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HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021

1. Overview

Twelve monthly meetings were held by the Executive Committee (“ExCo”) from 13 October 2020 to 7 September 2021. Under the able leadership of President Dr. Evelyn Y. F. MAN and her team, including Vice-Presidents Ms. Catherine Y. L. CHEUNG and Mr. Vincent W. S. WONG, 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.

After a year of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a rapid shift towards virtual event delivery. The Association, too, had embraced this trend. In the past year, a wide variety of webinars were held to enrich Members’ knowledge and understanding on different topics, and most of the ExCo meetings were held via video conferencing or in hybrid mode, in compliance with the Government’s social distancing regulations. Despite the difficulties faced, the Lounge area was successfully renovated in mid-2021. ExCo Members were actively involved in the project in different capacities and it was very much a team effort. Convenors of all Sub-Committees also 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. Thanks go to all ExCo and Sub-Committee Members who contributed to make the past year a great success.

Operations Manager Ms. Natalie WONG (resigned in December 2020) and Operations Officer Mr. Michael CHOW 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. House and Bar Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. Vincent W. S. WONG)

- i. Regular meetings were held with the caterer, Stand Great Investment Limited, with a view to improving food quality, menu variety, services and Clubhouse facilities.
- ii. Business was slowly picking up amid the ongoing pandemic. Various measures were taken during the past year to sustain operations and to comply with the Government’s regulations in a timely manner. To seize the opportunity arising from the Consumption Voucher Scheme, a gadget was procured to accept all four kinds of payment methods under the Scheme. Air purifiers were purchased and installed in the light of the air change requirements for restaurants. The staff vaccination campaign was making good progress. The Sub-Committee was working to have the Clubhouse operate under “Type C” mode as soon as possible.
- iii. The Bar was to be officially called the Lounge in order to avoid confusion with “bar” as defined by the Law, which was subject to different statutory regulations. The Lounge underwent renovation from April to June 2021 and was henceforth renamed



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DB Lounge as specified by the donor Ms. Beatrice MOK. An opening ceremony would be held after putting up a commemorative plaque in recognition of Ms. MOK's generous donation. The work was supervised by volunteer architect Mr. Tommy LING. Ms. Kitty TSE and Mr. Jeffrey SHAM had also designed a snack menu. An air fryer was purchased for preparing snacks at the Lounge. Thanks go to Ms. Beatrice MOK for her donation towards the renovation project and coffee beans from Thailand, as well as Dr. Edward C. H. LEONG for his coffee machine.

- iv. Ms. Kitty TSE had also kindly donated an automated external defibrillator ("AED") to the Clubhouse. A training session was arranged and a few senior restaurant staff attended. The AED would be stored in the Manager's Room.
- v. In order to reduce clutter in the 8/F Office, some of the old utensils were up for sale. An order form had been uploaded to the Association's website.

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

- i. "HKUAA BBQ Dinner at Aberdeen Boat Club" was held on 23/07/2021 with 20 paid registrants (full house). Eventually, 19 people attended the Dinner and found the evening highly enjoyable.
- ii. HKUAA Dinner Talk "把挑戰變成一種習慣" by mountaineer Ms. Ada TSANG was held at the Clubhouse on 08/09/2021 with simultaneous Zoom broadcast. Ms. TSANG summited Mount Everest in 2017, the first woman from Hong Kong to achieve such a feat. She went on setting the world record for the fastest ascent of Mount Everest by a woman in 25 hours and 50 minutes in 2021. She shared her journey during the Talk and the participants found it most informative and inspiring.
- iii. "Countries in Pictures – Travel Talk Series" was held between August and September 2021. Four lunch talks were delivered by Mr. Vincent WONG at the Clubhouse on 07/08/2021(Iraq), 14/08/2021(Iraq), 18/09/2021(Iran) and 25/09/2021(Iran) respectively.

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

Rehearsals of the Fall Season started on 11/09/2021. A matinee show was scheduled to be held at the China Congregational Church on 28/11/2021 with free admission.

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

Close ties with the University were maintained through the presence of Ms. Janet CHUNG of DAO, who often briefed us on the latest development of HKU at the ExCo meetings.



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

- i. The Association enjoyed further growth in membership number. As at early September 2021, membership registered a 3.4% increase (an addition of 1,239 members) compared with that a year ago, reaching a total of 37,705 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 among members.

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

- i. Three wellness webinars, namely “常見不同體質之養生”, “春季養生” and “夏季養生”, were held in collaboration with the HKU Chinese Medicine Alumni Association on 22/04/2021, 13/05/2021 and 10/06/2021 respectively.

8. 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 the Association to enhance the experience of our members in different online touch points as well as in the Clubhouse.
- ii. The Sub-Committee provided technical support to the DB Lounge renovation project by working closely with the House and Bar Sub-Committee and other vendors to finalise the items of works to be carried out and products to be purchased.

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

No activities were held in the past year due to the pandemic situation.

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

In the past year, the Sub-Committee organised the following events:

- i. 12/06/2021 HKUAA Guided Tour to “Love at Kwun Tong Miniature Exhibition” (“官塘·傳情·微縮藝術展”)
- ii. 17/07/2021 HKUAA Guided Tour to Hong Kong Biodiversity Museum



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11. Community Services and Education Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. Ronnie T. P. YEUNG)

- i. The Community Services Sub-Committee was expanded and renamed Community Services and Education Sub-Committee with a view to including education elements as well.
- ii. A guided tour of the exhibition on 100 years of Chinese scientists and moon soil (“「時代精神耀香江」之百年中國科學家主題展暨月壤公開展覽”) was held on 07/07/2021 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

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

In the past year, the Sub-Committee organised the following events:

- i. 27/10/2020 Webinar: “Robotics Use in Health Care Sector during COVID-19” by Mr. Albert LAM
- ii. 10/03/2021 Webinar: “Personal Brand Building” by Ms. Hayley LAW*
- iii. 29/04/2021 Webinar: “Rock Your Profile in LinkedIn World” by Mr. Sundar MA
- iv. 20/05/2021 Webinar: “金融 4.0 – 未來的金融科技” by Mr. Paul LI
- v. 31/05/2021 Webinar: “唔呢 Like 的社交媒體營銷時代” by Mr. Bernie WONG
- vi. 23/06/2021 Webinar: “How to Recover from Difficulties, Setbacks and Failures at Work – Fast” by Ms. Bernice LEE
- vii. 29/06/2021 Webinar: “From Tech to FinTech – the Myths and Realities of Working in a Virtual Bank” by Ms. Michelle CHAN
- viii. 14/08/2021 HKUAA Visit to Kwai Chung Recycling Centre
- ix. 24/08/2021 Webinar: “Impact of US Monetary Policy Normalisation on Global Investment Markets” by Mr. Tommy ONG
- x. 30/08/2021 Webinar: “5G speeds up Digital Transformation in the Smart City Era” by Dr. Carlos TAM

* co-organised with Young Alumni Group Sub-Committee and Student Members Group Sub-Committee

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

The Sub-Committee was committed to enhancing bonding and fellowship among alumni by organising various social activities. In the past year, the Connect with the Experts Programme was launched in collaboration with the Student Members Group Sub-Committee and Professional Alumni Get-Together Sub-Committee to help young HKU graduates explore and understand their aspirations and industry sectors of interests. Two series of webinars on career skills development and investment were conducted respectively. The details are as follows:



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- i. 02-04/2021 **Connect with Experts Programme – Series 1: Career Skills Development[^]**
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 - “Emotional Intelligence” by Ms. Bernice LEE (24/02/2021)
 - “Personal Brand Building” by Ms. Hayley LAW (10/03/2021)
 - “Business Etiquette” by Ms. Alise FRANCK (14/04/2021)

- ii. 06-07/2021 **Connect with Experts Programme – Series 2: Investment[#]**
 - “Application of Macroeconomic Research to Financial Markets” by Mr. Chi LO (22/06/2021)
 - “Investing for a Better Future” by Ms. Cheuk-Wan FAN (30/06/2021)
 - “Creating Assets and Wealth by Investing Incomes” by Mr. Stephen WONG on (08/07/2021)
 - “Invest in Alternatives Assets that are Tangible and Fun” by Ms. Alexandra YUNG on (15/07/2021)

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

The Sub-Committee strived to broaden the horizons of Student Members and build up a close relationship with young alumni. In the past year, the Sub-Committee 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. The Connect with the Experts Programme was launched in collaboration with the Young Alumni Group Sub-Committee and Professional Alumni Get-Together Sub-Committee. Two series of webinars on career skills development and investment were conducted respectively. The details are as follows:

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

No activities were held in the past year due to the pandemic situation.

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

Ms. Agnes P. T. CHEUNG
Hon. Secretary