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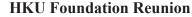
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HKU Ranking



versities in 2024 published by QS dation Reunion was held on Novemas well as Times have come out. The ber 7, 2023 at the Loke Yew Hall. University of Hong Kong ranking Alumna Christina Leung was the has climbed up. Eight subjects at only one from our organization to HKU have been ranked among the attend. She had the opportunity to world top universities. The best sub- meet Vice Chancellor Xiang Zhang ject is Education. Dentistry used to and Monica Wong, Director of be the top subject but its no longer Alumni Affairs of DAAO. Professor among the eight. For the first time, Lap-Chee Tsui, former HKU Vice the HKU is ranked ahead of Univer- Chancellor, is the new Chairman of sity of Singapore. Vice Chancellor University of Hong was proud to announce that because Kong Foundation. it was his challenge when a question was raised by Larry Ng to find out why HKU was behind University of Singapore in ranking at the HKUAA NC banquet in 2018.







The ranking reports of world uni- The University of Hong Kong Foun-

Many of us know him well. He travels between Toronto, Hong Kong and Hangzhou often.



Newsom at HKU



The Institute for Climate and Carbon Neutrality (ICCN) at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) hosted a fireside chat between two distinguished speakers, California Governor Gavin Newsom, and Professor Peng Gong, Vice-president and Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Development) of HKU and Director of ICCN during a seminar, titled "California's Climate Journey: Insights and Inspiration for Hong Kong".

During the fireside chat, Governor Gavin Newsom and Professor Peng Gong engaged in a dialogue on California's climate journey and discuss how the state's success stories can be adapted to Hong Kong's context.

It was a successful event. Prof. and alumnus Todd Ing



We mourn the recent loss of alum-Todd nus Ing. MB,BS.1957, Professor at Loyal University, past president of HKUAA Central USA.

Welcome 2 new board members





Stephen Ng

Julian Chu

Stephen got his B.Soc.Sc. at HKU in the Vice Chancellor Xiang Zhang, 1981. He is the past chair of the Eco- Past V.C. Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui, nomics Society & President of AIE- DAAO officers, Shirley Lo, Monica SEC. He received MBA from CUHK Wong, plus Bernadette Tsui, Doris and was the Global Alumni Ambas- Cheung and Kitty Wong. He also sador of CUHK Business School in found time to connect with eight of Bay Area. He worked at OOCL for his past mentees. The main reason >30 years and was a Board Direc- for his trip was to attend the 111th tor with profit/loss accountability as Anniversary Reunion of St. John's well as ESG and PR responsibilities. College called "One and Only One". He was the official company spokes- He found time spend two days in person. He retired in 2019.

Julian received B.Sc. at HKU in 1992 and a MS in aerospace science and MBA in Business Administration at University of Michigan. He is currently president of Kaleida Group, providing strategic advisory, coaching and management support to high impact startups. Before that, he was product operations director and chief of staff for Google Cloud Business Platform. He has served on the board of a number of non-profits e.g. Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

HK Secretary of Finance's visit In mid-November, Mr. Paul Chan, the Financial Secretary of Hong Kong paid a visit to the Bay Area to attend the APEC conference. A few of our board members were invited by HKETO (SF) to attend a special dinner to honor him at Harbowview Restaurant in San Francisco. He spoke about the Hong Kong positive outlook in finance, computer technology and combating climate change.

Larry's Diary About his HK Visit He was in Hong Kong for two weeks in late November. He managed to meet with several important officers of the University of Hong Kong like

Macau which looked so different from the last time he was there.

SJC 111th Anniversary Reunion

St. John's College celebrated its 111th Anniversary at the Hong Kong Convention Center. It was very well attended by one thousand St. Johnians and guests which included Vice Chancellor Zhang. Larry was seated at the head table and was able to meet alumni whom he had not seen for 60 years. However, it was a little disappointing that not many attendants came from either the U.S.A. or Canada. After the banquet dinner, three paintings by alumna Elaine Chiu were auctioned out. It brought in >HK\$ 200,000 to the association.



With Rev. Paul Tong, former College Master



HKU Mentor Inauguration

A mentor inauguration event was held at Loke Yew Hall. Larry and his mentee Jenny Wu were lucky enough to be included in the event at the last minute. Performance was done by a talented mentee committee group. Vice Chancelor Xiang Zhang was a honor guest. It was at that event that he brought up the incidence in 2018 when Larry Ng questioned the ability of HKU overtaking Singapore University in ranking. It has finally happened and he is proud of it.



C Zhang with Larry and mentee

HKU Senior Common Rooms Larry were invited by HKU officers to have lunch at the Senior Common Rooms, one of which serves Chinese food and another serves European dishes. The food was excellent. After the lunch, Prof. Lap-Chee Tsui who is an excellent photographer showed Larry the photo spots on campus.



Vith Elaine Chiu, artist At South China Sports Ctr with Monica Wong