

WGAHK Newsletter 2008

Message from the Chairman

by Edward Tan

I am delighted to bring you the latest edition of WGAHK newsletter.

Thanks to a dedicated and outstanding team of executive committee, I am extremely pleased with our achievements in the past 12 months. Events such as the WGAHK annual dinner, bi-monthly happy-hour gatherings, Picasso Tour, alumni talk and career seminar for fresh graduates and current students were great successes. Apart from these joyful activities, another highlight of the year 2008 was the establishment of the WGAHK Gifted Youth Award. In addition to our yearly HK\$20,000 scholarship awarded to an outstanding Year 1 student, this year we offered two bursaries, at HK10,000 each, to two gifted local secondary school students who participated in the Warwick International Gateway for Gifted Youth (IGGY) Summer University in August.

Time does fly. I still remember my first time joining WGAHK annual dinner seven years ago. Since then I have joined the executive committee, and witnessed rapid growth of the Hong Kong alumni group. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all past and present executive committee members. They have worked extremely hard in organizing various activities, in a bid for building and strengthening the bonds among members and with the University. I would also like to thank all alumni for their continuous support and participation. Your support is crucial to our success.

Year 2009 will mark our 15th anniversary. I can assure you that the year will be packed with a series of celebrations and fun-filled activities. Stay connected and share the joy with us!

May I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy year in 2009!



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BSc Psychology & MA Organization Studies
LLM International Economic Law
MBA (full time)
MSc Engineering Business Management (IGDS)
MSc e-Business Management
MBA (distance learning)
BSc Computer & Business Studies

Activities Highlight

Annual Dinner 2007

15.12.2007 + Chariot Club 2007

The WGAHK Annual Dinner was held on 15 December 2007 at the Chariot Club. It was well-attended by over 100 Warwicks and friends from across the years and different backgrounds. We were delighted to have Prof Nigel Thrift, Warwick's Vice-Chancellor, to share with us the latest development and vision of the University, as well as the wonderful debut performance of the Warwick Singing Group at this memorable evening.



Bi-monthly Happy Hour Gatherings

1st Thursday of Every Odd Month + The Pawn

The bi-monthly happy hour gatherings are now held at the Pawn in Wanchai! This British restaurant was transformed from the 120-year-old pawn shop. The historical building and unique atmosphere has attracted over 50 Warwicks every time. Come and join us!



Warwick Alumni Talk:

'Behind the scene stories of the national treasures exhibition'

23.02.2008 + Novotel Century Hong Kong

On 23 February 2008, 25 Warwicks and friends got together at Novotel Century Hong Kong to attend an intriguing talk conducted by Marco Szeto, a fellow Warwick graduate who is now the Curator of Xubaizhai (虛白齋), Hong Kong Museum of Art. Marco shared with us the "inside-story" of a memorable and unprecedented exhibition organized in the history of Hong Kong - the "National Treasures: Masterpieces of Chinese Painting and Calligraphy from the Palace Museum" Exhibition. Marco took an important role in this exhibition for he was responsible for the safety of 32 masterpieces in Chinese art history, including the reputable Riverside Scenery at the Qingming Festival (清明上河圖) of the Northern Song dynasty.



Guided tour to the Picasso Exhibition

06.07.2008 + University of Hong Kong

An art tour was held at the University Museum and Art Gallery of the University of Hong Kong on 6 July 2008. This exhibition showcased 100 pieces of Picasso's intaglio prints from the Vollard Suite, which were transported to Hong Kong from the Louvre Museum in France. Before the tour, Eileen Tsang (BEd Art Education) gave a very interesting and informative talk to help us better understand the works of this great master. Although it was a rainy day, the event attracted 37 Warwicks and friends.

Activities Highlight

Career Talk

13.09.2008 + Novotel Century Hong Kong

On 13 September 2008, a career talk was held for fresh graduates and current students. This event was jointly organized by WGAHK and the Warwick Hong Kong Office, and supported by the Career Promotion Team (CPT) of the Warwick Hong Kong Society. The talk was well-attended by about 30 students and graduates. We were delighted to have Mr. K.K Mui and Dr. Edmund Lee, both graduates of the Warwick MBA, as guests for the career sharing. Drawing examples from their personal experiences, they gave us some insightful advice and we were all greatly inspired.



Prof. Jonathan Seville
School of Engineering



Dr. Joe Winston
Institute of Education



Visitors from Warwick

Hong Kong has continued to be a very popular destination for visitors from the University of Warwick. Around the year, Warwick guests visiting Hong Kong always receive a warm welcome from our Warwickers!



Prof. John McEldowney
School of Law



British Council HK 60th Anniversary Celebration

Early this year British Council Hong Kong launched the "Celebration 60" featuring 60 alumni of successful people from different walks of life who graduated from UK universities between 1948 and 2007.

University of Warwick is well-represented in the "Celebration 60" with our Mr Chip Tsao (BA English Literature & European Literature) and Dr Roy Chung (MSc Engineering Business Management). Other selected alumni include Dr The Hon. Sir David Li and The Hon. Martin Lee, both Honorary Graduates of Warwick.

The British Council's 60th Anniversary Celebration ended with a gala dinner with 48 tables held at the Hong Kong Football Club on 29 November 2008. Seated at the WGAHK table were Mr Chip Tsao and Dr Roy Chung, joined by Ms Nancy Chui, Ms Lisa Djeng, Ms Elaine Hung, Mr Liam Lai, Ms Natalie Law, Ms Virginia Pak, Ms Manita So, Mr Edward Tan, Mr James Tay and Ms Margaux Yeung.



Afternoon Tea with Warwickers:

An interview with Marco Szeto, Virginia Pak and Eileen Tsang at the Hong Kong Museum of Art

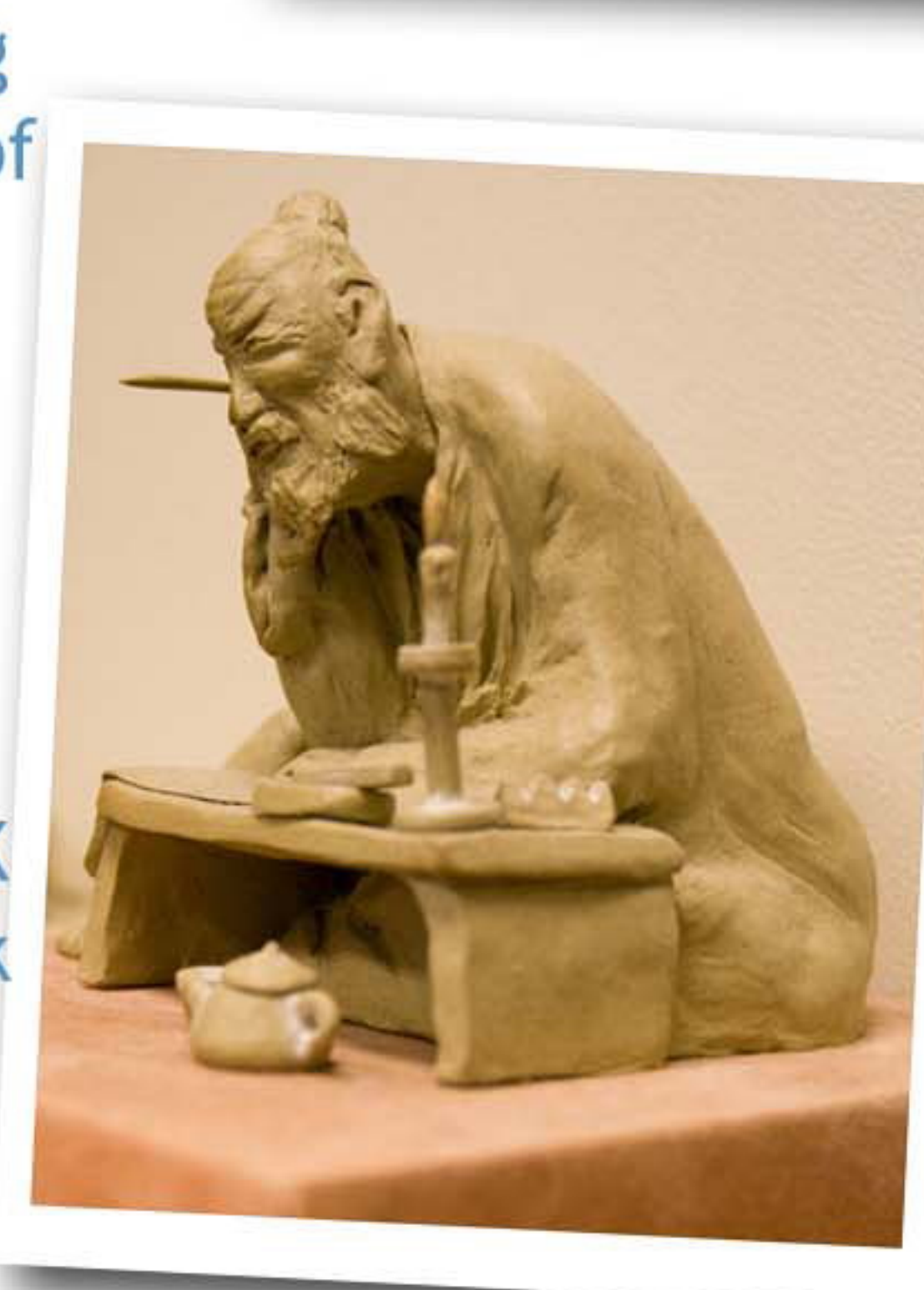
by Vicky Lee, Dominic Fung & Manita So

On 27 September 2008, we had great pleasure to meet with Marco, Virginia and Eileen, three Warwick graduates of Art Education in the 1980s, at the Hong Kong Museum of Art and chat with them on their life at Warwick, career, art and education.

Studying at Warwick widened their vision on art and education, as the course covered a good mix of theories and practical trainings. Eileen and Virginia excitedly told us that they had a ride on an airplane to capture images of the green field for one of their projects while Marco shared with us how he, guided by the professor, went to the Coventry market to learn the visual language from observation. Besides the interesting projects and graduation shows, Marco, who stood out from students from other countries, was also the first Chinese student who had an opportunity to hold his first solo exhibition at the library gallery.

After all the fun and excitement at Warwick, they all came back to develop their career in Hong Kong. Both Eileen and Virginia returned to the teaching field while Marco started his career in the museum. (Marco is now Curator of the Chinese Art section in the Hong Kong Museum of Art) All of them commented on how the Warwick experience had helped in their career. Eileen and Virginia agreed that what they learnt inspired them to use new teaching methods while Marco remarked that the Chinese art exhibitions he now curates carry the concept of western art theories.

Videos and photos of this inspiring sharing have been uploaded to the WGAHK website. To learn more about the life, work and aspirations of these Warwick art lovers, please visit www.warwick.org.hk



“Stay hungry Stay foolish”

by Andson Tsang, Chevening Scholar at Warwick 2007-08

Still remember Andson Tsang, who co-hosted ‘Money Café’ for Cable TV before he went to Warwick to pursue his MBA as a Chevening Scholar? Here he shares with us his beliefs in life and investment.

Steve Jobs of Apple delivered a fantastic speech at Stanford in 2005. His parting words were “Stay hungry, Stay foolish”. If you want to succeed, you have to keep your engine steering. This is always my conviction.

Last year, I left the promising full time employment to study again. My friends said that I was taking a gamble. But to me, it’s an investment, a long term but rewarding investment. To succeed, you should have the appetite of learning new knowledge. MBA not only provides me with a springboard to lucrative career but also is an amazing learning curve. I have done so many new things in such a short space of time, and met some amazing people. At Warwick, it is not that difficult for you to find students once were top management of the global leading firms. They are confident but not cocky, showcasing their skills and sharing valuable experiences with you. It gives me an opportunity to cram many experiences into a short time.

I always think small is beautiful. Some of the renowned business schools take hundreds of students every year whereas, at Warwick, there are only about 80 cohorts, of which a large majority comes from overseas - spanning over 10 countries from China, India, Nigeria, Russia and Germany. Small class does allow me getting along with all the cohorts easily. Amid the toil, there is a lot of laughter. We like to get together and have a blast on Saturday night. In the meantime, we did a lot of travelling, experienced European culture and of course we had a ball of a time. I am an adventurous person. I like seeing, touching, learning fresh things. Immersing myself in other culture is undoubtedly exciting and fascinating.

Time flies. It has already nine months since the start of this awesome and superb MBA journey. From this day forward, all the cohorts go our separate ways into diverse projects and dissertations. I am already missing my days as a full time student at Warwick. Every nook and cranny of the business school surely would bring back memories. The MBA experience will last me a lifetime!



WGAHK Scholarship 2008

By Liam Lai, WGAHK Vice-Chairman (Scholarship & Student Welfare)

We are delighted to announce that Miss Joyce Hoi-Hei Tsang has been awarded the WGAHK 2008 Scholarship which is worth HK\$20,000.

A total of 32 applications have been received for the Scholarship. A screening panel comprising WGAHK current & former executive committee members met on 3 September 2008 to shortlist candidates down to 5. Applicants were evaluated with criteria which include their academic credentials, extra-curricular achievements, social contribution and personal statement. The 5 shortlisted candidates are:

Name	Course Studied at Warwick	School last attended
Mr Enoch Wong	MORSE	Clifton College, UK
Ms Aruna Parthasarathy	Psychology	King George V School, HK
Ms Sylvia Po-Yi Cheng	Law & Business Studies	Hang Seng School of Commerce, HK
Ms Joyce Hoi-Hei Tsang	Law	St. Stephen's Girls' College, HK
Mr Burton Yat-Sing Li	Philosophy, Politics & Economics	Concord College, UK



On 7 September 2008, the shortlisted candidates attended a panel interview at the Warwick Hong Kong Office. This year, members of the Judge Panel include: Mr. Jon Baldwin, Registrar, University of Warwick, Miss Lisa Djeng, WGAHK Scholarship Founding Chairman and Dr. Red Chan, Lecturer, Centre for Translation and Comparative Cultural Studies. The panel put different questions, sometimes rather difficult questions, to the shortlisted candidates.

Short-listed candidates were further 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 2008 Scholarship to Miss Joyce Hoi-Hei Tsang.

WGAHK would like to congratulate all applicants on their excellent achievements, and wish every one of them a very rewarding time at Warwick.



WGAHK Gifted Youth Award 2008

By Liam Lai, WGAHK Vice-Chairman (Scholarship & Student Welfare)

The IGGY Summer U 2008* course fee was GBP800.

At the application stage, the University of Warwick announced that 2 full bursaries for Hong Kong were available for financially disadvantaged students.

*see separate article for more information about IGGY Summer U 2008

In support of the University's initiatives in gifted education, and also the notion that learning opportunities for talented students should not be limited by one's financial status, WGAHK launched a special award to help students cover primarily their travel cost to the UK for the IGGY Summer U 2008:

A maximum of 2 awards (worth HK\$10,000 each) are available for application. The award is given on the basis of need. It is open to students who are permanent resident of Hong Kong, and who have successfully completed the Warwick IGGY Summer U 2008 programme with a full international bursary granted by the University of Warwick.

The decision to provide the gifted youth award, out of the WGAHK Scholarship Fund, was made by the WGAHK Executive Committee after seeking input from the scholarship fund major donors.

The following 2 Hong Kong students have attended the IGGY Summer U 2008 having awarded the university international bursary and the WGAHK Gifted Youth Award 2008:

Jaime Chiu (Ying Wa Girls' School) - Course attended: Medical Sciences

"I have made visit to the hospital and did laboratory work on DNA. It was eye-opening to have experienced the very innovative teaching methods. Moreover, I have met people from different cultures and gained international friendships. It really was an awesome experience."

Kirsty Huen (Sacred Heart Canossian College) - Course attended: Enterprise: Global Young Entrepreneurs

"I enjoyed so much creating new business plans with my group mates and chatting with professors. It was not only 2 weeks of knowledge acquisition but also an invaluable opportunity for me to make new friends from around the world. I am looking forward to participating in such an inspiring experience again."



About WGAHK Scholarship

The WGAHK Scholarship was set up in 2002. It is the first Warwick scholarship founded 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.

Alumni News

Free Email Forwarding Address - your unique identity as a Warwick graduate

WGAHK is offering every member a free lifetime alumni email forwarding address. With this unique email address "**name@graduate.warwick.hk**", alumni can stay connected with the Alumni association and keep posted of the alumni privileges and activities. More information: www.warwick.org.hk

Warwick News

The Opening of the Digital Lab, Warwick Manufacturing Group

29 July 2008 marked the opening of the Digital Lab of the Warwick Manufacturing Group. The UK Prime Minister, Mr Hon. Gordon Brown, inaugurated this £50 million flagship building which took two years in construction. Housing state-of-the-art facilities, the Digital Lab serves as an ideal base for research, education and knowledge transfer activities at national and international level.

Mr. James Kennedy as the new Director of the International Office

After an early teaching and teacher training career, James spent twenty-five years in a variety of international management role for the British Council around the globe. He joins the University from the position of Director of the British Council in Russia. The University is pleased to have James bringing in his expertise into the internationalization agenda. Shortly after his taking up of directorship in September 2008, James paid a visit to the Asian region, with his first stop being Hong Kong, in October.



Warwick International Gateway for Gifted Youth (IGGY) Summer U 2008

The first IGGY Summer U was held at the University of Warwick in July and August 2008. A pioneering two-week residential programme attended by 120 students aged 11-16 from 13 different countries (including 9 students from Hong Kong). Summer U proved to be a huge success. IGGY website: www.warwick.ac.uk/go/iggy

IGDS Alumni 10th Anniversary

Congratulations to IGDS Alumni on their 10th Anniversary! Please visit www.igds-alumni.org for more information.

Warwick Latest Rankings

For another consecutive year, Warwick maintains its place as one of the country's leading academic institutions. According to the latest UK university league table: the Complete University Guide (Apr 2008), Guardian University Guide (May 2008), and the Times University Rankings Table (June 2008), Warwick ranked the highest university in England after London and Oxbridge.

New Member of the Warwick Hong Kong Office (WHKO)

Miss Elaine Hung (MA Translation Studies) joined WHKO as University Liaison Officer in August 2008. Miss Manita So is now Director of Operations and Miss Nancy Chui is now Advisor of the office. More information: http://www.warwick.com.hk/main_au.html

Student Exchange Programmes with Universities in Hong Kong

The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology (HKUST) is now a new international exchange partner of the Warwick Business School. Besides, Warwick also has three other student exchange programmes in Law, Politics and Computer Science with the University of Hong Kong, the City University of Hong Kong and the HKUST.