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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2020

Due to the extraordinary circumstances posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the HKUAAO Board of Directors has proposed to set up a Virtual A.G.M. before middle of October 2020. Stay tuned. We will elect the new board of directors and executive committee members for 2020 – 2021 at the A.G.M. All members are encouraged to nominate and be nominated for the Board for the coming year. Although we are not able to meet face to face for this year due to the pandemic situation, this is still an excellent opportunity to connect and re-connect with many fellow alumni.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST EVENTS

HKUAAO Annual General Meeting & Dinner on April 14, 2019 by Lilian Ma

The 34th HKUAAO AGM dinner was held at Premier Ballroom & Convention Centre in Markham, Ontario on April 14, 2019. It was well-attended by Alumni members, Board Directors, mentees, families, friends, Special Guests as well as representatives from the Joint University Alumni Associations from Hong Kong. The Dinner event was organized by the AGM Dinner committee headed by Tim Cheng. The night's program ran smoothly under the direction of MCs Margaret Law and Eddie Ho. The production was led by Romeo Au with assistance on the floor by Raymond Leung and Frankie Cheng. The dinner started with a welcome message from Wilson Chan, the President, who thanked all alumni, founding and current board members, supporters and volunteers for their invaluable support to the organization during the past year. The MCs also announced the list of VIPs in attendance. A video bringing greetings from the HKU President and Vice Chancellor, Professor Zhang Xiang, was shown. Ms. Emily Mo, Director of The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, delivered the keynote speech and updated dinner participants on the latest news of the Great Bay area around Hong Kong.



Other highlights of the dinner included recognition of Tim Cheng for his Outstanding Achievement Award to the HKUAAO, the work of the various activity committees and interests groups, support from the other University Alumni Associations, and the Passing of the Brick ceremony from the outgoing president, Wilson Chan, to Lilian Ma, the incoming president, who thanked Wilson for a job well done and delivered a short greeting to the audience.

The night was filled with fun and entertainment, not to mention the great dinner menu and joyous social opportunities; it also featured lucky draw of 26 donated prizes from sponsors, as well as Karaoke

entertainment by Eddie Ho, Judy Leung, Joe Cho, Nick Wong and Margaret Law. The night ended with more photo sessions, with the help throughout from our dedicated Alumni photographers Chris Tam and HK Pong.

We thank Margaret Law and Eddie Ho, our excellent MCs, as well as many alumni and volunteers who together delivered another well attended, successful and memorable HKUAAO annual dinner.



HKUAAO Spring hike on May 26, 2019 by Joannes Tsang

On May 26, 2019, with the help of Tom, the organizer and hike leader together with other volunteers, the annual Spring Hike event was held successfully with good participation of nearly 40 alumni, their families and friends in Rouge Valley. The weather and spirit of the participants were good with everyone having good time. After the hike, about 18 people stayed and enjoyed a nice dinner together with others for the hike.



HKJU Summer Picnic – Sibbald Point Provincial Park on June 22, 2019 by Romeo Au

Almost 100 JU alumni, families and friends attended the summer picnic in Sibbald Point Provincial, south east of Lake Simco, about an hour drive from downtown Toronto. The picnic provided a chance for us to take a break and enjoy the country side on a lovely sunny day. Under the lead of our President, Lilian Ma, HKUAAO had a contingent of 12 people. She also brought her 3 cutie doggies along.

Various activities were organized including hiking along the park and the lakeshore, photos shooting, games involved individuals and groups. All alumni were heavily involved and participated fully in the



activities. The organizer also brought in a professional photographer taking aerial photos for us with a drone. Most of us were excited and tons of photos were captured. The organizer had provided an excellent choice of food highlighted with 2 roasted pigs to fill our stomach. Some alumni said they needed to do more exercise after to dust off a few pounds. In the picnic, we had the opportunity to make new friends with other JU alumni as well as understanding more of our own. I am sure we all had a good time and enjoyed the day. I would like to thank the support of Christina Jong & Sam Grey, Darius & Amy Wong, Irene & Jason Yee, Margaret & Albert Liu, Lilian Ma & Mark Spragett, Liza Tsui to make our event memorable.



HKUAAO 2019 Fall Hike on September 29, 2019 by Glendy Sze

The Fall Hike on Sept 29, 2019 took place in the Bob Hunter Memorial Park in Markham. The park, being part of the Rouge National Park System, commemorates Bob Hunter (1941-2005), a Canadian environmental champion who worked tirelessly to protect biodiversity and celebrate nature. It was a beautiful Sunday with fresh Crispy Fall air. There were 18 alumni from HKUAAO participating. Together with another hiking group led by Mr. Wong, we had total of 40 hikers altogether. We hiked for about 2 hours and then followed with a visit to the nearby farm, Judy's Tropical Farm. The hike ended at around 5pm. After the hike, HKUAAO alumni joined the other hiking group and had a dinner in a restaurant in Markham.



HKJU (Ontario) Talent Show and Gala Dinner on October 6, 2019 by Romeo Au

Talent Show 2:00 – 6:00 pm

The hosting university, Chu Hai Alumni Association suggested to organize a talent show instead of a sports activity for a change. The idea received huge support from all alumni associations. The event was held in Infiniti Strings' concert hall in Markham with professional audio and video facilities. A rehearsal was arranged two weeks before so participants could acquaint themselves with the venue and audio/visual facilities to raise a notch in their performance.

You could not believe how good the performances were. All participants had shown their utmost professionalism, dedication and put on their best effort to entertain the audience. Together with the audio, video and special effects, I must say close to 200 audience could not imagine these 'amateurs' can put up such an excellent show that they can talk for weeks, if not months. Over 30 alumni came to enjoy and show support to our mini musical drama led by our Eddie Ho, Maggie Poon, Margaret Law and Verdi Yau. Their act 微型音樂劇：家豪與愛玲 won the Favourite Performance (最歡迎獎), one of the four awards. The other awards went to:



浸會大學 (Baptist U) – Award of Creativity (最佳創意獎) – Dancing: Dark Forces

嶺南大學 (LingNan U) – Best Costume & Make Up Design (最佳做型獎) : 古箏妙韻樂悠揚

理工大學 (Polytechnic U) – Award of Excellence (最專業演出獎) 婦唱夫彈：情意兩漫漫

Congratulation to all winners and also to all performers. Without them, we could not have a wonderful and enjoyable afternoon to share with our families and friends.



Gala Dinner – 6:00 – 11:00 pm

As usual, JU committee had arranged a gala dinner right after the Talent Show and almost 300 alumni, guest, families and friends had attended. They made use of this banquet to celebrate all the hard work, efforts they had given for all JU activities organized in 2019. HKUAAO had 60 alumni came to share the fun and joy. During the banquet, a lot of thoughtful performances were organized and especially the repeated performance of the awards winners in the Talent Show to give those who were not able to come in the afternoon.

The evening included passing the baton to 2020 JU hosting university – Polytechnic University Alumni Association and souvenir presentation to our long time sponsor – Hong Kong Economics and Trade Office (Toronto). Together with nice people, good food, excellent performances and warm atmosphere, JU alumni, families and friends left the gala dinner full of joy and happiness and anticipated to return in 2020.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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