

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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HKUAA HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2010-2011

1. Twelve monthly meetings were held by the Executive Committee in the past year 2010-2011. Many functions were also organized by Exco and the various Sub-Committees, covering a wide range of social, cultural, professional and community activities, all with the full support of the Administration Manager Miss Cherrie CHAN. The President Mr. TSE Sik-yan oversaw the working of each Sub-Committee, and the Convenors of the various Sub-Committees presented a brief report at every Exco meeting. Details of activities can be found in our website www.hkuaa.org.hk.

2. **The House and Bar Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Paul HO)** oversaw the running of the Clubhouse and the AA Bar, with constant meetings with the caterer to improve food quality, menu variety, price and service. Even the condition of the toilets had been improved. Tasting menus were organized a few times to ensure that the Clubhouse remains competitive with other clubhouses of similar nature. The Clubhouse remained financially healthy throughout the year, with effort placed also on the promotion of bar sales.

3. **The Social & Events Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Alex LAI)** ran a variety of events appealing to different interest groups. All events were well-attended and developed a good network among the more senior and younger alumni, and with Student Members. A good relationship was also maintained with the University and other HKU-related organizations such as Convocation and HKUGA, as well as with the community at large. Examples of activities included:
 - a. Luncheon Talk by Mr. Jack So on 11/11/2010 on “What HKU did not teach me” and by The Hon. Justice Patrick S.O. CHAN on 15/09/2011 on “司法獨立與政治”
 - b. New Year Countdown Dinner and Gathering on 31/12/11
 - c. New Year Buffet Dinner at Hong Kong Club on 08/01/11
 - d. Chinese New Year of the Rabbit Celebration Dinner on 09/02/11
 - e. HKU Race Day on 05/06/11 with the presentation of the “HKUAA Challenge Cup”
 - f. Preparation under way for organizing a Centenary Pre-Gala Chinese Dinner on 17/12/11 for overseas alumni before the HKU Centenary Gala Dinner on 18/12/11.

The Hiking Group (Person-in-Charge Miss Ruru JIN) went hiking with coaches regularly and whenever the weather permitted. This activity consistently attracted

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50-70 participants each time. Places visited included Clear Water Bay on 31/10/10 and 16/01/11, Pottinger Peak on 28/11/10, Tai Po and Sha Lo Tung on 06/03/11, Wongneichong Gap Rd Wilson Trail on 10/04/11, Wong Shek Pier to Hoi Ha on 08/05/11 and Ma On Shan on 25/09/11.

4. **The University Liaison Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Christopher YIU)** continued to support the University's Bricks Campaign and liaised with overseas alumni associations to donate bricks. At the last count, the number of bricks had passed the 100 mark. HKU will work on the design and layout in due course.
5. **The Membership Sub-Committee (Convenor Miss Kitty TSE)** saw fast growth in membership. Membership figures as at October 2011 now stood at around 19,000. A Special Working Group was formed under the chairmanship of Dr. K.Y. WAI to look into issues of members' entrance fees, membership categories, membership cards etc. and a report had been submitted for discussion on 01/02/11. Dr. WAI led us through the report and essential issues delineated.
6. **The P.R. Sub-Committee (Convenor Catherine CHEUNG)** worked together with the I.T., Membership, Community Services and House and Bar Sub-Committees to raise the Association's image. The Association's website was considerably improved, with upgrading of the website content and design, more photos being inserted, menus placed and introduction of a user-friendly chart for the various interest groups and events. The Association also promoted its Caring Organization status after that was obtained.
7. **The I.T. Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Paul W.S. KWAN)** worked tirelessly to improve facilities within the premises, including
 - a. Successfully setting up the broadband service and wifi system
 - b. Purchasing computers and printers for both the Administration Office and the restaurant
 - c. Improving the reception of the wireless microphone system
 - d. Making use of computers for TV broadcast in the restaurant and the bar
 - e. Updating and improving the HKUAA website – setting up a photo album for activities of various groups, inserting more photos, upgrading the design, putting in menus, drawing floor plan, improving online membership system and payment etc.
 - f. Held Technology Seminars on 16/04/11 and on 13/08/11 with guest speakers
 - g. Implementing the Point of Sales (POS) system and setting up internal file sharing for staff

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from a variety of professions, providing a good platform for them to mingle with each other and attracting consistently 20-30 participants every month. Recent gatherings involved joint events with alumni professionals from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, totaling some 130 participants.

A separate Monthly Professional Alumni Get-together Group had also been formed **based in Beijing** starting March 2011 and was led by the previous HK Convenor **Mr. Joseph CHONG** who now works in Beijing. The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, a HKU alumni, had also attended some of their gatherings.

12. The Green and Culture Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Brian HUI) held a variety of activities, sometimes together with members of the Young Alumni and Student Members Sub-Committees. Activities included

- a. Guided tour of Christie's highlights in Modern Chinese paintings on 27/11/10 and another one on Classical and Modern Chinese Paintings on 28/05/11
- b. Eco-tours to High Island Geo Trail together with the Student Members Group to observe HK'S unique hexagonal volcanic columns and appreciate geological features of High Island at close range on 29/01/11, and to Hoi Ha Wan Marine Park in Sai Kung to observe coral reefs and marine life on 04/09/11
- c. Visited the Fung Yuen Butterfly Reserve in Tai Po on 02/04/11
- d. Had Chocolate Tasting Classes on 11/02/11 and 12/01/11
- e. Freestyle Painting Sessions: Jam Your Art, Paint Your Heart Sessions on 18/06/11 and 23/07/11.
- f. Recruiting of new members to the Sub-Committee
- g. Fine-tuning of application for HKAEE's Energywise and Wastewise Programmes for saving of energy and reduction of waste

13. The Young Alumni Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Jeffrey TSE) held a variety of functions which were very popular and often over-subscribed. They included:

- a. Participating with over 160 members of the HKUAA Team at the HKU Centenary Celebrations Kick-off Parade on 09/01/11. The specially-designed HKUAA T-shirt certainly stood out from the crowd.
- b. Lamma Island trip on 20/11/10
- c. Summer Mentorship Programme involving graduates and undergraduates as mentors for secondary school students. Sub-Committee members took part in recruiting mentors, interviewing them and organizing activities for the students. 170 applications from mentees were received which was a record high. The programme kick-off on 09/07/11 and 16/07/11 attracted many students and alumni.

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- d. Social activities such as Halloween Nite 30/10/10, Christmas Nite 25/12/10, Golf and Dinner event on 26/01/11, 26/03/11 & 31/01/10, Wine-tasting Event on 26/02/11, Rosé Boating Nite 30/04/11 and 14/05/11, Bordeaux 2005 Wine Nite on 28/05/11 etc.
 - e. Social Service work co-ordinating the HKUAA Volunteer Team and Student Members to visit the elderly and distribute mooncakes.
- 14. The Student Members Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. WONG Ka Ho)** worked hard to introduce the Association to HKU students. They set up counters in the main HKU campus and in halls of residence such as Lady Ho Tung Hall to recruit more student members. They also held a Youth Cultural Exchange Day on 26/03/11 and Friday Happy Hour days on 01/04/11 and 17/06/11. Joint activities were also held with the Green and Culture Group to visit High Island and with the Young Alumni Members Group for the Mentorship Programme.
- 15.** Ms. Lucy CHEUNG chaired a Working Group to re-do the boards with names of Life Members, Past Presidents and Hon. Members in the Clubhouse. The name list had been carefully scrutinized and the project is expected to be completed by mid-October, 2011.

In all, the Association had a very fruitful, eventful and successful year.

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Hon. Sec., HKUAA