



THE ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY HONG KONG ASSOCIATION

Chairman's Report 2011

In 2011, Aberdeen University Hong Kong Association (AUHKA), in collaboration with Swire Educational Trust and British Council, continues to promote the scholarship scheme for potential leaders to pursue one-year further study in environmental-related fields in the University of Aberdeen (AU). This kind of partnership has been established since 1991. Despite no suitable candidate was selected for the scholarship in the reporting year, both Swire and British Council promised continuous support for AUHKA's scholarship scheme in the coming year.

In May, the tax exemption under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance previously granted to the Aberdeen University Hong Kong Scholarship Fund was suspended by the Inland Revenue Department. It was due to the blessings that the Swire Educational Trust has been supportive to the annual scholarship award hence no major efforts were required to raise funds accordingly. We will apply to restate the Fund's exemption status in the future if necessary.

AUHKA successfully held the Scottish Evening on 5 March 2011 at Hong Kong Cricket Club. The activity was a joyful night of dancing, good food and friendship. More than 100 alumni, friends and family members participated in the event. Uncle Sandy and Auntie Jean took the chance to reunion with AU alumni in the event during their visit in Hong Kong. AU representatives Steve Cannon and Rachel Sandison also joined us in this event with a donation of GBP 500 from AU. More than HKD 12,000 was raised in the event.

To strengthen the partnering relationship with AU, dinner receptions for Ms Llinos Jones (AU International Officer) and Professor Ian Diamond (AU Principal), was held on 16 Sept 2011 at Liu Yuan Pavilion and on 24 Oct 2011 at HK Football Club, respectively. The most updated information about the AU development and scholarship affairs were discussed during the receptions.

With a view to maintaining close communication within AUHKA, monthly lunch gatherings in Wan Chai had been regularly organized by some alumni members on voluntary basis. All members were welcome to join the monthly gathering to share their updates in a casual manner. The practice would be continued in the coming year.

It is all happiness to AUHKA alumni that a dinner reception on 14 Nov 2011 at HK Football Club was held for Dr. Laurence Hou to celebrate his Centenary Fellowship endowed by the University of Hong Kong.

In the coming year, AUHKA would pay every effort to strengthen the tie with Swire Educational Trust and British Council to continue the tradition of her scholarship program. We also aim at recruiting more AU alumni in Hong Kong to enlarge our AUHKA family. Last, but not the least, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our President Dr. Marshall Byres, advisors, committee members and all members of the Association for their continuous support to the development of the Association.

Thank you very much.

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(Chairman of AUHKA)

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