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Adventist Accrediting Association Site Visit

Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) came to visit Chinese Adventist Seminary (CAS) as well as Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) at the end of September 2018. This was the first time AAA ever visited CAS since CAS was established in April of 2014. This AAA visiting team was led by Dr. John W Taylor, Associate Director of Education, General Conference. The team members of this visiting team were Dr. Leni Casimiro, Dr. Richard Subuin, Dr. Danny Rantung, and Arne Nielsen visited CAS before the additional team members, Dr. Gamaliel Florez, Dr. Kim Il Mok, and Dr. Terry Tsui joined them to visit HKAC. They were all significant SDA educators coming from various regions of the world.

Prior to the accreditation visit, faculty and supportive staff of both CAS and HKAC had intensively prepared for more than 3 months. Additional to making the campus physically presentable, a large amount of information regarding different departments of the institutions was requested along with detailed self-study reports of CAS and HKAC. All recommendations from the previous visit have to be addressed. Together, the AAA visiting team spent 6 working days thoroughly analysed 12 areas of the 2 institutions.



1. History, Philosophy, Mission, Objectives
2. Spiritual Development, Service, Witnessing
3. Governance, Organization, Administration
4. Finances, Financial Structure, Industries
5. Programs of Study
6. Faculty and Staff
7. Library and Resource Centers
8. Academic Policies and Records
9. Student Services
10. Physical Plant and Facilities
11. Public Relations, External Constituencies
12. Pastoral Theological Education

During the October 10th meeting, AAA Board of Directors voted to approve the initial AAA accreditation of CAS be granted until December 31, 2020 and voted to approve AAA accreditation of HKAC be continued for four years through December 31, 2022.



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HKAC Foundation Board of Directors Meeting

By Dr. Dan Cheung

Hong Kong Adventist College Foundation Board of Directors meeting was held at the campus of Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) on October 19, 2018. Thursday, October 18, the day before the scheduled board meeting, HKAC Foundation scheduled 2 meetings, one for the supportive staff and one for the faculty, to visit with the board members. In spite of their long traveling hours and jet legs, members of the Foundation board, most of them traveled from the United States, came to campus 1 day earlier to listen and to understand the daily challenges and needs of our faculty and staff.

At the end of the HKAC Foundation board meeting, HKAC was granted with HK\$3,000,000 to support student employment, faculty development, renovations of cafeteria and Multi-purpose Hall, and various academic programs.

On behalf of Hong Kong Adventist College, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to HKAC Foundation Board for their caring and genuine supports.



Special Chapel Speaker

By Dr. Sam Shum



A diverse college from Ms. Susanna Chiu during the chapel on November 28, 2018. Students enjoyed her talk very much! The speaker has provided her biography below.

Susanna Chiu is currently the Director & Group Chief Representative Eastern China of Li & Fung Development (China) Limited. Susanna graduated from The University of Sheffield in England with Class 1 Honors in Economic and obtained an Executive MBA degree from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Professionally, Susanna is a qualified Chartered Accountant from England, a China CPA, a qualified CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor), and a member of the HK Institute of Directors. Susanna is the Past President of the HK Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA) who is the first woman to attain this leadership position in the 40 years of history of the Institute. She is also the Founding President of the Institute of Accountants Exchange. Apart from the profession, Susanna has been contributing continuously in community services and voluntary sectors for many years. She was awarded one of the ten nationwide "Chinese Women of Achievement" award in the UK in 1991 and has been ap-

HKAC students received a strong buster shoot on self-confidence and were reminded to stay focus on their studies and to benefit from attending

pointed by HK Government to sit on many volunteer committees including the Education University of Hong Kong, the Women's Commission, and formerly the Equal Opportunity Commission. Due to Susanna's contribution to the Hong Kong community, she was awarded the Medal of Honor (MH) by HKSAR in 2013 for her outstanding achievements, especially in the accounting profession. Susanna was also awarded the "Outstanding Women Professional" by the HK Women Professionals and Entrepreneurs Association in 2014 as a result of her achievements. In 2017, she was awarded the Justice of Peace (JP) for her contribution to the HKSAR and Outstanding Businesswomen Leader Award by Hong Kong Commercial Daily. In 2018, Susanna was also awarded the New Territories Justice of Peace (N.T.JP). In China, Susanna is appointed by the China Government in the China People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) of Shanghai and formerly in the Shaanxi Province CPPCC. She is the President of the Shanghai Minhang HK-Macau Association (上海闵行港澳沙龙)/ Shanghai-Minhang Hong Kong Association (闵行香港联合会), Deputy President of the Shanghai-Hong Kong Coalition of Professionals (沪港专业人士联合会) and Shanghai Hong Kong Association (上海香港联合会).





2018 Theological Symposium

Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) and the Chinese Adventist Seminary (CAS) has just successfully conducted the second Theological Symposium at their campus, November 27 – 29, 2018. The theme of this symposium was Creation Science. About 250 pastors, church leaders, and Adventist members attended the symposium. They came from the Hong Kong Macau Conference as well as from the main field of the Chinese Union Mission (CHUM). More than 100 church leaders from China field territories traveled to Hong Kong to attend the symposium. In fact, the attendance has been doubled compared to last year's symposium.

Research studies were presented by scientists, biblical scholars, and church leaders. They are Dr. Tim Standish (GRI), Dr Choi Chong Geol (NSD GRI), Dr. Elias Brasil de Souza and Dr. Clinton Wahlen (BRI), Dr. Richard Sabuin

and Dr. Ron Clouzet (NSD), and Dr. Bob Folkenberg Jr. and Dr. Daniel Jiao (CHUM).

The audience was enriched by the scientific presentations emphasizing natural evidences for creationism. In addition, biblical evidences on the historicity of the Genesis 1 and 2 were presented. The audience also learned about philosophical understanding and practical applications of creation.

HKAC and CAS, with the support of CHUM and NSD, will continue conduct this theological symposium as an annual event. Next year, the theme would be Postmodern Ministry which is scheduled to be held on November 19 to 21. We encourage those who are interested to register as soon as possible for we are anticipating more than 300 will be attending this symposium. For more information, email to info@hkac.edu.





“My Life is in God’s Hand”

HKAA and HKAC Fall Gospel Week, October 8 – 12, 2018 at Bayview Church

Speaker: Dr. Dan Cheung, HKAC President

By Jonathan Funkhouser

HKAA and HKAC Fall Gospel Week (Oct. 8 -12) was presented by HKAC President Dr. Dan Cheung on the theme “My Life is in God’s Hand.”

Dr. Cheung focused on how throughout his life he has trusted and followed God’s plan, and how amazing and exciting things happened as a result. He exhorted the students that “if they are also willing to leave their lives in God’s hand, He is going to do something very exciting for them as well.”

Dr. Cheung provided illustrations from his life. Not a top student in his high school days, Dr. Cheung thought his chances of getting a college education were over after poor results. But somehow God led him to the chance to study in the U.S. at Andrews University, where he flourished. Enduring a rigorous work and study schedule, and always facing financial issues, he excelled in his studies. He expected to return to Hong Kong upon graduation, but God had vastly greater plans for him. God opened up scholarships for graduate schools, so that he was able to get multiple graduate degrees including a PhD. As Dr. Cheung said, “God will lead you in directions you don’t expect, but His plan is far better than our own.”

Small choices can have a great impact. By chance, or by God’s leading he had taken an advanced statistics class where he had to learn

a complicated computer language (APL). Later His career took off quickly, as his depth of knowledge in this computer language made his skills in high demand. He later started his own insurance agency, but most observers thought he would fail because he did not keep the business open on Saturday. But Dr. Cheung had been faithful in keeping the Sabbath and in dietary habits in his college days, and had been blessed with great results. He had tested God by keeping the Sabbath rather than studying with his friends for a most important exam. He got top marks on the exam. So he knew he could trust God with his business. And the business became the top insurance agency in his market.

“Trust God in all.” Dr. Cheung also told of how against normal expectation God brought him together with his future wife, an unbelievable match beyond what he could have hoped for. God’s plan does not stop half-way.

And now God has brought Dr. Cheung full circle, back to Hong Kong, to serve as President of Hong Kong Adventist College. From mediocre student to college president. He encouraged the students, “Look where I started and what I have achieved. You can achieve so much more than you expect with hard work.” And even more, “you can trust your life to God and know within His hand and plan you will live a most fulfilled life.”



Lessons from a Life Journey

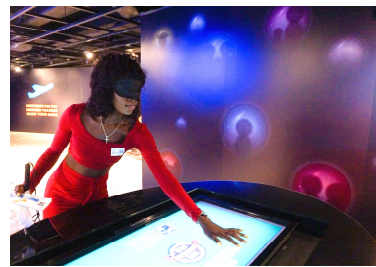
By Lexine De Vera



safety of senior citizens in Hong Kong, checks up on seniors, and keeps them company.

What made this field trip intriguing was that before signing up for this field trip, club members were not told of what was in store for us, everything was kept as a secret. As a club member, I had no expectations for what we were taking part in because we were not given any information on what the trip entailed. The fact that everything was a mystery allowed me, as well as my fellow students, to enjoy the day and be more compliant as well as receptive to everything we were asked to do.

On Friday, November 2nd, the Psychology Club took a field trip to the Jockey Club Life Journey Center in Ho Man Tin. During this visit, club members journeyed through life, from birth to death. This field trip was a riveting and enthralling experience, as the concept of being able to encounter around eighty to ninety years of living in just under three hours, is an exciting feat! The club members engaged in games, activities, and workshops that helped them get a glimpse of a life other than their own. They were able to decide their destinies, and experience unforeseen challenges that came their way. The first part of this field trip required the club members to engage in activities that allowed them to understand the purposes of the Senior Citizen Home Safety Association and what its role is in Hong Kong. They learned that this organization works for the



The purpose of this workshop is to help people understand and treasure life more and conquer their perceived fear of death. This experience has helped change the stigma behind how younger generations, such as myself view old people. Through this experience, I was able to comprehend the concept of aging, and how I should not fear it. Instead, I should treasure the moments I have with my family and friends, and I should live my life according to God's will.



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Food and Fun Fair



Dr. Samuel C. S. Young

1928-2018

Samuel CS Young passed away in his sleep on October 13, 2018 at the age of 90. Born in Shanghai, China in 1928, the eldest of five children, Samuel grew up traveling. During the war years, Samuel and his family traveled of necessity. As he grew older, Samuel traveled for work and for pleasure, eventually traveling to every continent except Antarctica. He started his education but had to leave school to support his family during the war. He became a teacher because he couldn't complete medical training due to the wars. He became a student again years later, receiving a Ph.D from the University of Maryland. Samuel joined the Adventist Church in 1947, and spent 46 years in denominational work, serving in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and at Adventist world headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Samuel was an educator and mentor. He was also a builder and visionary. As principal, he transformed a small primary school and to a premier K-12 school in Hong Kong. He expanded the secondary school in Clear Water Bay from a secondary school to a college. He built a new campus for a college in Taiwan. Later in his life, as executive secretary of the Chan Shun International Foundation, he was an instrument in directing philanthropic funding to many college building projects and scholarships, funding over 100 projects across SDA colleges in North America and across the world.

He was bold and humble, and committed to being an influencer and a change-agent. His persistence and foresight led to positive changes in Adventist church organizations in Asia, allowing non-white workers to hold positions of trust in church administration and reorganizing the administrative structure to meet area needs. During the 1970 General Conference Session of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Atlantic City, Samuel pushed the church to nominate a diverse officer team for the Far Eastern Division instead of an all-white team. In 1977, while he was the President of the Hong Kong Macao Mission, he was able to change the Mission to self-supporting status of a Conference. This set an example for other missions in the Asia Pacific region to see the possibilities and follow his lead. In the 1980s, while working at the General Conference in Washington DC as one of the executive officers, he was instrumental in reorganizing the Far Eastern Division to what it is today: The Northern Asia-

Pacific Division and the Southern Asia-Pacific Division. This allowed the church managing body to better serve the local churches and constituents.



Samuel was a thought leader and an organizer. In the 1960s, he was asked to lead a team to publish a new Chinese SDA hymnal. Later, in 1979, he was invited to author a Sabbath School lesson. He published *Law, Love and Life* in 1981. In his retirement, he published two volumes of *China Church History*.

Samuel was a church builder. He supported the establishment of three East Coast Chinese congregations. He often travelled to China and met with church leaders there.

Samuel had a keen mind for business but chose to help build people rather than wealth. He was a dreamer and visionary, a big idea man. He was a minister and a counselor, a reader and an author, a servant and an administrator. He loved good music, good food and a big television. He was a husband, a father and a grandfather and loved his family. He was a brother and an uncle and could always be expected to offer words of advice.

Samuel is survived by his wife, three children, eight grandchildren, two brothers and a sister.

"I am humbled that the grace of God has given me and my family countless blessings. Until we meet again in that glorious home where God has made for us. Farewell my family and friends. I hope to meet all of you on resurrection day at the sound of the trumpet." Samuel CS Young

