



THE ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY HONG KONG ASSOCIATION

Chairman's Report 2012/13

In 2012 and 2013, the Aberdeen University Hong Kong Association (AUHKA) continues to promote the scholarship scheme for potential leader to pursue one-year further study in environmental-related fields in the University of Aberdeen (AU). However, no candidate was selected for the AUHKA's scholarship for two consecutive years. Yet, AUHKA's long term partner, the Swire Educational Trust, continues to show their generous support in the scholarship. AUHKA will continue to strengthen this partnership and hopefully a suitable candidate will be selected in the coming year to be the next Granite Pearl.

AUHKA held the Scottish Evening on 27 October 2012 at the Police Officers Club with a great success. More than 150 alumni, friends and family members participated in the event. The then Chancellor of AU Lord David Wilson and Lady Wilson, together with the Principal of AU Professor Ian Diamond and his team of AU representatives took the chance to meet with AU alumni in the event during their visit to Hong Kong. Aunty Jean and Uncle Sandy even flew all the way from Aberdeen for the event and to reunite with their beloved Granite Pearls in Hong Kong. It was a joyful evening for everyone to meet friends, enjoyed the good food and the Scottish dancing. Dr. Lawrence Hou and AU greatly supported the event by donating HKD 20,000 and GBP 1,000 respectively to AUHKA. More than HKD 46,000 was raised in the event.

On 28 October 2012, AUHKA and other Aberdeen alumni based in Hong Kong were invited by the Principal of AU Professor Ian Diamond to attend a special lunch in the honour of Lord David Wilson at the Hong Kong Club. The event was to announce and to celebrate that AU would present an Honorary Degree to Aunty Jean to recognize her contribution to the University and its Hong Kong alumni, and maintaining the Aberdeen-Hong Kong relationship over the past two decades. The university also took the opportunity to announce a new fund named in the honour of Lord David Wilson would be established to offer scholarships for postgraduate studies in AU which is opened to all Hong Kong citizens.

AUHKA has always maintained a good connection with AU staff. A dinner reception was organized for Mr. Steve Cannon on 6 February 2012 during his stay in Hong Kong. On 13 May 2013, AUHKA was contrary invited by Mr. Steve Cannon to meet with 10 other AU teaching staff and representatives during their visit in Hong Kong. Although there are a few personnel changes within AU recently, AUHKA will continue to strengthen the partnering relationship with AU and to keep informed about the latest AU development and scholarship affairs.

In the past year, we organized two events for members namely Guided Visit to Tai O Fishing Village on 22 September 2012 and Farewell Dinner for Sarah Keung and Michael Fung for their further studies in AU and University of Cambridge respectively on 18 August 2012. With a view to maintaining close communication within AUHKA, monthly lunch gatherings in Wan Chai had been occasionally organized by some alumni members on voluntary basis. The practice will be continued in the following year and all members were welcome to join and share their updates in a casual manner.

In the coming year, AUHKA will pay every effort to strengthen the tie with Swire Educational Trust and other relevant parties 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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