

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

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# Kung Hey Fat Choi! 2006 Spring Dinner

Date: February 12th (Sunday)
Time: 6.00 p.m. reception, 7.00 p.m. dinner
Venue: Times Dynasty Restaurant, Richmond Hill
Cost: \$38 per adult, \$28 per mentee or child under 12
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Please come celebrate the Year of the Dog at our Spring Dinner!

We have invited Professor Kwong-loi Shun, Vice-President & Principal, University of Toronto at Scarborough, to be our guest speaker. Professor Shun is a distinguished scholar and had been a Professor of Confucian Philosophy at UC Berkeley prior to joining U of T in 2004. He will talk about higher education, in particular comparing the university systems in Canada, U.S., Britain and post-colonial East Asia, with some relevance to the transition in Hong Kong. The mentees will then give a performance and the night will be ended with a big lucky draw you shouldn't miss.

So come make some new acquaintances and you may also be able to pick up a few prizes at the lucky draw. We'll see you there!

## Thank you for your support

Margaret Chan, B.Sc. (Biology), has recently renewed her membership for one year. Thanks, Margaret!

Li-kwong Cheah, husband of Sally Chan (our Director), for contributing the story of "Mentor Nite" in this issue.

### 2005 Annual General Meeting and Buffet Dinner

The Annual General Meeting was held on July 10th, 2005 (Sunday) at Club 300 Bowl in Markham. Our President, Dennis Au-yeung, presented the Annual Report for 2004 – 2005 and a new Board of Directors for 2005 - 2006 was elected.

Advisors:Irene Chu, Peggy Sum, Bassanio SoPresident:Dennis Au-YeungFirst V.P.:King-fun SiuSecond V.P.:Loretta HoiSecretary:Lily LeeTreasurer:Warren ChiuCultural Fund:Sally ChanWebmaster:Elza LeeCommunications:Loretta HoiMembership:Elza LeeOverseas Director:Evelyn ManImmediate Past President:Tim ChengDirectors:Jennifer Chua, Iris Chung, Augustine Chan and John Liu



This evening was made special as we celebrated the 20th anniversary of our Association in Ontario.

Eight past presidents attended the event: our founding president – Mrs. Irene Chu, Margaret Liu, Elsa Chang, Vera Chow, Sammy Lee, Jennifer Chua, KB Ng and Tim Cheng. We had a cake-cutting ceremony and made a toast. Mrs. Chu gave a speech and shared her memories of building a life in Canada. As immigrants to a foreign land, we work hard to earn a comfortable living. But we often forget things and people that we most cherish. She stressed that we should seize every moment and live a life that is balanced and fulfilled. The audience all agreed that her speech was touching and inspiring. Line-dance was the last program and was enthusiastically participated.

#### Mentor nite

It was a nice get-together for mentors to meet their mentees. Thanks for John Liu's hospitality to host the event at his residence on November 5<sup>th</sup> (Saturday).

The pot luck dinner was sumptuous and consumed quickly by an appreciative group. Host John put on his karaoke and kicked off with one of his specialty songs which then inspired the mentees to perform with great enthusiasm.

An ice-breaking game designed and conducted by King-fun Siu was another highlight of the evening. Both sides had to demonstrate their knowledge of each other. Some who thought they know their mentee well to their chagrin were embarrassed when they failed miserably, to the howls of laughter and delight of the others. Prizes were awarded to the winners, consisting of Lotto 649 tickets, but no one has reported any winnings or could very well be quietly enjoying their new found wealth in anonymity.

A great fun evening well organized by Jennifer Chua and enjoyed by all. Everyone is looking forward to the next event.



# **Ontario Inter-Collegiate Chinese Debate Competition**

Sponsored by HKUAAO and other organizations, this year's debate will be held at the following dates:

Top 16 matches: January 14 and 15 - Market Village, January 21 and 22 – Oriental Plaza Top 8 matches: February 25 and 26 - First Markham Place Top 4 and Final: March 4 and 5 - Market Village

Anyone interested to be an adjudicator can contact Sally Chan by email at sally\_chan@rogers.com or by phone at 416-955-5635.

# Congratulations to Dennis!



Dennis Au-yeung, President of Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario, has been honoured as a recipient of the Chinese Canadian Legend Award of 2005 for his contributions to the society and achievements he has attained.

As Chief Financial Officer of Concord Pacific Group, Dennis travels coast-to-coast across Canada on large-scale real estate development projects. Yet, his passion for charitable and community services is uninhibited. Apart from serving our Board of Directors as President, Dennis is also the First Vice-Chairman and President of Mon Sheong Foundation.

Dennis, we are proud of you!