

Annual Report of HKUAAO 2014/2015

AGM – April 19, 2015

It is an honor and a privilege for me to be serving you as the President of the Association for the term 2014/2015.

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

1. Annual General Meeting and Dinner – March 22, 2014

The function was held at Diamond Banquet Hall & Restaurant in Markham. During the AGM, the President presented the annual Report 2013 – 2014 and a new Board of Directors and Executive Committee were elected. The AGM also welcomed Verdi Yau as new member to the Board of Directors.

Following the AGM, our annual dinner was attended by approximately 80 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 Ms. Gloria Lo, Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, present in our dinner and delivered a speech. Dr. Michael Lam and Dr. Ellen Leung, two HKUAAO members, made an interesting presentation on bird watching. 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 in 2013, we were able to establish a scholarship in the amount of HK\$400,000 under the name of HKUAA Ontario Student Exchange Scholarship. For the academic year 2014-15, the following were awarded a scholarship of HK\$12,000 each:

Chen Hoi Kei, Emily (BBA (Law) & LLB) on exchange to University of Toronto
Kwan Ho Man, Simon (BBA (Law) & LLB) on exchange to University of Toronto

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 2014/2015. We got 22 mentees commencing January 2015. With the support from Dr. King Fun Siu and other members, we were able to arrange for the corresponding mentors for the year. We received excellent feedbacks from the mentees.

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 Bruce Trail, Halton Hills

On May 18, 2014, we arranged for a spring hike at Bruce Trail. The Bruce Trail winds along the Niagara Escarpment and in addition to the rustic scenery, we also passed through the Limehouse Conservation area. The weather was comfortably cool with a mild sun. There were 38 people (including alumni, family members and friends) participated in the Spring Hike. After hiking, we had a nice dinner in Markham.

5. Fall Hike at Rouge River Valley Beare Hill

On October 5, 2014, we organized a fall hike at the Glen Rouge. There were 48 alumni and family members and friends registered for the hike. We picked the best season for this hike. The trail which was along the Rouge River Valley offered us beautiful scenery with brilliant fall colors. After the walk, they enjoyed a dinner together where they could interact and share experience.

6. HKJU Banquet and Talent Night 2014

On October 18, 2014, we participated in the Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) Banquet and Talent Night at Casa Victoria Chinese Cuisine. Each of the 7 universities from Hong Kong performed a 10-minute talent show to compete for the Hong Kong Cup sponsored by HKETO. Two members of our karaoke Interest Group, namely Eddie Ho and Margaret Lau, performed karaoke singing. It was a fun filling evening for over 200 participants.

7. 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.

It has been confirmed that HKUAAO will chair the Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) event in 2016. All alumni are encouraging to provide input on how to organize the event and if appropriate, to participate in the subcommittee meetings.

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 2014/2015
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