



# Newsletter

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## 2022

# HKAC

### *HKAC's New Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (General) Program*

**H**ong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) is proud to announce that our new nursing program, Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (General) Program has been approved by both the Nursing Council of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualification (HKCAAVQ) in September of this year. This locally licensed 2-year nursing program will accept 48 students each year. All theory courses will be taught at the campus of HKAC and all clinical practicum will be conducted at the two Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals.

The college has been working on this nursing program accreditation for more than 5 years since October of 2016. Prior to this approval, we had submitted the accreditation application to the Nursing Council of Hong Kong twice but our applications were rejected. We were extremely excited that our 3<sup>rd</sup> application was approved by both the Nursing Council and HKCAAVQ.

On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Hong Kong Adventist College invited many guests to come to campus to celebrate the inauguration of the nursing department as well as the enrolled nursing program. Key persons who have contributed to the successful licensing of this nursing program include Professor Agnes Tiwari, Chairman of the Nursing Council of Hong Kong, Ms. Helen Chan Li, CEO of Friends of Asia Foundation, Mrs. Sophia Dan, Chairman of Wah Fu Petroleum Company, Mr. Alex Lan, CEO of Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals, Dr. Daniel Jiao, President of Chinese Union Mission,

and Dr. C. C. Luk, Former Hospital Authority Cluster Chief Executive just to name a few. Together with HKAC President Dan Cheung, a few of the special guests participated the ribbon cutting ceremony to signify the new beginning of our nursing department. All 52 of the new nursing students were also there to eyewitness this milestone of the college.

It's a part of the Hong Kong Adventist College's strategic plan to develop more locally accredited programs. Nursing and allied health has long been a value of Adventist education. Almost all Adventist colleges/universities worldwide offer nursing programs. As the concern for nursing shortage continues to grow in Hong Kong, it is very obvious that we need more nurses. To educate nurses, we need more nursing programs. It has been 30 years since Hong Kong Adventist College and Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals collaborated to offer a nursing program. We are making history here. With the right people on the team and right timing, the college was in a good position to offer a nursing program. The birth of the Department of Nursing and the Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (General) program is a result of hard work and great teamwork.

As we were recruiting the first cohort of students for this new nursing program, we received close to 250 applications. On average, we were able to select 1 student from 5 applicants. With such a highly demanding program, we are preparing to accommodate more students in the near



**HKAC President Dan Cheung**

near future. Furthermore, an Enrolled Nurses (EN) to Registered Nurses (RN)/Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) conversion program is being planned so our future nursing graduates will be able to advance their nursing education from EN to RN or BSN. A Master degree in Nursing is also in a 5-year horizon.

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**In Christ,**

**Dan Cheung, PhD**  
**President of Hong Kong Adventist College**

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*Top photo is by HKAC Marketing Team  
 Right photo is provided by President Dan*

***HKAC's New Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (General) Program***  
***(Lead article photo continued from the front page: Part 2 of 4)***

*Photo by Jenifer Shiu*

*Caption by Jenifer Shiu*



**Dr. C. C. Luk is shown above with HKAC President Dr. Dan Cheung**

Former HK Hospital Authority Cluster Chief Executive Dr. C. C. Luk visited the Clear Water Bay campus on 8 November 2022 for the HKAC Enrolled Nursing (General) Program Inaugural Ceremony.

***HKAC's New Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (General) Program***  
*(Lead article and photos continued from front page: Part 3 of 4)*

*Article by HKAC President Dan Cheung*  
*Photos by HKAC President Dan Cheung*

The nursing student enrolment is estimated to be increased from 50 the 1<sup>st</sup> year to be around 400 in 5 years. In Hong Kong, there are far more students want to study nursing than all the nursing schools can accommodate. We hope to build a new Nursing and Allied Health building to accommodate more students. This is a great opportunity for HKAC.

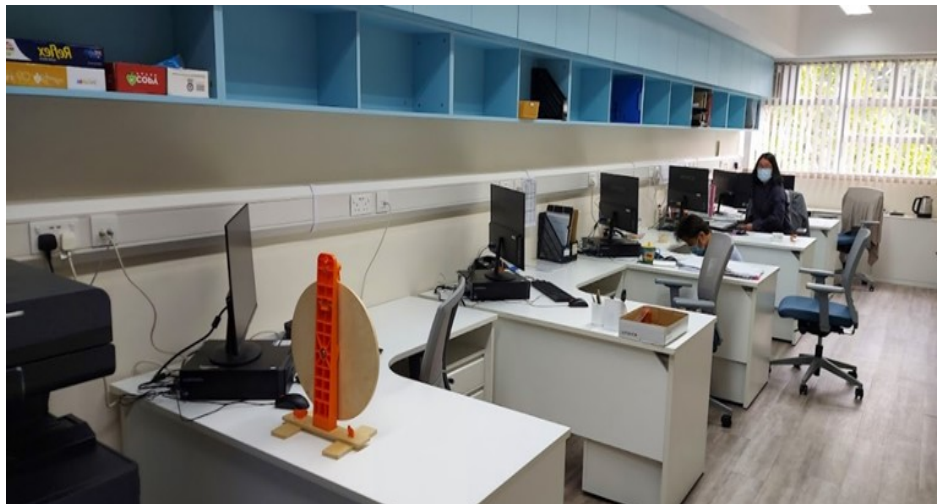
A new Nursing & Allied Health building has been proposed to be built on the Clear Water Bay campus. This 4-story building will consist of around 21,000 square feet with 2 large size lecture halls that will accommodate over 100 students each, 6 classrooms with a capacity of 50 students each, 4 nursing skills labs, 2 science labs, 2 simulations labs, library, faculty offices, conference room, and 2 consultation rooms. With this Nursing & Allied Health building, it will be quite comfortable to accommodate over 500 students majoring in nursing or allied health.

The establishment of the Department of Nursing would not be a reality without the support from our church organizations, the administrators, our board members, colleagues, and friends. The nursing program would not exist without the dedication of our faculty, staff, and the nursing students. We are glad that many young people have decided to pursue their nursing education at Hong Kong Adventist College. We are here to help them to reach their dreams and to achieve their goals.

This nursing program is designed to educate students to become professional nurses and to provide care to individuals, families and communities. Through the Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (General) program, we aim to prepare students to meet the core competencies that are specifically required for Enrolled Nurses and to ensure that students are able to fulfil their roles competently and ethically in a variety of health care settings.



Chair of the Division of Nursing & Allied Health Dr. Corjena Cheung teaches a class in the inaugural Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing (EN) Program.



HKAC Department of Nursing offices on the Clear Water Bay campus



Nursing students with mock patients in the patient floor laboratory

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*(Lead article and photos continued from the front page: Part 4 of 4)*

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Inauguration Ceremony Attendees of the HKAC Enrolled Nursing Program on 8 November 2022

As the mission of the college states, "To empower students to grow spirituality, physically, and intellectually." We will work together to achieve that.

We have come a long way and I know many of you have also been waiting for this moment for a long time too. It is not by chance that we are here to celebrate this new nursing program. This is more than a special event, more than a strategic plan, it is a mark of a new beginning for the Division of Nursing & Allied Health of Hong Kong Adventist College. The faculty are committed to provide quality nursing education to students who would become competent and ethical nurses in the future. I am grateful that we get to witness this together.



HKAC Dept. of Nursing patient ward laboratory with a teaching moment on the background

We kindly solicit your support for this new nursing program and your prayers for God's blessings to be upon it. I am confident that this nursing program will be able to train good and competent nurses who will provide great health care services at the Adventist hospitals as well as to the community of Hong Kong.



A lively, full classroom for a Department of Nursing course

In Christ,

**Dan Cheung, PhD**  
 President of Hong Kong Adventist College

**Welcome to Fall 2022 to Spring 2023 HKAC Student Ambassadors:  
Edvan Jazziel Benitez Mendez and Mauricio Jaldin Tito Maita**

*Biography information & photos provided  
by HKAC S.A.'s Edvan and Mauricio*

**H**KAC is blessed to be able to welcome two dynamic student ambassadors to the Clear Water Bay campus for the Fall 2022 through Spring 2023 academic year!

Edvan Jazziel Benitez Mendez prefers that others call just call him Edvan. He was born and raised in the beautiful capital city of Mexico: Mexico City in South America. He is a junior theology major at Southern Adventist University (SAU) in the United States of America (USA). At HKAC, during Fall 2022 semester, he enrolled in Asian Religions and Christianity, since he is interested in understanding classmates' spiritual beliefs and hearing about their religious faith and local customs. In addition, Edvan took a weight training course to maintain his fitness level and an applied music course to be able to learn how to play the guitar and lead Chapel song service whenever asked to do so. He believes that applied music is a skill to develop as a way to praise God in song.

At HKAC Edvan hopes he can build strong relationship and friendships during his academic year on campus. He would like to be a good influence in every aspect of his life and would like others to see Jesus and God in their lives. Edvan would like to create opportunities and events for students, so they can learn and meeting Jesus in a fun and meaningful way. During his year in Hong Kong, he hopes to learn more about Chinese culture and perhaps even be able to have a basic conversation in the Cantonese dialect of Chinese. He would also enjoy visiting all iconic and important places of Hong Kong. Some of Edvan's hobbies include playing and watching soccer / football. He enjoys getting enough rest, Mexican food, and having fun with friends anywhere at any time. Edvan believes that God has a purpose for him. Therefore, Edvan aims to do his best to be a good influence to others. He aims to help HKAC students not only in terms of their spiritual life but also in their emotional, academic, and social lives.

Mauricio Jaldin Tito Maita (better known as Mauricio to most or as Mauri by close friends and family) is the second HKAC student ambassador for the Fall 2022 through Spring 2023 academic year. He was born and raised in Cochabamba, Bolivia in South America. Prior to arriving to Hong Kong, Mauricio spent



*Edvan and Mauricio bring a vibrant, energetic leadership to their faith-based, youth mission on campus. They hope that everyone keep them and the HKAC community in their prayers.*



*In addition to their various campus-based activities, Mauricio and Edvan also enjoy learning all about Chinese culture and experiencing the wonderful sights and sounds of Hong Kong!*

three years living in Tennessee (USA) as a student of Southern Adventist University (SAU) where he is working on a bachelor degree in Theology with a minor degree in Psychology. During the Fall 2022 semester, Mauricio enrolled in Asian Religions & Christianity, Psychology: Abnormal Behaviors, Applied Music and Weight Training. He would like to keep fit, stay healthy, and learn more about music. Music is one of Mauricio's passions in life and consequently he is also part of the HKAC choir. While at HKAC, he would like to build his relationship with God by sharing his faith with other people not only through words but especially with his own lifestyle and character.

While in Hong Kong, Mauricio would like to get to know as many people as he can and become their friend. He thinks it's cool to know others from different backgrounds and share cultural knowledge. He has always been fascinated with Asian culture and so far he is really enjoying being immersed in it in Hong Kong. Mauricio enjoys playing the guitar, the piano, singing with others and group hikes in nature. He likes simply being around friends and having a meaningful conversation. As a student leader on campus, Mauricio would like to encourage students to build more relationship with their peers and the whole HKAC community. His goal as a student ambassador include supporting the spiritual development of students, help them face their own personal life issues, and also support the college in general.

Both student ambassadors co-lead the song service for the weekly Wednesday Chapel Assembly attended by HKAC students, faculty and staff. After classes, around 4:30 pm, they try to play soccer, basketball or volleyball with fellow HKAC and HKAA students. In the dormitory setting, they lead the HKAC Small Group and also have Bible studies with a few students who enjoy learning more about God and valuable lessons for human life. Edvan and Mauricio co-led Fall 2022 Gospel Week (entitled "The Encounter") and gave five meaningful sermons. They will likely have a lot to do with the Spring 2023 Gospel Week during March 2023 too. The student ambassadors are also planning a Spring 2023 weekly Saturday fellowship meeting for interested HKAC students; fun group activities, providing free advice, and lunch enjoyed together will be included.

**Environmental Day Beach Cleanup in the Clear Water Bay Community (Part 1 of 3)**  
**(Friday, 28 October 2023 at CWB Public Beaches, Country Park, & Vicinity)**

*Photos by Ms. Kat Ma*  
*Captions by Jenifer Shiu*



HKAC students get ready to participate in Environmental Day 2022



Group #1 Clear Water Bay Country Park team include (Left to Right): Co-leader Dir. Dept of General Ed. / Math & Science Dr. Calvin Luk, C.H. Charles But, Kai Ansel Adams, Sofya Almarzooq, Sin Hang Chow, and Co-leader / Chairman, Dept. of Business & HKAC Registrar Mr. Henry Ya'ang



Group #2 team co-led by Dept. of Health Chairwoman Dr. Barbara Choi and Dr. Gad Onywere (Faculty-Dept. of General Ed. / Biology) with students including Duhaa Khan about to start Environmental Day 2022.



Dr. Tinklun Ben Tang (Faculty-Allied Health Division) and his wife Mrs. Irene Tang with students on Environmental Day 2022



Group #7 Co-leader Dept. of Religion Chairwoman Ms. Twinky Lau and Co-leader Mr. Richard Cheng (Faculty-English) and students get ready to pick up rubbish on Environmental Day 2022.

**Environmental Day Beach Cleanup in the Clear Water Bay Community (Part 2 of 3)** *Photos by Mrs. Irene Tang*  
*(Friday, 28 October 2023 at CWB Public Beaches, Country Park, & Vicinity)* **Captions by Jenifer Shiu**



Appropriate Environmental Day 2022 sign on Lobster Bay beach: "Litter today...Bitter tomorrow!"



Dr. Tinlun Ben Tang (Faculty–Allied Health Division) looks out at Lobster Bay for a brief moment on his way to help other team members



Group #6 leader / Chairwoman Div. of General Ed. & 2+2 Programs Dr. Arlene Siagian and others help clean up Lobster Bay beach during Environmental Day 2022.



Tree shaped wooden signpost at Lobster Bay picnic site: one of the rubbish clean-up locations



Flat stones of various sizes rest alongside colorful bits of plastic at Lobster Bay beach



Group #10 leader Mr. Simon Chua and a student help gather beach rubbish at Lobster Bay beach during Environmental Day 2022.

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*Captions by Jenifer Shiu*



Environmental Day Group #1 co-led by Mr. Henry Ya'ang (in green tee shirt) and Dr. Calvin Luk (in turquoise tee shirt) with students



2+2 Program student S. K. Brian Lai holds a black bag open for Group #2 co-leader / Chairwoman Division of Nursing & Allied Health Dr. Corjena Cheung to drop in some paper rubbish.



The co-leaders of Group #2, HKAC Academic Dean Dr. Paul Song and Chairwoman Division of Nursing & Allied Health Dr. Corjena Cheung with students including S.K. Brian Lai.



HKAC students wait for Environmental Day 2022 groups to gather prior to the trek to Clear Water Bay community sites for beach and park clean-ups.



*Congratulations on the accreditation and inauguration of the Higher Diploma of Enrolled Nursing (General) of the HKAC Department of Nursing! (Part 1 of 2)* *Article and Photos provided by Director, HKAC Dept. of Nursing, Prof. Alice Loke*

After ten months of groundwork in preparing the documents required for accreditation application to the Nursing Council of Hong Kong and Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ), the HKAC Department of Nursing is proud to announce that the Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing - General [HDEN(G)] was finally accredited. The accreditation visits of the Nursing Council of Hong Kong were conducted on 23 May 2022, and of HKVAACQ using online exercise on 13 July 2022 due to the COVID situation. The accreditations by NCHK and by HKCAAVQ were approved on 23 May and 7 September 2022 respectively. The accreditation of this HD program marks the beginning and an important milestone of the HKAC's Department of Nursing.

The HDEN (G) program is a 24-months full-time study. The program aims to provide students with a solid foundation in nursing and a range of general education and to equip students with professional knowledge and competent skills as specified in the Nursing Council of Hong Kong for enrolled nurses (EN). During the two years of study, there are four semesters and four clinical practicums, with a total of 24 courses totalling 85 credits. The curriculum includes five Generic courses, three Life and Social Sciences courses, 12 Specialized Nursing courses (41 credits), and four 11-week Clinical Practicums. Our graduates are expected to achieve the core competencies of an Enrolled Nurse (General) to provide clients of all ages and their families with safe, effective, and ethical care. HKAC prepares students to develop generic skills to be well rounded nurses, such as self-directed learning and inquiry-based skills, in support of their professional development as a nurse.



Group photo from the HKAC Orientation for the HDEN(G) Program



Classroom teaching – 'Is Nursing a Profession or an Occupation?'

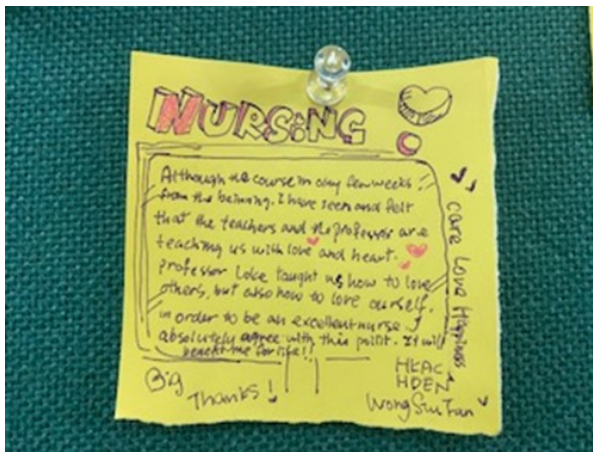


Teaching of nursing skills: 'Auscultation of lung sounds'

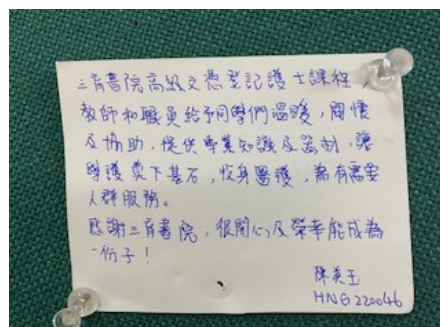
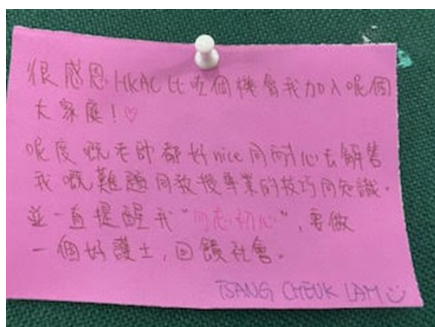
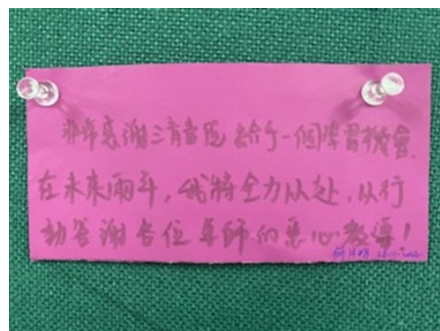
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Clear Water Bay campus' inauguration ceremony of HKAC's Department of Nursing Higher Diploma in Enrolled Nursing - General [HDEN(G)] on 8 November 2022



Above and below are English and Chinese handwritten messages of encouraging support by HKAC Department of Nursing students



On 13 & 18 September 2022, Information Sessions (online) were arranged to give potential applicants brief introduction to the program and the application process. The College received well over 244 applications within a week of time, and a total of 130 selected applicants were interviewed. After careful selection by the interview panel of three academic staff, 52 students were admitted to the first cohort of students in the program.

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Department of Nursing and the Orientation program for students was held on 8 November 2022, with school formally starting on 14 November 2022.

The students are enthusiastic and active in learning activities. For they value and appreciate the opportunity to study in the program, to fulfil their career dreams to join the nursing profession in serving humankind in illness and maintaining and promoting the health of the population.

It is the gratitude of the staff in the Department of Nursing for the full support of the Board of Directors, the Council, the Donors, the senior Management of the College, and the Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals. The dream to have this HDEN(G) program would not have come true without visionary leadership, strategic plans, generous support, and collaboration!

May we wish the success of HKAC's Department of Nursing in launching its first cohort of students and many more to come!

**Article and Images by**

Professor Alice Yuen Loke  
Director, HKAC Dept. of Nursing

**HKAC Autumn 2022 Semester Opening Ceremony**

**(August 31, 2022)**

*Photos by Chi Ming Kwok*

*Captions by Jenifer Shiu*



Dr. Paul Song, HKAC Dean of Students, and Dr. Paul McGraw, Academic Dean



Mr. Henry Ya'ang, HKAC Registrar & Chairman, Dept. of Business; Mr. Hosea Leung, HKAC Business Manager; and Dr. Corjena Cheung, Chairwoman, Division of Nursing & Allied Health



Dr. W. Lam (Nursing), Ms. Twinky Lau (Chairwoman, Religion), Mr. Simon Chua (DPUS); Mr. Richard Cheng (English)



Full-time HKAC faculty and administrative officers in their graduation cap and gowns during the June 2022 HKAC / AU graduation ceremony



HKAC President Dr. Dan Cheung speaks before the congregation of June 2022 HKAC / AU College & DPUS graduates, their family, and well-wishing friends



June 2022 HKAC / AU graduates, HKAC full-time faculty, HKAC staff, and well wishing students, friends, and family on graduation day



Front to Back: HKAC Business Manager, Mr. Hosea Yeung; Dr. Barbara Choi, Chairwoman / Dir. HKAC Dept. of Health; Dir. G.E. Humanities & DPUS Programs, Mr. Simon Chua; Mr. Richard Cheng (Faculty-English), Dr. Calvin Luk (Dir. Dept. of G.E., Math & Sciences); Dir. Dept. of Religions, Ms. Twinky Lau

**HKAC Chapel: Alumnus Dr. Wan Chok Ping in L.A. (Sept. 28, 2022)**

*Photos: Chi Ming Kwok, Jenifer Shiu*

*Text by Jenifer Shiu*



**Dr. Wan Chok Ping Zooms in to HKAC Chapel Assembly**

**D**r. Wan Chok Ping, an alumnus from forty years ago, kindly Zoomed into HKAC’s September 28, 2023 Chapel Assembly to discuss anecdotes about his purposeful life as a medical doctor with many awards. He talked about his family including his wife Andy, a pharmacist, and how success can be defined in different ways. Dr. Wan mentioned that having goals is important and trying to do well academically, so that you can learn and strive towards something for the future. He discussed about giving back to his alma mater, philanthropy, and keeping one’s eyes on God, Jesus Christ and the Bible. Lastly, Dr. Wan praised the faculty and staff of HKAC because of their kindness shown to students with Jesus Christ as their model.

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Institution	Date attended	Major	Degree
Loma Linda University	1989 – 1997	Medicine	M.D.
Loma Linda University	1987 – 1995	Microbiology	Ph.D.
Loma Linda University	1985 – 1987	Microbiology	M.S.
Loma Linda University	1981 – 1985	Religion	B.A.
Hong Kong Adventist College	1980 – 1985	General Science	B.S.
Medicine Internship, St. Mary Medical Center / Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, 06/1997 - 06/1998			
Internal Medicine Residency, St. Mary Medical Center / Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, 07/1998 - 06/2000			

**HKAC Chapel: Dept. of Religion—King Huy Hall Outdoor Booths (Oct. 12, 2022)**

*Photos: Chi Ming Kwok*

*Text by Jenifer Shiu*



**T**he Department of Religion chaired by Ms. Twinky Lau (upper left photo with Dr. Arlene Siagian) hosted an outdoor booths fair showcasing different world religions (Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Taoism) and led by enthusiastic HKAC students—some of whom wore religious affiliated costumes.

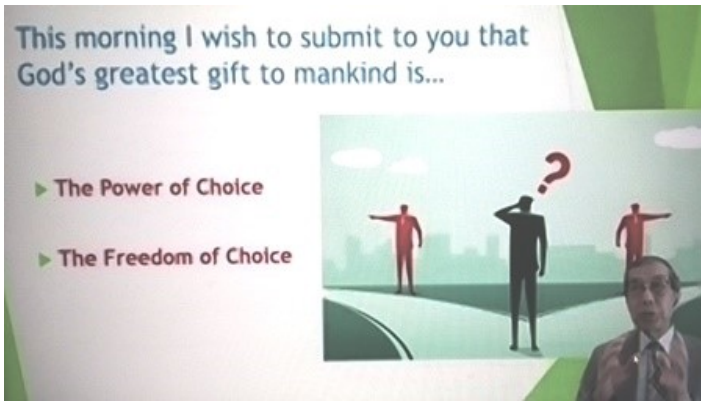
**Bottom left:** Student Dan Mendoza Torres featured a table of small sculptures of wild animal pairs marching to the Biblical Noah’s Ark.

**Bottom right:** Dr. Tinklun Ben Tang with Mrs. Irene Tang, Sin Hang Chow, Charles But, Hayward Ku



**HKAC Chapel: Alumnus Bruce Lo Zooms in from L.A. (Oct. 26, 2022)**

**Biography information and Slides by Dr. Bruce Lo**



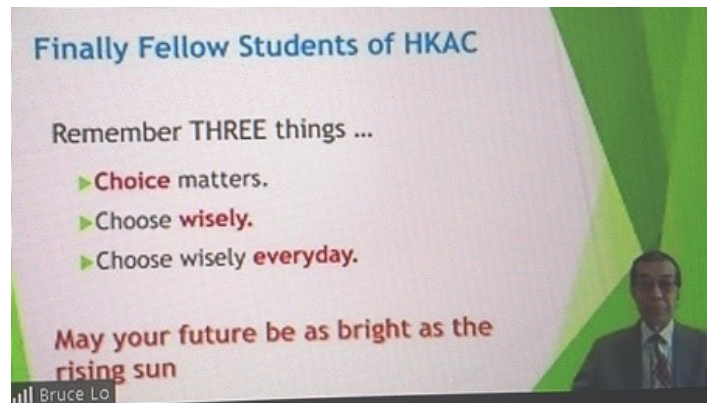
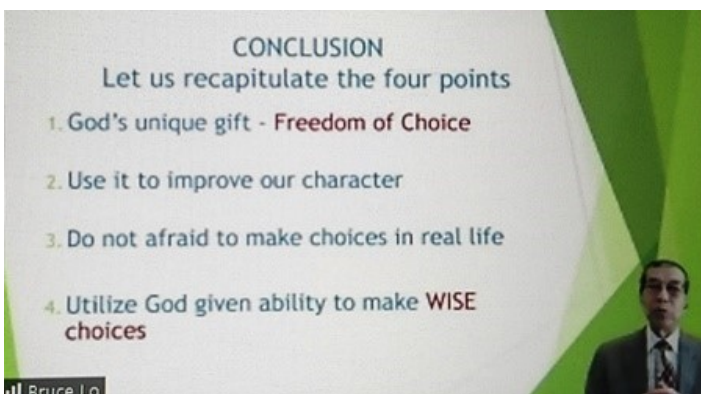
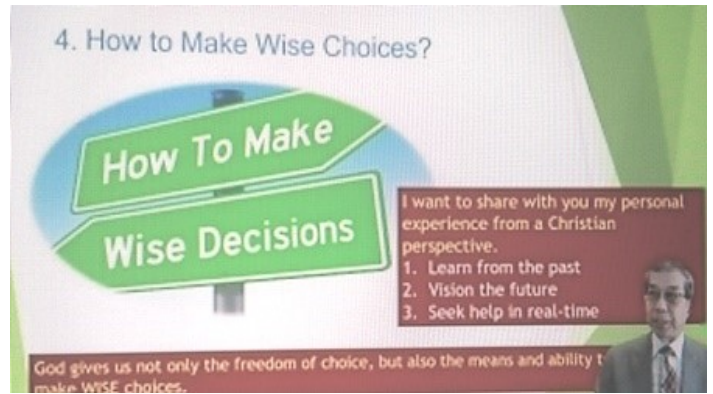
On October 26, 2022, HKAC was honored to have a Chapel Assembly distinguished Sam Yuk Middle School alumnus Zoom in from overseas to provide his pearls of wisdom. Dr. Bruce Lo is a retired professor of information system at the University of Wisconsin. He was also a Fellow at the University of Wollongong Australia. In addition, Dr. Lo obtained his bachelor degree in mathematics and physics and also from his master's in education from University of London. This was followed by Dr. Lo earning a master's in computer science from Newcastle University and a PhD in quantum chemistry from an Australian university. He was the chair of the science department at Avondale University, and he was head of the School of multimedia and information technology at South Southern Cross University Australia.



Throughout his 46 years in academia, Dr. Lo taught university level science, mathematics, Computing and Information System in seven countries, including: Australia, Canada, China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and United States. He conducted International research in four continents, including: Asia, America, Australia and Europe. He conducted international research in four continents, including: Asia, America, Australia and Europe.

Since retirement, Bruce became interested in evidence-based history of the Adventist Church's activities in Asia and is the foundation project director and on the editorial committee of the [www.adventisminchina.org](http://www.adventisminchina.org) website.

Bruce is married to Ruth, a nursing professor, and they are blessed to have three children and five grandchildren. Dr. Lo and his wife live both in Sydney, Australia and in San Diego USA.



**Welcome back to Dr. Alison Lee Yee Ping (HKAC Dept. of Psychology)**

*Article by Dr. Alison Lee Ying Ping  
Photo by Francesca Chan*

**D**r. Alison Lee Yee Ping is a returning psychology teacher here at HKAC. She was born and raised in Hong Kong and lived in Auckland, Toronto, and New York for about ten years.

She completed a master's in mental health counseling at New York University and a doctorate in clinical psychology at Alliant International University.

Academically, Dr. Lee been teaching psychology subjects and managing programs at universities.

As a counselor, Dr. Lee served in children's homes, hospitals, rehab facilities, and private clinics.



**Dr. Alison Lee Yee Ping at HKAC**

During the Autumn / Fall 2022 academic semester, Dr. Lee taught Research Methods at HKAC.

In her spare time, Alison enjoys eating out with friends and reading. She also has a daughter who's an HKAA student on the Clearwater Bay campus.

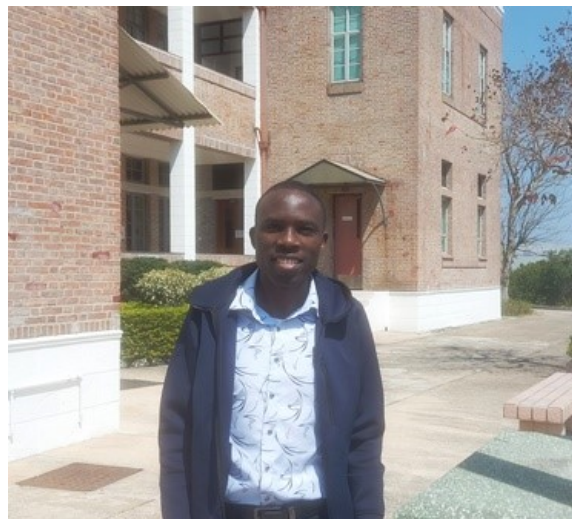
Her hope is to support our youth's mental health through the teaching of psychological concepts and research.

Dr. Lee looks forward to meeting those in the campus community and learning more about them one day!

**Welcome to Dr. Gad Onywere (HKAC Dept. of General Ed. / Biology)**

*Article by Dr. Gad Onywere  
Photo by President Dan Cheung*

**D**r. Gad O.M. Onywere was born in Kenya, East Africa and grew up in Jamaica (W.I.). He holds a Ph.D. degree in Biology and a Post Graduate Diploma in Education (PGDE) from Northern Caribbean University (NCU), Mandeville, Jamaica. He worked for six years as an Assistant Professor of Biology at the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Science, Northern Caribbean University (NCU) in Mandeville, Jamaica. He has worked as MD Faculty at All American Institute of Medical Sciences (AAIMS), Black River, Jamaica. He has also worked as a lecturer at Church Teachers College (CTC) in Mandeville, Jamaica. He enjoys teaching and doing research and also as a servant leader, he believes in the integration of faith and learning in his teaching profession.



**Dr. Gad Onywere at HKAC**

Dr. Onywere is happily married to Rose Andrée Onywere who is from Haiti (W.I.). Both have been married for three years, and the union gladly complements both of them and enjoys the gratefulness of God's mission work. Gad has a passion to teach, mentor and inspire young people through Christian education.

Dr. Onywere's favorite bible scripture is **Proverbs 3: 5 – 6**:  
*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths”.*

Gad's hobbies include, but are not limited to, sports especially football and tennis, and also gardening. He enjoys exploring cultural diversity and mingling with people to learn new cultures. He currently works at the Department of General Education at Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) where he teaches Human Biology, and Anatomy & Physiology. His aim is to integrate the pedagogical skills in his classrooms which will enhance the learning process of students in biology. His desire is to help build the mission of Christian education and bringing more young people to Christ through his teaching strategies and research skills.

**Welcome to Dr. Tin Lun Ben Tang (HKAC Allied Health Division)**

*Article by Dr. Tin Lung Ben Tang  
Photo by Francesca Chan*



**Dr. Tin Lun Ben Tang on the Clear Water Bay campus**

**D**r. Tin Lun Ben Tang was born in Hong Kong and grew up in an Adventist family.

After secondary education, Dr. Tang had the privilege to study in the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), initially major in chemistry for 2 years, and subsequently in the Faculty of Medicine for 5 years. His class of 1986 was the first batch of medical school graduates who received the MBChB degree from CUHK.

After graduation and internship, Dr. Tang began to use medical knowledge to serve the community. He spent most of his time in the field of diagnostic radiology and worked in Queen Elizabeth Hospital until 2003 when the original SARS epidemic occurred.

As he deeply felt the real needs of people, Dr. Tang decided to broaden his knowledge in various fields and subsequently received a Professional Diploma in Health Counseling from OUHK, a MA in Theology from Lutheran Theological Seminary, and a MS in Epidemiology from UCLA.

Dr. Tang and his wife Irene are very glad to have returned from California, USA to serve the Hong Kong Adventist College and King Huy Hall / Bayview Church in Hong Kong.

During the Autumn / Fall 2022 academic semester, Dr. Tang taught *Clinical Microbiology and Pharmacology* under the Higher Diploma in Health and Rehabilitation Program, as well as *Introduction to the Old Testament* under the auspices of HKAC's Department of Religion.

As for his hobbies, Ben plays digital piano and composes Cantonese lyrics. He is a member of CASH, which is the acronym for Composers and Authors Society of Hong Kong.

During his time on the Clear Water Bay campus, Dr. Tang would like to let his students know that they are loved and cared for. He would also like to impart Christian values in his interactions with students and colleagues alike.

**Welcome to Ms. Yim Mui Esther Lau**

**(HKAC Nursing Department)**

*Article by Jenifer Shiu  
Photo by Jenifer Shiu*



**Ms. Esther Lau at HKAC**

**H**KAC is pleased to have Ms. Yim Mui Esther Lau as the inaugural Senior Executive Officer for the HKAC Department of Nursing. She started work on campus in early May 2022 as an administrative officer and worked diligently to help HKAC gain accreditation for an Enrolled Nursing diploma (EN program based in Hong Kong) from the Nursing Council of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Council for the Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ).

After the extensive paperwork and communications preparations were completed by the HKAC Department of Nursing team and accreditation bodies' site visits were conducted, HKAC won accreditation within two months. From that point forward in September 2022, Ms. Lau was promoted to become Senior Executive Officer to help attract, and enroll students and create the necessary infrastructure on the Clear Water Bay campus to welcome incoming classes!

Not only is Esther a busy professional, but she is also a wife and a proud mother of two professionals and one student.

*Welcome to Ms. Dorothy Wong*

*(HKAC Dept. of Sociology)*

*Article by Ms. Dorothy Wong  
Photo by Francesca Chan*

**M**s. Dorothy Wong was born and received her education in Hong Kong. She earned her bachelor degree at The University of Hong Kong, double majored in Sociology and Social Administration. After obtaining her Master of Arts degree in Women's Studies at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, she then received her research master's degree at The University of Hong Kong, focusing on Gender Studies.

On top of doing some research work at universities, Ms. Wong also worked in several gender-related, family-related, and women-related NGOs before. Since 2009, she's been teaching at different universities and colleges, and this is the second time that taught a course at HKAC. Ms. Wong was delighted to teach the Principles of Sociology course again in the Autumn / Fall 2022 semester.

Dorothy is a mother of two daughters who are aged four and eight years old. As a working mom, she usually spends her leisure time with her children by taking them to theme parks or having outdoor activities. She also enjoys watching Netflix during her free time.



**Ms. Dorothy Wong at HKAC**

As for her objectives on the Clear Water Bay campus, Dr. Wong hopes that the Sociology course she taught in Autumn / Fall 2022 would enable her students to gain a new perspective on issues long taken for granted. She believes that being able to question everyday routines would offer students a brand new dimension and lens to understand the operations and patterns of society.

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In addition, please provide available career related information, including your job title, name of your organization workplace, and any LinkedIn web address.

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Edvan Jazziel Benitez Mendez co-leads Fall 2022 Gospel Week



Mauricio Jaldin Tito Maita co-leads Fall 2022 Gospel Week



Henry Ya'ang, HKAC Registrar & Chairman of Dept. of Business chats with student Jems Thopra (wearing the blue green mask)



HKAC Dean of Students Dr. Paul Song with 2022-2023 Student Ambassador Edvan Jazziel Benitez Mendez



Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week poster

**D**uring Autumn / Fall 2022 HKAC Gospel Week, our two dynamic 2022-2023 student ambassadors, Mauricio and Edvan, co-led the daily sermons over 17-21 October 2022. Each day featured talks, recorded video chats with members of the HKAC community, and a featured topic with a daily challenge, which included small breakout discussion groups. Topics included: Loneliness, worries, forgiveness, change, and commitment. HKAC students who participated for all five days of Gospel Week at King Huy Hall / Bayview Church had a chance to win a cash prize. During the fifth day of Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week, after the sermon and small group discussions, the student ambassadors also planned a pizza lunch and afternoon, amusing group games in the student gymnasium. It was a blessed week of contemplation, prayers, and fun!

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**Photos: Edvan & Mauricio (SAs), CM Kwok**



Dr. Arlene Siagian, Choir Dir. & Chairwoman, Div. of General Ed. sings with a student, while Jeriel Chuah, Student Activities Coordinator drums the musical beat on stage at King Huy Hall / Bayview Church.



Mauricio and Edvan, student ambassadors, in the King Huy Hall / Bayview Church pews together with students, faculty, and staff worshippers during Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week.



Edvan (S.A.) leads a talk during Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week at King Huy Hall / Bayview Church.



Edvan interviews HKAC President Dr. Dan Cheung in his office for one of the community sharing thoughts / insights short videos shared with participants during Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week.



HKAC Chairwoman, Dept. of Religion Ms. Twinky Lau has a small groups chat with a student and with Jeriel Chuah, HKAC Student Activities Coordinator & Dormitory Dean, during Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week



Mauricio (S.A.) is in the church pews asking students for their thoughts / insights during Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week.

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Dr. Arlene Siagian, Chairwoman, Division of General Ed. & 2+2 Programs plays the piano and sings on stage at King Huy Hall / Bayview Church during Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week.



Maurico (S.A.) and student Daniel Caleb Mendoza Torres with student musicians at King Huy Hall / Bayview Church during Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week.



HKAC Academic Dean Dr. Paul McGraw chats with Dir. Dept. of General Ed. / Math & Science Dr. Calvin Luk and Faculty-English Mr. Richard Cheng at King Huy Hall / Bayview Church



HKAC student Pak Hei Hayward Ku plays the trombone for attendees of Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week at King Huy Hall / Bayview Church.



During the last day of Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week (Friday, 21 October 2022, a group photo outside King Huy Hall / Bayview Church

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Tasty pizza lunch on Friday, 21 Oct. 2022, during the last day of Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week at HKAC: Student ambassadors Edvan and Maurico join the fun with students such as Siu Yuen Brian Lai and Wang Leong Vincent Hung among others.



Chairwoman, Division of AU Affiliate Programs Ms. Priscilla Wong is about to enjoy some fruit punch with HKAC Director, Food Services & Business Development Ms. Charlene Chow-Pak Yu.



HKAC Academic Dean Dr. Paul McGraw observes the post-pizza lunch revelry of students enjoying fun games at the gymnasium on the last day of Autumn/Fall 2022 Gospel Week.



Maurico (S.A.) and Edvan (S.A.) co-lead fun games with HKAC students in the gymnasium on the last day of Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week, on Friday, 21 Oct. 2022.



A large group of HKAC students form a discussion circle at the gymnasium on the last day of Autumn/Fall 2022 Gospel Week.



HKAC Dept. of Business student Sofya Almarzooq enjoys the gathering of students in the gymnasium on Friday, 21 Oct. 2022, which was the last day of Autumn/Fall 2022 Gospel Week.

**Dr. Lily Wong (HKAC Faculty Alumnus) Highlight**

*Photo and info. from Dr. Lily Wong's website  
Title and caption by Jenifer Shiu*

A global advocate for children, families, and education, Dr Lily Wong has long been involved in education at multiple levels, all rooted in her faithful commitment to God. Dr. Wong earned degrees from Southeast Asia Union College, Philippine Union College, and Andrews University. She received post-doctoral fellowships at Stanford University and Syracuse University and has held appointments at Southeast Asia Union College, Hong Kong Adventist College, Loma Linda University (La Sierra), Sonoma State University, and the National Institute of Education at Nanyang Technological University (Singapore).

Dr. Wong was director of the first preschool/kindergarten in San Francisco to be accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. She developed curricula for the diploma and graduate diploma in early childhood and advance certificate in administration and management for childcare of preschools, for the former MCYS (Ministry of Social and Family Development today), collaborated the bachelor's degree programs in social science and in childhood and family studies/ education with Edith Cowen University and Victoria University of Technology in Australia, and Master's degree program in Early Childhood Education with University of East London UK.



**Dr. Lily Wong**

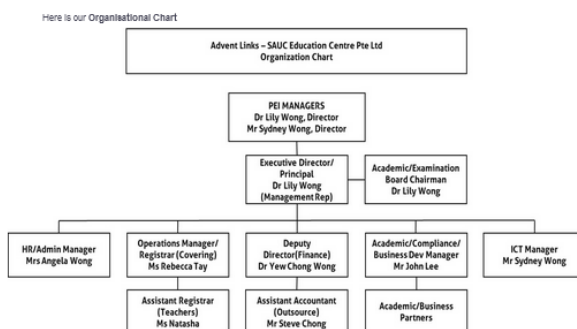
She served as chair of the Department of Education and Psychology at Southeast Asia Union College and Hong Kong Adventist College, researched the governance of early childhood education in Singapore, developed many accredited training courses for early childhood education, and created and managed family education programs for the Southeast Asia Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. As a long-time expert-volunteer for the Singapore International Foundation, she was instrumental in establishing national early childhood programs, through the official government ministries of Vietnam, Cambodia, and Myanmar (2001-2016), and continues to serve as board member of scientific, social, musical, and philanthropic organizations in Asia.

Dr. Wong is currently the executive director of Advent Link-SAUC Educational Center for Children and Family Studies in Singapore, a private institution devoted to early childhood education and related issues. Serving as honorary director of education for the Southeast Asia Union Mission, she managed and supervised Adventist universities and nursing schools as well as secondary, primary, and preschool education in all Malaysia (including Sabah and Sarawak), Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Thailand, and Singapore.

For her many years of excellence as an educator, and for her generous, durable, and international service in improving the lives of children and women, Walla Walla University is please to present to Dr. Lily Hok-Neo Wong the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa.

**Dr. Lily Wong's biographical article and organizational chart source:**

<http://www.alsauc.edu.sg/index.php/>



**Dr. Brian Wong (AU Dept. of Biology) Features HKAC 2+2 Transfer Students**

*Photos: Dr. Brian Wong*

*Captions: Jenifer Shiu*



Dr. Brian Wong (Faculty-AU Dept. of Biology), students, and Pr. Se Kwang Ben Seo (Master of Divinity candidate) at AU OCSA ice cream recruitment day



Dr. Brian Wong (Faculty-AU Dept. of Biology) with HKAC transfer students Tony, Andy, Lunch, and 2022 graduated HKAC transfer student alumnus Jonathan.



AU OCSA potluck lunch after OCSA worship service



Dr. Brian Wong (Faculty-AU Dept. of Biology), his wife, and HKAC 2+2 program transfer students and graduates celebrate students' Dec. 2022 anticipated graduation in Dr. Wong's backyard.



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2+2 Transfer Student Joseph Pak on the violin at OCSA joint service with international AU SDA Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan U.S.

*HKAC Campus Vistas*

*(Autumn / Fall 2022)*

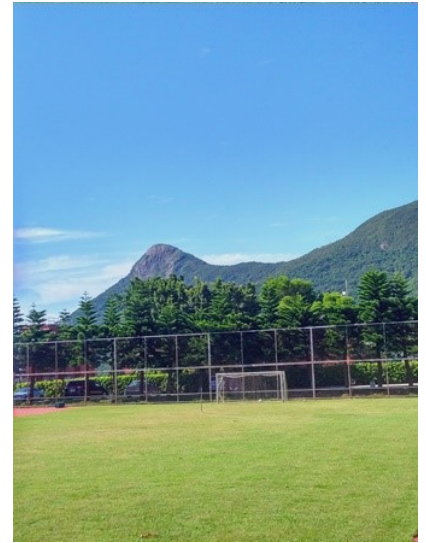
*Photos and Captions by Jenifer Shiu*



Bright pink floral bloom in side garden planted by Gardener Emeritus Mr. Li.



Two students enjoy snacks, beverages and a view of King Huy Hall / Bayview Church



High Junk Peak behind the football field



The 84 years old historic, grade 2 married faculty lodging—What a lovely view!



New day gatekeeper Ms. Wan Muk Lan with her warm smile greeting us all each day!



Sunny side view of King Huy Hall / Bayview Church



Students on the CWB campus walk by



Female Changeable Lizard on campus!  
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Mauricio and Edvan (S.A.'s) promote Autumn / Fall 2022 Gospel Week