THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 2022 TO JANUARY 2023

Dear Members,

After overcoming various pandemic-related challenges, The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association ("HKULAA") managed to resume some of its physical activities and was pleased to introduce some new initiatives in 2022.

Law Mentorship Programme 2021-2022

The Dinner Gatherings for the 2020-2021 cohort and the 2021-2022 cohort were successfully held on 20 and 21 June 2022 after the postponement due to the then social distancing measures in place. The Dinner Gatherings held at the Chater Room, Happy Valley Old Clubhouse of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, were attended by 44 mentors and 120 mentees in total.

Law Mentorship Programme 2022-2023

Thanks to the alumni's support, we managed to recruit a record high number of 63 mentors, and a total of 94 mentees were enrolled to the Programme. The Briefing Session and First Gathering of the Law Mentorship Programme 2022-2023 were held physically on 14 September 2022 and 16 November 2022 respectively. The Dinner Gathering would be held at The Park Lane Hong Kong, A Pullman Hotel on 28 February 2023.

Career sharing session

The Association organized a career sharing session via Zoom "Ask me anything" on 17 September 2022. It was hosted by Ms. Charmaine Yip and questions were collected from registrants in advance. All Exco Members joined to share their career and life experiences and 35 students attended the sharing session.

Well-being

Recognizing the importance of well-being and mental health, the Association organized a number of well-being related activities for law alumni and students:

29 April 2022: Online Mindfulness Workshop

14 October 2022: Online Sleep Management Workshop

4 November 2022: Stretching at Work – Online Workshop

Alumni Gathering

An alumni drinks gathering was successfully organized on 14 December 2022 at the Senior Common Room (15/F, K K Leung Building). The gathering was attended by teachers (Professors Hualing Fu and Albert Chen, Ms. Alice Lee, Ms. Julienne Jen and Ms. Charmaine Yip); Exco members and 32 alumni.

Alumni Choir Concert

With the uncertainties brought by the pandemic, the Law Alumni Choir Concert was postponed until further notice.

Other matters

The Executive Committee held five general meetings.

Mr. Albert T. da Rosa, Jr., Mr. Derek Chan and Ms. Sara Law joined the Procession of the 206th Congregation on 18 July 2022.

Mr. Albert T. da Rosa, Jr. and Ms. Sara Law joined the Procession of the 208th Congregation on 27 November 2022.

Ms. Heidi Chui, Mr. Philip Tsang and Mr. Edwin Choi attended a sharing session of the "HKU Legal Academy for the Talented" programme organized by Admissions Office, The Registry on 11 August 2022, sharing their experience in legal studies and the profession with secondary school students. The session was moderated by Ms. Julienne Jen.

Mr Kenneth Kwok SC, former President of the Association (2003-2006 and 2009-2012) passed away on 28 October 2022. The Association emailed an obituary to all alumni on 17 November 2022 and arranged a funeral wreath to pay tribute and express gratitude to Mr Kenneth Kwok SC for all his contribution and support on alumni affairs.

The Executive Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Julienne Jen, Principal Lecturer of the Department of Professional Legal Education, and Ms. Charmaine Yip, Lecturer of the Department of Professional Legal Education, for their invaluable advice to the HKULAA and crucial link with the Faculty; and Ms. Rachel Li, Mr. Augustine Hung, Ms. Rita Wai and Ms. Sandy Wong for their conscientious, efficient and proactive support.

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The Executive Committee
The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association