

Message from Chairman

Edward Tan (MA International Political Economy 2000-2001)

It is my genuine pleasure to bring you the latest edition of WGAHK newsletter.

First of all, I wish to express my personal thanks to our energetic and dedicated executive committee members for bringing us an exciting and fabulous year of 2007. Since our establishment in 1994, we aim at creating a networking platform for our alumni. Apart from receiving a record high number of membership applications this year, a number of events such as the bi-monthly happy-hour gathering, hiking, boat trip, investment seminar, just to name a few, have successfully been held. In November, we took a step further by co-organizing a joint-university happy-hour gathering with alumni groups from other overseas universities. Hopefully, more joint-university alumni events can be expected in the coming year.

Since the 90's, the internet has been immensely instrumental for connecting people. A few innovative elements have recently been added to our official website (www.warwick.org.hk) to enhance communication among our alumni. Furthermore, a group named "Warwick Alumni Hong Kong" is now on Facebook, one of the most popular social-networking website.

Our WGAHK scholarship is another remarkable achievement of our association. Last September, we awarded a scholarship of HK\$20,000 to our sixth scholar. Because of our limited resources, we are only able to offer one scholarship to an undergraduate student every year. However, we aim at raising more funds in the future to award more bright students with higher amounts.

Our success relies on nothing but your support. If you are not yet a member, please send us a completed membership form as soon as possible. If you want to contribute further, you may consider serving the Executive Committee or send donations to our scholarship. Finally, do let us know if you have anything that may benefit the Warwick community, for instance, a discount card for Warwick graduates or a summer internship opening for our current undergraduate students.

Wishing you a merry Christmas and a fruitful year in 2008!



Annual Dinner 2006

16.12.2006 + Novotel Century Hong Kong, Wanchai



The annual dinner was held on 16 December 2006 and was well-attended by over 120 Warwickers and friends from across the years and different backgrounds. We were especially delighted to have Prof. Nigel Thrift, Warwick's new Vice-Chancellor and WGAHK's new Honorary President, with us to share the joy of this memorable evening. The dinner was a remarkable success. Everyone had a good time meeting old and new friends.

Event Highlights

Bi-monthly Happy Hour Gatherings

1st Thursday of Every Odd Month + BEX

The WGAHK bi-monthly happy hour gatherings are now held at BEX. This new venue at Soho Central has proved to be very popular among Warwickers, with more than 20 alumni in attendance every time. It's a great occasion to meet old friends and get to know new ones.



Warwick Law Networking Event

15.04.2007 + Barista Cafe

The second Warwick Law networking event in Hong Kong was held on 15 April 2007 with Dr William O'Brien, who is the course director of the Warwick LLM in International Economic Law programme. It was a cozy evening well-attended by more than 20 participants. There were graduates from the 1980s to 2000s, and also some current undergraduate students. An LLM graduate from Guangzhou even did a day trip to Hong Kong just to join the event! This just illustrated the ever-growing strong bond between Hong Kong and Mainland China alumni especially from Guangdong.



Boat Trip

24.06.2007

After a hectic week working around the clock in offices, many of us were eager to breathe fresh air and to get away from work. What can be more relaxing than sailing on a hot summer Sunday? In search of a retreat, 28 Warwickers and friends gathered together in the morning of 24 June 2007 at the Central Piers - "All aboard. Ready to sail!" We all enjoyed the sunshine, cool water and sea breeze with nice food and wine. What a wonderful day!



Warwick Singing Group

The Warwick Singing Group is the 2nd WGAHK hobby group after the WGAHK Basketball Team. Established by Nancy Chui (BSc Industrial Economics), the group meets bi-monthly to sing songs accompanied by piano or guitar. "Our singing gatherings are totally casual in nature and there is no audition," said Nancy. "We sing folk songs, oldies, or modern pops that people are familiar with and enjoy singing. Everyone is welcome to bring along their favourite song." Since March 2007, the group has met 5 times in different venues including professional studio, restaurant & private residence in cozy settings. The Warwick Singing Group will launch its debut performance at the WGAHK 2007 Annual Dinner.



WGAHK 2007 Committee

Thank you!



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Priscilla Lee
(BSc Psychology &
MA Organisation
Studies)

Membership Extension & Liaison

(Warwick course studied)

WGAHK 2007 Scholarship

Reported by Dr Albert Yip, WGAHK Vice-Chairman (Scholarship & Student Welfare)

We are delighted to announce that Miss Priscilla Lee has been awarded the WGAHK 2007 Scholarship that is worth HK\$20,000.

A total of 23 applications have been received for the Scholarship. A screening panel comprising of WGAHK current & former executive committee members met on 3 September 2007 to shortlist candidates down to just 5. Applicants were evaluated with criteria that include their academic credentials, extra-curricular achievements, social contribution and personal statement.

On 8 September 2007 the short-listed candidates attended a panel interview at the Warwick Hong Kong Office.

The panel used different questions so to get a deeper understanding of the candidates. Students are being evaluated by their extra-curricular achievements, social contribution and personal qualities and aspirations. After some tough time of discussion, the Judge Panel decided to award the WGAHK 2007 Scholarship to Miss Priscilla Lee.

The scholarship award ceremony took place on 15 September at a University Reception for current students & fresh graduates. All 5 short-listed candidates received a WGAHK certificate and a HK\$500 worth book coupon. Priscilla received a symbolic scholarship cheque at the ceremony with the actual scholarship award being sent direct to her account at the University.



Shortlisted Candidates

their Warwick course and school last studied

Siana Fung (BSc Accounting & Finance); Roedean School (UK)

Jennifer Lau (LLB Law); King George the Fifth School (HK)

Priscilla Lee (LLB Law); King George the Fifth School (HK)

Heenu Nihalani (BA Philosophy, Politics & Economics),
German Swiss International School (HK)

Rachel Wong (LLB Law), Chinese International School (HK)

WGAHK 2007 Scholarship Judge Panel

Dr Red Chan (MA Translation Studies)

Lecturer, Centre of Translation & Comparative Cultural Studies,
University of Warwick

Ms Lisa Djeng (BSc Economics)

WGAHK Scholarship Founding Chairman

Dr Edmund Lee (MBA)

Executive Director, HK Jockey Club Institute of Chinese Medicine
(Warwick Course Studied)

About WGAHK Scholarship

The WGAHK Scholarship was set up in 2002. It is the first Warwick scholarship established by local alumni associations outside the U.K.

If you would like to support the scholarship with donations, please write to us at scholarship@warwick.org.hk, or simply fill in an online donation form on the WGAHK website.

Danny Fung (BSc Management) **2002**

Jeffrey Ho (BSc Economics) **2003**

Jonathan Dufton (BSc Management) **2004**

Jacquelyn Ng (BA Politics & International Studies) **2005**

Ginnia Ng (LLB) **2006**

(all courses listed here are their Warwick Course being admitted at the time)

Visit WGAHK Scholarship Feature at <http://www.warwick.org.hk/scholarship>
to see how they got on in Warwick and after graduation

Alumni Gathering with Warwick Drama Education Experts

15.07.2007 + Barista Cafe

A nice and friendly Warwick alumni dinner gathering was held on 15 July 2007 with more than 25 drama-lovers joining the gathering. There were some current drama students who came all the way from England, graduates from Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong as well as a prospective student. Most importantly, we were very delighted to have two Warwick academics, Prof Jonothan Neelands and Dr Joe Winston, who teach postgraduate courses in Drama and Theatre Education at the Institution of Education, with us at the party to share the latest development in the drama education.



Career Talk

15.09.2007 + Park Lane Hotel



40 current students and fresh graduates joined this career sharing reception co-hosted by WGAHK and the Warwick Hong Kong Office, supported by Warwick Hong Kong Society. Experienced recruitment consultant Ms Grace Leung (MA Industrial Relations & Personnel Management) conducted a presentation with useful & practical advice on preparing job application letters and interviews. Alumni of different professions (e.g. CEO, Lawyer, Accountant etc) or from big companies (e.g. KPMG) also shared their experience with participants. A big thank you to all alumni guests that include Dr Edmund Lee (MBA), Mr Johnny Li (MBA), Mr Ivan Ng (LLB), Ms Loren Tang (BSc Accounting & Finance, MSc MSOR), Ms Agnes Lo (BSc Accounting & Finance) and Mr Donnie Wong (MBA).



Warwick Business School Global Reception

15.11.2007 + British Council Hong Kong

The Warwick Business School hosted a cocktail reception at the British Council Hong Kong on 15 November 2007 to celebrate their 40th anniversary. The celebration took place on the same day in 40 different places across the globe. Besides Prof Thomas Ahrens, Dr Rihab Khalifa and Ms Alison Bond from the Business School, Mr Jon Baldwin, Registrar of the University and Mr Ron Gray, Director of Development & Alumni Relations were also with us that day. Mr Elliott Yuen (MBA) and Prof Ahrens gave a speech on consumer goods retailing and corporate governance respectively.



Hiking on Lamma

18.11.2007 + Lamma Island

On 18 November 2007, 18 Warwickers and friends went hiking on Lamma Island. It was a dry, cool day and we enjoyed every bit of the walk, the beautiful scenery, the tofu dessert and the chit-chat. After the walk we had a lovely dinner at one of the famous seafood restaurants in Sok Kwu Wan.

It was a truly enjoyable day!



Joint-university Alumni Happy Hour Gathering

29.11.2007 + Philia Lounge

WGAHK has made links with a number of active local alumni groups from the UK, USA and Canada. The first joint-university alumni happy hour gathering, co-hosted by Boston, Cambridge, Georgetown, LSE, MIT, NYU, UT, UCLA, UBC, Pennsylvania, Wellesley College and Warwick was held on 29 Nov 2007. Future gatherings will be held on the last Thursday of each month.

Warwick News

University Strategy: Vision 2015

In September 2007, Vice-chancellor Professor Nigel Thrift announced a new University strategy, putting international engagements and initiatives at the core of the University's mission. Warwick is a relatively young and uniquely successful UK institution with excellence, ambition and drive, entrepreneurial flair, cosmopolitanism, service, accessibility, community and independence. These core values have always underpinned our success and will continue to inspire its future activities.

Vision 2015: www2.warwick.ac.uk/about/vision2015

International Gateway for Gifted Youth (IGGY)

Warwick has announced that it is to launch IGGY, a new international organisation for gifted young people, in Spring 2008. It will be targeted at the top 5% of 11 - 19 year olds from around the world and provide a pioneering online learning experience and face-to-face opportunities and programmes delivered by universities, businesses and government agencies.

www2.warwick.ac.uk/research/juniorcommission

Student Exchange Programmes with Universities in Hong Kong

A new undergraduate student exchange programme in Computer Science with Hong Kong University of Science & Technology started in September 2007. Besides, Warwick also has two other student exchange programmes with local universities, including an undergraduate exchange programme in Law with the University of Hong Kong and one with City University of Hong Kong in Politics.

Chevening Scholars at Warwick

Two British Chevening Scholarship winners chose to pursue their postgraduate studies at Warwick this year. They are Emily Tang (MA International Relations) and Andson Tsang (MBA). Both Emily and Andson were reporters. Emily worked for ATV World as a news reporter and Andson hosted "Money Cafe" for Cable TV before they went to Warwick.



Warwick Rankings

Recent UK university league tables confirm that Warwick continues to maintain its place as one of the country's leading academic institutions. In the Sunday Times University Guide (September 2006), the Guardian Newspaper University Guide (May 2007) and the Times Good University Guide (August 2007), Warwick was the highest ranked university in England outside London and Oxbridge.