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Spring Luncheon

On March 7, 2026 we hosted a joyous Spring Luncheon to celebrate the Year of the Horse. The event featured our very own Drs. Arden and Mei Kwan sharing their journey from total health to global health, their experiences volunteering at remote corners of the world. We had a sold-out event with nearly 60 alumni and friends attending, including current exchange students, long-time members, and new members alike. Some of us demonstrated our Chinese calligraphy skills, while others took home some amazing Fai Chuns as a result. On behalf of HKUAANC, we wish you much success, health, happiness and prosperity in the year of the Fire Horse!



HKU Alumni Day 2026



The University of Hong Kong celebrated its vibrant alumni community with a jubilant Alumni Day on March 14, a highlight of the University's 115th-anniversary festivities. This landmark event attracted more than 5,000 alumni, friends, and family members to the HKU Main Campus. It also included an Alumni Day run along the waterfront of Hong Kong Island. Special souvenirs and dessert were made for the occasion.



HKUAANC Board Retreat



The HKUAA Northern California board held its annual board retreat at the Walnut Creek Library. Guided by the mission to bring value and impact to our members and communities as the bridge to HKU, the board discussed strategic roadmaps to continue to grow our membership, reimagine our programs, strengthen our financials, and to stay relevant and helpful in the high tech age for all cohorts of members.

New School at HKU



The new School of Governance and Policy has recently been established at the University of Hong Kong. It is headed by Professor Kenneth Wong who returned from the United States of America to help to launch this school of public polices. Its first mini lecture was held on January 30, 2026. The topic was “Russia vs China: Divergent Outcomes in Transition from Central Planning”

Scholars Connect



A gathering of alumni and exchange HKU students learning from each other with presentations of their research and projects was held on May 16. We had HKU exchange students from Stanford



and UC Berkeley presenting their innovative work. Our alumni presentation was represented by Kakit Ho. The most interesting presentation was by Professor Lung S. Chan on geology finds.

Fireside Chat with Alumna Wong

In June, we held a lunch and fireside chat at alumna Margaret Wong’s Empress Vineyard in Napa. Margaret is a 1974 HKU B. S. graduate in Economics, Business Administration and Accounting. She is an accomplished international business woman. She is the President/CEO of McWong International, an expert in business investment and trade between U.S. and China and a member of Committee of 100. She gave the audience a detailed history of her journey from Hong Kong to Chicago and finally California.



QS World University Ranking



The new QS World University Ranking 2027 has come out. HKU has climbed up and ranks #2 in Asia and #11 in the world.

Future Events

Our next event will be a geology field trip in North Bay on August 15 led by Prof. L.S. Chan. We are planning an event in October featuring a panel of AI industry practitioners and talent recruiters on the future of jobs and talents, in addition to a year end celebration. Stay tuned!

