

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD

FROM DECEMBER 2013 TO DECEMBER 2014

2013/14 is another busy year for The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association (“HKULAA”).

- <http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/events.html>

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting was convened on 16 October 2014 in relation to the Honorary Life Membership.

At the Executive Committee meeting on 21 May 2014, it was resolved that

- (1) Mr. Kenneth Hing Wai Kwok, S.C. (LLB 1972, PCLL 1973);
 - (2) The Hon. Mr. Justice Patrick Siu Oi Chan, G.B.M. (LLB 1974, PCLL 1975);
- and
- (3) Professor Johannes Man Mun Chan, S.C. (Hon) (LLB 1981, PCLL 1982)

be nominated to be the Honorary Life Members of The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association ("HKULAA") pursuant to Clause 8 of the Constitution of HKULAA.

An Extraordinary General Meeting was convened on 16 October 2014 for the consideration of the above nomination. All nominations have been approved at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

Alumni Choir concerts

The Choir held a concert at Rayson Huang Theatre on 28 June 2014 (Saturday). Named “Family Concert”, programmes included singing and instrumental performances by alumni and their family members.

The Law Alumni Choir gave its fifth annual concert at the Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre of the Centennial Campus on 15 November 2014 (Saturday). Named “When You Wish Upon A Star”, the choir shared with the audience songs from early Disney classics to recent releases, including music from Beauty and the Beast, Lion King and Frozen. The choir was accompanied by an orchestral group composed of musicians who are HKU law alumni and current students.

45th Anniversary of the Faculty – Logo & Slogan Design Competition

In celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Faculty in 2014, the Association organized a logo and slogan design competition. Six slogans and five logos were received. It was agreed at the Executive Committee meeting on 19 March 2014 not to make any award for the slogan competition. As for the logo competition, the design by Ms Cheung Po Yiu (LLB III) has been chosen to be the winning logo. The logo has been used in publications related to the celebratory events of the 45th Anniversary of the Faculty (such as email and the programme booklet for the 45th Anniversary Law Alumni Reunion Dinner).

45th Anniversary Law Alumni Reunion Dinner

In celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Faculty in 2014, the Association organized a Law Alumni Reunion Dinner. The Dinner took place on 29 November 2014 (Saturday) at the Chancellor Room, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. 300 guests and alumni gathered to celebrate this happy occasion. Please see Appendix A for the report.

Other matters

The Executive Committee held 5 general meetings.

The Executive Committee hosted a dinner for the immediate past Dean, Professor Johannes Chan on 13 August 2014.

The Dean, Professor Hor, hosted a dinner for the Executive Committee on 25 September 2014.

The President attended the High Table Dinner of the Law Association on 20 October 2014.

The President and Mr Albert T da Rosa, Jr attended the 192nd Congregation. The President joined the procession on 15 November 2014. Mr Albert T da Rosa Jr joined the procession on 1 December 2014.

The President continued to be a member of the Faculty Board.

The Association published 5 articles introducing the activities celebrating the 45th anniversary of the Faculty in the Hong Kong Lawyers (August, September, October, November, and December).

The Executive Committee take this opportunity to thank Ms Jessica Young, Associate Professor, and Ms Cora Chan, Assistant Professor, for their

invaluable advice to HKULAA and crucial link with the Faculty, and Ms Rachel Li and Ms Rita Wai for their cheerful, efficient and proactive support.

20th January 2015

The Executive Committee

The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association

Appendix A: 45h Anniversary Law Alumni Reunion Dinner

Members of the organizing committee (OC) for the 45th anniversary law alumni celebration comprised of different generations of HKU Law students and alumni. This was considered to be important as it would promote a sense of involvement and support for the function among students and alumni.

Members of the OC

Mr Albert T da Rosa, Jr	LLB 1977, PCLL 1978, LLM 1991
Ms Cleresa Wong	LLB 1980, PCLL 1981, LLM 1988
Mr Registrar S Kwang	LLB 1985, PCLL 1986
Ms Catherine Yip	LLB 1986, PCLL 1987
Ms Elaine Liu ^	LLB 1987, PCLL 1988
Ms Jessica Chan	LLB 2006, PCLL 2007
Ms Katy Chung	LLB 2006, PCLL 2011
Mr Edwin Choi *	LLB 2008, PCLL 2009
Ms Bonnie Tong *	LLB 2009, PCLL 2010
Ms Carol Wong	LLB 2010, PCLL 2011
Ms Sara Law	LLB 2014, PCLL
Ms Seles Ng	LLB 2014, PCLL
Ms Sharon Siu	LLB 2014, PCLL
Ms Tiffany Tam	LLB 2014, PCLL
Ms Jessica Young	Faculty Representative
Ms Cora Chan	Faculty Representative
	BSocSc (Govt & Laws) 2004, LLB 2005, PCLL 2006
Ms Rachel Li	Faculty Development Officer, Faculty of Law

^ Chairperson of the Organizing Committee for the 45th Anniversary Law Alumni Celebration

* Co-Convenor of the Law Alumni Reunion Dinner

Venue

The Executive Committee resolved in a general meeting held on 15 January 2014 that the Dinner would be held at the Chancellor Room, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The Executive Committee considered other options, including the Jockey Club, the Country Club, the Hong Kong Club, the JW Marriott Hotel, the Island Shangri-la Hotel, and Lok Yew Hall. After comparing the price and capacity of the options, the Executive Committee resolved to hold the Dinner at the Chancellor Room, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Date

The OC decided that the Dinner would be held on 29th November 2014 (Saturday) in light of the preparation time needed, the availability of the venue, other alumni celebratory activities (including the choir performance and homecoming fiesta), and the public holidays in December 2014, January and February 2015.

Design Company

LOL was engaged to design and produce the backdrops, programme, ticket, and exhibition panels for the Dinner. LOL was previously engaged by the 40th Anniversary Law Alumni Reunion Dinner Organizing Committee to work on the 40th Anniversary Law Alumni Reunion Dinner and has worked with the Faculty and the University on various projects over the years. Upon reviewing its previous productions and considering its fee quote, the OC resolved to

engage LOL as the design company for the Dinner. After discussing with the OC about the overall décor and atmosphere of the Dinner, LOL's Account Director and Creative Director presented several designs to the OC. The main design was finalized in September 2014.

Publicity

Email invitations were sent to all class representatives in August 2014. Publicity was also launched in September through (1) emails to all alumni in early September, October, and November 2014; (2) the Faculty's newsletter in the summer 2014 issue; and (3) the Hong Kong Lawyers in the August, September, and November issues.

Souvenir and other arrangements

Each guest at the Dinner received a stationery pack as souvenir, consisting of 7 stacks of post-its, a pen, and a ruler. Other than a stationery pack, the OC considered other options, including a USB and a portable phone charger. After comparing the price and function, the OC decided the stationery pack would be the best option.

Honourable Guests

The following honourable guests attended the Dinner:

Peony Table

The Hon Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma, GBM

The Hon Mr Justice Roberto Ribeiro, PJ

The Hon Mr Justice Robert Tang, SBS, PJ

The Hon Rimsky Yuen, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice

Mr Kenneth Kwok, SC, BBS, JP

Mr Paul Lam, SC, Vice Chairman of Hong Kong Bar Association

Mrs Paul Lam

Mrs Cecilia Wong, Council member of The Law Society of Hong Kong

Professor Michael Hor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, HKU

Professor Michael Wilkinson, Chairman of the Board of Faculty of Law, HKU

Rose Table

Professor Lusina Ho, Head of Department of Law, HKU

Professor Anne Cheung

Mr Winston Chu

Mr Paul Chung

Dr Gallant Ho

Dr Rebecca Ho

The Hon Dennis Kwok, Member of the Legislative Council

Mrs Leslie Kwok

Mr Benny Kwok

Ms Katherine Ma

Dr Helmut Sohmen

Ms Bernadette Tsui, Director of Development & Alumni Affairs Office, HKU

Lily Table

Mr Wilson Chow, Head of The Department of Professional Legal Education,
HKU

Mrs Anne Carver

Dr Felix Chan

Professor Richard Field

Professor Roda Mushkat

Professor John Rear

Professor Peter Rhodes

Dr Glenn Shive

Ms Judith Sihombing

Mr Alan Smith

Mr William Stone, SBS, SC

Mr Edward Tyler

Cocktail Reception

The Cocktail Reception started at 6pm. The HKU Law Alumni Choir Instrumental Ensemble performed live music at the Cocktail. Members of the Ensemble are as follows:

Mr Sean Li (violin) (BBA(Law) 2011, LLB 2013, PCLL 2014)

Ms Tracy Lee (violin) (LLB IV)

Ms Ivy Shum (viola) (BBA(Law) I)

Mr Frank Choi (cello) (PCLL 2010)

Mr Jeffrey Sham (double bass) (PCLL 2009)

Ms Janette Sham (keyboard) (LLB 2000, PCLL 2001, LLM 2004)

A photo booth, sponsored by Mr Albert T da Rosa, Jr, was set up at the cocktail area for guests to take photos. Props, such as T-shirts and hoodies produced by the Law Association over the years, were available for the guests to use during the photo-taking.

Dinner

Dinner started at 7:30pm. 300 guests attended the Dinner and filled 25 tables. The dress code was lounge suit. Mr Edwin Choi (LLB 2008, PCLL 2009) was the Master of Ceremony of the Dinner.

Speeches were delivered by Elaine Liu (LLB 1987, PCLL 1988), President of the HKULAA, Professor Michael Hor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, and The

Hon Chief Justice Geoffrey Ma. After the Chief Justice's speech, the following guests, together with the Chief Justice, were invited on stage to make a toast:

The Hon Rimsky Yuen, SC, JP, Secretary for Justice

Mr Paul Lam, SC, Vice Chairman of Hong Kong Bar Association

Mrs Cecilia Wong, Council member of The Law Society of Hong Kong

Professor Michael Hor, Dean of the Faculty of Law, HKU

Ms Elaine Liu, President of the HKULAA

The presentation ceremony for the HKULAA Honorary Life Membership was held during the Dinner. The three recipients are Mr Kenneth Hing Wai Kwok, SC (LLB 1972, PCLL 1973), The Hon Mr Justice Patrick Siu Oi Chan, NPJ (LLB 1974, PCLL 1975), and Professor Johannes Man Mun Chan, SC (Hon) (LLB 1981, PCLL 1982). Professor Michael Wilkinson gave an introduction on each recipient, followed by video clips of the three recipients sharing their views about the Faculty and the role of an alumnus. Mr Kenneth Kwok, SC was present at the Dinner to receive the Honorary Life Membership in person from Ms Elaine Liu, President of the HKULAA. The Hon Mr Justice Chan, NPJ and Professor Johannes Chan, SC (Hon) were unable to attend the Dinner as Mr Justice Chan has a family function that evening and Professor Chan was out of town.

The OC prepared a quiz of 10 questions on legal knowledge and the Faculty. The fastest table that answered the questions most accurately would be the winner. Class of LLB 1980 was the winner of the quiz and received a bottle of wine as the winning prize.

The last session of the Dinner was a performance of songs written by our alumni over the past 45 years about the Faculty. The first song was The Library Song. It was sung by current students, accompanied on guitar by The Hon

Ronny Tong, SC (LLB 1972, PCLL 1973) who was involved in the composition of the song. The second song was The Spirit of Law. It was sung by current students and alumni from the class of LLB 1980, including The Hon Madam Justice Mimmie Chan (LLB 1980, PCLL 1981) who wrote the lyrics of the song. The Dinner came to a close in the traditional manner: the singing of the Law Anthem by all the guests at the Dinner, followed by the law cheer led by Mr Eric Cheung (LLB 1986, PCLL 1987).