

**THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD  
FROM FEBRUARY 2017 TO JANUARY 2018

Dear Members,

2017 is another busy year for The University of Hong Kong Law Alumni Association (“**HKULAA**”). For details of our activities, please refer to <http://www.law.hku.hk/alumni/activities.php>.

**Mentorship**

Same as the previous years, mentorship activities remained to be one of our major focus:-

***(1) Mentorship Dinner Gathering***

The Dinner Gathering of the Law Mentorship Programme (“**Programme**”) 2016-2017 was held on 23 March 2017 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club. With a total of 44 pairs of mentors and mentees joining the event, the atmosphere was harmonious. Upon invitation, a number of past mentees and mentors also joined the gathering, which helped foster one of the objectives of revamping the Programme 3 years ago, i.e. to enlarge the “mentor family”.

***(2) Meet-the-Mentors Dinner Sessions***

4 Meet-the-Mentors Dinner Sessions were held on 26 October 2016, 21 November 2016, 21 February 2017 and 5 April 2017 at Senior Common Room, K K Leung Building. Students who had not joined, at any time of their studies at the Faculty, the Programme were given the opportunity to enjoy a relatively casual meet-up dinner with 1 or 2 law alumni and 5 to 6 other students at each table. A total of 24 alumni and 88 students participated in these four sessions.

For the coming year, 1 dinner session is expected to be held in around April 2018.

### ***(3) Law Mentorship Programme 2017-2018***

As mentioned above, the Programme has, since 2015, been revamped, in that the mentorship relationship is expected to formally last until the mentees graduate. In this respect, mentors are able to see through the growth of mentees over a fuller course of their university lives.

This new arrangement has received positive feedback from both mentors and mentees and the competition for mentees to be enrolled in the Programme remained to be keen. For the Programme 2017-2018, 74 mentees were shortlisted to match with 40 mentors, who either have shown continuous support in the Programme over the past few years or newly joined the Programme to provide their invaluable guidance to our students.

The First Gathering (in the form of a cocktail sharing session) was held on 7 November 2017 at the Foyer, 1/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower and the Dinner Gathering shall be held on 13 March 2018 at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

#### **Alumni Gathering**

Apart from our students, we also placed emphasis at re-uniting our alumni from different generations and professional sectors and have organized a gathering at the Hong Kong University Alumni Association Clubhouse on 25 August 2017. We received a welcoming response from around 30 alumni.

With Professor Michael Wilkinson joining the event as special guest and sharing with all participants his stories, it is in no doubt that we all had a wonderful evening.

#### **Alumni Choir Concert**

The Law Alumni Choir gave its eighth annual concert "*And the Award Goes to .....*" at the Grand Hall, Lee Shau Kee Lecture Centre of the Centennial Campus on 5 November 2017. This year, the concert featured Academy Award songs and Oscar nominated songs, including "*Love is a Many Splendored Thing*", "*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*", "*Skyfall*", "*Born Free*", "*A Love Before Time*" from *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, "*My heart will go on*" from *Titanic*; "*Audition*" and "*City of Stars*" from *La La Land*.

## **Other matters**

The Executive Committee held five general meetings.

The President and Mr Albert T da Rosa, Jr. attended the High Table Dinner of the Law Association, HKUSU, on 25 October 2017.

The President, Mr Albert T da Rosa, Jr., Ms Sara Law, Ms Sharon Siu and Mr Felix Yuen attended the University Information Day on 4 November 2017 to provide sharing sessions for prospective law students and their parents.

The President and Mr Albert T da Rosa, Jr. attended the 198<sup>th</sup> congregation for undergraduate students and joined the procession on 6 December 2017.

The Executive Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank Ms Julienne Jen, Principal Lecturer of the Department of Professional Legal Education, for her invaluable advice to the HKULAA and crucial link with the Faculty, and Ms Scarlett Cheung, Ms Grace Chen, Ms Rachel Li and Ms Rita Wai for their conscientious, efficient and proactive support.

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