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Annual General Meeting and Dinner 2013

Date: **March 24, 2013 (Sunday)**

Time: **5:30 p.m. AGM; 6:00 p.m. Reception; 6:30 p.m. Dinner**

Venue: **Diamond Banquet Hall and Restaurant**

First Markham Place, Unit 1, 3225 Highway 7 East, Markham; Tel. 905-944-8288

Cost: \$40 per adult, \$25 for mentee and child under 12

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Come and meet your alumni friends. This is an excellent opportunity to connect or re-connect with your many fellow alumni in an entertaining evening of fun.

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 24th day of March, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Diamond Banquet Hall & Restaurant at First Markham Place, Unit 1, 3225 Highway 7 East, Markham, with the following business to be transacted:-

To receive and consider the Annual Report for 2011 -2012;

To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report;

To elect directors and members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2013-2014;

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@hkucc.hku.hk on or before March 22, 2013.

By the order of the Board of Directors

Alice Chow, Secretary, February 22, 2013

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

2012 Fall Hiking at Oak Ridges Trail

by Danny Lam



Despite the occasional shower and cool temperature, more than 30 alumni, their family members and mentees attended the fall hiking trip on 14th October, 2012 at the Oak Ridges Trail in King City. The hikers were well rewarded with beautiful scenery and fall colors along the way, as well as fresh apple pies at an orchard farm. In the evening, many of the participants joined for dinner at a restaurant in Thornhill. It was a day of fun for all who came.

HKJU Tournament December 2012

by H.K.Pong

On December 9, 2012, HKUAAO participated in the Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni (Ontario) Table Tennis Tournament. More than 30 alumni of HKUAAO (players, volunteers, cheering members) attended.

The players of the HKUAAO team were:

	Group A
Men's Singles	K T Yeung
Men's Doubles	Martin Ho & Sidney Chu
Women's Singles	Betty Cheung
Women's Doubles	Liza Tsui & Sandie Chu
Mixed Doubles	Michael Lam & Ellen Leung

	Group B
Men's Singles	Hector Chan
Men's Doubles	Wilson Chan & Eric Ho
Mixed Doubles	Edmond Cheng & Ada Ho, Stephen Ho & Amy Chan



After a series of close and exciting matches, HKUAAO won 6 prizes - championship in the Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles, first runner-up in Women's Singles and Mixed Doubles in Group A events, and first runner-up in Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles in Group B events! We came in second overall! The fun and joy continued into the celebration dinner in the evening. Close to 200 alumni joined the dinner, with Ms. Gloria Lo, Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, and Mr. Stephen Siu, Assistant Director, as the guests of honour.

Table Tennis Friendly Match

by H.K.Pong

Our HKUAAO Table Tennis Interest Group meets regularly and organizes friendly matches. An in-house table tennis tournament was held on January 27 at the Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Association. The event attracted 21 member

and guest players. There were 5 teams, each with 4 players. Each team was identified by its special ‘team colour’ and had its ‘team slogan’. The teams competed against each other in singles and doubles matches. Championship was determined by the highest total score. The team colours and slogan chanting must have raised the level of excitement and fun many-fold. At the end of the tournament, most players were exhausted, not only from playing 8 matches in 5 hours, but also from the cheering and slogan chanting. Everyone had a wonderful time. The energy and enthusiasm of the Table Tennis Interest Group was amazing. For within hours of finishing the games, the players were already discussing over dinner about the format of the matches and making plans for the next tournament. Joining this group would surely make you feel younger by at least 10 years!

Badminton Sundays

by T.C.Kwan

The Badminton Interest Group has started its weekly practice sessions since last July. Due to venue availability, the sessions were first carried out in Armadale Community Centre, then at St. Robert Catholic High School and now at the new Cornell Community Centre at 3201 Bur Oak Avenue, Markham. Currently we have badminton sessions every Sunday afternoon from 3 pm till 6 pm at Cornell Community Centre till June 9. HKUAAO members are



welcome to join and can participate as drop-in players. We have alumni players from beginner level to competitive level in the sessions waiting for you. If you are interested in joining, please contact our Badminton Interest Group coordinator T C Kwan at tekwanhk@yahoo.com.hk

Special Interest Groups

Now that spring is just a few weeks away, our other Special Interest Groups are also gearing up. So check them out - joining these groups is a sure way to make the year a happy and healthy one!

Badminton Interest Group	T.C. Kwan	關德正	1981 BSc(Eng)	tekwanhk@yahoo.com.hk
Golf Interest Group	Pierre Fan	范少基	1977 BSc(Eng)	pierre.fan@hubinternational.com
Hiking Interest Group	Danny Lam	林德明	1968 BA	lamdtm@yahoo.com
Karaoke Interest Group	Lily Lee	李冰琪	1973 PGDE	lilybkleee@gmail.com
Table Tennis Interest Group	H.K. Pong	龐衍祺	1980 BSc(Eng)	p_hinki@yahoo.com
Wine Tasting Interest Group	Wilson Chan	陳文然	1985 BA	wilsonchan@bellnet.ca

For those who enjoy smart phones, tablet computers and the like, guess what, we are forming a **Technology Interest Group**. Details will soon be sent to those members with email address on file. If you have not been receiving emails from us, please use the Membership Form to update your record to ensure that you do not miss our announcements.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Hiking in the Victoria Day Weekend

by Danny Lam

HKUAAO will once again organize a spring hike in the afternoon of May 19, 2013, the Sunday of the Victoria Day Weekend, with a dinner, optional, in the evening. The location is being worked out. As usual, we shall try to find a trail that is scenic, not difficult for occasional hikers, but at the same time interesting to those who are more experienced. We always had very high turnouts in previous hikes and we expect the same this time. So mark your calendar and look out for further details. Family and friends are welcome!



HKUAAO Scholarship for Student Exchange

by Tim Cheng

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of our Alma Mater, we are looking into the establishment of a scholarship fund to encourage worthy HKU students to join exchange programs in Ontario universities to broaden their learning experience. Our target is to raise HK\$200,000 (about CAD \$26,000 at current exchange rate) and to get a matching amount from the Hong Kong Government grant to yield a pool of HK\$ 400,000. This will provide 2 scholarships of HK\$12,000 annually for an estimated duration of 15 years. Details of the proposed scholarship are described on the sheet attached. Upon establishment of this scholarship, the present \$500 Travel Scholarship will be discontinued.

Mentorship Programme – My Mentee Experience

by S.L.Ko

In January 2012, it was my first time travelling to Toronto, where the winter was very cold, but I got a heart-warming welcome from my mentor. I soon found out that although we were in very different fields - he, a professional engineer, I, a social sciences student, we had similar outgoing and optimistic personalities and shared a common interest in debating in Chinese. My mentor told me about the local culture and pastimes, which helped me adapt more quickly. Information such as most of the cinemas offered 50% discount on Tuesdays enabled me to enjoy some wonderful movies at affordable prices. He invited me to join a dinner held by the HKU Alumni Association of Ontario, where I met lots of HKU alumni and exchange students and had nice chats. He took me to watch the debate competition organized by the Ontario Cantonese Debate Association, introduced me to the students there, who came from different local universities, and I made many new friends. Besides introducing me to local people, my mentor gave me valuable advice on career planning and shared his experience with me. After my return to Hong Kong, we stay in touch through e-mail and I continue to benefit from his guidance and encouragement. Through the mentorship programme, I have learned more about Canada, the country I visited, made more new friends and gained more insights in planning my future. The programme has made my experience as an exchange student even more fruitful.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN EXCHANGE SCHLOARSHIP AT HKU

In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of our Alma Mater, HKUAAO proposes to set up a named scholarship to encourage worthy HKU students to join the exchange program to broaden their learning experience.

The minimum amount required to establish a named scholarship is HK\$200,000 or about CAD\$26,000. The funding of the scholarship will be in a matching format – for each dollar donated by our alumni, HKUAAO will match one dollar to a maximum of CAD\$13,000, i.e. a total target of CAD\$26,000.

Please contact Tim Cheng at 416-270-9830, email tc@timcheng-ca.com to make a commitment to make a difference!

Amount of funding - Target

HK\$200,000 (about CAD \$26,000 at current exchange rate) made up of donations of individual alumni and the matching contributions of the Association. If HK\$200,000 is raised, a named scholarship can be established. We may also be eligible to obtain a matching grant from the Hong Kong Government to yield a total pool of HK\$ 400,000.

Proposed name and details

The tentative name of the proposed scholarship is "**HKUAA of Ontario Scholarships for Student Exchange**" (subject to the approval of the Board of Directors). The proposed award details are as follow:

- 1) For undergraduate students partaking academic exchange to universities in Ontario
- 2) Value of award: HK\$12,000 (exchange duration – one semester)
- 3) No. of awards: two awards each year
- 4) Selection criteria: on the basis of academic merit (a CGPA of 3.2 or above)

Funding mechanism

Total amount required: CAD\$26,000.

50% to be solicited from alumni members and friends (donation receipts will be issued to the donors).

50% in the form of matching contributions by HKUAAO from the cultural fund pool.

The donated funds will be put in a separate trust account and will be released to HKU as soon as is feasible upon approval at the AGM on March 24, 2013. (The availability of the Hong Kong Government matching grant may cease at anytime. Therefore the fund raised will be remitted to HKU ASAP)

Deadline for donation/commitment – March 24, 2013.

If the combined amount raised from individual alumni and the Association is less than CAD\$26,000, then the project will not go forward.

Administration of the Scholarship

HKU. First year of award will be Sept 2013.