

HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018

1. Twelve monthly meetings were held by the Executive Committee (ExCo) from 10 October 2017 to 11 September 2018. Under the able leadership of President Dr. Evelyn Y. F. MAN and her team, including Vice-Presidents Ms. Lucy T. P. CHEUNG and Ms. Catherine Y. L. CHEUNG, Hon. Treasurer Mr. Danny F. L. LI, Hon. Secretary Ms. Agnes P. T. CHEUNG, together with other ExCo and Sub-Committee Members, the Association witnessed continued growth and development.

It has been an active year for the Association with some 60 events being organised, covering a variety of activities including social networking, recreational, educational, community services and dining events, as well as choir performances. Convenors of all Sub-Committees submitted written and/or verbal monthly reports at every ExCo meeting. Details and photos of the activities held could be found on www.hkuua.org.hk. The term welcomed three new ExCo Members, namely Dr. Julian C. Y. FONG, Mr. Vincent W. S. WONG and Mr. Ronnie T. P. YEUNG; whereas Mr. Joseph Y. K. AU YEUNG and Mr. Jeffrey H. S. TSE resigned from their positions as ExCo Members in early 2018. Thanks go to all ExCo and Sub-Committee Members who contributed to make the past year a great success.

Operations Officers Mr. Sunny IP and Ms. Natalie WONG continued to work alongside administration staff Ms. CHENG Yee-fong and Clubhouse Manager Mr. LAU Chi-on to ensure smooth day-to-day operation of the Association.

2. **The House and Bar Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. Thomas M. T. TSO)**

- i. Mr. Thomas TSO took up the Convenor role upon the election of Dr. Evelyn MAN as the President in October 2017.
- ii. Regular meetings were held with the caterer, Stand Great Investment Limited, with a view to improving food quality, menu variety, services and Clubhouse facilities.
- iii. The food and beverage sales remained stable overall during the period, although the cumulative turnover showed a slight decrease. This could be attributed to the increased competition from other dining outlets newly opened in the neighbourhood, as well as the fact that our premises had become less appealing due to the lack of renovation and not so competitive prices. However, the restaurant still enjoyed good reputation for serving quality food, and innovative seasonal dishes were introduced to attract more customers. The restaurant and the AA Bar remained financially sound and healthy in the year under review.
- iv. In June 2018, an alumnus chose the Clubhouse as the venue for her wedding banquet. It was a very valuable experience, revealing some of the challenges involved. Any future request for holding such celebrative events would be carefully considered and monitored.

- v. After serving HKUAA as a bartender for over 20 years, Mr. CHAN Kam-hung retired in July 2017 and served for a period on a part-time basis. The recruitment of a new bartender is being considered.
- vi. Our architect Mr. Tommy LING advised that an overall renovation of the Clubhouse was overdue and should take place as soon as possible. Meanwhile, the 2-year catering contract with Stand Great Investment Limited will expire on 31 October 2018. Given that the renovation costs would have to be partially borne by the catering contractor, the ExCo mandated the setting up of a Selection Committee with Mr. Paul W. C. HO as Chairman to enter into negotiation with Stand Great Investment Limited. Agreement has been reached to continue to engage Stand Great Investment Limited as the catering contractor, who would shoulder part of the renovation costs. The new contract will commence on 1 November 2018 for three years. Renovation works is expected to start in April 2019.

3. The Social and Events Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. Alex C. H. LAI)

- i. In the past year, four hiking activities were organised:
 - 07/10/2017 High Junk Peak - Tin Ha Shan - Rock Carving (魚翁田下賞刻石)
 - 04/11/2017 Pineapple Dam Natural Trail - Kowloon Reservoir (彌猴碉堡擱摘菠蘿)
 - 02/12/2017 Hau Tong Kai - Cheung Sheung - Pak Tam Au (猴塘嶂上執牛耳)
 - 06/01/2018 Devil's Peak - Lam Tin (炮台山下有將軍)

The objectives of the aforementioned activities were to provide healthy outdoor events for members, let them get in touch with nature and provide a platform for them to make and meet friends. The trails chosen were easy and the participants enjoyed the hikes very much. In the light of falling attendance as compared to that in previous years, measures would be taken to cut cost e.g. for hiking coaches and boost enrolment figures.

- ii. The HKUAA Buffet Dinner at the Hong Kong Club was held on 20/01/2018. About 100 members and guests participated and they generally found the food and atmosphere satisfactory. Thanks go to Mr. Kenneth SIT for reserving the venue and selecting a high quality menu. This event has been organised every year since 2011. Unfortunately, there were participants who were refused entry to the venue this year due to inappropriate attire. Stronger emphasis should be placed on the dress code requirements in the future.
- iii. A total of 10 Exco Members and their spouses visited Chiang Mai, Thailand on November 17-20, 2017. They enjoyed the hospitality of University Fellow Ms Beatrice MOK whose daughter opened a retreat resort there. All had a great time visiting an organic farm, a cooking school and other major sightseeing highlights. Thanks go to Ms. MOK and her daughter for a fantastic trip.

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

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- i. The Choir gave two performances during the 2017 Christmas season:
 - 12/12/2017 Christmas Carol performance with more than 350 guests attending at the City Hall Theatre
 - 18/12/2017 Charity performance in support of the Children Development Matching Fund (CDMF) at Lee Tung Avenue
- ii. The double season rehearsals in preparation for the Messiah Charity Concert began in September 2017 till April 2018. It was the first charity concert solely organised by the HKUAA Choir. Aimed at raising funds for the Home Care For Girls and Hong Kong Playground Association, the Messiah Charity Concert spent seven months to prepare for a complete Messiah oratorio performed with an orchestra under the directorship of Dr. Michael RYAN. The performance was successfully held at the City Hall Concert Hall on 19/04/2018. After deducting the administration costs, the remaining proceeds from the Concert amounted to \$400,000 and would be split equally between the two selected charities.
- iii. The 2018 Summer Season was a relaxing and enjoyable eight weeks under the directorship of Mr. Ronald LAM, ending with a mini concert held at the HKUAA Clubhouse on 07/07/2018.

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

- i. Close ties with the University were maintained through the presence of Ms. Janet CHUNG of DAAO, who often briefed us on the latest development of HKU, at the ExCo meetings.
- ii. Many ExCo Members were present at the HKU Reunion at the Races, which was held at the Shatin Racecourse on 03/06/2018, during which the HKUAA Challenge Cup was presented.
- iii. Various Exco members were present in different university functions, e.g. participating in the procession for Hon. University Doctorate and Hon. University Fellowship ceremonies, the University Alumni Leaders' luncheon, Convocation activities to meet and welcome the new President and V.C. etc.
- iv. Mr. Alex LAI was re-elected as a member of the HKU Convocation Standing Committee at the Ordinary General Meeting held on 21/06/2018.

6. The Membership Sub-Committee (Convenor: Dr. William W. T. YIP)

- i. The Association enjoyed further growth in membership numbers. As at early September 2018, membership registered a 4.5% increase compared with that a year ago, reaching a total of 34,440 members, with many joining as Life Members and Subscribing Members, apart from being Ordinary Members.

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- ii. A continuous membership drive was underway to strengthen the bonding amongst HKU alumni members.
- iii. There were also continuous process optimisation, membership system enhancement and digital revamp to improve services and members' experience.
- iv. The programme of issuing a new membership card with the cardholder's portrait printed on it is still in progress.

7. The PR and Communications Sub-Committee (Convenor: Ms. Kitty K. L. TSE)

- i. Two Chinese Wellness Dinners were held in the past year. It is hoped that some of the dishes served could be added to the Clubhouse menu. Details of the events are as follows:
 - 01/12/2017 Autumn-Winter Wellness Chinese Dinner(秋冬季養生晚宴：食。趣。味。養。中菜篇)
 - 30/07/2018 Trial wellness dinner featuring a fusion of Chinese and Western style dishes (menu jointly designed by Dr. Albert CHIU, Ms. Michelle SUNG and Ms. Kitty TSE)
- ii. Ballroom and Jazz Dance Classes were organised in collaboration with Champion Ballroom Dance Academy as regular programmes for dance-loving members of different age groups. Cha Cha Cha, Jazz Funk, Salsa, Latin Jazz, Foxtrot and Fitness Dance classes were held every month or two during the year.
- iii. The possibility of organising interest classes in languages other than Chinese and English was explored. Two classes, namely "Parliamo l'italiano: Una Serata Culturale Italiana, con una dimostrazione di cucina e musica italiana" (Italian) and "Pratique De Taichi En Français A Hong Kong" (French) were planned to be held in mid-2018, but were subsequently cancelled due to low number of participants.

8. The Technology and Operations Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. David Y. K. 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 project continued during the year. The design, functions and content of the website were further enhanced to improve user experience and administrative efficiency.

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

The HKUAA Golf Team was very active and in great team spirit, organising and partici-

pating in a number of golf events in the past year as follows:

- i. 14/03/2018 New Year Cup
- ii. 13/04/2018 Anticancer Society Charity Golf Day
- iii. 25/04/2018 Challenge Cup
- iv. 12/07/2018 President Cup
- v. 16/08/2018 HKGA Charity Golf Day
- vi. 05/09/2018 Captain Cup

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

The following events were organised:

- i. 23/03/2018 Dinner Talk: Amazing Iran by Mr. Vincent WONG
- ii. 29/04/2018 Parenting Workshop: Positive Parenting by Mr. Ray LEE
- iii. 06/05/2018 Guided Tour to Pineapple Planting
- iv. 23/06/2018 Talk: Innovation and Entrepreneurship Journey @ HKU by Prof. Paul Y. S. CHEUNG
- v. 24/06/2018 Japanese Pressed Flowers Workshop by Dr. Serena HA Miu-yin (As participants had expressed their interest in this area, a series of 3 Japanese Botanic Art Workshops was subsequently organised in September 2018.)

11. The Community Services Sub-Committee (Convenor: Ms. Ophelia Y. Y. CHAN)

In the past year, the Sub-Committee participated in the following events:

- i. 19/12/2017 Helped recruit audience to a play sponsored by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) titled *Tree of Life*.
- ii. 18/03/2018 Recruited volunteers to support “Cheer Up” City Hunt 2018 organised by the TWGHs to promote mental health in Hong Kong.
- iii. 16/06/2018 Organised an event titled 心“粽”有您 in collaboration with the YWCA to distribute bamboo rice dumplings to elders in need during the Dragon Boat Festival.

12. The Professional Alumni Get-Together Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. Joseph H. C. CHONG)

Apart from regular joint get-together networking events with alumni groups of other professional organisations and universities, a good variety of events were also organised throughout the year:

- i. 14/10/2017 Hong Kong-Style Milk Tea Workshop (港式奶茶課程)
- ii. 11/11/2017 Minibus Calligraphy Sign Workshop (紅 van 膠牌口述歷史工作坊)
- iii. 25/11/2017 Visit to the Ngong Ping 360 Cable Car Garage
- iv. 16/12/2017 Latte Art Workshop
- v. 12/01/2018 Wine Tasting Night

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- vi. 08/02/2018 Dinner talk on sales brochures of residential properties (有瓦遮頭：1950s-1990s 樓書解讀)
- vii. 13/04/2018 Dinner talk on the history and development of the Cinema by Mr. Ivan WONG (細談香港電影院歷史與發展)
- viii. 18/04/2018 Joint Get-together with HKU MBA 2018
- ix. 02/05/2018 Dinner Talk: All You Need to Know About Fintech by Mr Paul LI of Hangzhou Alibaba
- x. 05/05/2018 Low Carbon Diet Workshop @ Green Hub (低碳飲食工作坊)
- xi. 16/06/2018 Visit to WEEE Park and EcoPark Visitors' Centre
- xii. 29/06/2018 Dinner talk on exploring astrophotography with mobile phones and other devices (手機到不同器材拍攝星空)
- xiii. 20/07/2018 Dinner talk on the history and development of local tutorial schools by Ms. June LEUNG (本港補習社：回顧及前瞻)
- xiv. 04/08/2018 Hangzhou Professional Alumni Get-together
- xv. 25/08/2018 Cocktail Workshop 2018
- xvi. 21/09/2018 Sake Tasting and Get-together 2018

13. The Young Alumni Group Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. Kyle K. H. WONG)

Events organised by the Sub-Committee were often fully booked. Below were some popular events jointly organised with the Student Members Group Sub-Committee:

- i. 28/10/2017 Halloween Nite: networking in Halloween costume, with music and drinks
- ii. 02/06/2018 Young Alumni Boating Nite: cruising the Victoria Harbour with dinner on board, wine tasting and squid fishing
- iii. 08/09/2018 Young Alumni Golf Nite: inclusive of dinner buffet and golf training by a professional coach

14. The Student Members Group Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. Kenny K. F. NG)

The Sub-Committee co-organised certain social events with the Young Alumni Group Sub-Committee in order to broaden the horizon of its members and build up a close relationship with young alumni. In addition, Mr. Kenny NG and his team continued to take care of the needs of HKU students in better equipping them before graduation so as to stay competitive in their future career development by organising various career related activities throughout the year:

- i. 05-06/10/2017 HKUAA Booth Set Up: on main campus to promote HKUAA to students and recruit new student members
- ii. 28/10/2017 Halloween Nite*
- iii. 06/02/2018 CV Workshop Go Online: materials of our flagship programme, CV Workshop, went online on the HKUAA website, outreached to broader student members and young alumni communities
- iv. 02/06/2018 Young Alumni Boating Nite*
- v. 10-31/07/2018 CV Review: online CV review programme was launched in July inviting students to send over their own CV for review and comments

by experienced alumni in order to facilitate job hunting during the summer holidays.

- vi. 08/09/2018 Young Alumni Golf Nite*

* co-organised with Young Alumni Sub-committee

15. The Fine Wine Club (Chaired by Mr. Tommy LING)

- i. Three wine tasting events were organised at the Clubhouse on 31/12/2017, 20/08/2018 and 31/08/2018 respectively.

16. Other Activities

- i. Mr. Ronnie T. P. YEUNG organised an educational visit to the SKH St. Peter's Church Kindergarten (Stanley) on 03/02/2018.

17. Memorandum & Articles of HKUAA

An Extraordinary General Meeting was held on 10/10/2017 to approve and adopt a new set of Articles of Association to substitute for the existing Memorandum and Articles of Association, in compliance with the new Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622). Some specific changes were noted as follows:-

- i. the minimum period which the President of the Association must serve as a member of the Executive Committee will be 5 years;
- ii. the minimum period which a Vice-President of the Association must serve as a member of the Executive Committee will be 3 years;
- iii. the minimum period which the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer must serve as a member of the Executive Committee will be 2 years;
- iv. the minimum period for members to serve on the Executive Committee will be having been members of the Association for 5 years;
- v. The President, two Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer and the 16 Committee Members must be proposed by a current Committee Member and seconded by another current Committee Member before being able to serve on the Executive Committee.

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