



HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO

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## ***Annual General Meeting & Dinner 2016***

<b>Date:</b>	<b>March 20, 2016 (Sunday)</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>5:30 pm AGM / 6:00 pm Reception / 6:30 pm Dinner</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Diamond Banquet Hall (First Markham Place)</b> 3225 Hwy 7, Unit 1, Markham, ON L3R 3P3 Tel: 905.944.8288 Map & Direction
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$40 for Adult / \$25 for Mentee</b>
<b>Registration &amp; Contacts:</b>	Register at <a href="http://www.hku.hk/hkuaaont">www.hku.hk/hkuaaont</a> or Tim Cheng (tc@timcheng-ca.com / 416.270.9830) Hannah Cheung (hannah@acrobag.ca / 905.305.6812) Maggie Poon (maggie@honki.ca / 647.362.2991)

We will elect the new board of directors and executive committee members for 2016 – 2017 at the A.G.M. All members are encouraged to nominate and be nominated for the Board for the coming year.

**Come and meet your alumni friends. This is an excellent opportunity to connect and re-connect with many fellow alumni in an evening of entertainment and fun. All alumni, family and friends are welcome.**

## ***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 20th day of March, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. at Diamond Banquet Hall, 3225 Hwy 7, Unit 1, Markham, ON L3R 3P3 with the following business to be transacted:-***

To receive and consider the Annual Report for 2015 -2016;  
To receive and consider the Treasurer's Report;  
To elect directors and members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2016-2017;  
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](mailto:hkuaaont@hkucc.hku.hk) on or before March 10 2016.

By the order of the Board of Directors

Alice Chow, Secretary, February 15, 2016

## ***HONORARY CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENT***

We are pleased to announce that Professor Lap-Chee Tsui has accepted our invitation to act as the Honorary Chairman of the Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario. Prior to his appointment as the Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong in 2002, Professor Tsui was the Geneticist-in-Chief and Head of the Genetics and Genomic Biology Program of the Research Institute at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He served as the Vice-Chancellor of our alma mater until March 31, 2014.

Although Professor Tsui is extremely busy with his educational and research work, he has been trying his best efforts to participate in our activities and support our mission. It is indeed our great honor to have Professor Tsui as the leader of Hong Kong University Alumni Association of Ontario. We look forward to having his continuous support and guidance.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

### **April 19, 2015 30th Anniversary Dinner and Annual General Meeting** by Alice Chow

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of HKUAAO, the Annual General Meeting and a celebration dinner were held on April 19th, 2015 at Premiere Ballroom & Convention Centre in Richmond Hill. Over 220 alumni and friends attended this memorable event.

Our new President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Mathieson has led a delegation to Toronto to celebrate this special occasion with us. The delegation includes Professor Bernadette Tsui, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs Office (DAAO), Isabella Wong, Director of Admissions and Academic Liaison Section, Cathy Wong, Senior Program Manager, Office of Student Exchange, as well as Dr. Christina Mathieson. In addition, honorable guests attending the dinner include Gloria Lo, Director of The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Toronto (HKETO), Dr. Vivienne Poy, Former Senator and Chancellor of the University of Toronto, Dr. Lawrence Ng, Chair of HKUAA Northern California as well as presidents and representatives from six other university alumni associations in Ontario.

Followed by the cocktail reception, dinner started with a slideshow presentation that filled with 30 years of history of HKUAAO. At the dinner, Professor Peter Mathieson gave a very thorough update of the development at our alma mater and invited alumni to visit our alma mater, especially the newly built Centennial Campus. Alumni and friends were most excited by our biggest-ever lucky draw – thanks to HKETO, DAAO and our members for their generous sponsorships. Towards the end of the dinner, Professor Mathieson, Irene Chu, founding president of HKUAAO, Dennis Au-Yeung, incumbent president as well as six past presidents officiated the cake cutting ceremony and concluded this enjoyable evening.



### **May 31, 2015 Spring Hike Oak Ridges Trail, King City** by Dan Lam

HKUAAO organized its spring hike on May 31, 2015. We had picked a relatively easy and scenic trail in the Oak Ridges in King City, passing through the Seneca Lake and the historic Eaton House. There were 16 participants, a mix of alumni, family and friends. The weather was not favorable, drizzling and cloudy, which accounted for the small turnout. There were many picturesque spots and we agreed to walk this trail again in future, hopefully when the weather is more cooperative.

A dinner was held afterwards at a restaurant in Markham where the hikers and several more alumni joined in for a sumptuous meal to wind up the evening.



### **October 2-4, 2015 Hiking in Algonquin Park Fall** by Dan Lam

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the HKUAAO, a trip to the Algonquin Provincial Park was being organized for alumni, families and friends. This took place from Friday, October 2 to Sunday, October 4, 2015 to time with the spectacular fall color changes in the Park. Fifteen alumni and their family members participated in this event and took up accommodation at the Wolf Den Bunkhouse, in very rustic wood cabins.

On Saturday October 3, alumni hiked the Hemlock Bluff Trail, visited the Logging Museum and some members also walked the Hardwood Lookout Trail. Weather was excellent and the fall colors were in beautiful display. On





their return journey to their cabins, however, they were held up by a fatal traffic accident on the highway. As a result, members had to take a 4 hour detour to return to base. Although the evening barbecue had to be cancelled, some members showed off their cooking talent and prepared dinner for the very weary group.

Sunday weather was somewhat cloudy and drizzling but the leaves appeared to have turned even more colorful. Members hiked the Whiskey Rapids Trail before leaving the Park.

This trip was unique in a way that members not only were able to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors but to bond with their classmates from different professions, faculties and eras of graduation.

### ***October 18, 2015 Fall Hike Seaton Trail, Pickering*** by Dan Lam

On October 18, 2015, HKUAAO organized a hiking to enjoy the Fall. This took place at the Seaton Trail in Pickering between Highway 7 and Steeles Avenue. The weather was mild and there were some clouds. Overall, it was a very nice afternoon walk as we passed by wooded areas and streams where there was a lovely display of nature in this multi-colors season. As usual there was a good turnout for this event. We had a total of 40 alumni, HKU exchange students, families and friends attending the hiking and 24 for the dinner afterward.



### ***October 25, 2015 HKJU Activity – Mini PanAm Game*** by Romeo Au

Hong Kong Joint Universities Alumni Ontario (JU) has been organizing activities to promote friendship and communication among alumni since established fifteen years ago. JU comprises alumni in Ontario from Chu Hai College of Higher Education, Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong Shue Yan University, Lingnan University, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and The University of Hong Kong. Each University Alumni Association will take turn to host the annual event. An activity day for all universities alumni will be organized each year.

In the past, activities like badminton, table-tennis, bowling, talent show etc. have been held to compete for the Hong Kong Cup Trophy sponsored by Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO). In 2015, the organizing committee has adopted a new format. Instead of universities competing against one another, it divided participants from all universities to form Team Red and Team White, breaking the concept of individual university based competition. Four events, Men's Mini Soccer, Men's & Women's Mixed Basketball, Men's & Women's Mixed Volleyball and Group Relay Game plus a cheerleading performance are chosen in this JU Mini Pan Am Games.



The Game was held on Sunday, October 25, 2015 in Atos Markham Pan Am Centre. Over 100 alumni from all universities participated in these events. They played hard, ran fast, showed sportsmanship and cooperation as a team. Everyone has enjoyed the games including hundreds of spectators watching on the sidelines.

Team Red and Team White tied in Men's Mini Soccer while Team White clinched top spot in both Men's & Women's Mixed



Basketball and Men's & Women's Mixed Volleyball and topped the standing going to the last event, Group Relay Game. To the credit of Team Red members, they never gave up, fought hard, then came from behind to beat Team White in Group Relay Game and tied the overall score. Therefore, it was a happy ending as both Teams Red and White were co-champion. We also remembered the excellent performance of both Cheerleading teams which pushed the atmosphere to another level. The event ended on a high note with a Gala Dinner with over 220 people attended and the presentation of Hong Kong Cup.

I would like to thank our President, Dennis Au-Yeung, Vice President, Augustine Chan, H.K. Pong and Liza Tsui for their help and support so we can form a team of 35 for the Games and around 40 in the Gala Dinner.

Last but not least, HKU will be the hosting university for JU Activity Day in 2016. Stay tune for more information.

### ***December 6, 2015 Table Tennis in-house Tournament and Fun Day*** by HK Pong

We had another fun-filled day on Dec 6 when 25 players and 4 helpers took part in a table tennis tournament at the Canadian Chinese Table Tennis Association. Same as the tournament before, the competition was on team basis. Each team composed of 4-5 players from different skill levels. They played singles and doubles to determine the overall position. Apart from fostering friendship among members of the interest group, and to promote table tennis as a healthy sport, this year's tournament has a special meaning: to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of HKUAAO. We were honored to have our President Dennis Au-Yeung, and Vice President Augustine Chan, to sponsor trophy cups and souvenirs to players and helpers. The excitement of the day was not only from the matches, but from a game in which members guessed the first three winning positions. At the end, only one member could guess correctly the results. The joyful moment continued after the tournament. 32 members and their family had a dinner gathering to attend the prize presentation ceremony, and to celebrate the birthday of three of our members.

The results of the tournament are:

#### **1. Team Event**

*Best Performance Award:*

*Champion:* Team 4: Sidney Chu, Sandie Chu, Jimmy Tang, and Peter Yau

*1st runner-up:* Team 6: Michael Lam, Chris Tam, Hector Chan and Stephen Ho

*2nd runner-up:* Team 5: Martin Ho, Liza Tsui, Eddie Ho, and Joannes Tsang

#### **2. Individual awards**

*Best Performance Award:*

Group A: Sidney Chu

Group B: Simon Cheung

Group C: Hector Chan

Group D: Peter Yau

*Most Improvement Award:*

Group A: HK Pong

Group B: Chris Tam

Group C: Jimmy Tang

Group D: Joannes Tsang



### ***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 those groups is a sure way to make the year a happy and healthy one!

<b>Badminton Interest group</b>	Romeo Au	區耀興	BSocSc 1976	romeoyhau@hotmail.com
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<b>Golf Interest Group</b>	Augustine Chan	陳憶崙	BA 1982	augustinetoronto@hotmail.com
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<b>Table Tennis Interest Group</b>	H. K. Pong	龐衍祺	BSc(Eng) 1980	p_hinki@yahoo.com
<b>Wine Tasting Interest Group</b>	Tim Cheng	鄭天祥	1970 Science	tc@timcheng-ca.com

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