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Annual General Meeting and Barbeque Dinner August 17, 2003 (Sunday)

- Time:** 5:30 pm reception, 6:30 - 7:00 pm A.G.M., 7:00 pm dinner
Venue: Woodbine Room, Shangri-La Banquet & Convention Centre
50 Esna Park Drive, Markham, telephone: 905.475.6571
Cost: \$32 per adult, \$22 per child up to 10 (taxes, gratuities and soft drinks
incl.)
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Don't miss this golden opportunity to mingle with fellow alumni and meet the new committee members for the 2003/2004 year!

For just \$32, you can enjoy BBQ steak and chicken, complete with salad bar, fruits and soft drinks. Enjoy the sunshine of summer on the private patio adjoining the function room. Guaranteed a fun-filled evening with exciting games and prizes. Meet some friends you missed and make new ones. Give us your comments, suggestions and share with us your vision.

Please read the Notice of A.G.M. on page two.

AGM Reply Slip (fax to 905-886-0202)

Name: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____
Number of people attending: _____
Please circle where appropriate: AGM only/ AGM and dinner/ Dinner only

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 17th day of August, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at the Shangri-La Banquet & Convention Centre, with the following business to be transacted:

1. To receive and consider the Annual Report 2002 - 2003;
2. To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report;
To elect directors or members of the Executive Committee of the
3. Association for
the years 2003/2004;
4. To re-elect the Auditor; and
5. 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 faxed to the Association at (905) 886-0202 before August 16, 2003.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD/ EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
Tim Cheng, President
June, 2003

The 2003 Spring Dinner

The Annual Spring Dinner was held on February 16, 2003 at the Times Dynasty Restaurant in Richmond Hill. About 80 people attended the dinner with a record number of exchange students from the HKU mentoring program. It was a gathering of two generations (at least!), who shared the warmth of being together and enjoyed the most creative and entertaining performances by the mentees. So don't miss out, we'll see you at the 2004 Spring Dinner!



Mentees performing at the Spring Dinner

A Brave Battle Against SARS

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), the mysterious and deadly disease, has severely interrupted the daily lives of our friends and loved ones in Hong Kong and Asia. At home, our economy is just picking up its pace after being hit twice by the outbreaks.

Our Alma Mater has played an outstanding role in this battle:

- March 27 - HKU researchers, led by Professor Melik Peiris, first identified coronavirus as the culprit that led to SARS
- May 11 - World-renowned AIDS scientist, David Ho, along with University scientists, announced experiment results that may block the virus from propagating.
- Sadly, we have lost three alumni-doctors in this battle: Dr. Thomas Cheung, Dr. Kate Cheng and Dr. Lau Tai-kwan.

Our Association has also actively lend our emotional and financial support. We have participated in the "**Tribute to Health Care Professionals in Hong Kong and Canada - Signature Campaign**", which was organized by Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office after initiatives by HKU alumni in B.C. Within two weeks, 275 organizations and 4,255 individuals have shown their support and appreciation of the front-line health care workers who not only demonstrated professionalism but also the beauty of human nature in times of crisis. Our President, Tim Cheng, attended the press conference (see photo below).

A "**HKUAAO - Dr. Kate Cheng Trust Fund**" was set up to collect donations to the family of Dr. Kate Cheng, a young and brave HKU alumna who lost her life during the fight against SARS on the front-line. Dr. Cheng left behind her chronically ill parents and two younger sisters who are badly in need of financial assistance. To date, we have collected \$ 2,740, which have been be remitted to HKU Alumni Office for onward payment to her family.

An "Old" Friend was In Town

Evelyn Man, past president of our Association and current overseas director,, was in Toronto early this summer and met with some of our alumni. Evelyn is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Education of the Chinese University in Hong Kong. She maintains strong ties with our university as President of the Old Halls Alumni Association

and takes an active role in the HKU mentoring program. Evelyn and her sister, Irene - another HKU alumna, have been very much inspired by the spirits of their father, Dexter Man. Mr. Man, a HKU graduate during the pre-war times, was the founder of the overseas HKU alumni association network. During this visit, Evelyn was very pleased to see growing ties among the alumni and also our active involvement in the affairs of our Alma Mater and the local community.



Evelyn with Rosanna Ure, HKETO, and some of our directors and friends from alumni of other universities in HK

Other News

Dr. Cheng Kai-ming has assumed the role of Senior Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor of HKU from July 1, 2003.

Irene Chu, our Advisor, and **Dennis Au-Yeung**, our Director of Membership Affairs, have received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal Awards for their outstanding contributions to the community.

An Asian Month Forum was held on May 20 at the University of Toronto. Highlight of the event was a speech by our Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Lap-chee Tsui on East-West co-operation in the fight against SARS. About 70 people attended. Our Association made a contribution to the Canadian Multi-Cultural Council as a co-sponsor of the event.

Mr. Bill Mok, President of HKU Alumni Association North California Chapter, visited Toronto in March and was greeted by Tim Cheng, our Association President.

