

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG
LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD
FROM DECEMBER 2008 TO NOVEMBER 2009

During the report period, Executive Committee of the Association has held 7 meetings. Below is a brief account of the work done and activities during the period.

The University

1. On 21 April 2009, the President and Mr William Liu attended the Endowed Professorships Gala Dinner held at the Loke Yew Hall.
2. On 22 September 2009, Committee members attended the Honorary University Fellowships Presentation Ceremony. Former President of the Association, Mr Kenneth Hing Wai Kwok, SC was one of the recipients of the University's Honorary University Fellowships this year.
3. On 4 December 2008, the President attended the 179th Congregation for the conferment of Honorary Degrees held at the Loke Yew Hall.
4. On 20 May 2009, the President attended the Alumni Leaders Luncheon "Countdown to the Centenary" – Part V held at the Hang Seng Bank Penthouse.
5. On 21 June 2009, the President joined the Vice-Chancellor at "HKU at the Races" for "The Hong Kong University Alumni Association Challenge Cup" held at Shatin Racecourse.

The Faculty

1. On 18 March 2009, the President and Mr William Liu attended the 40th Inauguration Ceremony of Law Association, HKUSU Session 2009-2010 at the Rayson Huang Theatre.
2. On 19 June 2009, the President attended the Graduation Reception of the Master of Common Law 2009 held at the Eliot Room, KK Leung Building.
3. On 8 November 2009, the President and Committee members attended the Sports & Family Fiesta held at the Stanley Ho Sports Centre.
4. On 14 November 2009, the President attended the 2009 Graduation Ceremony for Bachelor of Laws Graduates held at the Loke Yew Hall and participated in the Procession.

The Association

1. *Guest Lecture for Current Students*

Guest lecture “The Law of Networking” by The Honorable Madam Justice (Carlye) Chu was held on 3 November 2009. Justice Chu shared her wisdom with about 20 students on “networking” within the legal community such networking was not about making a quick return or profit, but had much to do about sowing and reaping, reciprocity and reputation.

2. *Law Alumni Reunion Dinner*

The Law Alumni Reunion Dinner, celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Faculty was held on 27 November 2009 (Friday) at the Loke Yew Hall. More than 300 guests and alumni gathered to celebrate this happy occasion. Please see the report in Appendix A below.

December 2009

40th Anniversary Law Alumni Reunion Dinner Organizing Committee

Members of the Organizing Committee (OC) comprised of different generations of HKU Law Alumni. This was considered to be important as it would promote a sense of involvement and support for the function among the Law Alumni.

The OC comprised the following members:

William Liu	(LLB 2005) (Chairman)
Kwan Man Kwong	(LLB 1975)
Agnes Yung	(LLB 1978)
Cleresa Wong	(LLB 1980)
Carol Chen	(LLB 1982)
Erik Shum	(LLB 1984)
Francoise Lam	(LLB 1986)
Martin Hui	(LLB 1994)
Rachel Li	Public Relations Officer

Lucy Yen (LLB1972), President of the HKU Law Alumni Association (HKULAA), also actively participated in the preparatory work.

Preparatory work of the OC

Preparation started in January 2009. The OC decided that the Dinner was to be held in late November/ early December. After considering the seating capacity, budget and feedbacks from alumni regarding previous reunion dinners, the OC decided in favour of Loke Yew Hall and reserved the venue for 27 November (Fri).

Catering was the next matter to be considered. Joseph's Catering Service Limited (Joseph's), Maxim's Caterers Limited (Maxim's) and JW Marriott Hotel Hong Kong were invited to submit a quotation. Despite being the lowest quote, Joseph's was not considered because of its disappointing quality of food and services in the last (35th Anniversary) reunion dinner. Maxim's offered the second lowest quote and was engaged by many University departments. President of HKULAA and Chairman of the OC attended the Endowed Professorships Gala Dinner, organized by the Development and Alumni Affairs Office at Loke Yew Hall in April, and found that the quality of food and services provided by Maxim's were satisfactory. Maxim's was therefore chosen.

After consultation with the Executive Committee of HKULAA, the following were invited as our honourable guests: founding teaching staff, current and former Deans of the Faculty, current heads of departments of the Faculty, Council Chairman and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, Chief Justice, Chief Judge, Secretary for Justice, representatives of the two branches of the legal profession, Patrick Yu, one of the founders of the Faculty and Dr Hon Margaret Ng, member of the Legislative Council. Invitation letters were sent out to our honourable guests in April 2009. Subsequently, the Faculty also invited a number of friends and supporters of the Faculty, including The Hon Henry Litton, GMB; The Hon Sir T L Yang, GMB, JP; Mr Denis Chang, SC; Mr Warren Chan, SC; Mr Paul Chung; and some current teaching staff as its guests.

LOL, the design house, was engaged to design and produce the backdrop, programmes and tickets for the Dinner, which were sponsored by the Faculty. Its Account Director and Creative Director presented several designs to the OC and finalized the design after receiving members' comments in June/ July. The Dinner programme, prepared by Carol Chen, Francoise Lam and Youn Ling (LLB 1997), included the programme, a message from the President, some quotes from *Justitia, Hong Kong Student Law Review* or other students' publications; and a space was provided at the back of the programme for the "instant" table photograph of that evening.

Since the Faculty had engaged Dr Veronica Pearson from the Department of Social Work and Social Administration to write about the history and tradition of the establishment of the law school, the OC decided not to publish other commemorative booklet as in previous anniversaries.

A budget was in due course submitted to the Executive Committee of HKULAA for approval, and it was subsequently decided that the price of the tickets for the Dinner would be HK\$800 per person.

Invitation to Class Representatives and Law Association Excocs from 1990 – 2009 was sent in June. Then invitation was sent to alumni from 1972 – 1989 in mid July. Publicity on the Dinner was also launched through the Faculty's newsletter published in August. As Dinner tickets were sold out by mid September, the OC decided to add, to each table, an additional seat to meet the overwhelming response.

It was resolved in the Executive Committee of HKULAA that a fund would be established for the purpose of, inter alia, awarding scholarship(s) for law students annually. The Fund was launched at the Dinner during which donations from the guests and participants were collected. Kwan Man Kwong and Cleresa Wong from the OC; Wendy Chan from the Executive Committee and Kenneth Sit (LLB 1980) contributed to the setting up of the Fund. A resolution concerning the establishment of the Fund was passed by HKU Law Alumni Charity Limited and a pledge form was inserted in the Dinner programme. As resolved by the Executive Committee of HKULAA, the surplus from the Dinner ticket receipts will be donated to the Fund.

The Dinner

This was held on 27 November 2009 (Friday). Pre-Dinner cocktail started at 6:30 p.m. More than 300 guests attended the Dinner and they were spread over 25 tables. The dress code was business attire. Lo Mun Yi (PCLL 2002), Cheung Wing Leung (LLB 1990) and Wesley Wong (LLB 1992) were the Masters of Ceremonies of the Dinner.

Speeches were delivered by Lucy Yen, President of HKULAA, Professor Johannes Chan, SC (Hon), Dean of the Faculty of Law, and The Hon Chief Justice Andrew Li. After the Chief Justice's speech, the following 8 persons, together with the Chief Justice made a toast on the stage: -

The Hon Wong Yan-Lung, Secretary for Justice
Dr Hon Margaret Ng, Member of the Legislative Council
Mr Russell Coleman SC, Chairman of Hong Kong Bar Association
Mr Huen Wong, President of The Law Society of Hong Kong

Dr The Hon Leong Che Hung, Chairman of Council, HKU
Prof Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice-Chancellor and President, HKU
Prof Johannes Chan, SC (Hon), Dean of Law, HKU
Ms Lucy Yen, President, The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association

There were 6 prizes for each table:

1. USB-laser pointer-pen (provided by the Faculty)
2. Leather pen holder (provided by the Faculty)
3. Coat of Arms tote bag with Book "Growing with Hong Kong" (provided by the Development and Alumni Affairs Office, DAAO)
4. Pocket leather notepad (provided by the DAAO)
5. Cookies gift set (donated by Hong Chi Association)
6. Table floral arrangement

Janice Kwan (LLB 1979) sponsored 45 bottles of wine (a mixture of red and white); and wines for head tables were arranged separately. Each participant was given a souvenir utensil set.

During the dinner, there was a slideshow prepared by Harry Ng showing photos of different classes, students' activities and teachers. The slideshow was accompanied by live music performed by the String Ensemble from the Hong Kong Festival Orchestra (Frank Choi, PCLL; Sean Li, BBA(Law)2; Caroline Wong (LLB3) and Gordon Wong, BSc(Biotechnology)4). Then the law alumni choir (list of members at Appendix), conducted by Raymond Cheng (PCLL 1997) performed the following 3 songs, accompanied by a student pianist (Stony Chan, BBA (Law)2) and the said String Ensemble:

1. Getting to Know You
2. Those were the Days
3. Amigos Para Siempre (Friends for Life)

The Dinner was rounded up in the traditional manner with the singing of the newly arranged Law Anthem, followed by the Law Cheer, demonstrated by Kenneth Sit and about 20 current law students, who helped as ushers that night.

Feedback

Overall, we received positive feedback from our guests and fellow law alumni on the Dinner, especially on the quality of food and catering services; choice of wines, table floral arrangement and venue decoration with helpful suggestions for improvement relating to, inter alia, time management, the sound system, seating arrangements and the cocktail venue.

William Liu
Chairman
Reunion Dinner Organizing Committee
December 2009

Income and Expenditure Accounts of the Alumni Dinner

<u>Income</u>	<u>Amount (HK\$)</u>
Dinner tickets: \$800 x 281 (persons)	224,800.0
Faculty Guests (800 X 16)	12,800.0
Total	<u>237,600.0</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>	
1. Cocktail (100 pax) & Dinner (320 pax)	154,360.0
2. Venue / Equipments	6513.5
OT charges - Loke Yew Hall	608.0
Classroom Services Unit	3,500.0
Electrical support	2,405.5
3. Photos / Video taking services	7,788.0
Amazing Grace (instant snap shot)	6,688.0
Aaron (freelance photographer)	1,100.0
4. Beverage	7,850.0
Wine	6,060.0
Champagne	1,790.0
5. Souvenir (utensil)	4,550.0
6. Floral Arrangement	8,710.0
Sim's	7,500.0
Trial	850.0
Candle	360.0
7. Law Alumni Choir	2768.3
Scores	1,667.3
Practice – Sheung Wan Civic Centre	440.0
Refreshments	661.0
8. Miscellaneous	1,256.4
Wrapping paper	128.0
Vinyl Photo corners & Autograph pen	176.9
Lai See	360.0
Table Cloth	397.5
Balloon	194.0
 Total	 <u>193,796.2</u>
 Balance	 <u>43,803.8</u>

The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Choir

Ms Agnes Chan	LLB 1980
Ms Juliana Chan	LLB 1982
Ms May Chan	LLB 1989
Ms Carol Chen	LLB 1982
Ms Roxana Cheng	LLB 1982
Ms Stephanie Cheung	LLB 1972
Ms Teresa Cheung	LLB 1978
Mr Eugene Choi	LLB 1994
The Hon Madam Justice Chu	LLB 1982
Mr Martin Hui	LLB 1994
Ms Maria Kiang	LLB 1988
Ms Janice Kwan	LLB 1979
Mr M K Kwan	LLB 1975
His Honour Judge Kwang	LLB 1985
Dr Alex Lau	PCLL 1984
Ms Pearl Lee	LLB 1988
Ms Cissy Leung	LLB 1988
Mr William Liu	LLB 2005
Ms Sabra Lo	LLB 2005
Ms Janette Sham	LLB 2000
Mr Jeffrey Sham	PCLL 2009
Ms Teresa Tsang	LLB 1982
Ms Connie Tsui	LLB 1979
Ms Cleresa Wong	LLB 1980
The Hon Mr Justice Yam	LLB 1975
Mr Benny Yeung	LLB 1979