

HON. SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

1. Twelve monthly meetings were held by the Executive Committee from October 2014 to September 2015. The Association witnessed continued growth and development under the able leadership of President TSE Sik-yan, Vice-Presidents Mr. Paul HO and Ms. Lucy CHEUNG, Hon. Treasurer Mr. Danny LI, Hon. Sec. Dr. Evelyn MAN and 11 different Sub-Committees. It was a busy year with over 70 events being held, covering social, educational, cultural, professional and community service activities. Convenors of Sub-Committees submitted written Monthly Reports and made verbal reports at every Exco meeting. Details of activities together with photos are found in the Association website www.hkuaa.org.hk. Thanks go to all Exco and Sub-Committee members who contributed to make the past year a great success.

Miss Anny LAU assumed duty as Associate Manager in April 2015, working alongside Associate Manager Miss Heyna WONG, long-standing administrative staff Miss CHENG Yee-fong and Manager of the Clubhouse Restaurant Mr. LAU Chi-on.

2. **The House and Bar Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Paul HO)**

Regular meetings were held with the caterer to improve food quality, menu variety, price and service. A 20% food discount continued to be offered for lunches on weekends. To increase revenue, two rounds of dinners were offered, at 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Various upgrades to the Clubhouse were also completed, including improvements to the air-conditioning, kitchen, toilets, etc. The restaurant was closed for 5 days over Easter for renovation. Both the restaurant and the AA Bar remained financially sound and healthy in the last year.

3. **The Social & Events Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Alex LAI)**

A variety of activities were held during the year;

- i. Hiking activities of different levels of difficulty were held on 30/11/14, 17/1/15, 14/03/15 and 5/9/15, accompanied by hiking coaches and with insurance provided.
- ii. The New Year's Eve Dinner was held on 31/12/14
- iii. A Buffet Dinner and Fine Wine Dinner was held at the Hong Kong Club on 6/2/15 and 24/7/15
- iv. The Chinese New Year Dinner on "Everyone's Birthday" was held on 25/2/15
- v. A poolside BBQ Buffet Dinner was held at the HK Golf Club on 11/9/15
- vi. Talks on French Culture and travelling in France were held on 14/5/15, 6/6/15 and 13/9/15

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

- i. The Choir continued to be very active with a steady number of Choir members joining in every season. Dr. Michael RYAN continued to be the Music Director with rehearsals on Saturday afternoons and Mr. Ronald LAM was invited to direct in the Spring Season.
- ii. A lunch recital at St John's Cathedral was held on 3/12/14. The Choir also sang Christmas Carols at the Harbin Festival Hong Kong and at 1881 Heritage during the 2014 Christmas season.
- iii. The Mozart Requiem Concert held at the Hong Kong Academy of Performing Arts on 29/3/15, in collaboration with the Hong Kong Medical Association Orchestra, was a great success. It was the largest performance of the Choir since it was established, with 120 performers on stage and 600 guests attending. A DVD was produced and the concert generated a good surplus. A celebration dinner was held on 2/5/15.
- iv. A Summer Season performance was held on 18/7/15 at the China Congregational Church in Causeway Bay with good attendance.

5. The University Liaison Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Christopher YIU)

- i. Close ties with the University were maintained through the presence of Miss Janet CHUNG of DAAO, who often briefed us on the latest HKU developments at Exco meetings.
- ii. Many Exco members were present at the Reunion at the Races on 8/6/15, in which the HKUAA Challenge Cup was presented.
- iii. President Tse was conferred the Honorary University Fellowship 2015 on 15/9/15. Many Exco members were present at the occasion and a congratulatory dinner was held on 22/09/15.
- iv. It had been a tough year for the HKU Council and the Senior Management Team, which had to handle a number of controversial issues. The M and A of HKUAA states that the Association would only be involved in cultural, educational and social activities and thus has no mandate to be involved in anything political.

6. The Membership Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Jeffrey TSE)

- i. The Association enjoyed further growth in membership numbers. As at September 2015, there were 29,540 members with quite a number joining as Life Members and Subscribing Members.
- ii. New membership benefits were introduced in July, for example, free corkage for unlimited bottles consumed at the premises, and a 'buy 1 get 1 free' benefit for selected wines.
- iii. It is expected that the membership database will be updated and a part time assistant will be hired to handle it.

7. The P.R. Sub-Committee (Convenor Ms. Catherine CHEUNG)

- i. A series of Ballroom Dance Classes and Dance Sport Classes continued to be held throughout the year with good attendance. Waltz and Rumba classes were also introduced in mid-September, 2015.
- ii. The P.R. Sub-Committee joined the RTHK Community Involvement Broadcasting Services (CIBS) Project in January in which 13 radio episodes were to be prepared and aired. A lot of work went into preparing a proposal which was submitted but unfortunately was turned down. The Sub-committee will explore further whether it was worth re-submitting the proposal again.

8. The Technology and Operations Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Paul KWAN)

- i. There was continuous upgrade of audio/visual equipment and facilities with tenders and quotations constantly obtained and vendors being interviewed.
- ii. A projector at the restaurant was replaced and a CCTV system with 4 cameras was newly set up at the premises to improve security.
- iii. Online blogs were published regularly on the official website.

9. The Golf Interest Sub-Committee (Convenor Miss Stella LAW)

- i. The President's Cup was held on 18/4/15 at Nan Sha Mountain Course and The HKUAA Challenge Cup was held on 8/7/15 in Kau Sai Chau.
- ii. The Inter-University tournament organized by CUHK Alumni Team was held on 25/5/15 with 8 local universities joining. The HKU Team won the Team Gross Champion and a celebration dinner was held on 29/6/15.

10. The Community Service Sub-Committee (Convenor Miss Monica JIM)

- i. This is the 5th year that the Association has been a 'Caring Organization', with official use of the logo. A ceremony was held on March 25 to recognize this.
- ii. The 2016 Annual Report of World Vision has included HKUAA as a Contribution Organization in recognition of our years of volunteer effort co-operating with them, e.g. in the famine event, second hand book sales event etc., in which HKUAA still plays an important and on-going role.
- iii. A Gardening and Beach Cleaning event was held on 17/1/15 on Lamma Island.
- iv. A tram ride event with the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals took place on 21/3 with a carnival and parade.
- v. Visits to the elderly were regularly held, for example to distribute dumplings during the Dragon Boat Festival, mooncakes during Mid-autumn Festival, laisees during CNY, and blankets before the cold weather sets in.

11. The Monthly Professional Alumni Get-together Group (Convenor Mr. Joseph

CHONG)

- i. Regular sessions to meet alumni from a variety of bodies and professions were held. Dinner talks were held by for example, finance commentator Mr. Wong Man Shek (8/6/15) and Mr. Louis Wong (9/6/15).
- ii. Gatherings with other alumni associations were also held, including ‘Get together at Oktoberfest’ (22/10/14), BBQ Party at Whitehead (7/12/14), Karaoke and Get-together (25/1/15), CNY “Everybody’s Dinner” (25/2/15), Joint Drinks Event with HKU MBA Office at Azure (9/3/15), Shenzhen get-together of HKUAA alumni (8/8/15) etc.
- iii. Many other events were also organized, e.g. a Guided tour to Sik Sik Yuen (5/7/15), Cocktail Workshop (18/7/15) and Coffee Tasting Workshop (1/8/15).

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

A variety of activities were held, which included

- a guided tour to Christie’s on 22/11/14 and 30/5/15
- a sharing session for HKU Exchange students in co-operation with the Student Members Sub-Committee (27/12/14)
- a Terrarium DIY Workshop (1/3/15)
- a Guided Tour to HKU Swire Institute of Marine Science at Cape d’Aguilar (22/3/15)
- a visit to the F11 Photographic Museum in Happy Valley (19/9/15)

All were very well-received. HKUAA also supported Earth Hour (29/3/14), and continued to be recognized as an important agent of the HKAEE’s Energywise and Wastewise Programmes.

13. The Young Alumni Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. Kyle WONG Ka-ho)

- i. A variety of activities were held, and sometimes with the Student Members’ Sub-Committee. These included e.g.
 - Latte Arts Workshop (29/11/14)
 - Christmas Boating Night (25/12/14)
 - Christmas Party at Lan Kwai Fong (27/12/14)
 - Pre-Valentine’s Party (13/2/15)
 - Coaching Programme (29/3/15)
 - LKF Happy Hour event (22/5/15 and 19/9/15)
 - CV review workshop (5/6/15)
 - Wine and Champagne Tasting event (20/6/15)
 - Boat trip (4/7/15 and 15/8/15)
- ii. The Alumni Prize Presentation Ceremony was held on 11/4/15 to present awards to alumni prize winners.

14. The Student Members Sub-Committee (Convenor Mr. David YIP)

Connections continued to be built between HKU students and HKUAA. Various activities were held, often jointly with the Young Alumni Group. These included, for example, an Alumni Exchange Sharing talk for HKU exchange students, in co-operation with the Green & Culture Sub-Committee (27/12/14), a CV Review Workshop (5/6/15), a career sharing workshop on the banking industry (1/4/15) and so on.

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

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