

## Aberdeen University Hong Kong Association Annual General Meeting 2014

**Date:** 19 September 2014 (Fri)

**Time:** 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

**Venue:** Majesty Chinese Restaurant, 2/F, Jubilee Centre, 18 Fenwick Street, Wan Chai

#### **Present:**

Cammy So (CS), Eva Cheng (EC), Eric Liu (EL), Edward Lam (EdL), Garland Liu (GL), Joe Whimster (JW), KK Chan (KC), Kalmond Ma (KM), Lawrence Hou (LH), Michael Fung (MF), Marcus IP (MI), Margaret Lo (ML), Mingchuan Woo (MW), Raymond Chan (RC), Stuart Christie (ST), Sarah Keung (SK), Simon Yu (SY), Wilson C Kwok (WK)

#### Absent with apologies:

Carol Law (CL), Marshall Bryes (MB)

#### **AGM**

#### 1. Confirmation of minutes of last EGM held on 15 October 2013

MW pointed out there was minor typo in Paragraph 7 on page 3 of the minutes, i.e. "<u>SK</u> <u>and CS</u> were nominated...respectively...". It will be amended to "<u>CS and SK</u> were nominated... respectively..." and the updated version will be uploaded to the website.

#### 2. Chairman's Report

KK delivered his Chairman's Report (for details please refer to the *AUHKA Chairman*'s *Report 2013/14*). Although AUHKA was not very active this year with only two dinners and one visit arranged, KK considered that the association had made a lot of effort in negotiating with the British Consulate General (BCG) so as to improve the scholarship application procedure and had signed a 3-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between AUHKA, BCG and the Swire Education Trust. The scholarship was opened for application and KK hoped a suitable candidate will be selected to be our next year's granite pearl. Lastly, KK announced that he will step down from the chairman's position and proposed to nominate EdL to take up. At this special occasion, KK summarized the major events during his five-year service in the AUHKA:

- Two Scottish Evenings were held and the one organized in 2012 was the biggest so far, which both the Principal, Professor Ian Diamond, and the then Vice-chancellor, Lord David Wilson, came to the event. A total of over HK\$46,000 was raised.
- As for AUHKA social activities, about one event was organized each year, including guided tour to Hong Kong Wetland Park, visit to the Central Police Station, Happy



Valley Horse Racing Night, guided tour to Tai O fishing village and guided tour to Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden.

- Three successful candidates were awarded scholarships for their studies at the University of Aberdeen, they are: CL received the Aberdeen Scott Environmental Scholarship which was to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the scholarship, MW was our last granite pearl under the Aberdeen Scott Chevening Scholarship, and SK got the Aberdeen Henry Scott Scholarship and just came back to Hong Kong in 2013.
- The AUHKA website was first launched in 2010 with the help of MF. Recently, the domain of the website was changed to auhka.hk in order to make the address more localized.

#### 2. Financial Report

CL sent her apologies for her absence and ML presented the financial report of the AUHKA for 2013 – 2014 on behalf of CL (for details please refer to the **AUHKA** *Financial Report 2012/13*). The main income of the association is from membership fee, while the expense for this year is the website maintenance fee. KK asked for the breakdown of the website maintenance fee as the amount seems to be a lot. MW explained that the website hosting company forgot to send out an invoice every half year, which resulted in a lump sum of over HK\$2,000. MW added that the maintenance fee would be \$800 half a year and she would contact the hosting company for the invoice for 2014.

#### 3. Report on scholarship and scholarship trust

Following up on KK's brief report on the scholarship, ML further explained the current AUHKA scholarship status in detail. Last year, the management authority of the Chevening Scholarship was changed from British Council to The Association of Commonwealth Universities. The operation was much smoother, however, some problems were encountered in the candidate selection process. Last year, there were candidates applied for the Aberdeen scholarship, yet, they did not select 3 universities or courses in their online application form and thus the system excluded them from further processing. KK, EdL, ML and KM met with BCG a few times to reflect this problem and finally the application system was improved this year. BCG also took the initiative to sign a 3-year MoU agreement to secure the scholarship in the long run. The scholarship was opened for application until 15 November 2014. Promotion activity had started by ML. MI would help distribute the message in the Hong Kong Institute of Environmental Impact Assessment (HKIEIA). JW and the University would be happy to assist in promoting the scholarship and other future AUHKA events.



#### 4. Activities Report

KK presented the activities report of the AUHKA for 2013 – 2014 on behalf of CS. For details, please refer to *AUHKA Activities Report 2012/13*.

#### 5. Plan for social activities in 2014

KK mentioned in his Chairman's Report that there will be two upcoming events for the association. The first event would be a guided visit to Mei Ho House in Shek Kip Mei with the help of RC. The next would be Scottish Evening on Saturday 17 January 2015 at the Police Officers Club. An organizing committee would be formed after the AGM. Aunty Jean already expressed her interest in joining the event and the committee would contact AU to check if any staff members would like to join as well.

#### 6. Election of Committee Members for 2013/14

Upon motions duly made and seconded, the following office bearers were elected for 2014-2015:

Offices	Nominee(s)	Seconder(s)
President (1)	Marshall Bryes	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
Advisors (3)	Lawrence Hou	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Jean Hamilton	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Antony Hedley	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
Chairman (1)	Edward Lam	MF, KM
Vice-chairperson (1)	Cammy So	KK, KM, EdL, SK
Vice-chairperson	Margaret Lo	EdL, KM, SK
(scholarship affairs) (1)		
Secretary (1)	Sarah Keung	KK, EdL
Treasurer (1)	Carol Law	ML, SK, KK
Activity Secretary (1)	Mingchuan Woo	KK, EdL
Committee members (8)	Chan Kin Ki	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Kalmond Ma	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Simon Yu	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Eric Liu	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Wilson C Kwok	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Raymond Chan	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Eva Cheng	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW
	Stuart Christie	KK, EdL, CS, ML, SK, MW



### 7. Any Other Business

The AGM was closed at 7:30pm and followed by dinner.

(Minutes taken by MW)

Endorsed by (The Original signed)

CHAN Kin Ki

**Chairman of AUHKA 2014**