



# THE PEARL TO GOLD TIMES

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### Lunch with VC Zhang



President and Vice Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, Prof. Xiang Zhang paid a visit to the San Francisco area in May. He was accompanied by Ms. Monica Wong, the Director of Alumni Affairs. Our alumni association and the Hong Kong Economics & Trade Office in S.F. jointly hosted a lunch gathering to welcome them at the Tai Wu Restaurant in Millbrae. At the event, President gave the attendees an update on the ranking of our alma mater. HKU now ranked 21st in the QS World University Ranking in 2023. Education and Educational Research ranked #1. Dentistry ranked #2 and Social Policy and Administration ranked #8.

*The Board, HKETO Deputy Dir. & Guests*



*President and retired board members*



*Welcome speech by Emily Ng, Deputy Director, HKETO (SF)*



*Monica Wong with Prof. Hu and Wong*



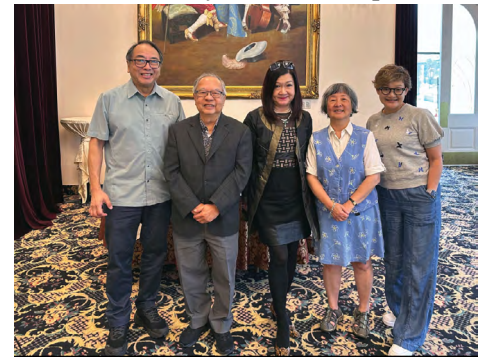
*Souvenir presentation to President Zhang*



### Connections with other chapters

It is an excellent idea for us to maintain connections with other alumni chapters especially those in North America. Recently, Larry Ng was able to meet with officers of HKU alumni chapters in Ontario and British Columbia as well as former V. C. Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui.

*Lunch with Prof. Tsui and Margaret Law, President of Ontario Chapter*



*New book written by alumna Margaret Law*

*Lunch with Wilson Chan, past president of Ontario Chapter*



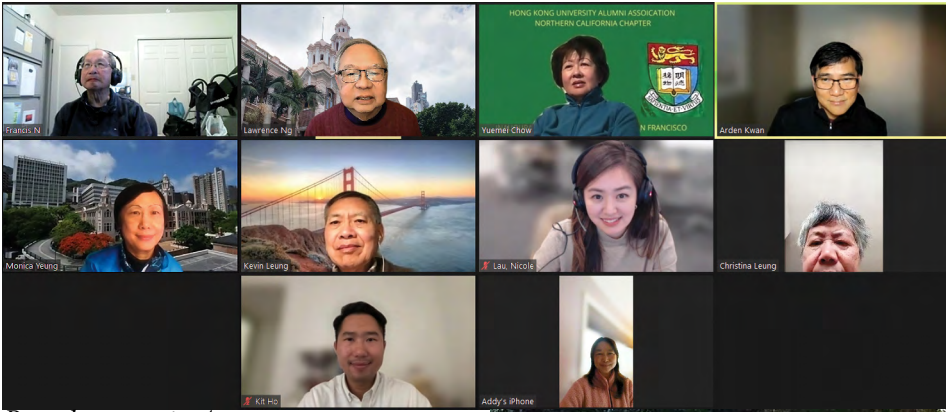
*Lunch with officers of British Columbia Chapter*



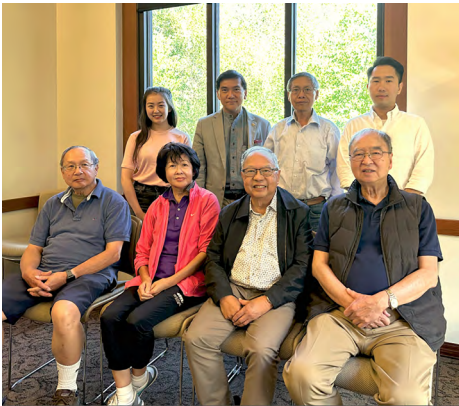


## Board Meetings

### Board meeting via Zoom in April



### Board retreat in August



Our board has been busy under the new leadership of alumnus Arden Kwan. It met via Zoom in April to lay out the foundation of the organization. Another in person board retreat was held in August to work out the detail structure of the board and its path. Decision was made to form a 501(c)7 organization and new executive officers were created. One of the main objectives is to attract more young alumni to join us.

Actor Tony Leung who recently won a Lifetime Achievement Golden Lion Award paid a visit to the University of Hong Kong. Photo taken at Loke Yew Hall.



President Kwan with retired board members & young graduates from HK



## Hike and Brunch at San Andreas Trail

We held our first outdoor gathering during the Labor Day weekend. We first had a pleasant walk along the San Andreas Trail and then we met up with a few others to have a delicious brunch at the New Asian Pearl Restaurant. Quite a few young alumni joined us at the event. Souvenir caps with the HKUAA Northern California logo were presented to alumni Yuemei Chow and Francis Nguyen for their devoted contributions.

Alumni Yuemei Chow and Francis Nguyen received souvenir caps for retiring from executive board



At New Asian Pearl Restaurant brunch

