

HKUAAO
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT 2017/2018

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the President of the HKUAAO for the 2017/2018 term. I appreciate the support all of you has given me in the past year. It is my pleasure to present this annual report to summarize our activities in 2017/2018 term as follows.

1. Annual General Meeting and dinner - April 2, 2017

With the support of 153 HKU alumni, mentees, families and friends, as well as guests from other university alumni associations, we have held our HKUAAO annual dinner successfully at the Premier Ballroom & Convention Centre on April 2, 2017. The outgoing president (2016/2017), Dennis Au-Yeung, reported on the highlights of events hosted during the year. I was honored to receive the brick from Dennis with my heartfelt thanks to his diligent service to HKUAAO in past years. We had the privilege of having Ms. Kathy Chan, Director of The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, to be our keynote speaker. Ms. Chan showed the present-day Hong Kong environment and presented the HK Government's initiative of attracting the second generation of HK overseas immigrants to reside and pursue their career in Hong Kong. The coordinators of various individual interest groups reported on the past activities. It was impressive for us to see 7 out of our total 9 mentees were able to join the dinner with the courtesy of vehicle rides by our members. We also welcomed guests from different University Alumni Association to join our gathering. One of the highlights of the dinner was a much praised and entertaining singing performance led by our talented alumni, Eddie Ho in conjunction with Margaret Lau and John Sin. We thank Margaret Law for an excellent job as MC, as well as many alumni/volunteers who together delivered a HKUAAO annual dinner of great success

2. 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. We have welcomed 19 mentees during the 2017/18 semesters. With the support from our mentor program leader, Lilian Ma and the unconditional care from all the mentors, the students were able to adapt to the Canadian culture within a close-knit mentorship community. It is also pleasing to see new mentors joining us this year. We hope to continue to support the intellectual pursuits of our HKU mentees in the coming years.

3. HK Joint Universities Alumni activities

As an active member of the HKJU, HKUAAO continues to collaborate with alumni from other universities through participating in various activities organized by the HKJU. Baptist University is the host university in 2017. To celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary and the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, HKJU has organized a series of activities throughout the year. HKUAAO has played an active role in the following two events:

- Breaking Guinness World Record - October 15, 2017

358 HK Joint Universities Alumni gathered to break the Guinness world record of having "most participants bouncing table tennis balls using table tennis rackets in a single venue" held in the Pan Am Center on Oct 15, 2016. 70 HKUAAO members and friends became world record holders. 25 members also attended the subsequent fun games and gala dinner.

- Tree Planting – June 24, 2017

On June 24, 2017, HKUAAO planted a tree in its name at the Henry White Park, Markham. More than 100 members from JU alumni joined the tree planting event. 12 HKUAAO members supported the event, including our youngest alumni family member – the 2 weeks old Vincy from our alumni Verdi and Maggie Yau shared our joy with his genuine grin. We have planted 10 trees, each of them representing a university alumni association. There is a plaque attached to the HKU tree, showing our connection with HKU and our appreciation of the Alma Mater.

4. The HKUAAO table tennis tournaments

HKUAAO table tennis group has been growing in the past year. We are glad to see new faces in the regular Saturday practice and the inter-squad tournaments. In the past year, our table tennis team won the match against one of the strongest school teams, Wah Yan College. In the current year, the HKUAAO table tennis team continued to achieve remarkable result in playing against another strong team, Ying Wa College with a 2-1 victory. Congratulations to our champion team members.

5. Hiking activities – May and October 2017

Many HKUAAO members are passionate hikers. We have held two regular hiking events during the year. One in spring around Victoria Day. The other during the autumn season. On May 22, 2017, 25 alumni and friends hiked along the Edred King Woodlands of the Oak Ridge Trail. On October 1, 2017, we enjoyed the beauty of nature along a trail in Bolton. The rain did not stop our 37 alumni from sharing the gorgeous autumn maple. We were glad to see 9 out of 18 mentees joined us on that day. HKUAAO will continue to collaborate with members through interactive hiking activities in future.

6. Other interest groups activities

The HKUAAO Alumni continues to enhance collegiality among members by organizing interest group activities including badminton games, karaoke singing, bird watching and wine tasting. Through these regular interest groups' gatherings, members have fostered their interests in the fields as well as their relationship with each other.

While HKUAAO will continue to organize activities to promote networking among our Ontario Alumni and protect the common interests of our members, we look forward to developing close contact with other local communities. We will continue to put forth our utmost efforts to contribute to the development of HKU by establishing links between our alma mater and our place of residency.

Lastly, I would express my sincere thanks to our honorary advisors, directors, committee members and members who have offered unreserved support to me. I wish all of you the best in coming year while we celebrate the success of the HKUAAO tonight.

Sincerely submitted,

Wilson Chan
President 2017/2018
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