

Newsletter Summer 2019

HKAC

CWB Campus 80th Anniversary Celebration Invitation (Oct. 25-26, 2019)

ear HKAC Alumni and Friends,

On behalf of Hong Kong Adventist College, I would like to personally invite you to set aside a weekend in October this year to enjoy our campus' 80th anniversary celebration programs. It has been 80 years since Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) moved to the scenic Clear Water Bay Campus. It was through God's grace that the College was able to move back to the current location in 1947, after being forced out to Lao Long, Guangdong, during the Japanese Imperial Army's occupation of Hong Kong.

During these 80 years, despite all the turmoil, including the Second World War, China's Cultural Revolution, the booming manufacturing industry, the return of Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty, the 2003 SARS epidemic, and the recent trade war between the United States and China, today the College continues to inspire and educate young people to become leaders and professionals who serve and make a positive impact on societies. Although HKAC is a small college, the achievements and successes of our alumni can be found all over the world.

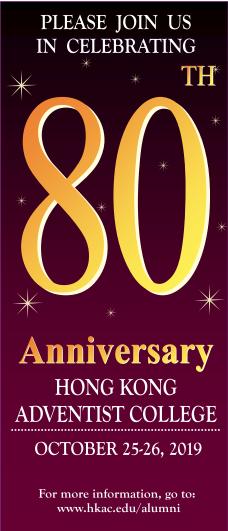
Throughout this year, HKAC has organized many special activities to celebrate this monumental anniversary including June's Heritage Fiesta campus tours, a Young Talent Showcase piano concert, an alumni online photo contest, and the Alumni Homecoming Celebration Weekend.

An attractive, commemorative school pins collection, featuring historic campus buildings and other structures, has been designed as part of this 80th campus anniversary celebration. The school pins collection will be a part of welcome gifts which HKAC will bestow upon registered attendees of the Saturday, October 26th gala dinner. In addition to these gifts, there will also be prizes for "lucky draw" and photo contest winners, during the gala dinner.

Please visit our college website at https:// www.hkac.edu/80th-anniversary for more information regarding the celebration activities including the 80th Anniversary Alumni Photo Contest (up to 14 prizes!), a buffet gala dinner, and how to register online for the 80th Anniversary Celebration Weekend, which includes optional, off campus, day tours on Sunday, October 27th. You may complete the online registrations for yourself, your spouse or significant other, and any family members. The online registration is due no later than *Sunday*, September 15, 2019 (Hong Kong time). If you have any questions, please contact us via email at alumni@hkac.edu or via WhatsApp at + (852) 6431-5652. We look forward to seeing you again at the Clear Water Bay Campus, during the celebration weekend and throughout the years ahead!

Sincerely,

Dan Cheung, PhD President of HKAC



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Appreciation Awards Dinner (June 20th 2019)

Photos by Dr. Corjena Cheung



Happy HKAC students who won conduct and/ or service awards as selected by College faculty and staff!

Dr. Dan Cheung, Dr. Corjena Cheung, Dr. Sam Shum, and Pastor Ben Seo together with thankful faculty and student award winners!





Proud son, HKAC Dormitory Dean, Jeriel Chuah, with his mother and his father, former HKAC President, and current Religion Dept. Chair, Daniel Gim-Teng Chuah, who won the Certificate of Excellence in Teaching award!

Heritage Fiesta Festival Campus Tours (June 2019) By Chau Yan Wong, Student, Health Dept.

Hong Kong Adventist College is honored to been a part of the Hong Kong government's Heritage Fiesta 2019, which took place on the lovely Clear Water Bay campus. Campus tours of historic buildings were led by students on June 9, 14, 21, and 28. There were eight students who led the volunteer tour groups; tours

took place once on June 9th and twice per day, at 10:30 am and 2:30 pm on the other three tour days. Tours were limited to 30 people per student led group.

As one of the student tour guides, I took visitors to different historical buildings and walked around the campus with them. We also introduced the architectural style and history behind buildings featured in a Hong Kong government sponsored robin's egg blue color booklet, together with other historically important structures in Hong Kong

structures in Hong Kong. Matching promotional posters were displayed around campus, and the government also ran poster style newspaper advertisements to promote the June tours. Featured buildings designed in 1939 by Elder Chu Yue-Tat included the following: the Boys' Dormitory (former Sam Yuk Health Education Center), the College Administration building, the Staff and Teaching Building (former Sam Yuk Middle School and English Elementary School) Building, One-Unit Staff Quarters, and the Five-Unit Staff Quarters. At the end of each 90 minutes long, student run campus heritage tour, we referred campus visitors to a bulletin board containing historical background information and also presented an 80th campus anniversary stamp designed by our students. We were happily surprised to discover all four June campus tour days and times were fully booked, within a week after the launch of Hong Kong's Heritage Fiesta 2019 promotion! During tour days, some visitors

arrived an hour earlier to walk around the Clear Water Bay campus, before the start of the actual tour. There was one visitor who eagerly took photographs of nearly all colonial era campus buildings with her professional camera and arrived again for a second tour the very next weekend!

Simultaneously, a few people



were interested in our 2+2 Andrew university course, Christianity, history, and other campus activities. Tour participants eagerly asked us many questions. We truly enjoyed our time with visitors during the June campus tours! Although we aren't a professional tour company, visitors will have witnessed the gradual progress of our student led campus tours, over the course of a month. Our visitors' enthusiastic participation and questioning inspired our hearts with confidence!

The eight student tour guides (including me) were delighted to be able to participate in this HKAC public affairs endeavor. Even though we didn't have a deep understanding of the campus history, we researched available archival materials and interviewed relevant people to provide knowledge to visitors who wished to learn a bit about the history of our beautiful campus. Similarly, even though our group of student tour guide didn't have prior experience giving historical building tours, June's Heritage Fiesta 2019 provided an excellent opportunity for us to increase our confidence in public speaking and presentation skills. Ultimately, the Clear Water Bay campus is not just a place for students to learn from books but also a place that enables students to have opportunities to challenge ourselves, to potentially teach others, and to experience new (and historical) things with a more in-depth perspective!

80th Anniversary Young Talent Showcase (June 8, 2019)

Poster by Andrew Phua Photos by Piano Students' Parents

Joshuanne Yeh and Sean Kong, award winning piano students from Singapore







HKAC President Dr. Dan Cheung presents new HKAC Music Program Director, Rena Cheung Phua, with a floral bouquet



Award winning piano students on stage with HKAC Music Program Director, Rena Cheung Phua, Dr. Dan Cheung, and Dr. Corjena Cheung

Things I learned from Andrews University

By Jonathan Kwok

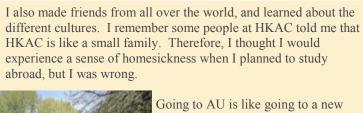
A fter graduating from Andrews University (AU), I reflected upon my two semesters' experience at that campus. I found that things I gained were far more than what I expected.

Having sufficient time is the first thing I enjoyed at AU. Hong

Kong is a very busy place, but gladly Berrien Springs is not. This type of less hectic academic environment grants a major advantage to students from Hong Kong. AU is like a safe haven for you to develop your time management skills without jeopardizing your grades.

With all the extra time, I soon discovered more freedom. The AU campus offered a huge freedom of choice in terms of academic and skills discovery. AU students and professors encouraged me to join different clubs and take courses that were outside of my program requirements. In addition to psychology related clubs/courses, I

also participated in architecture club, drawing class, rock climbing class, different exercise activities, and church fellowship. The end result was more than gaining knowledge and skills.





Going to AU is like going to a new home, and I got to meet the "extended family" of HKAC! It could be a bit of a culture shock for new HKAC students to establish friendship with AU students. However, once you make the first connection, more connections and more love will flow into your life!

Now that I've returned to Hong Kong, I do miss the freer AU campus lifestyle. If you are going to AU, please let me know! I will try to provide information you need. In return, I hope that future HKAC

students maintain a good reputation at AU. My advice to upcoming year abroad students is to try to do your best at AU and remember to let them know how bright we all are!

Outreach to Our Clear Water Bay Community (June 2, 2019) By Felix Tat Him Pang, Student, Health Dept. Photos by Sarah Gordon, HKAA

ong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) has existed in the Clear Water Bay area for the past eighty years. Many of our alumni in the early period were from the surrounding villages. As Hong Kong faces a growing aging population, it's important to educate our village neighbors about dementia. In this way, citizens are better equipped to deal with this public health issue.

On June 2, 2019, with funding from ADRA, the HKAC Department of Health together with Hong Kong Adventist Hospital (HKAH), Tsuen Wan, we conducted a seminar on Understanding Dementia and Positive Aging at the Hang Hau Rural Committee Headquarters (HHRC) located on Hang Hau Road, which is not far from HKAC's Clear Water Bay campus. HHRC serves 18 villages in this region. The newly elected HHRC Chairman, Lau Kai Hong, has been a great help in promoting our public health event to villages he serves. For HKAC, it's an excellent opportunity to be connected with our neighbours and to serve our community.

In total, around 50 people came to attend the health screening and seminar. Ms. Stephanie Yu, a Senior Occupational Therapist, was the keynote speaker. At the event, myriad health screenings were conducted, such as: the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, a Body Composition Analysis, Blood Cholesterol & Glucose tests, and Blood Pressure Monitoring. Participants expressed that the seminar was highly informative and helpful in addressing the topic of dementia and positive aging. Most importantly, they were able to identify the early signs of dementia, through the cognitive assessment and Ms. Yu's presentation.

Many volunteers came to help out at the event, and they included the following: HKAC Health Department students, Bayview church members, and HKAC and HKAA faculty. Reaching out to our local community is one of HKAC Health Department's missions.

May God continue to bless our work!



Charlene Yu Chow (Chair, HKAC Health Dept.), Dr. Barbara Kit Chun Choi, and Ms. Stephanie Yu (keynote speaker)



Student Volunteers



Mr Lau Kai Hong, the Chairman of HHRC, his associates, Ms. Yu, HKAC faculty, students, and volunteers

316 Music Ministry Concert (March 17, 2019)

16 Music Ministry is an independent gospel singing group that was originated in Singapore in 1991. The name 316 was inspired by the popular Bible verse John 3:16: "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life." Both Singaporeans and Malaysians, who love Mandarin gospel songs, comprise the group. They hope to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, His love, and His plan of salvation through music. Since its conception, 316 Music Ministry has been spreading their gospel through music to churches in

Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Hong Kong, mainland China, the United States of America, Australia, Indonesia and other nations.

Rena Cheung Phua, HKAC's College Music Program Director, is a Hong Kong native who has lived in Singapore for many years. She knows about this group and invited them to conduct a musical



by Dr. Corjena Cheung

concert on campus on March 17, 2019. The title of the concert was "Life's Puzzle". This one day concert attracted people from all over Hong Kong.

A unique feature about the 316 Music Ministry is that their compositions are not only original and simple but also very inspiring. Every song they sang is based on a real-life story. Before each song, a story was vividly displayed in front of the audiences' eyes, through a video that features the key persons and event. These true stories send out powerful messages that help the songs to be more touching and impactful. Many audience members reported that while listening to 316 Music Ministry's tunes, tears couldn't stop from filling their eyes and

gently rolling down their cheeks.

Messages that 316 Music Ministry deliver are what's needed to have a closer relationship with God, and to glorify and praise His name. Their 2019 Hong Kong Music Concert can be enjoyed online at the following website: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=halUvNmRsc8

Gospel Week & Golden Angels Singing Troupe (Mar. 18-22, 2019)

By Pastor Ben Seo & Leah Servidad Photos by Leo Wong

once a semester, HKAA and HKAC join together to participate in Gospel Week, which is a time when students have the chance to learn more about God's love. This spring semester we were greatly blessed by the speaker Mr. Stephen Arrington's testimony

and the invited Golden Angels team's singing performances. The Golden Angels singing troupe who visited Hong Kong Adventist College are traveling musical missionaries who cover the Northern Asia Pacific region, which includes Hong Kong, South Korea, Taiwan, Japan, and China, and Mongolia. On the last day of Gospel Week, Mr. Stephen Arrington made an appeal for baptism and a few students chose to receive bible study. Gospel Week is important because it's a way in which students' hearts become even more open to the Christian faith and to God.

During March 18-23, 2019, the Golden Angels singing missionaries (16th edition), flew all the way from South Korea to support Hong Kong Adventist College's Gospel Week. With the theme of "High on Adventure", my fellow young missionaries and I undertook our first travelling mission overseas to spread passionate religious stories of real life from our hearts. Our first journey began with the warm heart of Pastor Ben Seo,

(Summary above by HKAC Pastor Ben Seo)

chaplain at HKAC, who invited us to perform on the Clear Water Bay campus.

Aside from showcasing our talents, my Golden Angels colleagues and I also developed our skills in social interactions. Making friends throughout Southeast Asia is also the primary goal of our team and how we make an impact on the lives of students whom we encounter, wherever we go. Although a week's musical performances at a school may be too short for our mission trips, we

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Everywhere we go, we eagerly show our interest in students

through our smiles, greetings and even our simple gestures. If we have the opportunity to talk to new people, we seize those moments to get to interact with and get to know them. In fact, throughout our Gospel Week residency, we were able to create a warm bond with our new friends through playing sports together, dining together, and generally hanging out with each other during free moments.

At Hong Kong Adventist College, the special memories we created were priceless, because we met wonderful new friends and inspiring people who motivate us to diligently spread the Lord's messages. As singing missionaries, we're using our voices to share stories that introduce the Christian faith, Jesus, and God into the lives of those we meet. We Golden Angels already miss the beautiful HKAC campus and all the wonderful people in your lively academic community. We look forward to the opportunity to engage with you all again in the future!

(Essay by Golden Angels singing missionary Leah Servidad)



HKAC & HKAA Spring Concert (May 11, 2019)

Poster and Photos by Sarah Gordon, HKAA











HKAC Campus Vistas

Photos By Jenifer Shiu



HKAC Administration Building (1939-2019)





Seasonal firecracker flowering trees at front gate



Gardener Emeritus Mr. Li enjoys his work





Afternoon football match action on the pitch



Sam Yuk Middle School Building on a perfect day





Bayview Church is undergoing a renovation

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