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Message from the Chairman



Thanks to all of you who have taken part in the activities organised this year to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong. First of all, I would like to thank our Executive Committee for their hard work in making our 10th anniversary celebration so memorable. It has been quite an eventful year. The cocktail reception, the Chinese medicine dinner talk, the wine tasting and art appreciation event, the boat trip to Tung Lung Island and the golf and barbecue event – just to name a few – were all very successfully organised and well-attended.

10 years have passed like a dream. I still remember the first gathering at the Police Club in Causeway Bay where I came into contact with the working committee of WGAHK. Since then our membership has grown substantially. I have been a member of the Executive Committee since then and was Chairman in the past three years. WGAHK has flourished over the years. It has not only grown in size but also become more involved in serving the community. Our successful launch of the scholarship fund and the internship programme in the last two years are something that we should all be proud of.

I am confident that WGAHK will continue to prosper in the years to come. Your participation is crucial to our success. I hope to see all of you in our future events.

Yvonne Leung
Chairman
Warwick Graduates' Association (Hong Kong)

Message from the Vice-Chancellor



It is my pleasure to extend my warmest congratulations to the Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong (WGAHK) on their achievements in the past decade.

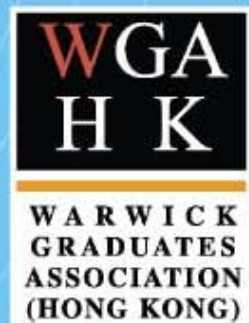
Over the years, WGAHK has made significant contributions in promoting fellowship among Warwick alumni in Hong Kong, in building a strong bond between the alumni and the University and in supporting current Hong Kong students through the WGAHK Scholarship scheme. For those of you who are not yet a WGAHK member, I strongly encourage you to join the Association.

Our alumni are one of Warwick's most valuable assets. On behalf of the University of Warwick, I would like to thank all alumni members for their enthusiasm and good work. I hope you will always be proud to be members of Warwick, and wish you every success in your future endeavors.

Professor David VandeLinde
Vice-Chancellor
The University of Warwick

About WGAHK

Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong (WGAHK) was founded by a group of Warwick graduates in Hong Kong. The association was incorporated on 9 August 1994 under a former name Warwick University Students' Association (Hong Kong). The rename of the association in 2001 reflected WGAHK's continuous growth and development since its establishment. The Honorary President of WGAHK is Professor David VandeLinde, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Warwick. We now have about 300 members, and are one of the most active UK alumni associations in Hong Kong.



WGAHK Scholarship Fund

The WGAHK Scholarship Fund was established in 2002. It is the first Warwick scholarship established by local alumni outside the UK. We aim to award all-rounded Hong Kong students by way of a partial scholarship each year to study at Warwick.

Since its establishment in 2002, three scholarships were awarded to Danny Fung (BSc Accounting and Finance), Jeffrey Mo (BSc Economics) and Jonathan Dufton (BSc Management Science) in recognition of their academic performances and other achievements. The winners, as well as all other scholarship candidates, have continuously shown their brilliant performance in their university life.

A big THANK YOU to all donors and contributors who have made this scholarship possible. In particular, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Lisa Djeng, Chairperson of the Scholarship Programme, and our guest judges Prof. Christopher Lam, Prof. Mike McConville, Dr. Jill Cottrell and Prof. Yash Ghai.

Without your support, the scholarship would not be successful. So far, we have only managed to raise sufficient funds to award one student each year with HK\$10,000. Our target is to extend the Scholarship so that more students can benefit from this award. If you would like to donate to the Scholarship Fund, please email us at scholarship@warwick.org.hk



WGAHK Goes Online

WGAHK first registered its domain name www.warwick.org.hk in October 1999, with merely a simple webpage to communicate with members. With more resources, our website was re-launched in May 2003. It has been redesigned and updated, acting as a platform for sharing and providing information for local Warwickers. The website serves also as a bridge between our members and Warwick graduates around the world. We are really encouraged by the positive feedbacks from local and overseas alumni and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have contributed to the website. Special thanks should be given to Mr. Stanley Poon, our webmaster, whose hard work has enabled the smooth running of the site. So don't forget to visit our website frequently to learn about the latest news of our association and to find out more about our coming events!



An Invitation to WGAHK Membership

Graduation from the University certainly does not mean your connection with our Alma Mater has ended. Through the participation in our activities, you will continue your bonding with the University and extend your network further. Our efforts to promote the WGAHK membership have proved worthwhile. We have members from a wide spectrum of courses and in different years of graduation. The growing of our alumni is beneficial to our graduates because our collective work has gained reputation in the academic and commercial communities.

Thanks to the hard work of every member of WGAHK over the past decade, we have become one of the most active UK alumni associations in Hong Kong. We have set up a scholarship to award one outstanding Hong Kong student each year. We run various functions during the year for our members, including boat trips, hiking, golfing, BBQ, wine-tasting, museum tour, summer-job internships and dinner talks delivered by our distinguished alumni and lecturers. We also organise the annual dinner every year, and a monthly happy hour gathering on the first Thursday evening of each month. These regular meetings have attracted our graduates who come to make friends in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Your support is vital to WGAHK's continued success. If you are not yet a member, please join the WGAHK now so that you will not miss out any of our activities. Act today and submit your membership application. A completed application form with membership fee of HK\$200 will earn you a WGAHK life membership! For details, please visit www.warwick.org.hk or email us at membership@warwick.org.hk

Milestones & Major Events

June	1993	Preparation Committee for Warwick University Students' Association Hong Kong (WUSAHK) formed.
August	1994	Warwick University Students' Association (Hong Kong) incorporated.
November	1994	First Annual General Meeting held. First Executive Committee elected.
February	1995	First WUSAHK event: Chinese New Year Dinner.
April	1995	First issue of newsletter "WUSA News" published.
January	1996	Annual Dinner held at the Hong Kong Cricket Club.
January	1997	Annual Dinner held at the Hong Kong Cricket Club.
January	1998	Annual Dinner held at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
January	1999	Annual Dinner held at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
October	1999	Domain name warwick.org.hk registered.
January	2000	Annual Dinner held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. Joined by Mr. Marcus Williams, Senior International Liaison Officer.
January	2001	Annual Dinner held at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.
April	2001	Extraordinary General Meeting held. Resolution passed to rename Warwick University Students' Association (Hong Kong) as Warwick Graduates' Association (Hong Kong).
June	2001	First WGAHK "Monthly Happy Hour Gathering" held.
October	2001	The University of Warwick Vice-Chancellor Professor David VandeLinde became Honorary President to WGAHK.
January	2002	Official Chinese name of WGAHK confirmed as "英國華威大學香港同學會"
January	2002	Annual Dinner held at the Butterfield's Club.
September	2002	First WGAHK scholarship awarded to Danny Fung.
January	2003	Annual Dinner held with alumni guest speaker Mr. Tsao Chip 陶傑 Joined by Ms Sue Beech, DLMB Assistant Programme Manager
May	2003	WGAHK website re-launched.
July	2003	WGAHK internship programme launched.
September	2003	WGAHK scholarship awarded to Jeffrey Ho.
February	2004	Annual Dinner held and joined by Mr. Jon Inegbedion, Senior International Liaison Officer, and Dr. Derek Petley, School of Engineering
March	2004	WGAHK 10 th Anniversary Cocktail Reception held at the British Council. Joined by Prof. David VandeLinde, Vice-Chancellor; Dr. David Li, Bank of East Asia Chairman; Ms. Elsie Leung, HKSAR Secretary for Justice; Mr. Andrew Millburn, Deputy Director of British Council Hong Kong.
September	2004	WGAHK scholarship awarded to Jonathan Dufton.
December	2004	WGAHK 10 th Anniversary Dinner held at the Hong Kong Club. Joined by Prof. Stuart Palmer, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and Mr. Jon Baldwin, Registrar.

WGAHK Executive Committees 1994-2004



1994/95



1996



1997



1998



1999



2000



2001



2002



2003



Executive Committee 2004-05

Chairman: Yvonne Leung
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 Chris Chu, Eastman Cheong, Eileen Tsang,
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 Fung and Yvonne Li.

Certificates of Appreciation Presented to Graduates for their Continuous Support

At the 10th Anniversary Cocktail Reception held on 27th March 2004, Professor David VandeLinde, Vice-Chancellor of University of Warwick, presented the Certificate of Appreciation to 10 Warwick graduates for their continuous support to the Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong in the past ten years. The recipients were Terry Yeung, Luna Lam, Connie Chan, Geoffrey Mo, Virginia Pak, Yvonne Leung, Johnny Li, Eileen Tsang, Nancy Chui and Eastman Cheong. Ten year is a long period of time for serving an organisation. This is especially notable for a non-profit making association such as ours. A great applause to all of you!

WGAHK welcomes new people and new ideas. If you are interested to play a more active role in the association, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Snapshots of Past Events



First AGM



Founding member Terry Yeung at the first AGM

1994

A tour to Tung Ping Chau & Ap Chau



First annual dinner

Graduates' welcome-back party at Hong Kong Arts Centre



First annual dinner



BBQ at Tai Mei Tuk



First annual dinner at Tack Hsin Restaurant

Annual dinner at Cricket Club



Annual dinner



Annual dinner

1996



Western Harbour Crossing Charity Walk



Hiking in Sai Kung

1997



Annual dinner at Hong Kong Jockey Club



Annual dinner

1998

Annual dinner at Hong Kong Jockey Club



Dinner talk by Jack Ng (DLMBA graduate)



Hiking at Eagle's Nest Nature Trail

1999

BBQ at Middle Island



Annual dinner at Hong Kong Yacht Club



2000

Annual dinner at Hong Kong Jockey Club



Meeting with Vice Chancellor Prof. VandeLinde



2001



First monthly happy hour gathering at Bravo Restaurant



Attending DLMBA Graduation Ceremony



A guided tour to Hong Kong Museum of Arts



Dinner gathering with Dr. Piotr Kuhlweck (Director, Centre for Translation & Comparative Cultural Studies)

2002

Christmas musical party at il Concerto



Annual Dinner joined by Tsao Chip (BA English & European Literature) and Sue Beech (Assistant Programme Manager, DLMBA)



2003



A tour to Lamma Island



Hiking from Tai Tam Bay to To Tei Wan

10th Anniversary Activities

WGAHK organised a series of activities in celebration of our 10th Anniversary. Many thanks for your support and participation!

10th Anniversary Cocktail Reception

On 27th March 2004, we held our 10th Anniversary Cocktail Reception at British Council Hong Kong. The reception was co-hosted by Professor David VandeLinde, Vice-Chancellor of University of Warwick and Miss Yvonne Leung, current Chairman of WGAHK. It was well attended by over 100 guests and alumni.

We were honoured to have invited Ms Elsie Leung, Secretary for Justice, HKSAR Government, Dr. David Li, Chairman/CEO of Bank of East Asia, and Mr. Andrew Millburn, Deputy Director of British Council Hong Kong to join us as our Guests of Honour and deliver speeches for us.

The speeches were followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony, which symbolized the start of the celebration year.



War Game

In the foggy morning of 25th April 2004, 20 masked warriors took their weapons and headed to Sai Kung. After the rules were set out by the instructor, 20 of us split into two teams.

The first game was called "Extinction". We played in a site decorated as abandoned houses and car parks with lots of unwanted tires and barrels scattered around the area. The team which first "killed" all the enemies won the game. After lunch, we moved to another site, which was a huge forest on the hill. The team responsible for the search had to climb up the hill in different ways so as to cover the entire area and to make a fast and efficient attack. We then moved on to a smaller site for a flag-grabbing game. The team who grabbed the red flag first won the game.

War-games like these require a lot of planning, organisation and teamwork. By the end of the day, everybody became like a real soldier. Though completely exhausted, we were all ready to go back for another game.



Dinner Talk by Dr. Edmund Lee

On 22nd May 2004, Dr Edmund Lee presented a dinner talk on the development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong. Edmund is the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine Limited. He obtained his MBA from Warwick Business School, and his BSc and PhD in Microbiology from King's College, University of London. He shared his experience and knowledge with 28 alumni in the interesting but challenging development of Chinese medicine in Hong Kong. His presentation was clearly and vividly delivered and it was followed by an active question and answer session.



Art Appreciation and Wine Tasting

On 27th August 2004, the art appreciation and wine tasting event held at the Empire Hotel attracted 38 participants. To begin with, Mr. Marco Szeto, Curator of Xubaizhai of the Hong Kong Museum of Art, shared with us how to understand and appreciate the structure and meanings of ancient Chinese mansions and gardens. Marco's acute observation and his interesting presentation aroused our interests and we all got a deeper understanding about Chinese art afterward. Our second speaker Miss Linda Tsui guided us through a journey of wine tasting. Questions and answers continued one after another. Everyone enjoyed the wines amid a warm and high atmosphere.

Mr. Marco Szeto studied BEd in Art Education at Warwick in the 1980s. During his study, he was the first Hong Kong student to hold a solo art exhibition in the university library.



Boat Trip and Seafood Dinner

On the sunny day of 10th October 2004, 35 Warwickers and friends went on a boat trip to Sai Kung. Our first stop was Tai Miu, which is the oldest Tin Hau Temple in Hong Kong. We then walked along a short hiking trail to Bo Doi O, a beautiful small village beside Clear Water Bay. After that, we boarded the boat again to Lei Yue Mun and had a wonderful seafood lunch there. After lunch we headed towards Tung Lung Island, where a monument of soldier barrack and bomb pit dated back to Ching Dynasty was discovered by archaeologists in the 60s.

Most people in Hong Kong live a very stressful life. The idea of a day out to the countryside is a perfect way to relax. What is better than taking a day off to escape from real life and enjoy the lovely natural environment?



Dinner Talk with Professor Mark Salmon

On 2nd November 2004, Professor Mark Salmon from the Warwick Business School delivered a speech on Financial Bubbles and Behavioural Finance at Novotel Century Hotel, Wanchai. The event attracted graduates from different courses and years, including those from full-time and distance-learning MBA programmes. The talk was followed by a lively discussion. We were excited to learn about why smart people make big mistakes on financial investment. After the discussion, Johnny Li, Vice-Chairman of WGAHK, presented a 10th Anniversary Souvenir to Prof. Salmon.



Golfing & BBQ

On 13th November 2004, 31 Warwick alumni and friends had a lovely golfing and barbecue evening at Pak Shek Golf Centre, a former Vietnamese refugee camp. Since four participants' birthdays were actually in November, we decided to give them a surprise and celebrate their birthdays on the site. After the event, we went to Sai Kung for desserts. Even though most of us were already full and exhausted, we were enjoying ourselves too much to go home before midnight.



WGAHK 10th Anniversary Grand Annual Dinner

To be held on 4th December 2004 at Hong Kong Club. We are honoured to have invited Prof. Stuart Palmer, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, and Mr. Jon Baldwin, Registrar, to join us.

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Warwick is ranked:

5th overall

4th for teaching quality

5th for research quality

3rd for the percentage of academic departments ranked in the top ten in the UK for their subject

(Source: Times Good University Guide 2005)