

**ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF  
THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG  
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2017-2018**



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## President's Report

It is my pleasure to serve this year as the President of our Association with a long history and distinguished achievements. In my first year, I learn and try new ideas to serve during my term. Leadership of our past Presidents such as Fenella Sung and Angela Lo are high par to look up to and strive towards. The 2018 annual report is a story of our Association keeping our traditions and meeting the interests of our alumni members, and reaching out to the growing number of alumni in BC. Any remarkable achievement this year is due to the collective wisdom and effort of the Board.

As in the past few years, several of our yearly activities were organized, including outdoor events (*Hike in Port Moody Rocky Point; Walk and Picnic in Richmond Garry Point*), a talk (*Art of Chess*), as well as the *regular badminton practice sessions* and our participation in the *Inter-University Alumni Associations Badminton Tournament*. The exceptional great work of Yiu Shing Sz, Priscilla Wong, and Patrick Kwan in making these activities successful deserves to be applauded. In our Christmas Party, while we celebrated the holiday season with traditional German cuisine in the Alpen Club, we enjoyed Bernice Wong and David Zee's martial art performance; and we tried out ancient weapons. Our mentorship program served nine exchange students from HKU in the past year. We supported two UBC and SFU exchange students with HKU through our Endowment Funds.

Our Board is aware of the recent increasing number of HKU alumni in BC. As the Association has a very healthy financial balance, our Board organized a membership drive and decided to waive life membership fee for new members joining from June to 31 October 2018. The HKU Development and Alumni Office (DAAO) helped and sent out invitation to graduates who have BC addresses. With the special effort from Paul Wong, our webmaster, we streamlined our membership registration on our website and have received over 30 new life member applications. Some of these new members are recent graduates in 2014/15. We're looking forward to meeting them in a welcome party on Nov 17 at UBC HKU Global Lounge.

We were sad to say goodbye to some distinguished HKU fellows. In January, Prof. Mathieson left HKU to become the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Edinburgh. Our Board wished him and his wife Christine all the best in their new endeavor; and we were lucky to have our past President Harry Lee in Hong Kong to present to him our farewell souvenir, a custom-made BC Dogwood salad bowl. In February, we mourned the passing of Prof. Sing Yui King in Vancouver, a pre-war HKU EE graduate and the Pro-Vice Chancellor of HKU. In June, we were sad to hear Prof. David Lai Chuenyan, "Father of Canadian Chinatown Research", passed away in BC. Although Prof Lai was not a HKU graduate, he taught in HKU before coming to Canada. We continued to take the initiative to reach out to our senior members by various activities, including a dim sum gathering in May 2018 with Dr. Jane Yuen, Dr Sophia Hsu and Dr. Shih Hsu Yu, Ms. Viola Chan, and Ms. Beatrice Lee. In Feb. when we learnt Mr. Leon Yue, our long time legal advisor, made remarkable progress in recovery and could receive visitors, three directors and I visited him at Brock Fahrini Pavilion. And I know that caring and supporting our senior members is what we need to do and we will continue.

Looking back, we could not achieve so much without the marvelous support from all of you who planned, organized and participated in these events. I would like to mention Paul Lai, an executive and board member for many years, has relocated to Toronto in this past summer. I thanked him who surprisingly still attended our meeting the night before he moved to Toronto. I wish him and his family the very best. It is such dedication and good will of our members towards the Association and we count on your continuous support in the years to come.

Best wishes to you and your family!

Koon Ming Ho

President 2017/2018

Alumni Association of the University of Hong Kong, British Columbia





## Board of Directors: 2017-2018



President  
Koon Ming Ho



Vice-President  
Rebecca Lee



Secretary  
Fenella Sung



Treasurer  
Douglas Cheung



Membership Secretary  
Patrick Kwan



Eric Chui



Yeda Hong



Paul Lai



Priscilla Lau



Paul Li



Angela Lo



Yiu Shing Sz



Rosanna Wong



# Annual General Meeting

**Rosanna Wong**

After the AGM formalities ended, alumni, friends and representatives of other alumni associations gathered together to enjoy the dinner, catch up with old friends, meet new friends, listen to a HKU exchange student and mentee talk about her experience at SFU, and hear the 2017 award recipient of the SFU Endowment Fund expressing her gratitude to our Association for the financial assistance to enable her to take up the co-op work in Hong Kong.

The highlight of the evening was the HK Memories game prepared and conducted by Yiu Shing Sz. It was an exciting and fun contest to test our memories: how many old things in HK we remember, such as landmarks, people, movies, songs, advertisements, events ....etc. The images of old HK took us down memory lane and captured our attention and interest. The game showed us that we are old, but luckily we do not have dementia yet!









## Mentee-Mentor Gathering

**Koon Ming Ho**

November 4 had the first snow fall in the winter of 2017; we had three high-spirited HKU exchange students: Coco Ma, Clara Lai, Hubert Lim; and their mentors Dr. C P Lau, Dr. Paul Li and Fenella Sung, respectively, attending the afternoon tea gathering sponsored by HKUAA BC. In attendance, there were also past mentors and directors including Bernice Wong, Yeda Hong, Patrick Sung, and Koon Ming Ho. This year marked the 20<sup>th</sup> year of the HKU Mentorship Program, and we watched past highlights in a special video “Mentorship Journey 20” produced by the HKU DAAO.

It was the first time for Coco and Clara visiting Canada, but Hubert visited Vancouver when he was little. They shared their fun and eye-opening experiences here in BC. They had made good use of their time to visit local places and do sight seeing, and they planned to travel more before the end of their exchange. We had good interactions for mentors sharing their highlights in HKU and afterwards. The sharing of those twists and turns in our lives was not just helpful to mentees but it also amazed ourselves. We lingered and did not wish to say good bye to one another, we're aware that we would turn back the clock and earn an extra hour tonight.

The Association thanks the following alumni for being the mentors to exchange students in the past year: Paul Li, Fenella Sung, C P Lau, Douglas Cheung, Eric Chui, Bernice Wong, and Koon Ming Ho.



On March 2018, a second mentorship gathering was organized.





# Christmas Party

Fenella Sung

Encore! Christmas Celebration in German Style.

Due to the highly successful Christmas lunch in 2016, we held our Christmas celebration at the Jägerstube of the Vancouver Alpen Club once again this year. About 50 alumni, their family and friends gathered to enjoy the sumptuous food, amazing performance/singing and good company.

We had a very special way to start the event with Gerard Chan, the son of Amy Chan, who sang a few songs that he wrote for us on his guitar. Gentle and original, the music was simply heavenly.

Flanked by the two eloquent MCs—Koon Ming Ho and Rebecca Lee—Harry Lee led us to sing some Christmas carols, especially the all-time favourites. Eric Chiu also sang a few oldies with his guitar. Nostalgia!

The meal was the notable 'Deutsches Haus' Boiler Feast from the Club's restaurant, which included Caesar salad, pork hock, Schnitzel, Bavarian meatloaf, sausages, served with red cabbage, Sauerkraut, and Spätzle. Dessert was the widely popular Kaiserschmarren with apple sauce. In tune with the true Christmas spirit, the Association also ordered a roast turkey with all the trimmings.

The highlight of the day came with the Tai Chi sword and Kung Fu demonstration from Bernice Wong and David Zee. The couple's spectacular performance awed everyone, from the eight years old to those close to 80 years old. Many of them found the moves and stretches so tempting that they also tried their hands at them. We had a good time at the party. If you have missed the taste, sight, sound and laughter this time, make sure you join our next function to toast one another on another great year!









# Spring Dinner

**Yeda Hong**

Sis! Boom! Bah! The sound of firecrackers (from balloon popping, actually) joyously announced the start of the Alumni Association's 2018 Spring Dinner. Our Spring Dinner this year took place at Grand Crystal Restaurant, Burnaby, on March 10, 2018. More than 50 alumni, family and friends joined us and had a wonderful evening.

We had a vivid sharing by Harry Lee who had attended Professor Peter Mathieson's farewell party organized by HKU. It was followed by the sharing of our HKU exchange students: Daisy, Yoyo and Bernice. Daisy studied Chemistry and told us how she appreciated the Canadian national sport, hockey, after she came to Canada. Yoyo shared with us the different learning style in UBC as compared with HKU and her special experience during her trip to Kelowna. Bernice found the life in Canada very peaceful and shared with us the extra-curricular activities she joined here.

This year we had a very competitive lantern riddle challenge. All the riddles relate to the Year of the Dog. We had two champions and both of the teams almost got full marks. Thanks to Yiu Shing Sz for preparing the riddles for us.

It was a really sumptuous meal, we had dishes like Peking duck, Chinese braised pork knuckle, lobster, rice in lotus leaf, just to name a few. The evening ended with our traditional lucky draw and many of our alumni went home happily with a present, "lai see" or "fai chun". Special thanks to Alan Kwan who did the elegant calligraphy of all the "fai chun".









# Inter-University Alumni Badminton Tournament

**Patrick Kwan**

The tournament was held on Saturday, April 28 at RichmondPro Badminton Centre.

This year we were short of men players in our inter-U team. We seconded two players from Poly-U and completed all 5 games against each of the other 3 teams. On the other hand, we had a very strong ladies' team, Susan Kwan and Annie Chow. They won all the other 3 inter-U teams in lady's double. Rounds of applause for Susan and Annie!

Our inter-U team members for 2018 were Susan Kwan, Annie Chow, Benjamin Au, Patrick Kwan, Albert (seconded from Poly U), and Danny (seconded from Poly U).

For the Family Cup, we had Annie Chow and her husband Victor participated in mix double. Susan Kwan with one gentleman from Poly-U formed a joined mix double team. Koonming Ho and Patrick Kwan joined the men's double. And we made it again this year, A big thumb up to Annie and Victor, they won the gold medal in the Family Cup mix double.

Many thanks to Koonming, being our chief coordinator in the game's day, and Victor, representing HKUAA as the judge.





## Talk on 'Art of Chess'

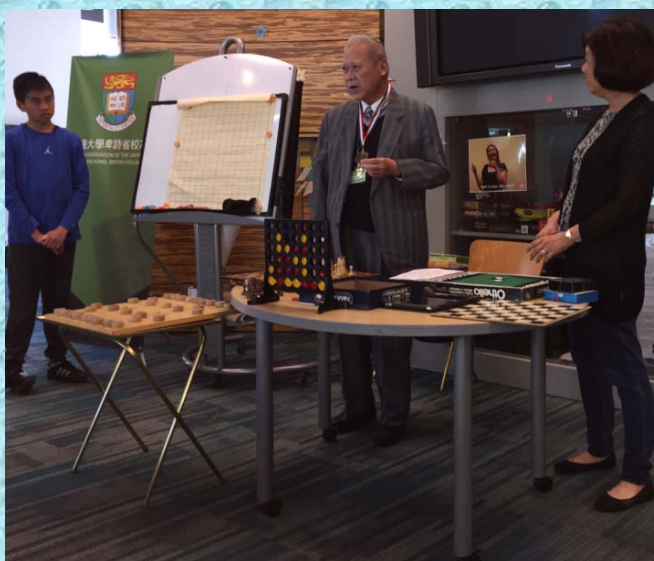
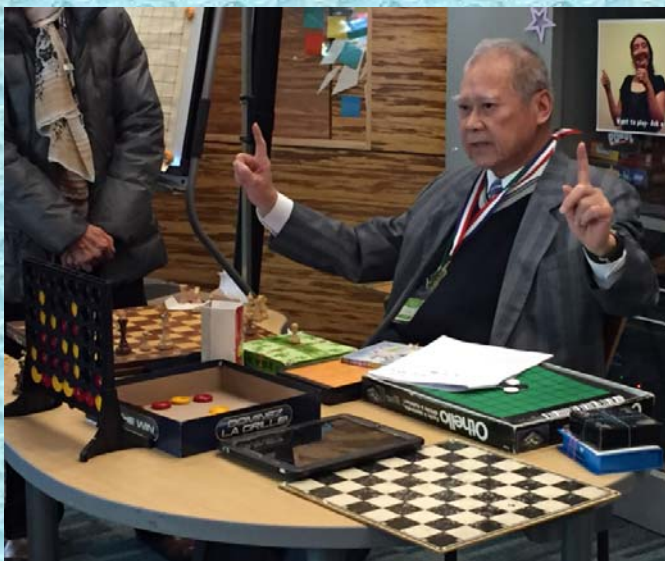
**Priscilla Lau**

We were fortunate to have Mr. John Leung to deliver an interesting and illustrative presentation on how to play nine different kinds of chess, including Chinese and International Chess; Othello and Go; contra-4, 5-connect, and 8-connect, etc. Although time was never enough to cover the extensive contents on May 5, by the end of the session the audience was well taught with the ability to comprehend the general principles and methods of the major games, as well as some winning strategies for them.

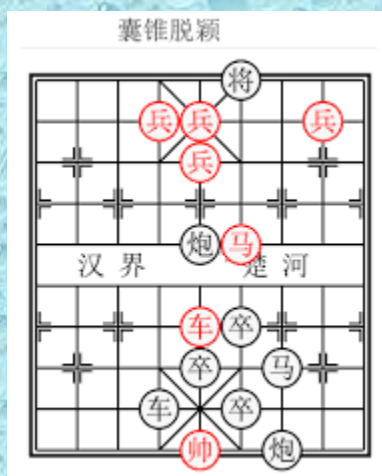
Mr. Leung is an award-winning chess player who has played chess for over 70 years and is also an experienced speaker on the topic. He has successfully captured our full attention by his vivid game demonstrations, using hand-made chess boards and supplemented by a set of notes for each participant.

At the end of the talk we were encouraged to play chess as a means to activate our brain power and to master the games with endless practice.

Finally, a vote of thanks should be awarded to our two intelligent young volunteers Karl and Logan who have been great helpers to facilitate the whole presentation process!







囊锥脱颖

紅 方	黑 方
1 馬四進三	砲七退七
2 前兵五平四	將六進一
3 兵二平三	將六退一
4 兵三進一	將六進一
5 兵六平五	砲五退三
6 車五平四	馬七退六
7 車四退一	砲七平六
8 車四進三++	



# Rocky Point Hike

Yiu Shing Sz

For our first summer function, at 10 am, 17 members and kin and friends gathered at the Park entrance. We went first to the tip of the long wooden pier that jutted out to the water, to take in the panoramic view of the bay. With the sun radiant, the inlet serene, and sea birds gliding in the sky or resting on the water, photos aplenty were taken.

Then we started the leisurely stroll along the south shore. The trail was well shaded by trees, but dotted with lookout points that allowed us to admire the bay from various angles. A narrow timber walkway meandered on top of a shallow corner at the east of the bay added a tinge of adventure. After 3 or 4 km, we reached a sandy beach at the north shore, where we rested and looked across the water to where we started, and photos galore again.

About noon, we retraced our path back, satisfied with the camaraderie, the scenery and the refreshing exercise, and ate together at a nearby restaurant to satiate our appetite.









# Garry Point Park Hike

**Yiu Shing Sz**

Hike and Sunset Watching at Garry Point Park, Richmond on September 1 Saturday.

細草微風岸，紅霞晚照天。

Yes, that was what we were after for this second summer function, and, with a little help from the weather, we did finally get. And we had photos showing the sky aflame to prove it.

At 5 pm, 20 people turned out at the Park entrance, took a nice walk along the park and the beach, then settled down to have picnic. We sampled each other's food items, accompanied by chat, banter, jokes and laughter.

That, of course, was not the end of the story; not yet. The sun set at 7:45 pm, so we set out again around 7:15 pm, with the group enhanced by 4 who could not make it earlier on. We went towards the western edge of the park for best viewing and best vantage point for killing shots... with cameras. They went click click click, and we were mesmerized. Nature, in its carefree way, rewarded us abundantly.









## **SFU Endowment Fund and Award**

**Paul Li**

In 1993, the Alumni Association of the University of Hong Kong, British Columbia Endowment Fund was set up for the benefit of Simon Fraser University (SFU). We contributed for many years to this Fund, the purpose of which is to promote an understanding of the culture of the Pacific Rim through awards (The Alumni Association of the University of Hong Kong, British Columbia Award) granted to selected students doing work placement in Hong Kong. As reflected by many of the award recipients, the money has been very helpful in financing their flight to work in Hong Kong.

The balance of the endowment principal as of March 2018 was \$63,291. The spending allocated for 2017/18 was \$3,000.

Over the years from 1995 to 2016, there have been 35 recipients of the award. In 2018, the award recipients are Yau Shing Wong (Engineering Science) and Corey Dai (Business Administration).

## **HKUAA BC 40th Anniversary Endowment Fund and Award**

**Fenella Sung**

The HKU-UBC Award was endowed in 2010 in celebration of our Association's 40th anniversary to promote exchange and understanding between the University of Hong Kong and the University of British Columbia (UBC). We raised well over \$34,000 and established a fund in perpetuity, which enables our Association to grant an exchange award of about \$1,000 each year for the first 10 years or so under normal circumstances.

The market value of the fund as of March 2018 was \$47,460. With the endowment rate increased from 3.5% to 4% starting from the 2017/2018 academic year, we have provided seven awards to students so far, totalling \$6,000.

Candidates for the award must be undergraduate students of UBC selected to participate in the exchange program with the University of Hong Kong. Recommendations are made by the UBC Student Enrolment Services and Awards in consultation with Go Global, the UBC office responsible for student exchange.



# List of Life Members

Au	Teresa	(Medicine, 72)	Li	U King	(Eng, 64)
Chan	Alice	(Arts, 78)	Li	Wilfred	(Soc. Sc., 80)
Chan	Amy	(Arts, 62)	Lo	Angela	(Arts, 79)
Chan	Anna	(Arts, 78)	Lo	Arthur	(Eng, 82)
Chan	Ellie	(Soc. Sc. 71)	Lo	Chi Ming	(Eng, 01)
Chan	Fanny	(Soc. Sc. 75)	Lo	Fred	(Arts, 71)
Chan	Kyle	(M. Arch. 99)	Lui	Yiu Shing	(Medicine, 69)
Chan	Laurence	(Arts, 71)	Luk	Max	(Science, 70)
Chan	Lo Yin Wah	(Arts, 67)	Lung	Ying Ying	(Arts, 60)
Chan	Nelson C.T.	(Eng, 73)	Mah	Diana	(Arts, 63)
Chan	P.K.	(Science, 74)	Mak	Grace	(Arts, 73)
Chan	Robin	(Eng, 62)	Mak	Laura	(Arts, 70)
Chan	Victor	(Medicine, 65)	Man	Irene	(Arts, 68)
Cheng	Clarence	(Law, 77)	Mok	Helena	(Arts, 64)
Cheng	Henry Y.K.	(Medicine, 71)	Ng	Agnes	(Arts, 69)
Cheung	Douglas	(Arch, 86)	Ng	Allan	(Eng, 78)
Cheung	Nora	(Arts, 74)	Ng	John Paul	(Medicine, 65)
Cheung	Wai Ping	(Arts, 60)	Ng	Mark Pak Kuen	(Eng, 72)
Chui	Eric	(Eng, 74)	Ng	Peter	(Eng, 73)
Dy	Dianne	(Arch, 00)	Siu	Irene	(Law, 91)
de Faria-Neves	Marina	(Arts, 57)	So	Yvonne	(Arts, 75)
Eng	Peter	(Econ, 59)	Soo	Hung Nin	(Medicine, 58)
Ho	Irene	(Soc. Sc., 74)	Suen	Hon Tao	(Eng, 73)
Ho	Koon Ming	(Science, 91)	Sung	Fenella	(Arts, 82)
Hong	Yeda	(Law, 99)	Sz	Yiu Shing	(Eng, 76)
Hsu	Chih	(Med, lecturer)	Tang	Diana	(Arts, 69)
Hui	Ken	(Soc. Sc. 72)	Tsang	Angus	(Medicine, 84)
Hung	Melina	(Arts, 69)	Tsang	Margaret	(Arts, 69)
Johnston	Elizabeth	(Arts, 68)	Tso	Shiu Chiu	(Medicine, 59)
Ko	Vince	(Arts, 81)	Tsui	Wai	(Science, 75)
Kwan	Patrick Po Kong	(Eng, 74)	Wong	Amy	(Law, 77)
Kwan	Quing Sum	(Medicine, 59)	Wong	Bernice	(Law, 87)
Kwan	Winkle	(Medicine, 86)	Wong	Kenneth	(Science, 75)
Kwok	Kaman	(Soc. Sc., 91)	Wong	Gregory	(Eng, 73)
Kwok	Stephen	(Medicine, 88)	Wong	Paul	(Arts, 75)
Kwong	Anissa	(Science, 74)	Wong	Priscilla	(Soc.Sc., 73)
Lam	Kenneth	(Eng, 68)	Wong	Rosanna	(Law, 72)
Lam	Leslie	(Arts, 68)	Wong	Shau King	(Science, 57)
Lai	Chih Yan	(Science, 68)	Woo	Willy	(Arts, 66)
Lai	Paul	(Eng, 73)	Wu	Sophie	(Arts, 65)
Lai	Ting Fong	(Science, 54)	Yeung	Catherine	(Law, 72)
Lau	Ching C.	(Medicine, 64)	Yeung	Wilson	(Medicine, 86)
Lau	Chuen Ping	(Medicine, 69)	Yip	Kar Mao	(Eng, 68)
Law	Eric	(Arch, 91)	Yu	Chih Hsu	(Med, lecturer)
Lee	Aaron	(Dentistry, 86)	Yu	Fong Ying	(Arts, 66)
Lee	Chik Fong	(Arts, 61)	Yu	Miriam	(Education, 59)
Lee	Harry Y.M.	(Eng, 88)	Yu	Teresa	(Arts, 73)
Lee	Rebecca	(Arts, 81)	Yuen	Catherine	(Arts, 73)
Leung	Allen C.K.	(Econ, 59)	Yuen	Cathy	(Soc. Sc., 75)
Leung	Charles	(Science, 62)	Yuen	Eleanor	(Arts, 72)
Leung	Chun Kuen	(Medicine, 61)	Yuen	Jane	(Medicine, 58)
Leung	John	(Law, 80)	Yuen	Mo Wah	(Arts, 75)
Leung	Ming Shun	(Arts, 60)	Yuen	Stephen	(Dentistry, 90)
Leung	Thomas	(Arts, 69)	Yung	Rosie	(Arts, 75)
Li	Paul C.H.	(Science, 84)			
Li	Kenneth	(Soc.Sci., 74)			



## List of Past Presidents

1970	<i>Dr. Man Pang Lau</i>
1970-71	<i>Dr. Kee Ho Wai</i>
1971-72	<i>Robin Chan</i>
1972-73	<i>Alfred Tsang</i>
1973-75	<i>Dr. Kwok Chu Li</i>
1975-76	<i>David M.K. Au-Yeung</i>
1976-78	<i>Vincent Wai Pui Kwan</i>
1978-79	<i>Ming T. Wong</i>
1979-81	<i>Alan Li</i>
1981-83	<i>Leon C.L. Yue</i>
1983-84	<i>Dr. C.P. Lau</i>
1984-85	<i>Ka Wah Chan</i>
1985-86	<i>Thomas Leung</i>
1986-87	<i>Wilfred Wan</i>
1987-88	<i>Horace Chan</i>
1988-89	<i>Susie Hung</i>
1989-90	<i>Hector Wong</i>
1990-91	<i>George Kwok</i>
1991-92	<i>Kenneth Hui</i>
1992-93	<i>Catherine Yeung</i>
1993-95	<i>Sherman Cheung</i>
1995-96	<i>Douglas Cheung</i>
1996-97	<i>Vince Ko</i>
1997-98	<i>Catherine Yuen</i>
1998-99	<i>Rosanna Wong</i>
1999-00	<i>Laurence Chan</i>
2000-01	<i>Anissa Kwong</i>
2001-02	<i>Wilfred Li</i>
2002-03	<i>Wai Ping Cheung</i>
2003-04	<i>Dr. Winkle Kwan</i>
2004-05	<i>Harry Lee</i>
2005-06	<i>Catherine Yeung</i>
2006-08	<i>Dr. Angus Tsang</i>
2008-10	<i>Arthur Lo</i>
2010-13	<i>Vince Ko</i>
2013-15	<i>Angela Lo</i>
2015-17	<i>Fenella Sung</i>
2017-18	<i>Koon Ming Ho</i>