



**President Cheung Discusses New Evening Online Certificate in Theology Program (February 2021)**



**Dear Alumni & Friends of HKAC,**

**H**ong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) and Hong Kong & Macao Conference (HKMC) have been discussing to offer religion classes to the Adventist church members in Hong Kong for more than a year. The purposes of these classes are to advance the members' Biblical knowledge and to provide training for them to be lay pastors.

The new Certificate in Theology program was designed by the HKAC Religion Department chair, Twinky Lau. The program, which consists of eleven online religion, theology, and ministry courses, is tailored to the Adventist church members. Classes are conveniently offered in the evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each course takes six hours of class time per week and a total of eight weeks to complete.

The first course, History & Prophetic Heritage, began on January 5, 2021. It is taught by the HKAC Academic Dean, Dr. Paul McGraw. There are 24 students between the ages of 22 and 73 years registered for the course; they are from various Adventist churches in Hong Kong.

With the tuition discount and financial subsidies from HKMC and the local churches, the cost to attend these courses is only HK\$1,000 per person. With the training from this Certificate in Theology program, students will be able to extend their ministry involvements by helping their pastors in areas such as preaching, Bible studies, and teaching Sabbath School lessons. We believe that these theology training sessions will help retain church membership as well. After finishing this certificate program, students have an option to continue their studies at HKAC to earn a Bachelor's degree in Religion.

Please continue to pray for these evening classes, the students, and the faculty. We hope that graduates from this program will be well-prepared to preach the Gospel throughout the greater area of Hong Kong and hasten Christ's second coming.

**In Christ,**

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

Please download and enjoy reading our **Department of Business faculty member Spencer Li's** lead article in St. John University's semi-annual **Review of Business** peer reviewed journal publication online. It is a special FinTech digital issue found at the following shortened web link: <http://bit.ly/022621slsjurb121>



*HKAC Admin. Building photo by Jenifer Shiu*



An HKAC community mainstay during each academic semester is the two to three times monthly Chapel service that takes place on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to approximately 11:20 a.m. During the winter 2020-2021 season, as the pandemic continued, these weekly inspirational and fun sharing meetings were held online on Zoom. Through technology and access to an Internet connection, students based in Hong Kong and overseas have been able to connect with each other and campus leaders in meaningful ways. The Clear Water Bay campus community have also had ongoing shared spiritual experiences during online opening and closing session prayers during Zoom Chapel.

The 2 December 2020 Zoom Chapel featured “What is Christmas?” slides, a Kahootz online Christmas trivia game, and wonderful musical performances. There was a Christmas mini concert quartet featuring student Jonster / Teacher Bart Brondo/ Dormitory Dean Jeriel/and Former Student Ambassador Mighty De La Bel on the piano. Next, a students duo Daniel and Mark played instruments, and then there were Christmas tunes singing performances by students Sara De Almeida Santana and Jade Rozanne Justin.

During the 6 January 2021 Zoom Chapel, President Dan Cheung gave an inspiring presentation to mark the beginning of Spring 2021 semester.

For 20 January 2021 Zoom Art Day, there was a brief talk about the history of papermaking, how the art of origami originated in Japan, and an origami demonstration by Charlie Li, with Interim Dean of Students Pastor Ben Seo, Dormitory Dean Jeriel Chuah, and others making the fun origami (folded paper) ox.



Dr. Paul McGraw, Dr. Corjena Cheung, Christian Angeles, Gary Leung, Karen Tse



President Dan Cheung’s slide: “Today Could Be the Turning Point of Your Life”



Associate Pastor Tyson Moody



Dorm Dean Jeriel Chuah makes origami ox



Lexine de Vera, Zuriel Ilagen, Jade R. Justin



Ho Yan Yeung performs magic



Jonster, Bart Brondo, Jeriel Chuah, Mighty de la Bel



Evangelina Pereverzina speed paints penguins

Next, for 27 January 2020 Zoom Chapel, alumna Richla Sabuin, a current student at Andrews University, discussed life as a transfer student to the Michigan-based American university. HKAC has an ongoing partnership with Andrews University and other US institutions for joint academic programs. The Kahoot online game asked participants questions about Andrews University, during her presentation. We were also shown major academic buildings of interest, during a quick tour of Andrews University.

The 3 February 2021 Zoom Chapel was devoted to the Adventist Lifestyle with presentations by Pastor Tyson Moody and Interim Dean of Students Pastor Ben Seo.

Lastly, in 22 February 2021, Zoom Chapel broadcast an incredible talent program emceed by Dormitory Dean Jeriel Chuah. Student performances were highlighted. First up was a stylish female singing trio featuring students Jade Rozanne Justin, Zuriel Ilagen, and Lexine De Vera; they sang the classic song “Put Your Head On My Shoulder”. Secondly, student Evangelina Pereverzina did an impressive, fast watercolour painting of a pair of penguins. Third up was student Ho Yan Yeung who performed a cool “sleight of hand” magic trick with multiple bottles and canisters. After the magic show, we enjoyed watching Risha Biswas dance at night in an urban setting. The dance choreography was created by Ameer Vera Shah. Next, we enjoyed DPUS student Siu Yuen (Brian) Lai in his daytime outdoors performance followed by student Wai Shan (Jenny) Suen dancing and doing an amazing split in front of a dance studio mirror.

We look forward to connecting with each other and with God through our weekly virtual “sharing and caring” events. It’s a way for the HKAC community to thrive and check in with each other and the Lord, during the current pandemic era.



*The Love of Jesus Beyond Borders (Christmas 2020)*

*Article and Photos by Interim Dean of Students, Pastor Seo Se Kwang Ben*



Pastor Seo Se Kwang Ben in action mode!

This year, I have been working as a chaplain at HKAC for seven years. But this winter in Hong Kong was colder than previous years. To make matters worse, the tensions and anxieties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic has made not only the body feel cold but also the mind feel numb. However, fortunately, I had enough winter clothing, and I could overcome the chilliness with warm food made by my beloved wife.

But sadly, the college students in the dormitory right near my home didn't look like that. Because of the pandemic, dorm students from abroad were unable to visit their own countries during Christmas break, so their preparations for surviving winter time on campus were not planned in advance. In addition, I found that it was not easy to buy winter clothes and blankets here in Hong Kong because of students' financial difficulties. This is a phenomenon shared across the globe during the winter season.

As a chaplain working for students and as a co-parent in a family, it weighed heavily on my mind that campus students were living in very chilly conditions. Therefore, while praying earnestly, I contacted some South Korean church pastors and appealed to them about "a winter clothing sponsorship project". When my fellow pastors heard about this project, they fully understood my concerns and were willing to share the love of Christ that transcends borders. Thanks to such love and compassion for fellow human beings, I was able to contribute food that could be warmed up, hand warmers, and winter clothes for HKAC dormitory students.



Gu brand carrier bags of winter clothes



Sara and Calebe like the snacks!



Jader and friends stock up on essential instant noodles!

I am sure that these small gifts of sharing will become the seeds of love scattered in the hearts of young students, and that they will grow and bear beautiful fruits. Moreover HKAC students will likely be great servants of the Lord to share generously with those who will be in need in the future. Thus, the love of Christ is like a boomerang and a law of increasing blessings that goes beyond the general concept of mathematics what we learned. Like a drop of water into the sea, love and compassion shared with others ripples outward and increases exponentially.



Gu clothing and Pringles chips go together very nicely!

I would like to emphasize once again that the love of Christ across borders is like *bursts of sunshine* that can suppress any severe cold. What our students and all of you should not forget is the clear fact that we are all one family in Christ. Therefore, all students who study in the Clear Water Bay campus are precious souls and part of one great family who will ultimately go to heaven one day. In this way, they are blessed, and so are we all.

**(Pastor Seo Se Kwang Ben)**



Students with their GU carrier bags of winter goodies



*Honoured Andrews University Students (HKAC Alumni) Highlighted in the Math@Andrews Newsletter*

**2019-2020 AU Student Research by 2018 Alumni of HKAC**

**A**vetik Badalyan (Junior BS Data Science) worked during the 2019-2020 school year with Dr. Tiffany Summerscales from the Andrews University Department of Physics, doing BayesWave research as part of the LIGO team, which is classifying observatory data into two groups, noise and signal, using Bayesian inference in hopes of finding the probability of an event. The team uses prior knowledge of conditions related to the event to infer the wave form of a gravitational wave. BayesWave models and parameter inference are commonly implemented using a Reversible Jump Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm, but Avetik's ongoing research centers around training a deep neural network to learn Bayesian posteriors instead of explicitly using Bayesian inference through Markov chains.



Avetik Badalyan

In further Andrews University Math Department news, Joshua Lim Khye Shuen (senior Mechanical Engineering from Malaysia) was inducted in Pi Mu Epsilon, the Mathematics Honour Society.



Joshua Lim Khye Shuen

*Lunar New Year of the Ox 2021 Calligraphy by Gardener Li Tak Cheung (February 2021) Photos by Jenifer Shiu*



Gardener Li Tak Cheung writes lunar new year couplets upon request from staff



Laughing Buddha ink brush pot and Gardener Li's two brushes



HKAC chef Mrs. Li (Cheng Ah Yuk) requests couplets from Gardener Li



Lunar New Year calligraphy wishing viewers good health, good fortune, peace, and happiness



Pastor Seo Se Kwang Ben



Several "good fortune" calligraphy characters by Gardener Li



**Thank You For Your Much Appreciated Donations to HKAC!!**      *Message from President Dan Cheung*

Dear Alumni & Friends of HKAC,

Throughout the years, Hong Kong Adventist College has been overcoming financial challenges by receiving donations from friends and alumni. Donations can be as small as a few hundred dollars and as large as a few millions. Some donations are designated for a specific purpose such as a scholarship for students with financial needs or for students with great academic achievements. Some donations are designated toward a certain physical or academic project. After all, donations help to sustain the mission of the college which is to empower students to grow in Christ physically, intelligently, and spiritually.

On behalf of Hong Kong Adventist College, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to those who have donated to our college. Your selfless contributions have helped the college grow continuously. For those of you who are inspired to contribute, I would encourage you to do so because the survival of our college relies on your supports. Hong Kong Adventist College is registered as a non-profit organization; therefore, your donations will be tax-deductible.

If you reside in the U.S., there are 2 ways to contribute:

1. Send your donation to the **S.D.A. Church General Conference** and indicate that the donation is for **Hong Kong Adventist College**.
2. Send your donation to the **Chinese Ministries International** at 17134 Colima Road, #E, Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 and indicate that the donation is for Hong Kong Adventist College.

The General Conference and the Chinese Ministries International will issue a tax-deductible receipt to you. In either case, please notify us by email, [info@hkac.edu](mailto:info@hkac.edu), regarding your donation so that your donations will be accounted for.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and kind support!



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

**Phase 2 of King Huy Hall / Bayview Church Renovations (January 2021)**      *Photos by Jenifer Shiu*



King Huy Hall with new waterproof roof



New back walkway and new white railing



New side walkway and railing



New back walkway and new white railing



Façade of King Huy Hall with new railing



Front of King Huy Hall with new railing



*Alumni Drop into the Clear Water Bay Campus (December 2020 to February 2021) Photos by Jenifer Shiu*



Pr. Chuah, Joe and Joey Yue, Mrs. Chuah

Sam Yuk alumnus Mr. Yue Chun Lok (Joe) and his lovely wife Joey visited the Clear Water Bay campus in late February 2021. They had time to catch up with Mrs. Chuah and Senior Pastor Daniel G. T. Chuah who has been the former head of the HKAC Department of Religion, as well as the former president of HKAC from 2001-2011. The happy couple, Joe and Joey, live far away in the outskirts of the Hong Kong New Territories, so we were lucky to have them drop by for a visit. Joe was a student on campus from 1991-1993.



Pr. Chuah, Alumnus Joe Yue, Mrs. Chuah



Mr. Wong Hin Kee (Sidney) is a 1965 Sam Yuk alumnus who visited his alma mater in February 2021



Mr. John Kong 江富照

In mid-January 2021, Mr. John Kong, a Sam Yuk alumnus, visited the HKAC Library at the Clear Water Bay campus to research archival school photographs. He was a Form 1 student, during the 1964-1965 school year. His elder brother and cousin brothers also attended the school. After some years in the US, he is now happily living in the Hong Kong New Territories.



Christmas card 2020 from Mrs. Dorothy Leung Zane and three generations of her California-based family. She is the daughter of Pastor H. S. Leung.



Pastor / Principal Hing Sun Leung, South China Training Institute (1934-1952) and co-Principal Sam Yuk School (1929-1934) with his family: Mrs. Leung, Dorothy Leung Zane (middle), brother John Leung (baby), and Mrs. Doreen Leung Liem (wife of Caleb Liem, Chairman, HKAC Foundation Board).



**Then & Now: Clear Water Bay Campus Fan Ms. Joyce Ho (1994 - Present)***Photos and Chinese text by Joyce Ho  
English text translation by Jenifer Shiu*

The laughing Ms. Joyce Ho (left front) as a child choir member at a 1994 wedding performed at King Huy Hall (Bayview Church).

In 1994, for the first time I entered the Clear Water Bay San Yuk Middle School campus. That day in 1994, I was a child guest who was invited to participate in the wedding of a couple from my church (The Chinese Full Gospel Church). I was very fortunate to be able to offer psalms as a choir member! Since that day, I have fallen in love with the campus. I feel very comfortable, especially inside King Huy Hall (Bayview Church), which is both solemn and magnificent and which also left a deep, lasting impression in me. I was only ten years old at the time!

Years later, my wedding anniversary on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 was spent with my husband Kim Lau on the campus. I had really wanted to introduce my husband to this beautiful place, to regain my childhood memories of the campus, feel nostalgia, and keep my impressions as a wonderful memory!



The 1994 wedding of Shirley Mak and Azwin Tang posed with choir members, including Ms. Joyce Ho (next to the bride)



Ms. Joyce Ho and her husband Mr. Kim Lau spent the day at Clear Water Bay campus on 9th Dec. 2020, their wedding anniversary

1994年是我第一次進入清水灣三育中學校園，當日參與我教會（基督教中華完備救恩會）一對新人的婚禮。很慶幸亦能當上詩班獻詩！從那天起，我已深深愛上這個地方，感覺非常舒服，尤其景輝堂教堂，既莊嚴又華麗，給我留下深深的印象，但當時其實我只是得十歲而已！

適逢今年12月9日是我跟丈夫的結婚週年紀念日，我很想攜丈夫再次進入這美麗的校園重拾回憶，回味一番，留作記念！



Ms. Joyce Ho and her husband Mr. Kim Lau pose in front of King Huy Hall on 9th Dec. 2020, which is the day of their wedding anniversary



**HKAC Winter 2021 Campus Vistas**

*Photos by Jenifer Shiu*



Newly installed Chan Shun Road sign near the front gate entrance



Ms. Suen Mei Yee (Sylvia), our friendly gatekeeper, by the firecracker flowers



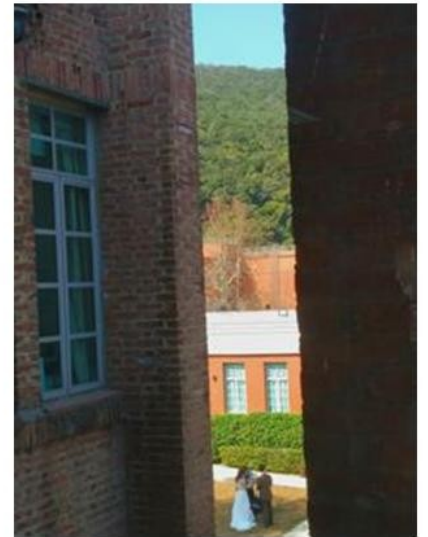
Lily flowers adorn brick fixture



Wishbone tree by the 81 years old HKAC Administration Building



Camellia Japanica (“winter rose”) blooms beautifully on campus



A bride and groom rehearse their vows before the happy ceremony



Mr. Tsoi Hon Man (“Brother Man”) works diligently to keep our campus environment clean and healthy



Twin palm trees sway in the sunny blue skies of the HKAC campus



Young love finds its way through conversation and walking around the verdant campus



## Dear Alumni, Teachers and HKAC/Sam Yuk Friends,

Now that many of us live abroad and find ourselves in the sunset years of our lives, Doreen and I ask that we think back on our beautiful memories of our time at Clear Water Bay Sam Yuk Middle School, now Hong Kong Adventist College, and think about how we can give back to our beloved alma mater.

The college is now affiliated with Andrews University and collaborates with Loma Linda University, La Sierra University and also Kettering College. The school draws students from many places besides Hong Kong, ranging from Malaysia, Nepal, Japan, Korea, India, Pakistan, the Philippines and other countries (though small in number) including Congo, Ghana and even far flung Argentina.

The head of the college is Daniel Cheung, PhD, a certified financial planner, son of well-known Pastor C. P. Cheung of Hong Kong. He left two successful businesses in Minnesota to dedicate his focus to making the college succeed and grow. He is supported in this endeavour by his wife, Hong Kong native, Corjena Cheung, PhD, who left her teaching post at the University of Minnesota to become the Associate Academic Dean of Hong Kong Adventist College.

This college plays an important role as a beacon of light in this part of the world, leading young people to Christ, as they prepare themselves to face life's challenges. With 80% of the students being non-Adventist and 50% being non-Christian, it is a mission field. As such it offers the opportunity of spreading the good news about God's true character and His unconditional love.

May I extend an invitation to you to be a supporter of Hong Kong Adventist College? It is a blessing to play a role in helping young people find Christ and develop a Christian worldview in a crucial time of life when various consequential decisions and choices are made.

There are many opportunities to be of service. Let me share the specific and immediate needs of Hong Kong Adventist College at this time:

A perpetual scholarship fund with the target value of US \$258,000 and the ability to sustain itself, when 5% of it is used annually to help students. Joblessness is a reality these days because of the pandemic and students are having a difficult time. This fund could help many at a crucial moment in their lives.

### Upgrading of Buildings Renovation Projects:

Biology Laboratory.....US\$93,000

Converting Chemistry Laboratory Into a Lecture hall.....US\$155,000

Upgrading of equipment.....US\$45,000

Faculty housing facilities....US\$6,500,000

I am attaching a letter from the General Conference of the SDA Church about the tax dedication receipt.

I hope you will give serious consideration to this matter. I am appealing to my Clear Water Bay Sam Yuk alumni families to join together and be supporters of our old school. I am hoping you can approach your siblings and inspire them to be involved together in this worthy endeavour. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

**Doreen Liem & Mei-Ying Pierce**



Doreen and Caleb Liem at the October 2019 Clear Water Bay Campus ' 80th Anniversary Celebration Alumni Weekend (photo courtesy of Doreen Liem)



Mei-Ying Pierce, nursing program alumna (photo courtesy of Marie Char)

**\*\*As an example, the following is a letter from the General Conference Treasury Department stating that they will issue a receipt for a donation.**

January 21st, 2021

**Dear Ms. Pierce,**

The General Conference will receive donations for Hong Kong Adventist College and send a tax deductible receipt. The donation is made payable to General Conference of SDA and mailed to:

**Elder Eugene Korff**

**General Conference of SDA**

**12501 Old Columbia Pike**

**Silver Spring, MD 20904**

Phone Number for General Conference: 301-680-6000

Kindly note that we will accept donations only for the college's use and not for any individual student or faculty member.

**Thank you kindly,**

**Stanley**

**General Conference of SDA Church**

**Memo: This donation is for the Hong Kong Adventist College Alumni Fund.**