



HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

1. Overview

Twelve monthly meetings were held by the Executive Committee (“ExCo”) from 11 October 2022 to 12 September 2023. 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 continued to witness steady growth and development.

During the year, the pandemic began to subside. Daily life and activities were getting back to normal. As a leading alumni body with over 40,000 members, the Association continued to provide a meeting place and a diverse range of activities to enrich members’ social life, expand alumni linkage and create inspirations. With the relaxation of social distancing requirements, 2022-2023 was an active year for the Association with almost 50 events being organised, ranging from lunch/dinner talks, guided tours, webinars to choir performances. All of the ExCo meetings were held in hybrid mode. Convenors of all Sub-Committees 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 our weekly e-newsletter. Thanks go to all ExCo and Sub-Committee Members who contributed to make the past year a great success.

Operations Manager Mr. Thomas LEUNG (resigned in April 2023), Operations Officers Mr. Adrian LAU (resigned in January 2023), Ms. Vicky ZHENG and Ms. Alisa CHUNG (part-time) worked alongside administration staff Ms. CHENG Yee-fong, Ms. Minda LAU 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. Food and beverage sales remained generally stable in the year under review. With removal of all public gathering restrictions, business had returned to pre-pandemic levels. Various measures were taken in a timely manner to enhance operations while complying with Government regulations, e.g. replacing all restaurant chairs to meet new safety standards, upgrading the fire safety system, improving ventilation and cleanliness of the Clubhouse, etc.
- iii. Mr. Joseph CHONG, our representative on the Incorporated Owners of Yip Fung Building (“IO”), continued to maintain close liaison with the IO to ensure Government regulations were met and improvements done to some facilities in the building.



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

- i. “HKUAA Hiking – 茅坪榭藤、北港、竹林隧道” was held on 12 February 2023 with Mr. KWAN Sek-yiu as the leader. It was a relaxing 3-hour hike with 74 participants.
- ii. “HKUAA Alumni Nite 2023” was held on 25 March 2023 at Chater Room, Hong Kong Jockey Club Happy Valley Clubhouse. An organising committee headed by Ms. Stella LAW was formed to plan and oversee the project. President and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Xiang ZHANG was invited to give a speech about the future development of HKU during dinner. It was a full-house event with 192 participants, who all found the evening very enjoyable. A total of 24 sponsors were recruited to contribute 27 lucky draw prizes and 12 table prizes.
- iii. “HKUAA BBQ Dinner at Aberdeen Boat Club” was held on 14 April 2023 with a full-house of 50 participants. The feedback received was highly positive.
- iv. “HKUAA Exclusive Music Talk and Lunch” was held on 27 May 2023 at the Clubhouse with Mrs. Mandy CHAN as the speaker.

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

- i. Regarding the 2022 Fall Season, a full-house concert was held at the Chinese Congregational Church on 17 December 2022. The Choir also performed at the 1881 Heritage on 18 December 2022 in support of the Child Development Matching Fund.
- ii. During the 2023 Spring Season, the Choir performed Beethoven’s Symphony No.9 in the SAR Philharmonic Orchestra’s fund-raising concert on 30 April 2023 at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The Choir also performed two songs at the Alumni Nite.
- iii. As for the 2023 Summer Season, a matinee show featuring performances by an a cappella group, duets, ensembles and the whole Choir was staged at the Clubhouse on 24 June 2023, illustrating the diversity of musical talents among Choir members.

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 developments of HKU at the ExCo meetings, including admission, policies, visiting scholars, special events and so on.



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

- i. The Association enjoyed further growth in membership numbers. As at early September 2023, membership registered a 4.15% increase (an addition of 1,608 members) compared with that a year ago, reaching a total of 40,335 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)

- i. The Association's social media pages were constantly updated to promote our events.
- ii. "HKUAA Sake Tasting Workshop" by Dr. Halton HO was held at the DB Lounge on 25 November 2022. "HKUAA Visit to Heroes Beer Factory and Free Flow Event" was held on 26 August 2023. Both events received very positive feedback.

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)

No activities were held in the past year as the Captain and Vice-Captain had both stepped down. New arrangements are currently being made.

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

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

- i. 28/11/2022 Webinar: "The Death and Rebirth of Hong Kong's Museums" by Mr. Reynold TSANG
- ii. 24/12/2022 Guided Tour: "Following the Footsteps of the Movie 《緣路山旻晃》 in Cha Kwo Ling and Kwun Tong" by Mr. Paul CHAN
- iii. 12/04/2023 Zoom Talk: "NFT x Photography by Iris"
- iv. 22/07/2023 HKUAA Guided Tour to Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change and Exclusive Sharing from Dr. Rebecca LEE
- v. 09/08/2023 Curator's Tour: "The Colours of Hong Kong" Photo Exhibition by Mr. Edward STOKES



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

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

- i. 10/10/2022 Visit to the Education University of Hong Kong
- ii. 11/01/2023 Guided Tour of the Hong Kong Toys and Games Fair, Hong Kong Baby Products Fair and Hong Kong International Stationery and School Supplies Fair at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
- iii. 17/01/2023 Dinner Talk “立法會如此多 FUN” by The Hon. TANG Fei
- iv. 10/05/2023 Visit to the HKU Medical Library
- v. 12/04/2023 Guided Tour of InnoEX 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 to provide members with learning opportunities and networking possibilities:

- i. 17/12/2022 Pokfulam Cultural Landscape Tour by Mr. Faustus LAM and Mr. Nigel KO
- ii. 14/01/2023 Fai Chun Writing Workshop 吉慶揮春迎金兔 by Mr. Dominic HO
- iii. 04/03/2023 HKUAA Visit to 晨曦島福音戒毒中心@西貢伙頭墳洲
- iv. 09/04/2023 HKUAA Visit to O Park1
- v. 20/05/2023 HKUAA Visit to Hong Kong Observatory Headquarters
- vi. 29/05/2023 Wine Tasting and Get-together May 2023
- vii. 30/06/2023 Visit to the Hong Kong International Airport
- viii. 08/07/2023 HKUAA Visit to Po Shan Drainage Tunnel – Landslide Sci-Tech Chamber
- ix. 05/08/2023 HKUAA Professional Talk cum Visit to THEi Food Innovation Centre by Dr. Carman MAN

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. The Sub-Committee co-organised the New Graduates Welcome Party and Hong Kong University Alumni Prize Presentation on 19 November 2022 with the Student Members Group Sub-Committee.



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

In the past year, the Sub-Committee continued to connect HKU students with HKU alumni and broaden the horizon of HKU students so that they could be better equipped for their future career development. The Sub-Committee co-organised the New Graduates Welcome Party and Hong Kong University Alumni Prize Presentation on 19 November 2022 with the Young Alumni Group Sub-Committee and organised a CV review programme in February/March 2023. Furthermore, the Sub-Committee lined up a number of student members with the organising committee of the Alumni Nite 2023 for assistance during the event to provide them the opportunity to exchange and network with fellow alumni. Having seen the need and desire of part-time students to connect with our alumni network, the Sub-Committee proposed the expansion of student membership to cover part-time students of degree programmes at HKU. Upon the passing of the relevant special resolution, part-time students of HKU could also become a member of the HKUAA family.

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

Two wine tasting events were organised at the Clubhouse on 28 October 2022 and 3 March 2023 respectively.

16. Lunch Talk Series

In the past year, the following travel talks covering a wide span of countries conducted by Vice-President Mr. Vincent WONG were organised at the Clubhouse. The talks were very popular as they did not only cover sightseeing spots, but also provided an in-depth analysis of the history, culture, religion, as well as geology of the respective regions. After each talk, the speaker and participants would enjoy lunch together and have animated discussions.

Countries in Pictures – Travel Talk Series

- i. 08/10/2022 Iceland
- ii. 12/11/2022 Jordan
- iii. 10/12/2022 Antarctica
- iv. 14/01/2023 Cuba
- v. 11/02/2023 Sri Lanka
- vi. 18/03/2023 Egypt
- vii. 22/04/2023 Canary Islands
- viii. 10/06/2023 India (Session 1)
- ix. 08/07/2023 India (Session 2)
- x. 19/08/2023 Azores
- xi. 09/09/2023 Polynesia



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Popular Science Talk Series

- i. Mr. Vincent WONG also conducted a talk on “Mollusks” on 04/03/2023.

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