

THE UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

WGAHK

WARWICK GRADUATES ASSOCIATION (HONG KONG)

40 YEARS OF INNOVATION : TOGETHER WE GO FORWARD

WGAHK Newsletter 2005

Message from the Chairman

Edward Tan (MA International Political Economy 2000-01)

Serving WGAHK as Chairman of its 2005 session is a challenging task. When Past Chairman Ms Yvonne Leung congratulated me as the "New Chairman", immediately I felt an overwhelming pressure not to topple the foundation laid by my predecessors. WGAHK does not only have a new Chairman, but also has a relatively "New Executive Committee". This year the 15-member Executive Committee includes 9 graduates who are serving WGAHK for the first time. 2005, however, is not just another year as it marks Warwick's 40th Anniversary. It would be a pity if WGAHK missed out the opportunity to organize events that enable Hong Kong alumni to join in the joyful celebrations.



Thanks to the hard work of a new yet excellent team, I am immensely pleased with what WGAHK has achieved in 2005. Apart from various Warwick 40th Anniversary events and activities, we have awarded the 4th winner of the WGAHK Scholarship in September, and our official website (<http://www.warwick.org.hk>) has attracted a record number of visitors after we have enhanced its layout & enriched the contents.

We are determined to further strengthen the Warwick alumni network in Hong Kong and to reinforce the reputation of WGAHK as being one of the most active UK alumni associations. For all these, we count on your support. If you are not yet a WGAHK member, send in your application form with no more delay. If you want to contribute further, consider serving the Executive Committee or sending donations to the WGAHK Scholarship. Finally, do let us know if you have anything that may benefit the Warwick community. For example, a discount card for Warwick graduates, or a summer internship opening for current students.

Stay in touch!

Edward Tan, Chairman

WGAHK Scholarship: Counting on your support!

The WGAHK Scholarship is the first Warwick alumni scholarship established outside the UK. 4 first-year undergraduates have been awarded the WGAHK Scholarship since its launch:

2002	Danny Fung	BSc Accounting & Finance
2003	Jeffrey Ho	BSc Economics
2004	Jonathan Dufton	BSc Management Science
2005	Jacquelyn Ng	BA Politics & International Studies

Each scholarship was a one-off award of HK\$10,000 and short-listed scholarship candidates were being interviewed by a judge panel. Previous panel members include Ms Yvonne Leung (WGAHK Chairman 2002-04); Ms Lisa Djeng (WGAHK Scholarship Founding Chairman); Prof Christopher Lam (Warwick Graduate 1969-70) and former & current Warwick administrators & teaching staff including Prof Mike McConville, Prof Yash Ghai, Dr Jill Cottrell and Dr Red Chan.

Because of limits in funds, the current WGAHK Scholarship is more of a complimentary nature to endorse the successful candidate's academic & other achievements. The ultimate objective of the WGAHK Scholarship, however, is to provide means of financial support to outstanding students from Hong Kong who will benefit from a Warwick education, but who cannot do so without a full or partial scholarship.

The University's WGA Scholarship Scheme that benefits local UK students was founded in 2000. To date 323 students have received a scholarship that is worth up to GBP2,000 per annum for each year of their undergraduate study. Apparently WGAHK has a long way to go before we can offer a scholarship which is nearer to the scale of the WGA Scholarship, or even to the costs of undergraduate study for a Hong Kong student at Warwick (2005 tuition fees range from GBP8,700 to GBP11,300).

To all Warwicks: We pledge for your support to WGAHK Scholarship so as to enable more Hong Kong students to benefit from a Warwick education like we all did. Every contribution will get WGAHK closer in realizing our dream. Please contact the WGAHK Scholarship team at scholarship@warwick.org.hk. Thank you.



Activities Highlights 2005

Art Appreciation Tour

12 March - Hong Kong Museum of Art

Thirty-three Warwickers enjoyed an artistic afternoon on the art appreciation tour to Huang Yongyu at 80: An Art Exhibition led by Marco Szeto, a Warwick graduate and a professional curator. Marco's profound knowledge and witty remarks guided the group through Huang's breathtaking works and deepened our knowledge in Chinese art.



WGAHK Scholarship Fund-raising Event: Pun Choi Banquet

17 April - Fanling Lou



A traditional New Territories-style pun choi lunch was organized to raise fund for the WGAHK Scholarship. The savoury meal was followed by a historical walk around the village complex which allowed Warwickers and friends to find out the interesting mix of old and new.



Sensational Happy Hour Gathering Celebrating Warwick's 40th Anniversary

5 May - ARIA



5th May marked the kick-off of the university's 40th anniversary celebration. Over 50 graduates across different decades came together and raised their glass to celebrate the 40 years of innovation of our alma mater.

Together we go forward !



Warwick Art Day

25 June - Tsang Pik Shan Secondary School

Twenty-four art enthusiasts, a blend of young and old, immersed in a fun and creative workshop led by distinguished artist, Mr. John Li. The artistic potentials were fully shown in their “simple and naïve” but highly imaginative works.



Joint Happy Hour Gathering with Cardiff University

1 September - ARIA



The alumni of Cardiff University were cordially invited to join our September gathering. In a warm and relaxing atmosphere, Warwickers had a joyful time meeting new friends and exchanging interesting stories.



Warwick October Talk: Indulging In A Secret Passion

1 October - il Concerto

On the National Day, with the backdrop of the dazzling Firework Display, Eric Yuen (BSc in Accounting and Financial Analysis) shared with 28 Warwickers and friends his career history and business concepts. It was really an impressive evening where participants were inspired by the story of Eric and immersed themselves in his brilliant piano performance.



ABOUT WGAHK

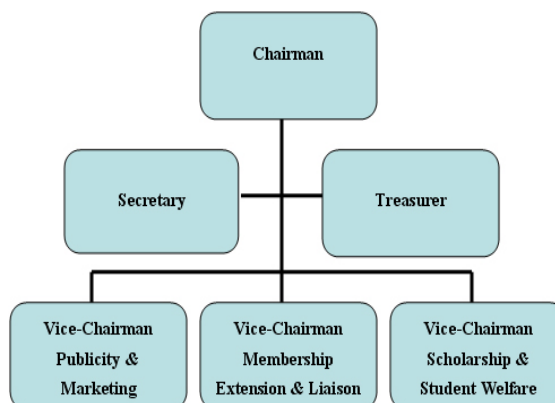
Overview – One of the Most Active UK Alumni Associations in Hong Kong

Warwick Graduates' Association Hong Kong (WGAHK) was incorporated on 9 August 1994 under the name Warwick University Students' Association (Hong Kong). It is non profit-making in nature and operated by an Executive Committee. WGAHK adopted its current name in 2001 to reflect its close working relationship with WGA, the official Warwick University alumni association. Professor David VandeLinde, Vice-Chancellor of Warwick, is the Honorary President of WGAHK.

Membership to WGAHK is open to all graduates as well as current & former students of Warwick residing in Hong Kong. Any member who is interested in taking a more active role in the running of the Association is most welcome to join the WGAHK Executive Committee.

The WGAHK Executive Committee

WGAHK is managed by a core of 6 Directors elected at Annual General Meetings (Please refer to the Organisation Chart). Other Executive Committee members will join, according to their respective background & interests, one or more of the 3 WGAHK sub-teams that assume different roles & functions for the Association.



From the very beginning, WGAHK Executive Committee has been characterized by comprising graduates from different years & courses. Members serving the Executive Committee 2005 session include graduates from undergraduate courses (Law, Economics, Mathematics, Business); postgraduate courses (Engineering, Business, Politics, Law, Translation & Cultural Studies) and also Warwick programmes studied in Hong Kong (MBA by Distance Learning, IGDS).

My Warwick Days

Warwick 40th Anniversary Photo Contest

In celebration of Warwick's 40th Anniversary, a photo contest was organised by WGAHK. We received more than 50 fascinating images from our members. Competition was keen and the judges' job was tough. In the end, three winners were selected. Here we are delighted to present the winning photos.

Grand Prize—One Fine Day

Photograph by Maud Lee
(MSc Economics)



Merit Prize—Cheery blossom in Spring 2005

Photograph by Red Chan
(MA Translation Studies)



Merit Prize—Our Great Day

Photograph by Jane Wong
(MSc Engineering Business Management IGDS)

Do you know?

- How many lakes and ponds are there on Warwick campus?**
A total of 8 lakes and ponds have been created over the 40 years, which have provided habitats to a wild variety of wildlife.
- Which departments were housed in the first buildings completed in 1965 on campus?**
Mathematics, Statistics and Biological Sciences.
- What are the Latin words on the ribbon underneath the university crest?**
“Universitas Warwicensis” which is “University of Warwick” in Latin.
- Why are there an elephant and a bear on the university crest?**
Warwick received her armorial bearings in 1966 containing the symbols of the elephant and castle, and the bear and ragged staff – which symbolizes Coventry and Warwickshire respectively.
- What is the motto of the University of Warwick?**
The school motto born on the crest is “Mens Agitat Molem”. It comes from a Latin proverb which can roughly be translated as “The mind moves the mountain”.

Establishing the University – 1960s

- 1960 - University Promotion Committee was established in Coventry under the chairmanship of Lord Rootes
- 1961 - Establishment of the University of Warwick was approved by the government
- 1963 - Jack (later Lord) Butterworth was appointed First Vice-Chancellor
- 1965 - First students were admitted – an initial intake of 340 undergraduates plus 96 graduate students
- 1966 - The University received its armorial bearings containing the symbols of both Coventry and Warwickshire – the elephant and castle, and the bear and ragged staff
- 1967 - Lord Radcliffe was installed as the University’s first Chancellor
- 1968 - The first degree ceremony was held in Coventry Cathedral



Building the University – 1970s

- 1970 - Arts Centre began to be built; new department were proposed and later established
- 1974 - Students’ Union Building opened
- 1978 - The university merged with the neighbouring College of Education
- 1979 - Work began on converting Arden House to a residential post-experience centre to provide self-financing courses in engineering and other disciplines



Students’ Union meeting - early 1970s

An entrepreneurial University – 1980s

- 1981- International Office was established
- 1982 - 20,345 enrolment applications were received for just 1,440 places amid the budget cuts in higher education funding
- 1983/84 - Department of Continuing Adult Education was established; The University was granted Responsible Body status for continuing education.
- 1984 - Science Park was opened by Prime Minister Mrs Thatcher
- 1989 - Chancellor Sir Shridath Ramphal succeeded Lord Scarman



Warwick Campus, 1987



Opening of the Science Park



An innovative University – 1990s and beyond

- 1990- The University was awarded the prestigious ‘Carl Bertelsmann Prize’ for its ‘Outstanding innovatory ideas and initiatives’; Vice-Chancellor Clark Brundin received the award for the subject category “Evolution within higher education”
- 1991- The University celebrated its 25th Anniversary
- 1991- The University had its official opening of the £1 million Sovereign Court Science Park development
- 1992 - Sir Brian Follett succeeded Clark Brundin as the University’s Vice-Chancellor
- 1997 - The Warwick Graduate Association celebrated its 10th Anniversary
- 1999 - Sir Brian Follett announced the creation of the Leicester-Warwick Medical School
- 2000 - Professor David VandeLinde succeeded Sir Brian as the University’s Vice-Chancellor
- 2000 - Prime Minister Tony Blair and US President Bill Clinton visited the University
- 2001 - The University was ranked 5th in the government Research Assessment Exercise
- 2002 - The National Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth was launched
- 2003 - Central administration and student support services were relocated into University House, a new building formerly owned by National Grid
- 2004 - Heronbank, a new 700 student residence, was completed which brings the number of on-campus accommodation up to 6,000
- 2004 - Learning Grid was opened to provide a unique open learning space for all students to use at any time to help enhance and support the way they study
- 2005 - *The University celebrated its 40th anniversary*



Reference: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/about/40/history/>

40th Anniversary Celebrations in the UK

The University has held a total of 44 events to celebrate the 40th Anniversary, ranging from academic to staff and students to the community. Here are some of the highlights:

1. Warwick One World Week
2. Economics Summit
3. International Table Football Tournament
4. Warwick Commercial Enterprises Staff Awards
5. Projecting Images onto Campus Buildings
6. Chinese Art and Culture Festival
7. 1965 Education Reunion Initial Teacher Training
8. Department of Physics Open Day
9. Chemistry Department Symposium and Party
10. Warwick Medical School Television Series
11. Twenty Years of Research into Ethnic Relations
12. Warwick Boar - Commemorative Edition
13. Ricardo Muti and the Philharmonia Orchestra at the Warwick Arts Centre
14. WMG Open House
15. Launch of the Clinical Sciences Building Research Wing at Walsgrave Hospital
16. Has Business Changed in the Last 40 Years? - a Warwick Business School conference
17. 40 Warwick Innovations - a showcase event of innovations for entrepreneurs from within and without the University.



VIP Reception in the Arts Centre



Free Open Air Gala Concert



Piazza Fun

