

### HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

# **NEWSLETTER**

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#### Annual General Meeting Dinner 2008

Date: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (Sunday)

Time: 5.30 p.m. AGM; 6.00 p.m. Reception; 6.30 p.m. Dinner

Venue: Diamond Banquet Hall, First Markham Place, Markham. Tel. 905.944.8288

Cost: \$35 per adult, \$25 per child under 12.

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In celebration of the Olympics to be held in Beijing China this summer, we have invited representatives from Chinese Consulate and Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office to speak about the progress of the event. There will also be a lively video presentation on the beauty of China as inspired by the Olympics. You will have a chance to see its rich culture, enjoy its breath-taking landscape and listen to some familiar folk tunes. It is almost like five thousand years of Chinese history come to life. Come share the excitement with us all!

The new board of directors and executive committee members for 2008 – 2009 will also be elected at the A.G.M. All alumni and members are welcome to attend. Come with friends and family and enjoy the company of other alumni in a pleasant ambience at Diamond Banquet Hall.

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario will be held on Sunday, the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at Diamond Banquet Hall (First Markham Place), with the following business to be transacted:-

- 1. To receive and consider the Annual Report 2007 -2008;
- To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report;
- 3. To elect directors and members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2008/2009;
- 4. To transact any other business.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any regular member in good standing shall be entitled to nominate another regular member in good standing to the Executive Committee and to be elected to the Executive Committee and to cast vote. Any such nomination should be emailed to the Association at: <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/journal

Pierre Fan, Secretary By the order of the Board of Directors Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008

#### Nov 24, 2007 Mentor-Mentee Gathering

This year, our association participated in the HKU mentorship program again. Some of our directors and members act as mentors for a number of exchange students. We got together at John Liu's residence once again in November 2007.

The gathering has become our tradition to extend a warm welcome to the students. We enjoyed the quizzes on general knowledge on HKU and Canada. For those of us who have graduated years ago, it was a real good exercise that reminded us of those good old days. Being a mentor has been a rewarding experience for many and all alumni are encouraged to volunteer your time to make the program more successful in future.

Of course our hosts, Cecilia and John, never disappoint. Delicious meals, TV games and karaoke! What a warm and enjoyable gathering to remember!





## Oct 21, 2007 Fall Colors Hiking - Rouge River Conservation Area

On 21st October, by some magic, the weather turned out to be the finest in the month. It was cool with some sunshine and a total of 39 of us, friends and relatives of the association with some exchange students from HK joined the Tai Chi Group for hiking in the Rouge Valley Conservation Area. It was a great occasion for getting together, chatting on the way and enjoying the fall colors. Though the leaves were not as red as in the previous year, the weather was dry and it was most entertaining to hear the rattle walking on the fallen leaves along the trail. It was an easy walk of 8 km and it took







#### Oct 14, 2007 Fundraising Canadian Premiere - Traces of a Dragon

The fundraising screening of Jackie Chan's *Traces of a Dragon* on Sunday, October 14, 2007 for our Chinese Cultural and Heritage Award Fund was a great success. The film received raving reviews with a big turnout and was an instant hit among Chinese and non-Chinese alike.

The film included a prelude of video clips featuring our Vice-Chancellor Professor Tsui, the director and our HKU alumna Mabel Yuen-ting Cheung, the producer Jackie Chan, and 2 former award recipients. We were honoured to have the Consul-General of the People's Republic of China in Toronto Madame Zhu Taoying, and the Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office Bassanio So as our guests of honour.

Thanks to your support, we have raised a total of \$14,000 which is added to the Fund for future projects.





#### Bassanio So

After serving as Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto for 4 ½ years, Bassanio So – advisor to our board of directors - has now been posted to the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer in Hong Kong. He is in charge of developing and implementing the one-stop access portal of Hong Kong Government – <a href="https://www.qov.hk">www.qov.hk</a>

Bassanio's advisory service to our board has been much appreciated. His contributions to the business circle and various communities in Canada have also been highly regarded. Although we will miss a familiar face in public, we can still feel Bassanio in action when we visit <a href="https://www.gov.hk">www.gov.hk</a> for government information and services.

#### Reminders

Members are reminded that we now have a new category of membership. For a fee of \$150, a member can become a Life Member of the Alumni Association with all the rights and privileges attached – for life! Your ongoing support is very much needed and appreciated!

Our newsletter will continue to be sent by regular mail to those members with no email address. However, in order to save costs and to save the trees, we will send out the newsletter only by email to other members for whom we have email address on file. Therefore members are encouraged to update your email address with us so that you would not miss our newsletter and other announcements.

Our website has been maintained on a current basis, thanks to our Webmaster, Elza Lee. Members are encouraged to visit our website regularly at www. hku.hk/hkuaant to get the most current news on the Alumni Association.



