



HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

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## **Annual General Meeting and Dinner 2009**

Date: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 (Sunday)

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

Venue: Dragon Dynasty Chinese Cuisine

2301 Brimley Road, Scarborough, ON M1S 5B8; Tel. 905.944.8288

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

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Come enjoy the evening with a tea presentation by the tea connoisseur – Connie Fong and her team members, Rita and Emily. With a goal to promote the ancient tea culture, they have done over 1000 presentations at Royal Ontario Museum, Chinese Lantern Festival and Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto.

***As a beverage that dates back more than 5000 years in Chinese history, tea has widespread influence in different cultures and is gaining popularity in North America's retail market. A good cup of tea gives you a sense of tranquility and provides a strong booster to your health. Join us to learn more about tea and appreciate the root of Chinese culture.***

We will elect the new board of directors and executive committee members for 2009 – 2010 at the A.G.M.

We need new blood for the Board and all members are encouraged to nominate and be nominated for the Board for the coming year.

## **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 3rd day of May, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Dragon Dynasty Chinese Cuisine, 2301 Brimley Road, Scarborough, with the following business to be transacted:-

1. To receive and consider the Annual Report for 2008 -2009;
2. To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report;
3. To elect directors and members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2009/2010;
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 Board of Directors and to be elected to the Board and to cast vote. Any such nomination should be emailed to the Association at: [hkuaaont@www.hku.hk](mailto:hkuaaont@www.hku.hk)

By the order of the Board of Directors

Pierre Fan, Secretary, March 28, 2009

### ***Dinner with HKU Pro-Vice-Chancellor***

It is our honour to host a dinner for HKU Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor S.P. Chow along with Ms. Bernadette Tsui, Director of HKU Development and Alumni Affairs Office and Ms. Monica Wong, Assistant Director at Ambassador Chinese Cuisine in Richmond Hill on Friday (March 13th, 2009).



Dinner on March 13, 2009 with Pro-VC, Professor S. P. Chow

### ***HKU Mentorship program 2008-09***

We have been a proud supporter of HKU Mentorship program for 10 years!

The program aims to enrich life experience of HKU exchange students in Canada through support and mentorship by HKU graduates. This year, we have matched up 9 pairs of mentors and mentees. If you are interested to become a mentor, please email [hkuaaont@www.hku.hk](mailto:hkuaaont@www.hku.hk)

### ***Mentor/Mentee Pot Luck Gathering***

A potluck gathering was hosted by Pierre Fan – our board member on Saturday, November 29, 2008. Despite the heavy snowfall, a number of board members and alumni members showed up with their homemade dishes or food from their favourite restaurants. It was a warm and casual gathering, we chatted about those good old days at university and current political and economic conditions. We had a good time sharing jokes and yummy recipes. The Wii Sports never failed to be an inspiration to us all. Although mentees did better in more energetic sports such as downhill ski and tennis, mentors took the lead in meditation and yoga.

We appreciate the hospitality of Pierre and his wife, Teresa!



Mentors and mentees having fun at their gathering on November 29, 2008

### ***Fall Hike on Seaton Trail***

We went for a hike on Seaton Trail to appreciate fall colours on Sunday (October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008).

This was a 3.5 hour level 2 hike (according to Bruce Trail Club hike difficulty level). We enjoyed the company of our usual hiking buddies at Tai Chi Group and Mr. Stephen Siu – Assistant Director Public Relations at Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office. What a great way to stretch muscles, make new friends and enjoy the great wilderness of Ontario!

We have also discovered another talent of Stephen, our friend at HKETO. His professional portraits of landscape and colours speak it all!



October 5, 2008: Alumni and friends enjoyed hiking at Seaton Trail



## Ontario InterCollegiate Chinese Debate Competition (OCDA)

The Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario has been a sponsor of the debate competition for 15 years.

The 18th annual Ontario Chinese Debate Competition was hosted by Ontario Inter-Collegiate Chinese Debate Alliance. Every year, the executive board is formed with students from various universities in Ontario.

Participating schools include University of Toronto, University of Waterloo, Wilfred Laurier University, York University, Ryerson University, McMaster University and University of Western Ontario. This year, 200 debaters, a total of 26 teams from 7 universities joined the competition. On March 1, 2009 the final was held at First Markham Place. Two of our members, Charles Law and Augustine Chan were there serving as adjudicators. This year's Champion team was from U of Toronto. First runner up went to York University, and Ryerson University, second runner up. The best speaker of the year was Chris Siu from Ryerson University, Every year OCDA looks for adjudicators. for those interested please contact Augustine at

[augustochan@rogers.com](mailto:augustochan@rogers.com)."



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HKUAA North California Chapter initiated the first joint alumni reunion amongst all overseas alumni chapters of The University of Hong Kong 10 years ago. Let's spend a weekend with your family and alumni friends in the entertainment capital - Las Vegas - reconnecting old friends while meeting new ones.

For details visit: <http://usfriends.hku.hk>

### ***Alumni News: Jennifer Chua***

Jennifer is a long serving member of the Board of Directors and was a past president of the Association. Jennifer works for the Bank of Montreal (BMO) and recently received a new appointment to be relocated to Hong Kong in summer to head up immigration banking and private banking for BMO. Between now and summer, she will commute between Toronto and HK/China. With regret she will no longer be able to serve on the Board. We wish to congratulate Jennifer on her new appointment and thank her for her valuable contributions to the Association in the past. We hope she can still join some of our future functions if she happens to be back in Canada for visits.