

HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

1. The Executive Committee had conducted twelve monthly meetings during the fiscal year, from 11 October 2016 to 10 October 2017. Under the able leadership of President Paul W. C. HO and his team, including Vice-Presidents Dr. Evelyn MAN and Ms. Lucy CHEUNG, Hon. Treasurer Mr. Danny LI, Hon. Sec. Ms. Catherine CHEUNG and 13 different Sub-Committees, the Association witnessed continued growth and development.

The year continued to be busy and active with close to 100 events being organized, covering a variety of activities from social networking, recreational, community service to educational events, as well as wining and dining and choir singing. Convenors of respective Sub-Committee submitted written and/or verbal monthly reports at every Executive Committee (Exco) meeting. Details and photos of the activities held during the year can be found on www.hkuuaa.org.hk. The term also welcomed two new Exco members, namely Ms. Ophelia Y.Y. CHAN and Mr. Paul K. L. LI. Thanks go to all Exco and Sub-Committee members who contributed to make the past year a great success.

Mr. Sunny YIP joined the Association as Operation Officer at the administration office effective 06/04/2017 upon resignation of Mr. Austin LEUNG on 24/02/2017. Mr. YIP is responsible for membership affairs and to support launch of the new membership card. He will work alongside Miss Natalie WONG, Operation Officer and our long-standing administrative staff Miss CHENG Yee-fong and Clubhouse Manager Mr. LAU Chi-on.

2. The House and Bar Sub-Committee (Convenor Dr. Evelyn MAN)

- i. Regular meetings were held with the caterer to improve food quality, menu variety, service and Clubhouse facilities.
- ii. Dr. Evelyn MAN took up the Convenor role upon resignation of Mr. AU-YEUNG Yik Kung starting 2017 in view of the latter's frequent flight schedules in months to come.
- iii. The 2-year catering contract with Billion Beauty expired on 31 October 2016. Subsequent to a thorough assessment by the Selection Committee chaired by Mr. TSE Sik-yan, and upon approval by the Executive Committee (Exco), a new 2-year agreement was signed with Stand Great Investment Limited, of which Chef LI is a director. The handover by Billion Beauty was smooth and Chef LI will continue his service with the HKUAA.
- iv. A slight raise in menu price was recommended in January by the caterer and subsequently approved by the Sub-committee with selected dishes increased by \$10 each and not for all dishes. Function rooms rental, coming from a low rate at the time, was increased by around 18% to 20%.
- v. Clubhouse business was good in January and February, notwithstanding a slow economy, but sales had begun to drop since March with a slight pick up in June. By maintaining food quality and introducing innovative and seasonal dishes, the Clubhouse still performed better than peers in the industry. The restaurant and the AA Bar remained financially sound and healthy in the fiscal year under review.
- vi. Our architect Mr. Tommy LING advised that the Clubhouse interior needed an overhaul in 2018. Such renovation work will cost an estimated \$5 to 6 million. In view of

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a tight budget and the pressure of an overall slow economy, this will unlikely take place soon. But regular improvisations were made, from purchase of better utensils, installation of new air-conditioners, audio-visual equipment to improving the lighting fixtures etc.

3. The Social & Events Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Alex LAI)

A number of hiking events were organized during the cooler months, and all hiking events were supported by hiking leaders from the Mountaineering Council of Hong Kong. Mr. LAI also started a hiking group Facebook to engage with hiking fans:

- i. 05/11/2016 Hiking from Hoi Ha, through Lan Lo Au and Tai Tam Country Trail to Wong Shek.
- ii. 04/02/2017 Hiking to Lion Rock, Amah Rock and Hung Mui Kuk.
- iii. 07/10/2017 Hiking to Tai Au Mun, Tiu Yue Yung, Tin Ha Shan, Tin Hau Temple and Tai Miu Au.

Besides hiking, two long-term dinner gatherings were organized:

- iv. 31/12/2016 The annual New Year's Eve Dinner was held at the Clubhouse.
- v. 07/01/2017 The Hong Kong Club Garden Lounge Buffet Dinner was organized and well attended by 111 members and guests. Thanks go to Mr. Kenneth SIT for reserving the venue and selecting a high quality menu. With all round good response, the event will return on 20/01/2018, again with the help of Mr. SIT in reserving the venue and confirming the menu.

4. The HKUAA Choir Sub-Committee (Convenor Ms. Lucy CHEUNG)

- i. The Choir staged three performances during the Christmas season:
 - 04/12/2016 Christmas concert at the Elements.
 - 12/12/2016 A full house Christmas Charms Concert at the 300-seat Cultural Activities Hall, Shatin Town Hall.
 - 17/12/2016 Charity performance in support of Children Development Matching Fund (CDMF) at the IFC Mall.
- ii. The Spring season started strong on 07/1/2017 under the continued directorship of Dr. Michael RYAN and the participation of more than 50 members. The season ended on a high note with a sold out concert – Let's Go Musical II – staged at the Chinese Congregational Church (CCC) on 08/04/2017.
- iii. The Summer season started on 13/05/2017 with an invitation from Music Path in the second consecutive year. The Choir sang the opera chorus and performed on the same stage with operatic professionals in excerpts from the Italian opera, Pagliacci, at the Concert Hall, City Hall on 16/08/2017.
- iv. The Choir made an exciting move with the decision to organize its first Charity Concert in 2018. A Steering Committee chaired by Ms. Lucy CHEUNG was formed, the repertoire of the majestic Handel's Messiah in its full programme was selected and

confirmed by Dr. RYAN. For the first time since its inception, the Choir was successful in securing the 1500-seat Concert Hall, City Hall for its Charity Concert to be held on 19/04/2018 (Thur).

- v. In view of the challenge of the repertoire, the Messiah Charity season will have 25 double season rehearsals beginning 09/09/2017 till April 2018, covering both Christmas performances and the Messiah Charity Concert. 56 past and present choir members enrolled for the double season.
- vi. The Choir aimed high to raise \$1 million to support local charities which received no funding from the Government. The Selection Committee was formed to interview beneficiary organizations proposed by Choir members. Out of the six proposals received, the Home Care For Girls and Hong Kong Playground Association were selected..
- vii. The HKUAA CHOIR'S AGM was held on 22/07/2017 with constructive feedbacks from its attendees, the result of which enabled the Choir management team and sub-committee to fine-tune choir management as a whole.
- viii. Ms. Lucy CHEUNG thanked the HKUAA Executive Committee for their kind and staunch support of the Choir.

5. The University Liaison Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. TSE Sik-Yan)

- i. Close ties with the University were maintained through the presence of Miss Janet CHUNG of DAAO, who often briefed us on the latest HKU developments at EXCO meetings.
- ii. Many EXCO members were present at the HKU Racing Day, which was held at the Shatin Racecourse on 11/06/2017, in which the HKUAA Challenge Cup was presented.
- iii. The retail price of HKU souvenirs sold on consignment at the Clubhouse was increased by 3% upon signing the new contract with HKU in January 2017. This was purely used to cover charges by credit cards. The Association did not a make profit in the sales.
- iv. A legal letter was received from the Incorporated Owners of Yip Fung Commercial Building demanding the demolition of the three external billboards attached to the Clubhouse premises, which was duly completed. At the same time we invited the billboard agency to submit on our behalf an official application to construct new and compliant billboard structures. Once validation was granted, the agency will help to design and build new billboards for advertisement purpose as a source of income.

6. The Membership Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Jeffrey TSE)

- i. The Association enjoyed further growth in membership numbers. As at early September 2017, membership registered a 4.5% increase compared to a year ago, reaching a total of 32,973 members, with quite a number joining as Life Members and Subscribing Members, apart from being Ordinary Members.
- ii. A continuous membership drive was underway to strengthen the bonding amongst alumni members.
- iii. There were also continuous process optimization, membership system enhancement and digital revamp to improve services and members experience.

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- iv. The programme to produce a new plastic card with the cardholder's portrait was making initial progress. The card supplier was selected, the card face designed by Miss Agnes CHEUNG was approved by the Exco and HKU, and new card registration form was available on the website. Mr. Sunny YIP will develop a batch by batch new card production and distribution starting with Exco members and Hon. VPs, and new applications.

7. The P.R. Sub-Committee (Convenor Ms. Kitty TSE)

- i. A Communications & Website group was formed with Ms. Agnes CHEUNG, Ms. Catherine CHEUNG, Mr. Brain HUI, Ms. Kitty TSE and Mr. David YIP as members, to revamp the HKUAA corporate identity and website. Ms. Agnes CHEUNG created a few updated designs of the HKUAA logo, and a version was selected by the Exco. The approved design will be applied in all new collaterals including the HKUAA letterhead, business card, membership card, website, flyer and banner designs. It was also decided that new business card will be issued to Convenors only and it should carry HKU degree and HKUAA Exco title only.
- ii. A series of well received talks and dinner gatherings were organized, mainly at the Clubhouse. Two seasonal Chinese Wellness Dinners with menu designed by registered CMP Dr. WAN were very popular amongst members, Chef LI planned to introduce selected dishes in the Clubhouse menu:
- 02/11/2016 An Amazing Fibre Journey with fibre artist Debbie LEUNG at her studio in Ap Lei Chau.
 - 24/02/2017 The South African Eco Tourism Dinner Talk by Mr. Alvin LEE of Elementz Travel.
 - 31/03/2017 Osteoporosis Health Talk by Dr. Edith LAU.
 - 28/04/2017 Spring Wellness Chinese Dinner (春季养生晚宴：食。趣。味。养。中菜篇《春季食疗》)。
 - 20/05/2017 Cooking Workshop by Mr. Alex LING (笔名：小凌), a HKU Engineering graduate, on Western dishes cooking, held at Cookology.
 - 16/06/2017 Whisky Dinner Talk on the 5 regions of Scotch Single Malt Whisky was delivered by Cru Magazine and Whisky Magazine editor Mr. Eddie CHUI.
 - 08/07/2017 A West meets East Tasting Dinner 'Taste Well, Eat Well' was held having Dr. Albert CHIU to design the menu using various Western spices, Chef LI's attempt to cook the menu was highly commended.
 - 28/07/2017 Summer Wellness Chinese Dinner (夏季养生晚宴：食。趣。味。养。中菜篇《夏季食疗》)。
- iii. The Ballroom Dance Classes and the Jazz Dance Classes, organized in collaboration with the Champion Ballroom Dance Academy, were becoming a regular programme for dance loving members of different ages. New Classes in Viennese Waltz, Rumba, Waltz and Cha Cha Cha, each consisted of 6-8 lessons, were held every other two to three months during the year.

8. The Technology and Operations Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. David YIP)

- i. There was continuous effort to maintain and upgrade the digital and hardware infrastructure of HKUAA to enhance the experience of our members in different online touch points as well as in the Clubhouse.
- ii. The HKUAA website upgrade started during the year. Passber Limited was appointed to re-design the website with an energetic and trendy image. The new website will be mobile responsive and will facilitate better online event registration and PayPal payment. Convenors and office staff started testing the new registration and payment features in August.

9. The Golf Interest Sub-Committee (Convenor Dr. Dicky LAM)

The HKUAA Golf Team was very active and in great team spirit, organizing and participating in a good number of golf events, and making a few wins too. The first overseas golf trip was also organized during the year:

- i. 9 & 10/10/2016 Won the Intersvarsity Golf Game against the CUHK team, which took place at the Phoenix Hill Golf Club.
- ii. 7/11/2016 Friendly Match with Discovery Bay Ladies Team at the Discovery Bay Golf Club.
- iii. 23/11/2016 Annual Champion Cup at the KSC Golf Club.
- iv. 08/01/2017 Golf Fun Day at the Mission Hills Golf Club, Shenzhen.
- v. 15/02/2017 Casual golf gathering at the Phoenix Hill Golf Club.
- vi. 18/02/2017 Casual golf gathering at Mission Hills Golf Club.
- vii. 22/02/2017 New Year Cup, an internal game and first round of the 2017 League, at Yinli Golf Club, Dongguan
- viii. Feb 2017 Set up a FB page to better engage with team members.
- ix. 15/03/2017 Quadrangular Friendly Match with HKUAA, CUHK, CUA (Canadian U Association) and MHS GT (Mission Hill Social Golf Team) at Phoenix Hill Golf Club, Dongguan.
- x. 22/04/2017 The Challenge Cup at the Phoenix Hill Golf Club, Dongguan.
- xi. 03/05/2017 Won the 4th University Alumni Golf Tournament which was held at the Phoenix Hill Golf Club. This was a joint event of alumni from eight universities including HKUAA, CUHK, HKUST, Poly U, City U, Baptist U, EdUHK and Canadian University Association (HK).
- xii. 14/06/2017 The President's Cup at the Harbour Plaza Golf Club.
- xiii. 16/08/2017 Won the competition with Zeland Golf Society at the Phoenix Hill Golf Club.
- xiv. 06/09/2017 Competition with the Canadian University Association at the Phoenix Hill Golf Club.
- xv. 22-24/09/2017 The first ever overseas golf trip was organized at the Resort of Mission Hills, Haikou in Hainan.

10. The Community Services Sub-Committee (Convenor Ms. Ophelia CHAN)

Ms. CHAN supported the following events through volunteer recruitment and participa-

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- i. 05/12/2016 Visit to the elderly to distribute blankets before the winter season
- ii. 19/12/2016 Helped recruit audience to Tung Wah Group of Hospital (TWGHs) sponsored drama "有一種幸福叫感恩" which was jointly performed by young people and those rehabilitating from mental illness.
- iii. 25/06/2017 Recruited volunteers to support the *Cheer Up Vintage Car Parade* organized by the TWGHs' Radio-i-Care in West Kowloon. The event aimed to promote mental health.
- iv. 24/09/2017 To support the 'Amazing Greeners' fundraising event via volunteer recruitment amongst our members. The 'Amazing Greeners' will be a city run/hunt event organized by Greeners Actions to raise awareness of environmental issues.

11. The Monthly Professional Alumni Get-together Group (Convenor Mr. Joseph CHONG)

Apart from regular joint get-together networking events with alumni groups of other professional organizations and universities, Mr. CHONG and Dr. William YIP also organized a good variety of events throughout the year:

- i. 15/10/2016 Visit to a local GMP-certified skincare factory.
- ii. 25/10/2016 Dinner talk by Dr Winnie Tang on "Smart City 3.0 – What's Next" at the Clubhouse.
- iii. 11/12/2016 Guided Tour to T-PARK, the sludge treatment facility in Tuen Mun, followed by a visit to the T-SPA located in T-PARK's Environmental Education Centre.
- iv. 08/02/2017 Joint Happy Hour organized with the Hong Kong Institute of Marketing at the AA Bar.
- v. 24/02/2017 Joint Happy Hour with HKU MBA at Tivo.
- vi. 25/02/2017 Group Wheel Pottery Workshop at Arthome, Fu Tan.
- vii. 26/03/2017 The Lamma Eco-Cultural Tour (南丫島漁民文化環島生態遊).
- viii. 30/03/2017 Joint Get-Together drink co-organized with the Shanghai Jiao Tong University HK Alumni at Orange Peel, LKF.
- ix. 01/04/2017 Fire and Ambulance Services Education Centre visit.
- x. 08/04/2017 Visit to Tsz Shan Monastery.
- xi. 27/05/2017 Coffee Home Brewing Workshop at the Orli Coffee Works.
- xii. 18/06/2017 High Island Reservoir Geo Tour accompanied by Geopark guide.
- xiii. 19/08/2017 Chinese Tea Appreciation Workshop at Ming Cha Chinese Teahouse.
- xiv. 30/09/2017 Visit to CLP's Daya Bay Nuclear Power Station in Guangdong.

12. The Green and Culture Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Brian HUI)

The following events were organized:

- i. 16/10/2016 The DIY Aquaponic System Workshop with Ir Dr. Elizabeth Hio Wa LAI as speaker and coach.

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- ii. 23/03/2017 Guided tour to the “L’Arche de Noe racontee par Van Cleef & Arpels” exhibition at the Asia Society was organized for HKUAA members. The exclusive event attracted more than 70 members and guests.

13. The Young Alumni Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Kyle WONG Ka-ho)

Most if not all the events organized by the Group were fully booked. Hereunder were the popular events jointly organized with the Student Members Sub-committee:

- i. 13/11/2016 The HKUAA Coaching Program jointly organized with the Student Members Sub-committee was held at the HKU Campus with 60 coaches and students participating.
- ii. 17/12/2016 Christmas Wine Tasting Nite co-organized with MEcon/MFin alumni, HKU at the AA Bar.
- iii. 31/12/2016 Countdown Fireworks Boat Trip on New Year’s Day.
- iv. 10/02/2017 Pre-Valentine Wine Party at the AA Bar with 55 young alumni attending
- v. 19/03/2017 A Local Day Tour to the New Territories (新界西北一日遊)
- vi. 27/05/2017 Young Alumni Boating Nite inclusive of dinner on board, wine tasting and squid fishing.
- vii. 01/07/2017 Summer Boating event with a full day programme of swimming, banana boat, wakeboard and games on board the yacht.
- viii. 05/08/2017 The second Summer Boating event.
- ix. 18/08/2017 French Fine Wine Tasting at the AA Bar.
- x. 16/09/2017 The New Graduates Welcome Party at the Clubhouse, with Mr. Thomas TSO delivering a speech on Career Prospect in Mainland China which was attended by more than 70 young graduates.

14. The Student Members Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Kenny Ng)

The group had co-organized most of the above-mentioned social events with the Young Alumni Sub-committee. In addition, Mr. Kenny NG and his team continued building connections between HKU students and HKUAA members through organizing coaching programmes such as the following:

- i. 13/11/2016 The HKUAA Coaching Program, jointly organised with the Young Alumni Sub-committee as mentioned above, that linked up both coaches and students.
- ii. 28/04/2017 CV Workshop held at the AA Bar, with the Human Resources Consultant of Ernest & Young as speaker that attracted many young alumni to attend.
- iii. 27/07/2017 CV Review workshop to help young alumni develop successful CV
- iv. 11/08/2017 Second CV Review workshop due to good response.
- v. Oct/2017 Set up HKUAA booth in the campus to promote membership.

15. The Fine Wine Club (Mr. Tommy LING, Chairman of AA Bar)

The following fine wine tasting events were organized:

- i. 17/03/2017 French Wine Pairing Dinner at the Clubhouse
- ii. 04/08/2017 Wine tasting at the AA Bar
- iii. 25/08/2017 Hungarian Wine Pairing Dinner at the Clubhouse

16. The Hong Kong University Alumni Prize Presentation cum Hon. Vice Presidents' Dinner (President Paul HO and Vice President Dr. Evelyn MAN)

This was the first time the Hong Kong University Alumni Prize for outstanding young graduates selected by each Faculty was presented at the Hon. Vice Presidents' Dinner. The event was organized at the Clubhouse on 16/09/2017 with the President and Vice Chancellor of HKU, Prof. Peter MATHIESON as Guest-of-Honour to deliver the Prizes to winners.

It was a great event providing an opportunity for Exco members to meet and greet Hon. Vice Presidents of HKUAA, Deans of Faculty and Senior Management Team of HKU whom President HO invited.

17. Memorandum & Articles of HKUAA

The Exco proposed making amendments to Articles 62 and 63 with regard to the eligibility conditions of Office Bearers and Exco Members. With the advice of our Legal Advisor Mr. Raymond YIP, and subsequent to a written proposal to the Hong Kong Companies Registry, President HO obtained the latter's approval to make respective amendments. An EGM will be organized after the AGM on 10/10/2017 to pass the amendments.

The Association enjoyed again a very fruitful, eventful and successful year, thanks to a very hard-working Executive Committee and its many Sub-Committees.

Ms. Catherine Y. L. CHEUNG
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