

Annual Report of President of HKUAAO 2016/2017

AGM – April 2, 2017

It is an honor and a privilege for me to be serving you as the President of the Association for the term 2016/2017.

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

1. Annual General Meeting and Dinner – March 20, 2016

The Annual General Meeting and Dinner was held on March 20, 2016 at Diamond Banquet Hall in Markham. All existing board members, except Alice Chow and Loretta Hoi, stood for election and were all re-elected. King-Chor Choi and Eddie Ho were also elected to the board.

There were over 120 alumni, guests and friends attending the AGM Dinner which was held right after the AGM. Honorable guests included Nick Choi, Deputy Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office Toronto, Stephen Siu, President of the Chinese Canadian Photographic Society of Toronto and the presidents of six alumni associations of other universities in Hong Kong. It was interesting to note that among the alumni, we had the most senior alumnus Peter Chung who graduated in 1948 as well as the newest alumnus Erfei Song graduated in 2014.

2. Honorary Chairman

Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, former Vice-Chancellor of University of Hong Kong, has been appointed as the Honorary Chairman of HKUAAO.

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 2016/2017. We got 10 mentees commencing Fall semester 2016. With the support from Wilson Chan and other members, we were able to arrange for the corresponding mentors for all the mentees including those exchange students studying at University of Ottawa.

4. HKUAA Ontario Student Exchange Scholarships

For the academic year 2016-17, the following were awarded a scholarship of HK\$12,000 each:

Mr. Tommy Chan, LLB Year 3
on exchange to University of Toronto

Mr. Lam Tim Ying, LLB Year 3
on exchange to University of Toronto

5. Photo Contest

HKUAAO organized a photo contest in 2015. The result of the contest was announced in March 2016. There were a total of 87 photos submitted for the contest in three categories, namely People & Sports, Nature and Birds. An adjudication panel for the First Round Assessment chose 15 photos to enter into the Second Round Assessment. These 15 photos were displayed in the AGM and Dinner on March 20, 2016. The photos were voted at the AGM Dinner and 3 winners were announced in each of the three categories.

6. Spring Hike at Rouge River Valley, Pickering

On June 5, 2016, we organized for a spring hike at Rouge River Valley, Pickering. In spite of a forecast of rain, the weather was cooperative. There were a total of 15 participants in the spring hike. The trail was interesting and very scenic. After the hiking, the group gathered for a dinner at LHL Restaurant in Scarborough.

7. Fall Hike at Rough Valley, Pickering

On September 25, 2016, we organized a fall hike along the Celebration Forest and Mast Trails in Rough Park, Pickering. There were 33 alumni, HKU exchange students, family members and friends participated in the hike. The weather was a bit cool and the sun was out with few clouds. It was perfect for fall hiking. In the evening, 23 members enjoyed a dinner together at Spring Villa Restaurant in Markham. It was great that we could interact and share experience after the hike.

8. HKJU Badminton Fun Day and Gala Dinner

The Hong Kong Joint Universities Badminton Fun Day and Gala Dinner was held on Sunday, September 18, 2016. HKUAAO was the host alumni association for the joint universities function for 2016. The games were conducted at Epic Sports Badminton and Fitness Centre in Scarborough. Over 100 alumni from all universities participated in the badminton games. They played hard, ran fast, showed sportsmanship and cooperation as a team. There were hundreds of spectators watching on the sidelines.

It was an exciting competition and the players worked hard to perform in the games. After 105 badminton matches and 3 fun games, Team White won the overall champion and the Hong Kong Cup.

In the evening, the Gala Dinner was held at Diamond Banquet Hall in Markham with over 300 people attended. The Hong Kong Cup sponsored by Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office was presented by Nick Choi, Deputy Director of HKETO.

9. 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 five universities in Ontario. A total of 14 teams from these universities participated in the debate competition for Year 2015/16. The Blue Team from University of Toronto was the champion for this year. An award ceremony was held on April 3, 2016 and Verdi Yau and King-Chor Choi attended the ceremony on behalf of HKUAAO.

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 celebrating the success of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Au-Yeung
President 2016/2017
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