

HKUAAO
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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Report from the President 2013/2014

It is an honor and a privilege for me to be serving you as the President of the Association for the term 2013/2014.

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

1. Annual General Meeting and Dinner – March 24, 2013

The function was held at Diamond Banquet Hall & Restaurant in Markham. During the AGM, Timothy Cheng, our president, presented the annual Report 2012 – 2013 and a new Board of Directors and Executive Committee were elected. Our new member Franki Cheng was nominated into the Board of Directors.

Following the AGM, our annual dinner was attended by approximately 70 people (alumni members and their families). We were very pleased that our dinner was also attended by representatives from other Hong Kong university alumni associations in Ontario. It was our honor to have Mr. Stephen Siu, Assistant Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, present in our dinner. Other than delivery of a speech on behalf of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Mr. Siu made an interesting presentation on digital photography. The presentation was so great that we got many positive feedbacks and repeated requests for a similar presentation.

2. HKUAA Ontario Student Exchange Scholarship

With the generous support from our alumni, we were able to raise HK\$200,000 for the HKUAA Ontario Student Exchange Scholarship. With the matching grant from HKSAR Government, a scholarship in the amount of HK\$400,000 was established under the name of HKUAA Ontario Student Exchange Scholarship.

3. 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 2013/2014. A total of 17 mentees were received in the first semester and a total of 5 mentees participated in the second semester. With the support from Dr. King Fun Siu and other members, we were able to arrange for the corresponding mentors. We received excellent feedbacks from the mentees.

On November 16, 2013, we organized a gathering of 11 and mentees and 22 mentors/alumni Skylounge, Downtown Toronto. It was a great moment to share their experience. Other than delicious food and drinks, the gathering was filled with fun. Not only actively participated in games and karaoke, the mentees also provided a great performance of the HKU100 theme song.

On February 16, 2014, we organized another mentors/mentees gathering at Discovery Clubhouse, North York. A total of 27 mentors, mentees and alumni attended the gathering. It was also a fun-filled day with a lot of activities.

4. Spring Hike at Terra Cotta, Caledon

On May 19, 2013, we arranged for a spring hike at Terra Cotta. Although it was a hot day, our 30-people team enjoyed the walk. After hiking, we had a nice dinner in Mississauga with fine wine and delicious food.

5. Fall Hike at Glen Rouge

On October 6, 2013, we organized a fall hike at the Glen Rouge. There were 38 alumni and family members and friends completed the 3-hour walk. It was a dry, little cloudy but cool day. They enjoyed the walk with beautiful fall colors along the way. After the walk, they enjoyed a dinner at a restaurant in Markham.

6. HKJU Table Tennis Tournament 2013

On July 7, 2013, we participated in the Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) Table Tennis Tournament. We had more than 20 players and volunteers participated in the tournament. After several rounds of exciting matches, we were the champion in the overall results and won the “Hong Kong Cup”. This was the second time we attained this highest status in two years.

7. HKJU Badminton Tournament 2013

On September 29, 2013, we participated in the Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) Badminton Tournament. We had more than 30 players and volunteers participated in the tournament. After a series of tough and exciting matches, we were the third in the overall results and won a total of 14 trophies.

8. Ontario Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition

With the goal to promote communication and Chinese culture, we continue to support the Ontario Inter-Collegiate Debate Competition. We made a contribution of \$1,000 to support the alliance which consists of nine universities in Ontario for debate competition conducted in Cantonese.

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 honorary advisors, directors and committee members who have displayed quality leadership. They have given me tremendous support in the past year. I also wish to thank all our alumni and their family 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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President 2013/2014
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