

# THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD

FROM DECEMBER 2009 TO NOVEMBER 2010

In the year 2009/10, the Association organised a number of new activities to cater for different interests of members and students.

### **A. Updating our website**

We started off our term by sending an electronic greeting card to members.

We have revamped the alumni website.

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

In addition to updating its contents, we have added:

(1) “messages from alumni” and

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

(2) “memory lane”.

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

### **B. Nature walk**

Lung Fu Shan Nature Tour, for members and family, took place on 9 May 2010.

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/09052010\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/09052010_rpt.pdf)

### **C. 2 Lectures**

The first lecture was on 28 April 2010 by Professor Andrew Halkyard on the tax avoidance provisions under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, Cap. 112, entitled “The Duke of Westminster. How Graven an Idol?” It was so well received that we have received requests for more lectures by Professor Halkyard.

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/28042010\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/28042010_rpt.pdf)

The second lecture was on 9 May 2010 which we organised jointly with the Faculty. Mr Brian Ho, (LLB 1985, PCLL 1986), Executive Director of the Corporate Finance Division of the Securities and Futures Commission, lectured on “Disclosure of Price Sensitive Information – Statutory Obligation?” The

Faculty kindly waived the administrative charges for our members for registering for Law Society's CPD point.

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/24062010\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/24062010_rpt.pdf)

#### **D. Job Interview Workshop for law students**

After a break of 2 years, the very popular Job Interview Workshop was held on 21 September 2010 (Tuesday) at the Rayson Huang Theatre, attracting an attendance of over 160 students. It started off with a short play, written by Ms Cissy Leung (LLB 1988, PCLL 1989), to demonstrate some common mistakes of interviewees. This was followed by a presentation of Dos and Don'ts of interview by Ms Leung. 3 current law students took part in mock interviews conducted by HH Judge Mimmie Chan (LLB 1980, PCLL 1981) and Ms Cleresa Wong (LLB 1980, PCLL 1981, LLM 1988).

30 students also attended the Follow-up Session, held on 8 October 2010 (Friday). Individual mock interviews were conducted by experienced lawyers Ms Bonnie Chan (LLB 1989, PCLL 1990, LLM (CFL) 2001), Ms Francoise Lam (LLB 1988, PCLL 1989), Ms Cissy Leung, Ms Elaine Liu (LLB 1987, PCLL 1988) and Ms Cleresa Wong.

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/21092010\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/21092010_rpt.pdf)

#### **E. Law Mentorship Programme**

More than 200 students attended the briefing on 27 September 2010. Ms Jessica Young, associate professor, introduced the programme. Mr Liu Kwun Wa, William (LLB 2005, PCLL 2006), Ms Ruby Lau (LLB4) and Ms Margaret Li (LLB4) shared their experience as mentees. Mr Albert da Rosa Jr. (LLB 1977, PCLL 1978, LLM 1991) and Ms Yeung Yat Chi, Eirene (LLB 1983, PCLL 1984) shared their experience as mentors.

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/27092010\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/27092010_rpt.pdf)

234 students applied for the Law Mentorship Programme and 172 students were eventually selected as this year's mentees. To initiate the first contact between mentors and their mentees, the Faculty and the Association organized the Mentorship Dinners on 2 & 3 November 2010 at the Loke Yew Hall. The Faculty paid for the dinner costs for mentors and subsidised the costs for mentees.

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/02112010\\_rpt.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/Activities/02112010_rpt.pdf)

#### **F. Alumni Choir concert**

The concert is scheduled on 4 December 2010 (Saturday) at 7:30 pm at the Theatre, Room 303, Chong Yuet Ming Amenities Centre, HKU.

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

### **G. Donations to the Faculty**

Under Ms Lucy Yen's leadership (LLB 1972, PCLL 1973), HKU Law Alumni Charity Limited established "The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association Fund" in 2009 for granting scholarship to HKU law students and other purposes and raised donations totalling \$424,212.36.

In July 2010, the Charity donated to HKU \$424,212.36 to set up the law alumni scholarship and \$50,000 for the Faculty's use. Under the Government Matching Grant Scheme and the Stanley Ho Alumni Challenge Scheme, a total donation of \$1,164,130.90 would be generated. At the LLB Opening Ceremony on 31 August 2010, Ms Yen presented the donations as well as the law alumni scholarship.

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

### **H. Proposed amendments to the constitution**

HKU law graduates may apply to join the Association as life or ordinary members. The Executive Committee proposes to retain only life membership in future. Membership rights of existing ordinary members are not affected.

The other proposed amendment deals with accidental omission to give notice to members.

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/AGM/Constitution\\_2010.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/AGM/Constitution_2010.pdf)

[http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/AGM/Explanatory\\_Notes\\_2010.pdf](http://www.hku.hk/law/alumni/files/AGM/Explanatory_Notes_2010.pdf)

### **I. In Memoriam**

The Executive Committee was greatly saddened to hear the news that Professor Betty Ho, a former and much respected teacher at the Faculty, passed away on 3 September 2010. The Association sent a wreath and the President attended the funeral service on 9 September 2010.

<http://www.hku.hk/law/faculty/Betty.html>

## **J. Other matters**

The Executive Committee held 6 meetings.

The Association nominated Mr William Liu to be a member of Law Faculty Board.

The Dean hosted a dinner for the Executive Committee and attended its meeting on 3 February 2010.

The President & Hon Secretary attended the University's Centennial Campus Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony on 12 March 2010.

The Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer attended inauguration ceremony of Law Association on 17 March 2010.

On 2 June 2010, the President, the Hon Secretary and the Hon Treasurer attended the University's annual Alumni Leaders Luncheon.

The President attended the High Table dinner of the Law Association on 15 October 2010.

The President attended the LLB Graduation Ceremony and joined the procession on 20 November 2010.

Date: 1 December 2010

The Executive Committee,

The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association