

# Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario

## Annual General Meeting

April 14, 2019

### Annual Report from the President

It has been my privilege to undertake this time honoured position as the president of the HKUAAO for the 2018/2019 term. I am honoured to witness the continued success of the association in its capacity to sustain the spiritual, cultural and recreational well-being of our members, and am proud to acknowledge the unreserved efforts rendered by each of us to contribute to the growth of our Association. Hereunder is my report to summarize our annual activities.

#### Annual General Meeting and Dinner – April 27, 2018

We held our 33th HKUAAO annual dinner at the Premier Ballroom & Convention Centre on April 27, 2018. 133 alumni and guests joined us for a memorable night. We were joined by a delegation team of HKU deans and senior professors, led by Professor John Kao, Vice-President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Global), who gave an informative presentation to update us on exciting new developments at the HKU. His presentations were followed by those of other deans and professors, including Ms. Juan Du, Associate Professor at the Department of Architecture, Professor Dong-Yan Jin, Associate Dean of Internationalization and Partnership at the Graduate School, Professor Ying Shing Chan, Associate Dean of Development & Infrastructure, and Professor Quentin Parker, Associate Dean of Science. A short message was also delivered by Ms. Monica Wong, Associate Director of Alumni Affairs.

Ms. Kathy Chan, Director of The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, also delivered a speech about the latest economic situation of Hong Kong and the city's active participation in the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area.

Other highlights of the dinner include the recognition of alumni Peter Chang's appointment to the Order of Ontario, the province's highest honour, an entertaining song guessing game featuring golden oldies, and of course, the beloved various rounds of lucky draw.

#### Mentorship Program

A total of 16 mentees from HKU, including 9 mentees in the fall and 7 mentees in the winter, took part in the 2018 mentorship program. They studied at Ontario universities of Toronto, Waterloo, Western, Queen's and York and covered disciplines such as Science, Business, Engineering, Law, Arts, Economics and Actuarial Studies. 10 Mentors from the HKUAAO provided support and guidance to the mentees during their stay. We are glad to see that the program has helped to enrich the Canadian university experience for our mentees and that mentorship relationships can blossom into ones of friendship for both sides.

#### Hiking Activities

*May 21, 2018 Spring Hike on Victoria Day - Heber Down Conservation Area, north of Whitby*

Finishing a 7 km trail in three hours, twenty-eight members with their family and friends enjoyed a pleasant afternoon hiking the Heber Down Conservation Area. After the hike, the participants enjoyed a well-deserved feast at a restaurant in Markham.

*Sept 30, 2018 Autumn Hike - Eldred King Woodlands*

Our 20 hikers, includes 6 mentees and exchange students from Hong Kong, participated in a 10 km hike of the Eldred King Woodlands and walked the trail in over three hours. They were particularly excited to see the beautiful autumn colours and feel the fresh air of the woods. Among the hikers was a special guest, Eric Chui, a HKUAA member from

British Columbia, who happened to be visiting Toronto. 21 alumni, mentors and mentees joined the after-hike dinner and had a most enjoyable evening filled with good food, wine and conversation.

### **Walking Challenge – Walkers Team**

As a new initiative for this year, we would like to thank Dr. Christopher Tam for coordinating the Toronto Walkers team “Toronto Walkers” with 10 alumni participating in the HKU Walking Challenge organised by the Centre for Sports and Exercise & VP Global Office of HKU. The Challenge took place during the month of May 2018 with the aim of promoting fitness and health consciousness. Our members set up a measurement spreadsheet to record the steps made in the year. With the support and encouragement of our community, the team members continued to push themselves to their limit and established a habit of walking and exercising on daily basis. At the end of the Challenge, the team accumulated a total of 3,719,528 steps, ranking 14 out of 150 teams in the Highest Total Steps and ranking 33 in the Highest Average Steps among all teams.

### **Table Tennis Tournament – HKJU Gala Dinner**

On October 14, 2018 the Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni Association of Ontario hosted a successful ping pong tournament event at the Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Association in Markham, Ontario. The White Team comprising of HKU, Baptist, Chu Hai, and Shue Yan Universities played the Red Team's CU, Polytechnic, Lingnan, City and Science and Technology Universities. The matches included Men's Singles, Men's Doubles, Female's Singles and Mixed Doubles. After a fierce competition stretching over 100 games, the White Team was the winner. The evening was wrapped up by a sumptuous dinner attended by over 300 alumni and family members. The White Team was presented the Hong Kong Cup by the Assistant Director of HKETO while individual players received medals commemorating their success. We are proud to have 26 HKU alumni and their spouses represent HKU as part of the White Team. Our alumni have won 2 Golds (Sandie Chu, Wilson Chan), 3 Silvers (Jacky Fok, Ellen Leung, Liza Tsui), 3 Bronzes (Eddie Ho, Steve Fung, Chris Tam).

I would like to thank the HKU board members for their devotion to improving and maintaining the reach and progress of our Association, and to express my deepest gratitude to all the alumni and volunteers for their invaluable support to our Association's activities. It is through their deep commitment that we can continue to maintain our strong ties forged through our loyalty to the HKU, from which we learnt and at which we grew. I look forward to seeing what creative visions lie ahead for us. It is my hope that we continue to meet every challenge successfully as we move forward into our next 30 years and more.

Sincerely submitted,

Wilson Chan  
President 2018/2019  
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