

THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD

FROM DECEMBER 2014 TO DECEMBER 2015

In the first few months of 2014 to 2015 the University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association (“**HKULAA**”) has continued to organise activities in celebration of the 45th anniversary of the Faculty of Laws (“**Faculty**”): the Homecoming Family Fiesta was held in a warm afternoon in March 2015. Celebration aside, we have organised one public lecture for the alumni and student, a Meet the Mentor Evening and the Mentorship Programme in its new format. Of course, the popular annual concert of the Law Alumni Choir was not missed.

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

Public Lectures by HKU Law Alumni

One public lecture (in Cantonese) under the “HKU Law Alumni Lecture Series” was given on 29 January 2015 (Thursday) at the University of Hong Kong (“**HKU**”). The lecture entitled “Severance payment and income tax” was conducted by Mr. Kenneth Hing Wai Kwok, S.C., B.B.S., an Honorary Life Member of the HKULAA.

Homecoming Family Fiesta

To celebrate the 45th anniversary of the founding of the Faculty, the Faculty and the HKULAA jointly organized a Homecoming Family Fiesta on 8 March 2015 (Sunday) at the HKU’s Centennial Garden. Over 250 alumni members and their

loved ones participated in this joyous occasion. The afternoon was filled with laughter and animated chit-chatting among old friends. Some highlights of the day included a performance by the Lee Hysan Hall Lion Dancing Team, an “Amazing Run” that took participants around the law building, candy floss, superpass fai-chun writing, quizzes, caricature and souvenirs.

Alumni Choir Concert

The Law Alumni Choir (“**Choir**”) gave its sixth annual concert at the Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre of the HKU’s Centennial Campus on 14 November 2015 (Saturday). Named “Musical Encounters”, the Choir shared with the audience songs from various musicals, including favourites from *Mamma Mia*, *the Phantom of the Opera*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The Choir was accompanied as usual by our orchestra composed of musicians who are HKU law alumni members, as well as current HKU law students.

Meet the Mentors Evening

The Meet the Mentors Evening was held on 5 February 2015 (Thursday) at the Moot Court, Cheng Yu Tung Tower of the HKU. Mr. Horace Wong, S.C. (from Sir Oswald Cheung’s Chambers), Mr. Wesley Wong, S.C. (the then Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions), Mr. Albert T. da Rosa, Jr (Partner of Messrs. Cheung, Tong & Rosa) and Miss Alice Law (Chief Operating Officer & Executive Director of Mandatory Provident Fund Authority) were invited to share on stage of their respective professional experience with participating students.

A cocktail reception was held at the Foyer of 1/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower soon after the sharing session. Four areas were designated for altogether 26 mentors and 151

participating students in order to facilitate better interaction and discussion. The sharing session lasted till late.

Law Mentorship Programme

In September 2015, we launched the revamped Law Mentorship Programme (“**Programme**”). The Programme is, for the first time, instituted such that mentors are able to see through the growth of their mentees over a fuller course of their university lives. Each mentor has been paired up with one or two mentees who are first-year undergraduates and the mentorship relationship is expected to formally last until the mentees graduate or reach their final year after four years. Relationship takes time to mature. It is envisaged that the change will enable mentors and mentees to develop a more meaningful and long-term friendship.

This is the first year of implementing the new format of the Programme, 69 mentees (out of 131 applications) were shortlisted to match with 36 mentors, who have shown continuous and tremendous support in the Programme over the past few years.

Instead of organizing a formal dinner signifying the first gathering for mentors and mentees, a cocktail session was held on 12 November 2015 (Thursday). 30 mentors and all mentees attended the gathering. A Dinner Gathering is planned to be held on 15 March 2016 (Tuesday) with further details to be released in due course.

Other matters

The Executive Committee held 5 general meetings.

The President attended the Law Association Inauguration Ceremony on 4 March 2015 (Wednesday).

Mr. Albert T. da Rosa, Jr attended the High Table Dinner of the Law Association on 20 October 2015 (Tuesday).

The President and Mr. Albert T. da Rosa, Jr attended the 194th congregation of the Faculty and joined the procession on 3 December 2015 (Thursday).

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

The Executive Committee takes this opportunity to thank Miss Cora Chan, Associate Professor of the Faculty, for her invaluable advice to the HKULAA and for being the crucial link with the Faculty, and Miss Scarlett Cheung, Miss Linda Dan and Miss Rita Wai for their cheerful, efficient and proactive support.

31 December 2015

The Executive Committee

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