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Kung Hey Fat Choi! Happy New Year!

2004 Spring Dinner February 1, 2004 (Sunday)

Time: 6:00 pm reception, 7:00 pm dinner

Venue: Times Square Dynasty Restaurant, Richmond Hill

Cost: \$45 per adult, \$22 per child under 12, \$22 per mentee

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Come celebrate the Year of the Monkey with the big HKU family!

We have invited Mr. Bassanio So, Director of Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, as our guest of honour. He will give a short speech on the current affairs and economic outlook of Hong Kong. It will be followed by a performance by the HKU exchange students - that will certainly keep us entertained for the evening. And of course, no spring dinner will be complete without a lucky draw!

This is one of the Association's biggest social functions of the year. We expect a record number of HKU alumni, friends, exchange students and guests. We all look forward to seeing you there !!

Annual General Meeting and Barbeque Dinner

The Annual General Meeting was held on August 17, 2003 at the Shangri-La Banquet & Convention Centre in Markham. Our Immediate Past President, Timothy Cheng, presented the Annual Report for 2002 - 2003 and a new Board of Directors for 2003 - 2004 was elected:

Advisors: Irene Chu, Peggy Sum
First V.P.: Jennifer Chua
Secretary: Lily Lee
President: Dennis Au-Yeung
Second V.P.: King Fun Siu
Treasurer: Warren Chiu

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Directors: K.B. Ng, Augustine Chan, John Liu **Immediate Past President:** Tim Cheng

Dennis Au-Yeung delivered his first speech as the newly elected President. Dr. Li, an alumni member attending, then gave an update on the research progress of osteoporosis. It was a warm and relaxing evening and we managed to enjoy a delicious summer barbeque dinner and shared a few jokes with Dr. Chan, another alumni member.



Home Away From Home ...

Our Association has been actively supporting the HKU mentorship Program. Every year, a number of HKU students came to Ontario universities for one or two semesters on exchange program to enrich their learning experience and to broaden their life horizon. Some alumni members would volunteer to be their mentors - to make them feel at home in this foreign land - and in turn, got energized by their youthful and enthusiastic spirits.

On November 30, 2003, we organized a gathering of twelve mentors and mentees at John Liu's residence. John is one of the Directors of the Association. It was a great moment to share - those from Hong Kong told us what's new at our

Alma Mater and we in Toronto told stories of those good old days. It was also a fun time to challenge each other at the karaoke contest. In this summer-like afternoon, two HKU generations remembered the past, enjoyed the moment and looked ahead to the future.



Join the HKU Family!

New members are always welcome! Please contact our Membership Director, K.F. Siu, by email ksiu@sympatico.ca or telephone 416.723.2400. We also appreciate continuous support from other alumni members. Please send membership renewal with payment to the Association's address on page one. It is only \$20 for one year and \$80 for five years.

Special Reception For Elsie Leung

Hong Kong's Secretary for Justice, Ms. Elsie Leung, visited Canada in November 2003. At a reception in Toronto on November 19, 2003, she met with over one hundred Chinese community leaders and gave the audience an update of the "One Country, Two Systems". Representatives from our Association were Dennis Au-Yeung and K.B. Ng.



Dr. Sun Yat-sen Return To Campus

Statue of Dr. Sun Yat-sen - a historical giant who led the great Chinese revolution that ended two thousand years of dynastic cycle and a graduate of the Hong Kong College of Medicine for Chinese, predecessor of the HKU Faculty of Medicine - has been permanently placed beside the famous Lily Pond at the heart of the campus.

In Memoriam

Sir Oswald Victor Cheung - a distinguished lawyer, member of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Hong Kong in the 70's and 80's and an active Morrisonian - passed away in December, 2003.

Dr. G.B. Ong - head of the HKU Department of Surgery before his retirement in 1982 and a world-renowned surgeon in oesophageal surgery, liver and biliary tract diseases and cancer of the head and the neck - passed away on January 10, 2004 at the age of 82.