

HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

1. Twelve monthly meetings were held by the Executive Committee (“ExCo”) from 9 October 2018 to 10 September 2019. 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 50 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.hkuaa.org.hk. The term welcomed one new ExCo Member, Mr. Jeffrey C. F. SHAM. Thanks go to all ExCo and Sub-Committee Members who contributed to make the past year a great success.

Operations Officers Mr. Michael CHOW, Mr. Sunny IP (resigned in February 2019) and Ms. Natalie WONG (promoted to Operations Manager in July 2019) 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. Upon the expiration of the two-year catering contract with Stand Great Investment Limited (“Stand Great”), a new three-year contract was signed on 9 October 2018. Regular meetings were held with Stand Great, with a view to improving food quality, menu variety, services and Clubhouse facilities.
- ii. The food and beverage sales remained stable overall during the period, although revenue decreased due to increased competition from other dining outlets newly opened in the neighbourhood, a general downturn in the economy and social unrest in recent months. 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.
- iii. The Clubhouse would undergo an overall renovation. Preparatory work was underway and the actual work would be carried out in the second quarter of 2020, with exact dates to be announced later. The project would be supervised by architect Mr. Tommy LING, Chairman of the Bar Committee, with the assistance of designer Mr. Alvin LEE of MELT. Stand Great had agreed to shoulder part of the renovation costs. A donor had also been found to subsidise part of the renovation cost,
- iv. An ad-hoc committee chaired by Mr. Jeffrey SHAM had been set up to update the menu of the Restaurant both in design and content. It was hoped that a new menu would be available by the time the renovation project had been completed.

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

- i. In the past year, three hiking activities were organised:
 - 10/11/2018 Pineapple Dam - Lung Mun Country Trail - Chuen Lung (with 39 participants)
 - 27/01/2019 A Trip to Lion Rock and Amah Rock (獅子山望夫石之旅) (co-organised with HKU Old Halls Alumni Association) (with 60 participants)
 - 17/03/2019 A Trip to Cape D'Aguiar (春季鶴咀之旅) (co-organised with HKU Engineering Alumni Association) (with 110 participants)

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.

- ii. HKUAA BBQ Dinner at Aberdeen Boat Club was held on 23/11/2018 with 41 participants. Participants generally found the evening enjoyable. Thanks go to alumnus Mr. John WAN for booking the venue.
- iii. The HKUAA Buffet Dinner at the Hong Kong Club was held on 19/01/2019. 108 members and guests participated and they generally found the food and atmosphere very enjoyable. 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 and has proven to be very popular.

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

- i. The Choir gave three performances during the 2018 Christmas season:
 - 11/12/2018 HKUAA Choir Christmas Concert: Sing Noel at the City Hall Theatre
 - 14/12/2018 Charity performance in support of the Children Development Matching Fund (CDMF) at the IFC
 - 15/12/2018 Performance at the EFCC Ling Chuen Church
- ii. For the Spring Season, the Choir presented a concert on 14/04/2019 at the Sheung Wan Civic Centre in which Felix Mendelssohn's oratorio was performed.
- iii. For the Summer Season, the Choir hosted "Let's Go Musical III" on 14/07/2019 at the China Congregational Church in Causeway Bay, featuring songs from the popular musical *Phantom of the Opera* and individual ensembles.

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.

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- ii. Many ExCo Members were present at the HKU Reunion at the Races, which was held at the Shatin Racecourse on 02/06/2019, during which the HKUAA Challenge Cup was presented.
- iii. President and V.C. Professor Xiang Zhang and members of the Senior Management Team and some Hon. VPs attended a dinner after the New Graduates Welcome Party on 03/11/2018, the first time the President visited HKUAA and had a meal there.
- iv. HKUAA encouraged members to be an iGifter and assist in the donation to the Rosie YOUNG scarf by making donation forms and the scarf easily available at the Clubhouse.

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

- i. The Association enjoyed further growth in membership number. As at early September 2019, membership registered a 3.3% increase (an addition of 1,123 members) compared to a year ago, reaching a total of 35,563 members, with quite a number joining as Life Members, apart from being Ordinary Members.
- ii. A continuous membership drive was underway to strengthen the bonding amongst alumni members.
- iii. A committee chaired by Ms. Catherine Y. L. CHEUNG was set up in July 2019 to review and identify collaboration opportunities with external bodies to enhance membership benefits.

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

- i. Two Trial Chinese Wellness Dinners were held on 10/04/2019 and 26/04/2019 with Traditional Chinese Medicine experts Dr. Abby YANG and Miss Ashley TO as speakers, with a view to identifying potential dishes to be added to our menu.

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. Television sets and audio visual equipment as well as internet connections had been upgraded.
- 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.

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

- i. 27-28/10/2018 Intersivity Golf Tournament
- ii. 27/02/2019 New Year Cup
- iii. 12/04/2019 Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society Charity Golf Tournament
- iv. 24/04/2019 Friendly Match with Hong Kong Chinese Lady Golfers Association
- v. 05/06/2019 Challenge Cup
- vi. 01/07/2019 President Cup
- vii. 28/08/2019 Captain Cup
- viii. 04/09/2019 Friendly Match with Canada Graduate Alumni Association
- ix. 06-07/10/2019 Intersivity Golf Tournament

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

The following events were organised:

- i. 17/11/2018 HKUAA Guided Tour of Chris Hall Textile Collection
- ii. 13/04/2019 HKUAA Guided Tour to Organic Fisheries
- iii. 22/06/2019 HKUAA Guided Tour to Former Fanling Magistracy

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. 11/11/2018 Participated in an event titled 愛心送暖速遞行動 2018 organised by the YWCA to visit and distribute gifts to the isolated elderly in the Sai Wan Ho and Quarry Bay areas.
- ii. 03-04/01/2019 Helped recruit audience to a play sponsored by the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs) titled *If Time Could be Reversed*.

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. 13/10/2018 HKUAA Visit to 晨曦島福音戒毒中心@西貢伙頭墳洲
- ii. 19/10/2018 Dinner Talk: 從地圖和圖譜看大灣區和一帶一路的變化和發展
- iii. 14/12/2018 Sake Tasting and Get-together Dec 2018
- iv. 13/01/2019 HKUAA Lamma Island Eco-Cultural Trip (南丫島漁民文化環島生態遊)
- v. 13/02/2019 Dinner Talk by Film Director Mr. Lee Lik-chi: 從貨倉管理員到喜劇導演

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- vi. 02/03/2019 HKUAA Visit to CAD Education Path by Professional Get-Together Subcom (參觀民航處教育徑)
- vii. 21/03/2019 Dinner Talk by Professor Yu Wing Yin: 香港科技發展的回顧與前瞻
- viii. 26/04/2019 Dinner Talk by Dr. Derek Wong on Latest Updates on Stroke Prevention and Management
- ix. 05/06/2019 Joint Get-together with HKU MBA 2019
- x. 27/06/2019 Dinner Talk by Dr. Stephen Chung on Orthopaedics Sports Injuries
- xi. 30/08/2019 Dinner Talk by Dr. Jeffrey Hui: 打開世界名校之門！—入學申請全攻略”資深學業及生涯策劃顧問：凌羽一博士

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

The Sub-Committee aimed at enhancing bonding and fellowship among alumni by organising various social activities. Most of the events organised by the Group were fully booked. Hereunder were the popular events organised in the past year:

- i. 03/11/2018 New Graduates Welcome Party: experience sharing by alumni about opportunities and challenges of start-up business.
- ii. 29/12/2018 Young Alumni Pre-New Year Boating Nite: cruising in the Victoria Harbour inclusive of dinner on board, wine tasting and watching Christmas and New Year's lighting decoration.
- iii. 29/03/2019 Young Alumni Happy Hour Gathering: networking among alumni.
- iv. 31/05/2019 Young Alumni Happy Hour: networking among alumni.
- v. 02/08/2019 Young Alumni Summer Happy Hour: networking among alumni.

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

The Sub-Committee had co-organised certain social events with the Young Alumni Sub-Committee in order to broaden the horizons of student 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 themselves before graduation so as to stay competitive in their future career development by organising various career-related activities throughout the year:

- i. 03/11/2018 New Graduates Welcome Party*
- ii. 12/12/2018 Hong Kong Blockchain Summit 2018: 100 sponsored free tickets were given to alumni and student members for the sake of increasing awareness and knowledge about Blockchain in this new era.
- iii. 29/03/2019 Young Alumni Happy Hour Gathering*
- iv. 01-30/04/2019 Curriculum Vitae (“CV”) Review: online CV review programme was launched in April, inviting students to send over their CVs for review and comments by experienced alumni in order to facilitate job hunting.
- v. 01-30/08/2019 CV Review
- vi. 16/09/2019 Internship Opportunities at J.P. Morgan: through connections from HKUAA, internship opportunities had been identified for our members for experiencing a career in finance.

* co-organised with the Young Alumni Group Sub-Committee

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

- i. Three wine tasting events were organised at the Clubhouse on 21/12/2018, 22/03/2019 and 23/08/2019 respectively.
- ii. Two wine dinner events were organised at the Clubhouse on 15/01/2019 and 15/05/2019 respectively.

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

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