



Christmas by the Pool, the Annual Dinner 9 December 2017 at the Royal Yacht Club



Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong

Letter From Lisa Djeng, our Chairperson

It has been a privilege to serve on the WGAHK board as Chairperson for the last 3 years. I really appreciate being part of a strong and positive force in the academic world.

WGAHK is fortunate in having a strong and dedicated executive committee. We regularly exchange ideas on how to achieve our main objectives, serving our alumni community and providing diverse social activities, which appeal to alumni from different generations.

This year our emphasis was on engaging with our young alumni and in August we organised our first bowling event. This proved to be very popular with young people but also with our more senior alumni and mainland Chinese alumni currently working in Hong Kong.

We will continue to strengthen our relationship with alumni from IGDS, the Hong Kong Vocational Training Council and Warwick Manufacturing Group whilst also acting in harmony with alumni groups from other UK universities to provide networking opportunities.

I look forward to meeting all of you at future events.

Lisa Marie Djeng



Last year's Annual Dinner was another triumph. Alumni and VIP guests celebrated Christmas by the pool with a delicious dinner, carols, games and prizes galore.

We were joined by special guests from the University, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Stuart Croft and his wife, Ms Jane Usherwood; The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor Lawrence Young; the Associate Director of Development, Luke Taylor and the International Employer Liaison Manager, Ms Esther De Perlaky

A huge THANK YOU once again to our generous Annual Dinner sponsors:-

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Our 2018/19 Executive Committee

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Steven Lo	(LLB hon's Law)
Eric Liu	(BSc Computer Science)
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Jessica Leung	(LLB hon's Law)
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Happy 15th Birthday Warwick Hong Kong Office

We were delighted to welcome Lawrence Young (PhD DSc FRCPATH FRCP FMedSci), Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University, back to Hong Kong to celebrate our 15th anniversary.

Despite many challenges facing the UK higher education sector Warwick has continued to excel in many areas, including teaching, research, innovation and internationalisation. Warwick, in turn is fortunate to have a remarkable group of dedicated and supportive alumni here in Hong Kong.



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The Warwick Hong Kong Office was established in January 2003 to represent the University of Warwick in Hong Kong, Macau and Southern China. Its founding Director, Nancy Chui continues to play a valuable advisory role.

Wynne and Louanne work incredibly hard to provide support, advice and information for current students, alumni and visiting personnel from the University.

Wynne Kam graduated from the University of Warwick with a BSc in Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry. She started working for the Hong Kong Office as Director of Operations in November 2012. Prior to this date she worked for the British Council Hong Kong and for other Hong Kong universities with responsibilities in education promotion, partnership development and management.

Louanne Wong joined the Hong Kong Office in April 2015 as the University Liaison Officer. She obtained an MA in Humanities from HKUST and has had 7 years' experience in the education sector. She has worked at 2 local higher education institutions, mainly building relationships with donors, alumni communications and event planning.

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Scholarship News

We are delighted to announce the winner of our annual scholarship award; Ms Mioie Hoi Ching Kwok.

Mioie graduated from the City of London Freeman's School and is pursuing a BA degree in English Literature at the University of Warwick.

Ours was the first scholarship fund to be established by local alumni outside the UK. It was founded in 2001 by our current Chairperson, Lisa Djeng and this year marks its 17th anniversary.

The annual award of HK\$40,000 is awarded to a new student who is a permanent resident of Hong Kong and has been accepted onto a degree course at the University of Warwick.



This year we received overwhelming support for the WGAHK scholarship. The screening panel met on 25 August to go through each application to select a shortlist of candidates to interview.

There were 8 members of the panel, all Warwick graduates from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds namely; Steven Lo, Henry Wong, Eric Liu, Regina Woo, Elaine Hung, Vicky Lee, Kevin Lo and Michael Chu.

The shortlisted candidates were;
Mr Matthew Man Yin Lui (PPE)
Mr Pravir Mirpuri (Management)
Ms Wing Chow (PPE)
Ms Shania To (Law)
Ms Mioie Hoi Ching Kwok (English Literature)

They all attended an interview on 1 September before a judging panel comprising; Lisa Djeng (BSc Economics), Horace Ma (MBA) and Prof. NF Chang (PhD Translation Studies).

The award presentation took place during a special celebratory dinner organised by WGAHK and held on 8 September. The winner received her scholarship award and the runners up were each given a certified letter of commendation and a book token valued at HK\$500 to acknowledge their achievements.

Bowling Night

On the evening of 23 August we hosted our first WGAHK Bowling Night. We donned our bowling shoes and headed to the Pacific Club Bowling Alley with 20 alumni from the 1980s to 2018 and from many different disciplines. This was truly a fun, energetic and competitive event.

Thank you all for coming along and making this such a successful evening. Our thanks too to our newest committee members, Jessica Leung and Eric Liu for organising.



University News



Ranking

Warwick has once again been recognised as one of the UK's leading universities in several 2019 league tables: ranked:-

1. 8th in the UK by the Guardian University Guide with 6 departments in the subject rankings' top 5 and a further 14 departments in the top 10. History of Art has been rated 1st.
2. 9th in the UK by The Complete University Guide with a 1st for Creative Writing
3. 10th overall and 8th for the quality of its research by the Times and the Sunday Times Good University Guide
4. 10th in the UK and 54th in the world by the QS World University Rankings
5. 19th Most International University and 79th in the world by the Times (Higher Education)

Warwick Business School

1. The Financial Times rates the WBS Executive MBA as the 3rd best in the UK
2. The Annual Ranking places WBS as 2nd in the world for career progress
3. The Business School's research programme is rated 3rd in Europe
4. WBS ranked 1st in the UK for salary increase after doing its MBA
5. The Executive MBA has been ranked in the world's top 20. WBS' Executive MBA has climbed 7 places to achieve this top 20 ranking by the Financial Times. The WBS Executive MBA has been placed 18th in the world in the annual ranking, which only publishes the global top 100 and it has been rated 3rd in the UK for stand alone programmes, being one of just 4 UK programmes to enter the Financial Times' global top 30.

WBS' Online MBA

The Times has given the WBS distance learning MBA as 1st in the world. This online course was created more than 30 years ago and has been consistently ranked 2nd since the rankings started in 2014. It has now achieved the top ranking thanks to improvements in 7 of the 25 criteria used by the Financial Times. It follows a superb 2017 for WBS after the school improvement plan improved its position in 7 global rankings, rising a total of 41 places across the board.

The Launch of the New University Strategy

Warwick's new strategy begins with its aspirations in the core purposes of research and education explaining how they will be underpinned by 4 strategic priorities: innovation, inclusion, regional leadership and internationalisation.

The growth areas will focus on science, technology, engineering and mathematics but the University will also build on its existing strengths across all disciplines.

The University's research will be, without exception, world class: increasingly international and multidisciplinary; always seeking to create knowledge with a genuinely transformative effect. From plastics to poverty, the aim will always be to impact positively on the world's major societal, industrial and cultural challenges.

By 2030, Warwick will be one of the world's exceptional universities, helping to transform, its region, country and the world for collective good.

Warwick Manufacturing Group

In August WMG was awarded £100m in Government funding for its work in the High Value Manufacturing Catapult to help create the technologies of tomorrow.

In September WMG was awarded £10m to build a new Degree Apprenticeship Centre for the high value-manufacturing sector. The WMG Degree Apprenticeship Centre will focus on courses essential to the effective development of advanced engineering and manufacturing companies.

High Profile Careers Fair Shanghai

Careers professionals from the universities of Warwick, Birmingham and Nottingham are busy planning their next business partnership in China after the first joint graduate careers event in the country, held on 23 March this year, attracted praise from employers, students and alumni. Nearly 600 students and recent alumni from the 3 universities have the opportunity to apply for jobs and engage with 60 leading Chinese employers.

Mathematical Sciences Building Opens

Work has been completed on the new Mathematical Sciences Building, a project that won £2m in funding from the Wolfson Foundation. This facility will support the Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Sciences departments in work that can have a profound impact on society, communities and cities.



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Alumnus Visit

One of our alumni, Johnny Li (DLMBA 1992), visited the University in the summer with his family. These are his reflections:-

We arrived Warwick on 24 August 2018 and stayed at the beautiful hostel, **Radcliffe**, within the campus.

The campus has changed a lot with various new buildings and many construction works carrying on since we visited there 4 years ago. We were toured around the campus by Luke Taylor, the Associate Director of Development, on 25 August 2018 and were so impressed with the various new buildings and facilities, including the new WBS Building, International Digital Laboratory, Manufacturing Group Knowledge Building, the library, Arts Centre, Student Union and some other departments, like Business School, Department of Law, Department of Economics. The most impressive new building is the Oculus Building, which, the construction project team, I was told, was chaired by our frequent visitor, Professor Lawrence Young. We were then invited for a delicious buffet lunch at Radcliffe by my old friend, Ian Rowley, the Director of the Engagement Group (incl. marketing and communications, development, business relations and innovation and public engagement) Ian was very thoughtful and kindly arranged a birthday cake complete with candle to celebrate my Chinese calendar birthday which was that day.



WMG Graduation



Warwick Manufacturing group is an academic department providing research, education and knowledge transfer in the fields of engineering, manufacturing and technology.

This year the annual graduation ceremony was held on Saturday 21 April at the Institute of Vocational Education in Chai Wan.

Lisa Djeng attended the ceremony to offer our sincere congratulations to the graduates and to welcome them to our Warwick community here in Hong Kong.