

#### HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

# NEWSLETTER

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From the editor:

Welcome to spring of 2011! Finally winter has left and we can all come out from our hideaways (albeit very comfortable) and enjoy all the sun and fresh air!

The Alumni Association has organized a series of activities for all of you for the next few months... from educational, social to sports. Please continue reading and choose one or all of the activities. We look forward to seeing you all!

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!



Spring Dinner with Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui Monday, May 9, 2011

You are cordially invited to join our Spring dinner with Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui and Mrs. Tsui on the occasion of their visit to Toronto:

Date & Time: Monday, May 9, 2011

Reception starts at 6:00 pm Dinner starts at 7:00 pm

Venue: Diamond Banquet Hall and Restaurant

(First Markham Place, Unit 1, 3225 Highway 7 East, Markham)

Cost: \$40 per person

Contact: Please register by April 30:

Kristine Lai at 416.898.9868 <u>kristine.lai@rogers.com</u> Elza Lee at 416.567.9286 <u>elzalee@hotmail.com</u>

Professor Tsui will be a keynote speaker at the Asian Heritage Month Education Roundtable on May 10. He will speak on the Higher Education Scene in Hong Kong. We are pleased that Professor Tsui can make time during his short stay in Toronto to join us for a dinner reception and to give us an update on the recent developments in HKU. We also make use of this opportunity to kick off the centennial celebration of our Alma Mater in Ontario!

All alumni and family are welcome to attend.

#### Asian Heritage Month Education Round-Table –Tuesday, May 10, 2011

This year HKUAAO is invited to be a cosponsor of the Asian Heritage Month Education Lectures and Roundtable to be held on May 10 at OISE Auditorium, University of Toronto from 4 to 6 pm. All alumni are invited to attend and stay for the reception afterwards.

The Roundtable is chaired by Senator Vivienne Poy and sponsored by the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office. HKU's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, will come all the way from Hong Kong to speak on the Higher Education Scene in Hong Kong.

For details please see insert. Seats are limited. Please register directly with the organizer by <u>e-mail:</u> <u>asianheritagecanadian@yahoo.ca</u> For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.asian-heritage-month.org">http://www.asian-heritage-month.org</a>

## Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni Associations Table Tennis Tournament – Sunday, May 1, 2011

After a very successful "Inter-University Alumni Associations" Badminton tournament last May, the Joint-U Alumni Associations will again organise a Table Tennis tournament. This year's lead organiser is Chinese University AA. Participants include AAs of HKU, HKCU, HKPU, HKBU, Chu Hai, Shue Yan and Lingnan.:

Date: Sunday, May 1, 2011

**Time:** 1 pm - 6:30 pm

**Venue:** Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Association (CCTTA)

1181 Denison Street, Markham ON L3R 4B2

**Dinner:** To be confirmed. Trophies will be presented to the winning teams during dinner.

While the primary objective is to participate and have fun, we have been busily preparing ourselves. Since December last year, we have organised table tennis games at CCTTA almost every Sunday afternoon to promote the game and to encourage participation.

We are currently forming our team of eight players. We are also looking for volunteers to help with the tournament organization. Please come out and cheer for your team on May 1! Those interested please contact Augustine Chan at 416-630-3666 or Tim Cheng at 416-270-9830.

## Spring Hike at Scotsdale Farm - Victoria Day Monday May 23, 2011

To celebrate Victoria Day, we will hike for about 10km loop of mainland side trails of Bruce Trail in the Scotsdale Farm area. Come enjoy the spring wildflowers and greenery.

Date: Monday, May 23, 2011

Time: 2pm, please be on time

Meeting place: Scotsdale Farm parking lot

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**Directions:** Take 401 west, Exit 328, travel north on Trafalgar Rd. through Stewart town and continue to lights at merge with Hwy 7. Turn left at lights and continue for about 4 km where Hwy 7 carries to left and Trafalgar Rd exits on right. Continue on Trafalgar Road and after 2 km turn right into Scotsdale Farm, Drive along gravel road and meet at the parking lot on the left in front of the farmhouse.

Please wear hiking boots (Ladies -no heels please) and staffs as we will hike over uneven and rocky ground.

After the hike, dinner (optional) at 6:30pm at Best Dragon Seafood Cuisine at 100 Steeles Avenue West, at north / west of Yonge and Steeles West. \$25 per person.

Family members and friends are welcome.

Please register with Augustine Chan by email, augustochan@rogers.com on or before Tuesday, May 17. If you have any question, please call Augustine: 905-451-7235 (office), 416-930-3666 (cell)





Seaton Trail Hiking



September 26, 2010

HKU 100th anniversary celebration kick-off ceremony January 9. 2011

I, Tim Cheng, happened to be in HK early January 2011 and had the privilege to witness HKU's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration kick-off ceremony at the Stanley Ho Sports Centre on Sha Wan Drive. It was a sunny afternoon. There were hundreds of people in attendance – dignitaries, alumni and friends, students and faculties. You could see a stretch of green colour over the entire site – the colour of HKU! The Spirit was high. We were greeted enthusiastically by young and energetic students. We watched the parade of the different faculties, residences, and the many different groups and clubs of HKU. How has HKU grown since my university days some 40 years ago! It also brought back many fond memories. I could even spot our overseas director, Dr. Evelyn Man, leading the parade representing the Alumni Group!

Under the great leadership of Professor Tsui and future leaders, with the dedication of our enthusiastic and bright students and faculties, HKU is well positioned for the next 100 years to play a greater leadership role in the world scene of higher education.

Reported by Tim Cheng (Science 1970)





January 9, 2011

100th anniversary kick-off ceremony

## HKU 100th year celebration banquet- Sunday, December 18, 2011

While the festive atmosphere will continue for two years climaxing with the opening of the 2012 centennial campus, one of the key celebrations is the centennial banquet to be held on December 18, 2011 at the HK Convention Center in Wanchai. The expected attendance is 4000 and we understand that different alumni groups are starting to form their own tables!

Many of us in Ontario do make regular trips to Hong Kong, and some of us may be there in the December time frame. If there is sufficient interest, the Ontario chapter plans to organise a delegation from Ontario to participate in the Banquet and to arrange some tour from HK to China or other places of common interest to the group. We hope to get better deals from travel agencies and hotels and to share the fun together. If interested, please contact Kristine Lai @ 416-898-9868, or email her at kristine.lai@rogers.com. We need to start planning the trip very soon.

### Interest Groups

Encouraged by the turnout of the badminton and table tennis practices, the Association would like to explore the possibility of forming other interest groups for our members. These may be sports, social or educational activities such as golf, tennis, line dance, bridge, photography, etc. As long as there is enough interest and the groups can operate independently, the Association will facilitate.

Please contact Dan Lam at lamdtm@yahoo.com, or Tim Cheng at tc@timcheng-ca.com with your suggestions and comments.