

## Warwick Graduates' Association (Hong Kong) 英國華威大學香港同學會

*Honorary President: Professor Nigel Thrift (Vice-Chancellor)*

### Message from the Chairman - Dr. Edmund Lee

It is with great delight for me to bring you the latest edition of the WGAHK newsletter. Following on the theme of "Beyond Networking" from our 15th anniversary commemoration last year, we continue to build a vibrant Warwick alumni community in Hong Kong through networking, professional development, and fellowship.

I must take the opportunity to thank the Executive Committee for their hard work, as well as the support from the University and the Warwick Hong Kong Office towards making the past year such a productive and enjoyable one. Steady progress has been made on all fronts from membership recruitment, professional advancement, scholarships and social gatherings.

Through joint programmes, WGAHK has also fostered relationship with other university alumni associations. Chip's talk on 'Love', co-hosted by WGAHK and Friends of LSE, is a very good example of partnership between organisations. Through support of British Council and the British Consulate-General in Hong Kong, we had convened and co-organised a happy hour gathering with 10 other UK university alumni associations, with a great turnout of over 200 participants.

With the support of all chairmen of the past executive committees, members and friends, a solid foundation has been laid for WGAHK going forward. Future advancement and success would count on your continuing support.

The WGAHK family is more than networking. Please stay connected and enjoy!



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### WGAHK Executive Committee 2010



<b>Chairman</b>	Edmund Lee	MBA	
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	Manita So	MA Translation Studies	
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	Nancy Chui	BSc Industrial Economics	
	Philip Ma	BEng Manufacturing Engineering & Management	
	Priscilla Lee	BSc Psychology & MA Organization Studies	
<b>Membership Extension &amp; Liaison</b>	Alvin Lam	MSc eBusiness Management	
	Irene Sin	MA European Cultural Policy	
	Nick Lau	BSc International Business	
	Phoebe Hung	MSc eBusiness Management	
	William Bedoucha	MA Organization Studies	

### WGAHK 15th Anniversary Celebration Dinner 2009

12.12.2009 + Butterfield's Club, TaiKoo Place

The WGAHK Annual Dinner 2009 was a precious opportunity for more than 110 Warwickers and their family members to have a big reunion and to celebrate the WGAHK's 15th anniversary. The dinner was kicked off by a welcome speech by Dr Edmund Lee, WGAHK Chairman, followed by a speech by our guest of honour, Prof Nigel Thrift, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Warwick and Honorary President of WGAHK. Other guests from Warwick included Prof David Wilson, Acting Dean of Warwick Business School; Mr Ben Plummer-Powell, Associate Director, Development (International), and Mrs Helen Johnson, Assistant Director of the International Office.



### IGDS Annual Dinner

5.12.2009 + Hilltop Country Club, Tsuen Wan

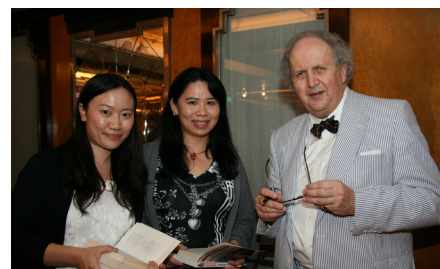
On behalf of WGAHK, Franco Lee, Nancy Chui, Vicky Lee, Elaine Hung and Manita So joined the IGDS Annual Dinner held at the Hilltop Country Club on 5 December 2009. To ride on the East Asian Games grand opening on the same day, the theme of the dinner was Sports. Attended by 140, it was truly a fun and enjoyable evening and everyone had a good time!



### An Evening with Alexander McCall Smith

15.3.2010 + the China Club, Central

Organised by the Friends of British Council Hong Kong, a subsidiary charity of the British Council, a dinner gathering with Alexander McCall Smith, the author of over 60 books on a wide array of subjects including specialist academic titles, short stories and some immensely popular children's books, was held on 15 March 2010 at the luxurious and vintage clubhouse in the city hub. During the dinner, Prof. Smith shared with over 100 fans and booklovers about his busy life as an author and screenwriter and how his inspirations were drawn from his real life experience in Africa and Edinburgh.



### WGAHK Scent Discovery Event

27.03.2010 + Culture Club, Soho, Central

18 alumni went through a special personal scent discovery voyage with French Master Perfumer Mr Olivier Funel in an exclusive perfumery class held for WGAHK in March 2010. After listening to an overview of perfumery history, participants smelt some perfumery raw materials and classic perfumes to understand the basic perfume architecture and olfactory families. Finally, guided by Mr Funel, participants worked with 12 perfumery accords to create their own perfumes. Some liked their creations so much that they went on to place an order of the perfume with a name of their choice!





## Joint UK University Alumni Groups Happy Hour Gathering

8.7.2010 + RED SoHo, Central

Following the success last year, we were glad to organize the second Joint UK University Alumni Happy Hour Gathering with 10 other associations including Bristol University Convocation, Hong Kong Branch, The Friends of Cambridge University in Hong Kong, Friends of LSE in Hong Kong, Imperial College Alumni Association of Hong Kong, King's College London Association (Hong Kong Branch), Manchester Business School Alumni Association (China), Oxbridge Society of Hong Kong, SOAS Hong Kong Alumni Association, St Andrew's Alumni Club Hong Kong and The UCL Hong Kong Club on 8 July 2010. It was a precious opportunity for over 220 participants to mingle with one another in a warm and relaxed environment. We were grateful to have the full support from The British Consulate-General Hong Kong, The British Council Hong Kong and Chartered Management Institute (Hong Kong Branch) and our honourable guests--Mr. Alan Gemmell, Global Head of External Relations, British Council; Mr. Iain Lindsay OBE, Deputy Head of Mission and Director, Trade and Investment, British Consulate-General, Hong Kong; Mr. Ian Bailey, Trade Commissioner, British Consulate General Hong Kong.



## Talk with Chip Tsao

24.07.2010 + Champs Bar, Causeway Bay

It was a sunny afternoon, 85 members from WGAHK and Friends of LSE spent their weekend sipping red wine in Champs Bar, enjoying a wonderful talk by Mr Chip Tsao, an alumnus of both Warwick and LSE. Chip was giving a fancy class on the topic of 'Love,' drawing on the elements in common to love and wine: the place, the environment, the look, the smell, the timing, and the reality. With a glass of red wine in hand and images of love stories and laughter in the air, Chip created a romantic atmosphere with such ease that one became fully immersed in his stories and hardly felt the afternoon slipping away.



## Happy Hour Gatherings & Alumni Dinners with Visitors from Warwick

We continue to have many visitors from the UK this year. The warm welcome offered by our Warwickers simply make Hong Kong that much more popular as a destination.

Happy Hour Gathering with  
Prof. Shaun Breslin  
(Department of  
Politics & International Studies)

4 November 2010



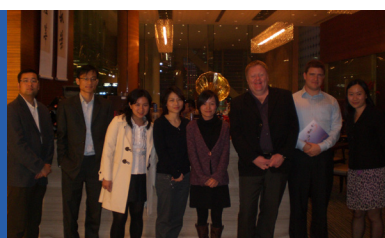
Alumni gathering with  
Prof. Jonathan Neelands  
(Institute of Education)

16 September 2010



Alumni Dinner Gathering with  
Prof. Shaun Breslin  
(Department of  
Politics & International Studies)

9 April 2010



Happy Hour Gathering with  
Mr. Paul Wilson  
(Centre for Applied Linguistics)

4 March 2010



## Re-launch of the WGAHK Online Editorial Corner

The WGAHK Editorial Corner will be re-launched next year! Four new sections, namely Politics, Lifestyle, Culture and Members' Voice will be added. We are delighted to have the consent from Chip Tsao (BA English & European Literature 1983) and KK Mui (MBA 1991) for sharing here their articles (originally published in the HK Magazine and Metro Daily). Contributors are now invited for the Culture and Members' Voice sections. Please email [editorial@warwick.org.hk](mailto:editorial@warwick.org.hk) if you are interested! Happy reading!

## WGAHK 2010 Scholarship

We are delighted to announce the winners of this year's WGAHK scholarship:

	Name	Undergraduate Course
<b>WGAHK 2010 Scholar</b>	Mr Ivan Ho-Iu Leung	Politics & International Studies
<b>WGAHK 2010 Engineering Scholar</b>	Mr Stephen To	Civil Engineering

The WGAHK 2010 Scholarship is worth HK\$20,000 and the WGAHK 2010 Engineering Scholarship (fully sponsored by Warwick School of Engineering) is valued at GBP 4,000. All short-listed candidates of both scholarships are each awarded a HK\$500 book coupon.

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](mailto:scholarship@warwick.org.hk).



## WGAHK Scholars Club Reception

18.9.2010 + The d'Oro Private Club, The Cullinan

Established in 2009, the WGAHK Scholars Club aims to create a platform to strengthen the bonding among WGAHK Scholarship winners and short-listed candidates, and also their relationship with WGAHK. Over 20 members of the club from different years attended the club's reception held on 18 September 2010. Alumni from different fields were also invited to the reception to share their experiences. The next major initiative WGAHK Scholars Club is the implementation of the WGAHK Mentorship Programme. If you are interested in becoming a mentor to coach our younger alumni, please write to us at [scholarship@warwick.org.hk](mailto:scholarship@warwick.org.hk).



## University News

### Warwick Latest Rankings

This year, Warwick was ranked third in the UK by The Guardian University League Tables. This confirms the recognition of the university as one of the very best in the country.

### WMG won the Queen's Award on its 30th anniversary

The Queen presented the University of Warwick and WMG with a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education at a special ceremony and reception at Buckingham Palace on Friday 19th February. The Queen's Award is an outstanding way to start WMG's 30th anniversary year. Since June this year, WMG has become a separate department from the School of Engineering.



### New Dean for Warwick Business School

Since summer term this year, Professor Mark P. Taylor has been working for WBS as the new Dean. Professor Taylor has outstanding credentials both in academia and in the business and policy worlds. He is aiming for WBS to become the best university-based business school in Europe.



### Launch of the New Student Union Building

On the 15th of January, the new student union building was officially opened with a grand launch event. £11 million of investment and 18 months work has turned the 2,000 capacity old building into an attractive modern facility to meet the demands of the 20,000 students on campus today.



### New Student Exchange Programme with HKU

A new undergraduate student exchange programme in Social Science with the University of Hong Kong started in September 2010.

### New Members of the Warwick Hong Kong Office (WHKO)

Miss Fanny Lau joined WHKO as Assistant University Liaison Officer in July and Miss Anthea Hui as University Liaison Officer in August 2010.

### More information:

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