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The First WGAHK Scholarship



WGAHK Judge Panel
From left: Lisa Djeng, Prof. Chris Lam, Yvonne Leung

The idea of launching a WGAHK Scholarship Fund was brought up at the October 2001 WGAHK monthly happy hour gathering. When Mr. Patrick Lai (MBA 1987-88) offered a prompt donation of HK\$3000, the casual discussion was transformed into a real ball rolling.

At the January 2002 WGAHK Annual Dinner, a special auction of Warwick souvenirs was held and a total of HK\$8,312 was raised for the WGAHK Scholarship. Individual contributors include: Becky Mak, Connie Chan, Professor Christopher Lam, Yvonne Leung, Richard Li, Geoffrey Mo, C.Y. Mok, Henry Mok, Wilson Ng, Virginia Pak, Tang Kwong Fai, John Tso, Dennis Tsui, Donnie Wong, Terry Yeung.

Invitation letters to the application of a HK\$10,000 worth WGAHK scholarship 2002/03 were sent out to all Hong Kong students who have been offered a place on a Warwick undergraduate course. Five candidates were shorted-listed based on their academic performance, extracurricular activities, and references from schools. On 7th September, the 5 candidates were interviewed by a judge panel comprised of Miss Lisa Djeng, Professor Christopher Lam and Miss Yvonne Leung.



At the award presentation dinner.
Winner Danny Fung (middle) receiving HK\$10,000 cheque.

Pictured with 3 other shortlisted candidates:
Henry Shum (2nd from left),
Jacqueline Chan (2nd left),
Wendy Chan (2nd from right)

Congratulations to Danny Fung for winning the scholarship. Danny has started his first year BSc Accounting & Finance course at Warwick since October 2002. Although the scholarship is of small value, it is still considered by students a privilege in recognition of their merits, not only academically but also interpersonally and socially.

All Warwickers in Hong Kong have good reasons to be proud of the WGAHK Scholarship: It is the first Warwick scholarship established by local alumni associations outside the U.K.

For 2002/03, only one scholarship award for first year undergraduate students was available but it is the hope of WGAHK that the scholarship scheme will eventually be extended to all students including postgraduates. More fundraising activities will be held to achieve this goal.

Editor's note:

The latest encouraging news is that Prof. Christopher Lam has donated another HK\$5,000 to the scholarship fund. Prof. Lam said he was very impressed by the candidates he had interviewed. If any of you would like to support the scholarship with donations, please contact Lisa Djeng at : lisadjeng@pciim.com

Highlights of WGAHK Recreational Activities

Let's Go Hiking 2002

WGAHK organised 2 hiking days in 2002. The first one, which took place on 24th February, was a comfortable 3-hour route starting from Kotewall Rd slowly rising to the Peak, through Lung Fu Hill, Fu Lam Path, Pokfulam Reservoir Road and finishing at Chi Fu. The next trail was a more demanding route in Sai Kung. On 3rd March WGAHK athletes hiked from Tsak Yue Wu and Lui Ta Shek Hill to Maclehole Trail Section 3, then went on to Ping Tun and finally arrived at Pak Tam Chung after 5 hours.



On 24th Feb 2002, hikers resting at the Peak

WGAHK has proved that golfing and BBQ together can be a chemical mix that does magic to relaxation after a week's work. In April, a Golf & BBQ event was held successfully in Lok Wo Sha Lane, attracting over 30 graduates and their families. The golf session first started in the afternoon. While some attendants were following the instructions of our professional golf coaches to practice and improve their skills, others were enjoying themselves chatting with one another. In the evening we gathered around the BBQ pits and prepared our own dinner where a lot of jokes were shared and pictures taken. The function ended in the late evening and we left for home with cheerful faces and new friendships.

Golfing and Barbecue Evening



A Saturday Afternoon of Aesthetic Pleasure

On 4th May, 2002, WGAHK organized a guided-visit to the exhibition of the renowned contemporary Chinese artist, Wu Guanzhong. The exhibition - Wu Guanzhong: A Retrospective - was held in the Hong Kong Museum of Art. Mr. Marco Zeto Yuen-kit (B Ed. Arts Education 1984), Curator of Xubaishai Chinese Painting Calligraphy, gave a warm reception to the participants.

Sitting in front of a wide window in his office with a picturesque view of the Victoria Harbour, Marco enlightened us on the basic concepts of Museumology and art appreciations. He then guided us to the exhibition, which showed different phases of Wu's artistic development through over 100 selected works of outdoor sketches, oil paintings, and Chinese ink paintings. We were impressed by Wu's masterpieces. Dots, lines, shapes, space, colour and texture were miraculously arranged in Wu's works, while the successful fusion of modern western aesthetics and traditional eastern spirituality is amazing. In addition, the artistic settings of the exhibition were also appreciated. Loaded with souvenirs of the museum, we had a wonderful afternoon of aesthetic pleasure.



WGAHK Monthly Happy Hour Gatherings

Since June 2001, a regular WGAHK Monthly Happy Hour Gathering has been held on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30-8:00pm at Madison's Bar & Restaurant, 3/F, Pacific Place.

This is a casual gathering that provides one with an opportunity to meet up with other Warwick graduates in a warm atmosphere that resembles the time hanging out with friends as a Warwick student.

There is a designated area at Madison's reserved under the name of Warwick. So don't hold back, come to one of the gatherings. Even if you are on your way to somewhere else, pop in for a drink – you never know whom you might meet with!



Experience Sharing with New Students

On 19 August, 2002, a pre-departure reception hosted by the University International Office was held for students who were going to commence their studies at Warwick in the following October. Lisa Djeng, Vice-Chairman of WGAHK Executive Committee, made a presentation to the participants about WGAHK. Chris Chu and Jenny Au-Yeung, both of which did their Masters at Warwick, joined the reception as well and shared their experience with the new postgraduate students. A group of very helpful current undergraduate students were also there to offer most up-to-date advice on studying & living at Warwick.



WGAHK representatives, Lisa Djeng (1st from right), Chris Chu (2nd from right), Jenny Au-Yeung (3rd from right) posing with Warwick staff & current students at the reception.

University of Warwick (Hong Kong Office)

A university-subsidized office has been set up in Hong Kong in January 2003. The University of Warwick (Hong Kong Office) aims to provide free information and advice to prospective Warwick students. It also serves as a working and meeting base for visiting staff, students and graduates from the university.

The office has two counsellors, Nancy Chui and Manita So. Nancy studied BSc in Industrial Economics at Warwick and has already been working for the International Office since end 1999, while Manita is a new (2002) Warwick graduate with a MA in Translation Studies. Graduates can contact the office for help with Warwick matters. You are also very welcome to drop by to browse through the university's new brochures.

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From the Editor Happy New Year!

For this issue, we would like to thank Chris Chu, Nancy Chui, Virginia Pak, and Eastman Cheong for their contribution of articles, and Eileen Tsang for her design of artwork. If you would like to contribute an article too, or have an idea about WGAHK and Warwickers in Hong Kong, please send it to us through wgakh@warwick.org.hk

Alumni Gatherings in Hong Kong with University Academics



Dr. Shaun Breslin

On 12th January 2002, the University's China expert, Dr Shaun Breslin, Reader, Department of Politics and International Studies gave an interesting talk on "Model, Miracle or Mired? The Chinese Economy and Globalisation". He also joined the WGAHK Annual Dinner 2002, where the participants were amazed by his mastery of Chinese language, which he speaks (and sings!) in a perfect Beijing accent.



Dr. Simon Collinson

35 alumni enjoyed a dinner talk on 25th October 2002 by Dr. Simon Collinson, Associate Dean (MBAs) and Senior Lecturer of International Business, Warwick Business School. Dr. Collinson delivered his speech "Capabilities for Competitive Advantage: China in a Global Context", which triggered off interesting discussion among the audience. Prior to his visit to Hong Kong, Dr. Collinson had presented the same topic at alumni gatherings in Beijing and Shanghai.



Dr. Piotr Kuhniewicz

Dr. Piotr Kuhniewicz, Director, Centre for Translation & Comparative Cultural Studies came to Hong Kong in mid-November 2002 when he was invited by Baptist University to chair the external review panel for its BA in Humanities programme. On Saturday 17th November, 12 postgraduates of the Centre joined Dr. Kuhniewicz for a cosy dinner. As the group consists of local university teaching staff and also recent graduates, their conversations included both academic exchanges and tales sharing of different times. Everyone had such a good time that the dinner did not end until the late evening.

University News

Sunday Times declares Warwick the best UK university outside Oxbridge & London
The Sunday Times Good University Guide published on 15th September 2002 ranked the University of Warwick 5th in overall among UK universities. The Sunday Times described Warwick as "the leading multi-faculty alternative to Oxbridge". It then went to describe Warwick's performance in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise as "outstanding", and is "one of the country's leading universities in both teaching and research."

