

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

New South Wales Chapter Australia Inc.

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What an Extraordinary Year!

We are grateful we all stay safe and remain connected.

The Committee presents this **BUMPER** edition of our Newsletter for happy holiday reading

We wish our members a safe and happier 2021

OUR EXCITING 2021 YEAR OF THE GOLDEN OX CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION DINNER IS COMING !!!



喜迎金牛團年晚宴

Saturday

6 February 2021

6 for 6:30 pm

**Marigold Restaurant
George St Haymarket**

PrePay for Members and Family \$70 pp Children 6-12 years \$35 pp

\$80 pp for Non Members and paying at the door

To avoid disappointment, please book your seats early!

RSVP and payment deadline :

30 January 2021 to hkuaansw@gmail.com or George Wong 0447051921 to reserve your seats, indicating number of attendees and total costs

To avoid multiple cash handling on the day, we appreciate prepayment for the CNY Celebration Dinner. Payment can be made

By bank transfer:

Account name : HKUAA NSW Chapter
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Example : CNY Lam C x 2

By cheque payable to HKU Alumni Association NSW Chapter and post to PO Box 5303, Chatswood West, NSW 1515

Please notify hkuaansw@gmail.com when you have made your payment

**Please note that our HKUAA NSW events will be COVIDsafe in strict adherence to NSW Health guidelines. We will refund payments if the event is cancelled or deferred due to NSWHealth advice and at the discretion of the Committee. Thank you for your understanding.*

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

(Save the dates!!!)

Thurs 28 Jan 2021 – Monthly Last Thursday of the Month Yum Cha 1230 pm @King Dynasty Restaurant, Westfield Chatswood

Sat 6 Feb 2021 – Chinese New Year Celebration Dinner 6 for 630 pm @ Marigold Restaurant, George St, haymarket
Details on Page 1.

Thurs 26 Feb 2021 – Monthly Last Thursday of the Month Yum Cha 1230 @King Dynasty Restaurant, Westfield Chatswood

Full Details on pages 1 & 5

OUR FIRST EVER ONLINE AGM, KEEPING BUSINESS AS USUAL AT HKUAA NSW

Heeding the advice of NSWHealth, we continue to be business as usual, and not even COVID restrictions can prevent our Annual General Meeting, albeit in a new format.

On 19 August 2020, the Committee sent out notification of our first ever E-AGM scheduled for Tuesday 8 September 2020, and called for nominations for the 2020/2021 Executive Committee. Deadline for the closing of nominations was 31 August 2020. The Hon Secretary received 9 nominations by this date.

On the scheduled date of our E-AGM, 8 September 2020, the Committee presented to all members via email

1. Minutes of 2019 AGM
2. President's Report 2020
3. Audited 2020 Annual Financial Statement
4. Notification of nominations for 2021 Executive Committee received.

Members were invited to comment and accept these reports by return email by 18 September 2020.

The required quorum was formed when 15 members responded by email.

We thanked all of our members who supported and participated in our E-AGM.

We acknowledge the devotion and contribution of our outgoing committee member, and past Chairperson, **Ms Linda Tang**, who has contributed greatly and actively participated in the Committee as Chair and Committee Member for many years.

We welcome a new committee member to our team, **Ms Tury Tu**, M Soc Sc (Criminology) 2000. Tury is a registered Social Worker with AASW, Service Manager for a not-for-profit community organization, and FieldWork Educator for Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Social Work.

See Tury's full profile on Page 6.

The following Executive Committee for 2020/21 is elected at the E-AGM ipso facto



From Left: Benny Mok, Dr Chak Chung, George Wong, Cathy Lam, Lily Mo, Scarlet Fung, Dr Terence Lam, Sze Cheng (Tury To not in picture)

The 2020/2021 Executive Committee

President

Cathy Lam (Soc Sc)

Vice Presidents

Sze Cheng (Architecture)

George Wong (Arts)

Hon Sec

Dr Terence Lam (Architecture)

Hon Treasurer

Lily Mo (Soc Sc)

Public Officer

Scarlet Fung (Soc Sc)

Committee Members

Dr Chak Chung (Medicine)

Benny Mok (M Ed)

Tury To (M Soc Sc Criminology)



WE RESUMED OUR SOCIAL ACTIVITIES POST COVID WITH OUR ANNUAL BBQ on SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020

COVID restrictions have pushed our very popular Annual BBQ to Saturday 21 November 2020.

Under a cloudless sky and barmy spring weather, 30 alumni and families enjoyed a delicious BBQ lunch at the Cumberland State Forest in Castle Hill. This event was met with enthusiastic response and the Association had to keep a waiting list to keep within NSW Health allowed numbers for outdoor events. David Wong and his young family were able to join us later when the numbers dwindled with early departures of some members.



RESUMPTION OF K-SINGING DINNER WELCOMED BY MEMBERS

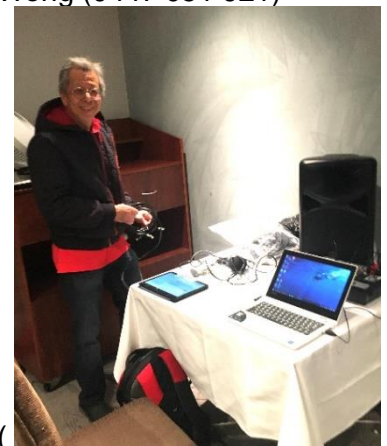
Thursday 5 Nov 2020 @ King Dynasty Chatswood 2-8pm

In the spirit of providing more opportunities for social connection among members, John Au and Linda Park, with assistance from SK Hui and Dr Gabriel So, organised a

Karaoke event with a difference on Thursday 5 November 2020 as soon as restrictions on singing had been eased.

About 12 keen karaoke enthusiasts sang their hearts out to live music provided by SK Hui and Ernest Chow, later joined by Dr Bernard Yim on electric guitar. It was a rousing success enjoyed by all. Non singers arrived around 6 pm to partake of a scrumptious dinner afterwards, rounding a most enjoyable evening.

A K-singing Whatsapp Group is now established for organisation of future musical events. Interested members please contact John Au (0404 501 598) or George Wong (0447 051 921)



Dr Gabriel So, tech expert and DJ



Dr Bernard Yim rocks his electric guitar



Orina Tang, Alan Tang and John Au belting their hearts out.

Members David and Eva Wong with Winnie Chan from HKETO and Nelson Leung



We were delighted that most of our new members and associate members were able to join in the festivities.

HKUAA NSW KICKS OFF FESTIVE CHEERS WITH POPULAR XMAS LUNCH

Sat 12 Dec 2020 @ King Dynasty Restaurant, Chatswood

Our Annual Xmas lunch attracted a bumper crowd of 68, complying with the NSWHealth guideline of 1 patron per 2 square metres.

We were delighted to have Ms Winnie Chan, Director-elect of HKETO, and her partner, Nelson Leung, joining us on this occasion.



*New Associate Members
From left: Irene Wan with sister Wendy Wan, Angie Tsang with mum Cecilia Yao*



Alan Tang with his table of young lawyers and accountants and new associate members





We also took this opportunity to present trophies to the champions and their representatives of our 2019 Table Tennis Tournament, Dr Gabriel So, Virginia Ning, Sze Cheng, Dr YK Ho, Cindy Ho, Anthony Hui, and WK Chan. The Jiang family received their trophies in December 2019.

Amid table prizes galore, our new associate member Linda Park was the winner of the lucky draw, taking home a deluxe Xmas box donated by our Past President Linda Tang.



Bethanie Wong drew the lucky number, with Linda Park, our new associate member, as the lucky draw winner.

HKUAA NSW CHAPTER CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY RELATIONS DESPITE COVID.

While 4 Uni joint events have grounded to a halt in this extraordinary year, liaison with the other Hong Kong Universities Alumni Associations are maintained, as well as liaison with Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office

On 15 December 2020, Cathy Lam represented HKUAA NSW to bid a fond farewell to Raymond Fan, Director of HKETO for the last three years, and to congratulate our Alumnus Ms Winnie Chan on her promotion as incoming Director of HKETO.



Cathy Lam presented HKUAA NSW souvenirs to outgoing HKETO Director, Mr Raymond Fan.



Our past president Linda Tang with Raymond Fan

Joint 4 HK UNI EVENTS IN ABEYANCE IN 2020

The Presidents of the HK 4 Uni Alumni Group continue to maintain liaison and shared advice on how to sustain contact with members in COVID times.

MONTHLY THURSDAY YUM CHA LUNCHES PROVIDE INVALUABLE SOCIAL CONNECTION IN COVID TIMES

When COVID restrictions eased, we resumed our Last Thursday of the month yum cha lunches in June 2020. The group has expanded to three tables at King Dynasty

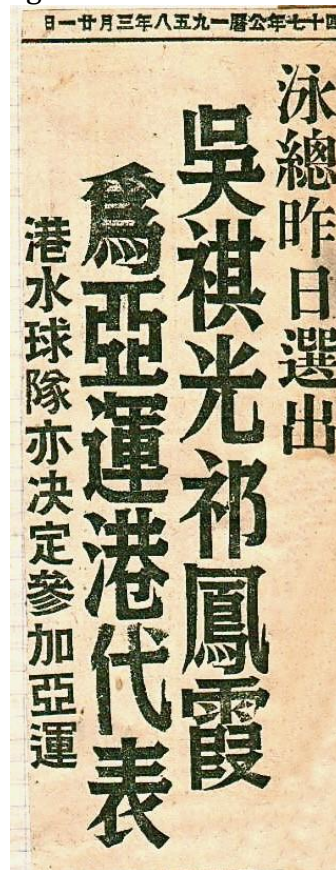


Restaurant Chatswood as some members who now work from home were able to join us and reconnect. These lunches, tirelessly co-ordinated by past Chairman John Au, have been going on for years and provide a invaluable informal social forum for our members.



WHO IS SHE? 話當年 你知她是誰?

She participated in open swimming competitions at the age of 10. Coming only in third place in Women's B group 100m backstroke event, she was immediately promoted to A group the following year to compete with top Hong Kong swimmers at such a young age.



At 12 years old, she represented Hong Kong in the Tokyo Asian Games, with virtually no time to acclimatise to the new environment. Not being granted any exemption, she had to sit through the then Primary School Certificate Examination until that very morning, and rushed to take

the flight to Tokyo all alone by herself, arriving just in time for the Opening Ceremony. Although being the youngest athlete in the whole 1958 Games, she made it through the heats and semi-finals to be in the final of the women's 100m backstroke event, and came in sixth to put Hong Kong on the international swimming scene.

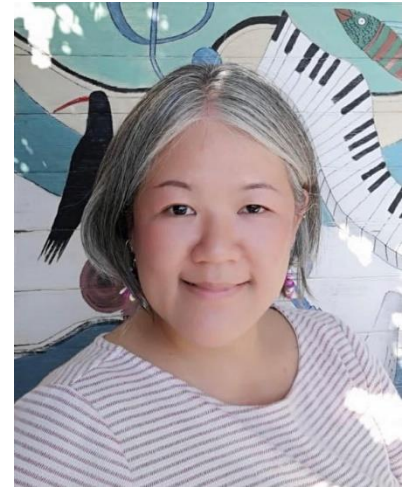
Though backstroke is her forte, she was also skilful in other swim styles, not limited just to the pools. In the Marathon swimming (10-mile Tolo Harbour) race, she was the champion of the women's session, but in the overall race, came in second place, beaten only by the then "Hong Kong Flying Fish", Wan Shiu-Ming. She also represented her school, her club, and Hong Kong in other international events, and usually enjoyed a clean sweep in events she participated.





a lucky few, to get her autograph. In fact, she was the only swimmer in Hong Kong (men or women) to qualify for the 1960 Rome Olympics.

Who is she ? And why are we HKUAA NSW so interested and so proud of her remarkable achievements ?



謎底揭開了



Here she is, Esther Ki. We know her as Esther Hui, the charming and devoted spouse of Kenneth Hui (Arts 67, DMS 71), our past committee member and social convener 2015-2017. We are very proud to have Esther among us!

INTRODUCING OUR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER, TURY TO

Tury graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) at the City University of Hong Kong and Master of Social Sciences (Criminology) 2000 at HKU. Before migrating to Australia in 2011, she worked in the Social Welfare Department of HKSAR Government with extensive frontline social work experiences in complex counselling, case management and statutory duties. Currently she is a Service Manager for a not-for-profit community organisation, registered Social Worker (AASW) and Fieldwork Educator for Bachelor's and Master's degree social work placements for various universities in NSW.

Tury is a seasoned and dedicated volunteer with a particular interest in migrants. She was a volunteer of St Vincent de Paul for 6 years and visited refugees in Villawood Detention Centre and the community. In 2015, she founded a social support group for migrants from HK via Facebook with over 600 members. In 2020 she also



Receiving her last (1960) Cross Harbour Champion trophy from wife of Mr A. de O Sales, the late HK Olympics Tsar, before she left Hong Kong for Sydney to further her studies.

Some of us will remember the much awaited annual cross harbour swimming events in the 60's. She made headlines in the annual Hong Kong Cross Harbour swimming competition. First competing in 1957, she took out the first place in the following year with new records in the subsequent three years, until her departure for Sydney to further her studies. Some swimming records remain unbroken after all these years.

Her admirers would wait patiently outside her school (Maryknoll Convent School) to get a glimpse of her, or for

Members Connect

The HKUAA NSW Chapter Newsletter is an excellent forum for members to get to know each other, or to update each other on their recent events and milestones.

Members are welcome to share their news and the news of their family in this forum. More news and profiles will follow in subsequent issues.

started hosting a program at 2CR targeting migrants.

Tury started her journey as a Board Member for the not-for-profit sector since 2009 and served on the boards of three community organisations in Hong Kong and Sydney. To reinforce her governance knowledge, she completed a Diploma of Business (Governance) in 2019 and is currently a member of the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA).

Tury is also a keen café and coffee lover and have visited over 300 cafes in Sydney and tens in others states.

Ed: *We are thrilled that Tury has joined our Committee. She has provided invaluable advice and guidance to HKUAA NSW on community and other issues. She is also a great social connector and is instrumental in introducing new members to our Association. Bravo, Tury!*

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

- AU Wai Keung, Francis
B Sc 1984
- CHAN Wai Ling, Orina
Dip Ed 1974
- LUI Siu Kuen
B Sc (Engineering) 1975
- SUM Cher Leung
B Sc (Engineering) 1980
- TANG Owen
M Phil 1995
- TSE Ka Chun, Kenneth
B Sc (Engineering) 2002

NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- CHAN William
Lawyer
- LAW Jenny
Commerce UNSW
- PARK Linda
B Sc Guelph U, Canada
- SUM Christine
Entrepreneur

- TAM Michelle
B Comm/Law Macquarie U
- WAN Ah Yin Irene
Business, La Trobe U
- WAN Wendy
Business HKCU
- YAU Cecilia
Marketing U Calif, MBA UNSW



Alan Tang with new Associate Members Michelle Tam (on left) and Irene Wan (on Right)

IT IS FITTING THAT WE BOOKEND 2020 WITH THIS ARTICLE FROM DR CHAK CHUNG' S POPULAR BLOG

2020 a memorable year

A memorable year
Dr Chak chung 13/12/2020

20 years ago, we entered the 21st century and we worried about the change of time on our computer system on New Year Eve. We are now concerned about the efficiency and possible side effects of several new vaccines which will be given to millions worldwide in the coming years. We asked ourselves whether we are doing the right thing ?

On a personal side , I am getting older and there are smaller physical and mental changes which are irritating but bearable and I feel blessed to be able to do so many things. I am still working one and half days per week seeing an average of 50 patients and I must confess that it give me great pleasure to be able to help other people at this age. As my youngest grandchildren Isaac and Bradley had now attained secondary school, Betty and myself are relieved of the duty of baby-sitting as they are more independent. Our oldest grandchild Brianna has just finished her HSC and we hope that she can enter the Law School of her choice. Mikayla and Jonathon are in Year 10 and Year 9 and they are doing well in their school. Claire and Ivan, Yvonne and Jason continued to work in the medical fields and Kevin still works in Singapore as a small franchise restaurant group operator.

After years of monitoring, my PSA finally rose rapidly in June. I did MRI and Biopsy which confirmed Prostate Adenocarcinoma in the anterior lobe. As the tumour was confined to the prostate, I had robotic Prostatectomy in August and luckily the operation was very successful. I went back to my surgery part time in the middle of September 2020.

The travel restriction means I have more time to write and I felt most happy when some of my friends mentioned reading my blog



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If you are a life member or have already paid the annual subscription, please still send this renewal form for updating purpose. Alternatively please send an email advising/confirming the above details to hkuaansw@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Association.

**HONG KONG UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NSW SOUTH WALES CHAPTER AUSTRALIA INC
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM**



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The Association was established in 1983 to provide a link and active interaction between former students and staff of HKU. The Association liaises closely with our Alma Mater, and frequently hosts welcome receptions for visiting HKU delegation. The Association also provides support for programs and initiatives of the HKU Development and Alumni Affairs Office.

Present Annual Subscription for Ordinary Members with voting rights is A\$30. If your spouse is also a former HKU student or staff, he/she is eligible to apply for Ordinary Membership at a reduced rate of \$10 per annum. Associate Membership is open to any person who, whilst not eligible for ordinary membership, subscribes to the aims of the Association and whose membership has been proposed and seconded by two ordinary Members of the Association. Information regarding Life and Senior Memberships are available on request from the Hon Secretary of the Association.

Surname	Other Names
Title (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/Others)	Chinese Name
Date of Birth	University
Degrees/Faculty	Year(s) of Graduation/Attendance/Service
Home Address	
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I wish to be added to the HKUAA NSW Whatsapp Group **Yes/No**
I apply for Ordinary Membership/Ordinary Membership (Spouse) /Associate Membership/Senior Membership/Life Membership

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Applicant 's Signature

For Associate Membership – Proposer _____ Seconded by _____

Please return this form to Hon Secretary with proof of payment or cheque or hand in to any Committee Member.

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