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## HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

#### 1. Overview

Twelve monthly meetings were held by the Executive Committee ("ExCo") from 19 October 2021 to 6 September 2022. Under the able leadership of President Ms. Catherine Y. L. CHEUNG and her team, including Vice-Presidents Mr. Vincent W. S. WONG and Ms. Kitty K. L. TSE, 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 steady growth and development.

2021-2022 was a year of continued uncertainty resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. But, as with anything, the Association and the society at large have slowly adjusted to the "new normal". Despite the challenges presented by the social distancing requirements, it has been an active year for the Association with over 30 events being organised, ranging from webinars, lunch/dinner talks, guided tours to choir performances. All of the ExCo meetings were held either via video conferencing or in hybrid mode. ExCo Members were actively involved in different aspects 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 are available on the HKUAA Facebook Page and in the weekly e-newsletter. The term welcomed one new ExCo Member, Mr. Tony H. Y. LAU. Thanks go to all ExCo and Sub-Committee Members who contributed to make the past year a great success.

Operations Officers Mr. Michael CHOW (resigned in May 2022), Mr. Thomas LEUNG and Mr. Adrian LAU worked 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. The Sub-Committee endeavoured to keep the Clubhouse open and operating as far as practicable amid the pandemic. Business fluctuated during the year but has been picking up recently. Various measures were taken in a timely manner to sustain operations while complying with the Government's regulations. The Clubhouse has been operating under "Type C/D" Mode of Operation with effect from 9 December 2021.
- iii. The Opening Ceremony of DB Lounge was successfully held on 4 December 2021. Thanks go to donor Mrs. Beatrice MOK HO for her generous donation towards the renovation project.



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

"HKUAA Buffet Dinner at Hong Kong Club" was successfully held at Garden Lounge of the Hong Kong Club in the evening of 16 July 2022 with a full-house of 80 participants. Thanks go to Mr. Kenneth SIT for hosting the dinner on behalf of the Association. Participants found the food and atmosphere highly enjoyable. This event has been organised every year since 2011 (except in 2021 due to the pandemic) and has proven to be hugely popular.

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

- i. It was with great sadness that the Sub-Committee learnt of the passing of Dr. Michael RYAN, the Choir's Music Director since 2013, in November 2021. A concert was held in his memory on 28 November 2021 at the China Congregational Church. Dr. Lesley CHAN, a graduate from the HKU Department of Music, was appointed the new Music Director.
- ii. Invited by the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the Choir performed in a charity concert titled *Rhythm of the Earth* at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Concert Hall from 8 to 9 July 2022.

## 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 DAAO, who often briefed us on the latest development of HKU at the ExCo meetings.

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

- i. The Association enjoyed further growth in membership number. As at early September 2022, membership registered a 2.71% increase (an addition of 1,022 members) compared with that a year ago, reaching a total of 38,727 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: Mr. Jeffrey C. F. SHAM)

The Association's Facebook pages were revamped and updated in order to promote the events more efficiently.



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## 8. Technology and Operations Sub-Committee (Convenor: Mr. David Y. K. YIP)

There was continuous effort to maintain and upgrade the digital and hardware infrastructure of the Association to enhance the experience of members at different online touch points as well as in the Clubhouse.

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

A tournament with the CUHK Alumni Golf Association was held on 22 June 2022 at the Hong Kong Golf Club.

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

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

i.	15/12/2021	Webinar: "The Battle of Hong Kong of 1941 – Narrate the Battle with
		New Interactive Map Technology" by Dr. KWONG Chi-man
ii.	07/07/2022	Webinar: "Do's & Don'ts on NFT Investments" by Mr. Louis LI
iii.	16/07/2022	Guided Tour: "Recovery, Resilience, Resurgence Photography Exhi-
		bition" at the Asia Society

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

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

i.	16/10/2021	Guided Tour: "數碼通「5G LAB@天際 100」參觀體驗日"
ii.	24/05/2022	Educational Dinner Talk: "由學校走進議會" by Hon. TANG Fei
iii.	18/06/2022	Lunch Talk: "Gifted Education: From Vision to Realization" by Mr.
		Ronnie YEUNG

# 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.	01/12/2021	Webinar: "Decoding the secrets behind the success and failure of
		branding" by Dr. Royce YUEN
ii.	07/03/2022	Webinar: "從中醫角度應對新冠肺炎" by Ms. Erica CHAN
iii.	21/03/2022	Webinar: "Coping with Stress under the Current Big COVID Pan-
		demic" by Dr. Phyllis CHAN
iv.	25/03/2022	Webinar: "分享疫情下,如何在家抗疫小 Tips" by Dr. Sandy LAM
v.	23/05/2022	Webinar: "Metaverse Real Estate" by Mr. Alan LEUNG
vi.	27/06/2022	Webinar: "NFT Song and Metaverse" by Prof. Francis LAU and Mr.
		Eric WONG



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vii. 06/07/2022 Webinar: "How Fintech is Embracing the Metaverse?" by Prof. Emil

**CHAN** 

viii. 26/09/2022 Webinar: "LinkedIn Personal Branding and Career Tips" by Ms. Hay-

ley LAW and Ms. Nicole HUI

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

In the past year, the Sub-Committee continued to enhance bonding and fellowship among alumni members. "Scotch Single Malt Whisky Tasting Night" was co-organised with the Student Members Group Sub-Committee on 28 June 2022 at the Whisky Cask Specialists in Wan Chai, with Ms. Alexandra YUNG as the speaker and a full-house of 24 participants.

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

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. "Scotch Single Malt Whisky Tasting Night" was co-organised with the Young Alumni Group Sub-Committee on 28 June 2022 at the Whisky Cask Specialists in Wan Chai, with Ms. Alexandra YUNG as the speaker and a full-house of 24 participants.

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

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

#### 16. Lunch Talk Series

In the past year, the following lunch talks were organised at the Clubhouse:

# <u>Countries in Pictures – Travel Talk Series</u>

- i. 30/10/2021 "Ethiopia" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- ii. 27/11/2021 "Transcaucasia: Azerbaijan, Armenia & Georgia" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- iii. 18/12/2021 "Namibia, Botswana & Victoria Falls" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- iv. 12/02/2022 "Mesoamerica (Part 1)" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- v. 19/02/2022 "Mesoamerica (Part 1)" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- vi. 04/06/2022 "Mesoamerica (Part 2)" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- vii. 11/06/2022 "Mesoamerica (Part 2)" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- viii.09/07/2022 "Easter Island" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- ix. 23/07/2022 "Western Australia: Travel & Culture" by Mr. Calvin LAM
- x. 13/08/2022 "Madagascar" by Mr. Vincent WONG
- xi. 03/09/2022 "Galapagos Islands" by Mr. Vincent WONG



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# Popular Science Talk Series

i. 17/09/2022 "Meteorite" by Mr. Vincent WONG

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