

**The Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association,
Victoria, Australia, Incorporated**
(Incorporation Number A0050231H)

Annual General Meeting, 2007

Date/Time : 2nd March, 2008 (Sunday), 6.45pm

Venue : San Choi Chinese Restaurant, High St, Kew

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Attendance

31 members attended the meeting.

2. Start of meeting

The meeting started at 6.45pm, being chaired by Tony Lau.

3. Confirmation of minutes of last Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting were accepted (moved by Tony Lau, seconded by CS Cheng) without amendment.

4. President's report

4.1 Tony Lau thanked all participants for their attendance and members of the outgoing Executive Committee for their effort throughout the year.

4.2 A summary of the major events during the year was then given:

(a) **Incorporation of the alumni association**

(i) The issue was considered by a sub-committee after the 2006 AGM, and subsequently approved at the special general meeting held around Chinese New Year, 2007.

(ii) Thanks to the background work done by Leo Leung, the sub-committee drafted and finalized the Constitution. Application for incorporation was made in May and approved in June by the Department of Justice, Consumer Affairs Victoria.

(iii) Activities and development of the alumni association were much smoother as a result of the incorporation (eg. receipt of financial support from HK Economic and Trades Office for July 1st concert, opening of bank account, hiring of venue).

(b) **Celebration of 10th anniversary of establishment of HKSAR**

A concert was held on July 1st to celebrate the occasion, with financial support from HKETO (Sydney) and other sponsorship. Joseph Yu and Jennifer Chou did a superb job organizing the event, with a larger than planned audience and excellent performers. The quiz on knowledge about Hong Kong and gifts enhanced greatly the fun of the event.

(c) **Fundraising auction**

A highly successful evening, with generous donation and purchasing of goods. With Rose Li's good relation with the restaurant owner some profit was made from dinner takings.

(d) **Other activities:** Chinese New Year dinner, a park BBQ, day trip to Mornington Peninsula, table-tennis competition (we won).

4.3 It had been noted that our sister alumni associations – HKU, HK Polytechnic and Pui Ching – had good numbers of members. It would be beneficial to have joint activities with them.

5. Treasurer's report

- 5.1 The alumni association was able to open a bank account after the incorporation.
- 5.2 Alice Walker presented the 2007 Financial Year Income and Expenditure Statement (as at 30 November, 2007). It was noted that:
 - (a) Total income in this year was \$7,296.63 and total expenditure was \$5,661.85.
 - (b) This year's surplus was \$1,634.78.
 - (c) The bank balance as at 30.11.2007 was \$3,823.03.
- 5.3 Alice was thanked for her work in looking after the association's accounts.
- 5.4 The Treasurer's report was accepted (moved by Dorothy Yiu, seconded by John Ma).

6. Open Forum

- 6.1 It was recommended that in order to avoid discrepancies, the same person should be responsible for maintaining the membership data base and sending out association emails.
- 6.2 It was decided that membership fees for 2008 will be \$10 per year for ordinary membership, and \$100 once-off for life membership.
- 6.3 A number of suggestions were made with regard to association activities:
 - (a) When organising fundraising dinners in future, members will be informed that those who only wish to come for dinner, without donating or buying auctioned goods, are equally welcome.
 - (b) Activities organized jointly with sister organizations would be more cost effective and have better participation.
 - (c) Meals in outings should be flexible – participants will have the option of eating in restaurants or bringing their own food.
 - (d) The association will provide some dishes in bring-a-plate gatherings, for the sake of encouraging participation.
 - (e) A BBQ should be held around Mid-Autumn Festival, with the association providing a whole roast pig.
 - (f) A small number (1 or 2) of large-group hiking should be held instead of numerous small hiking. Consideration should be made in combining hiking with outings.
 - (g) When arranging for hired coaches, it is cheaper, on per-head basis, to hire larger coaches (\$900 for 45 seats) than smaller ones (\$700 for 35 seats).
 - (h) A concert will involve the audience as performers. Joseph Yu will give some basic training shortly before the event.

7. Election of new Executive Committee

- 7.1 All existing members had been nominated for the new Executive Committee and were elected unopposed.
- 7.2 The key members elected were: President – Tony Lau; Vice-presidents - Cecilia Lau and Doris Leung; Secretary – Yiu K Tam; Treasurer - Alice Walker.

8. End of meeting

The meeting closed at 7.30pm and was followed by dinner.