support, our circle of friends will grow bigger and stronger!

Respectfully submitted,

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