

SILVER JUBILEE DINNER

14TH NOVEMBER 1994



THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

PROGRAMME

7:00 p.m.	Cocktail
8:00 p.m.	Guests to be seated
8:15 p.m.	Speeches by:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>The Hon. Sir Ti Liang Yang,</i> <i>Chief Justice and Pro-Chancellor</i>- <i>Professor Peter Wesley-Smith,</i> <i>Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong</i>- <i>Andrew Liao, Q.C.,</i> <i>President of The Hong Kong University Law Alumni Association</i>
8:40 p.m.	Video Presentation <i>" 25 years - Memories, Dreams and Hope "</i> <i>Part I : "The Vintage "</i>
8:45 p.m.	Dinner
9:45 p.m.	Video Presentation <i>Part II : " The Seekers "</i> Dessert and Coffee
10:00p.m.	Video Presentation <i>Part III : " The Young Turks " & " The Dreamers "</i>
10:10p.m.	Raffle Draw of top prizes by Lady Yang
10:30p.m.	Performance by Alumni Singers and Performance by Mystery Guest Singer

**Message from
Sir Ti Liang Yang
Chief Justice And Pro-Chancellor of
the University of Hong Kong**

Five years ago, we celebrated the Twentieth Anniversary of the Faculty of Law and formation of the Hong Kong University Law Alumni Association in circumstances very similar to tonight's dinner. Since then, the Faculty of Law has moved further in developing its curricula, broadening its scope of research and producing much-needed legal writing for the benefit of the profession.

This year the Faculty of Law celebrates its Twenty-Fifth Anniversary with its 1750th law graduate. Lawyers have an increasingly vital role to play in the years ahead, with the constant demand for high-quality legal services and with the historic opportunities presented in Hong Kong.

May I wish the Law Faculty continual success in producing generations of lawyers who are as dedicated and successful as those who are present tonight in their service towards the betterment of Hong Kong. I eagerly look forward to celebrating its Thirtieth Anniversary.

*T.L. Yang
Chief Justice
Pro-Chancellor*

**Message from
Mr. Dafydd Evans
Founder of the Faculty of Law**

It is a long time - over five years - since I decided to stop counting out my life in Hong Kong coffee spoons and it comes as something of a jolt to realise that it is over 25 years since I returned to Hong Kong in July 1969 to set up what eventually became the Faculty of Law.

It was a two men and a dog situation (I was the dog, I often felt) - only July and August to get settled into premises, set up the courses and select the students. Time, like distance, lends enchantment, they say but I do recall that I pleaded to open in September 1970 but the Grants Committee would have nothing of that. So we had to do it at a gallop, with the result that 32 of the Faculty's alumni got the start in life which they would otherwise probably not have had!

I am often asked whether I miss Hong Kong and my standard reply is that I miss my friends in Hong Kong. There will be many of my friends at the Alumni dinner on November 14 as you gather for the Silver Jubilee celebration dinner. It would have been nice to be with you.

My best wishes go with you in the years ahead, whatever they may contain for you.

28 October 1994

*Dafydd Evans
Beachcroft Stanleys
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**Message from
Professor Peter Wesley-Smith
Dean Of The Faculty Of Law**

In my opinion, to wait five years for another alumni dinner is to wait at least four years too long. The inaugural event in 1989 was a great success. Some of the entertainment was rather dismal, I recall, but the speeches were short and the general geniality left little to be desired. I suspect that former law students enjoy the sense of being back at school with no assignments to complete or exams to sit. And of course your under-graduate days were the best days of your life: no office rent to pay, no clerks and secretaries to supervise, no clients to satisfy, no tax man looking over you shoulder. In that sweet sojourn at university you could enjoy the pure intellectual pleasures of tackling problems, such as the reception of English law, which bore no relationship to real life; since then, real life has no doubt intruded at every moment. Ah to be at school once again!

The last five years have seen the Faculty of Law develop in interesting directions, and I think we have consolidated our position as a productive faculty making valuable and diverse contributions to the legal system. Alas, our future funding prospects are bleak: the university is changing the basis upon which its revenue is distributed to the Faculties and it has decided that Law has been overfunded. We are mounting a vigorous defence, but our chances of success are slim. We must therefore look to other sources of revenue. What can you do to help?.....

Here is a partial list:

- * subscribe to the Hong Kong Law Journal (we have a stake in the journal's commercial success)
- * attend the Law Lectures for Practitioners (next year on 7-8 March) and buy the book
- * purchase our various publications for your library
- * come along to our seminars and conferences
- * consider how you might contribute financially - we hope to develop a donation programme and we will let you know in due course what we are planning

We very much appreciate the support we receive from our alumni, and the Anniversary Dinner is an expression of that support. I trust it will be at least as enjoyable as the last one. This time I promise not to sing The Ha Gao Siu Mai Song.

Peter Wesley-Smith
Dean

**Message from
Mr. Andrew Liao Q.C. ,
President Of The HKU Law Alumni Association**

This year marks the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Department of Law, now the Faculty of Law, at the University of Hong Kong and the Fifth Anniversary of the formation of the Hong Kong University Law Alumni Association which was indeed first established in 1989 to organize the Twentieth Anniversary Dinner at this same venue in the same year. Five years have since elapsed and we have witnessed the Faculty growing from strength to strength in the promotion of legal scholarship, provision of much-needed legal education and the training of lawyers in Hong Kong.

Most of us who are present today owe much to and many more in future will continue to benefit from the teaching and research at the Faculty. It gives the Alumni great honour and pleasure to host this Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Dinner in celebration of the event through which continuous and even stronger ties, we hope, will be fostered amongst graduates and between them and the Faculty.

*Andrew Liao QC
President
HKU Law Alumni Association*

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