



*Bayview Church's King Huy Hall Phase I Renovation (Summer 2019)  
Photos by Sarah Gordon (above), Dr. Corjena Cheung (right), Jenifer Shiu (below)*

King Huy Hall was built on the campus of Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) in 1965. The Hall was built by Chan Shun and his brothers, in memory of their father Chan King Huy. Since it was built, King Huy Hall has been used regularly by Bayview Adventist Church for its Sabbath worships, Wednesday night prayer meetings, and Friday night vespers. It has also been used by the College to conduct weekly chapels, graduation ceremony, student recitals, week of prayers, and other educational retreats and seminars.

In addition to the Administrative building, King Huy Hall has been a significant icon for HKAC campus. Alumni and friends of the college love to have their pictures taken in front of King Huy Hall, whenever they come to visit.

For the past 54 years, King Huy Hall stood at the edge of the Clear Water Bay campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean. It is visible to the residents down and across the valley. Many local residents often told us how they appreciate the peaceful and colorful lights generated by the stained glass windows of King Huy Hall.

Although King Huy Hall withstood rain, wind, sun, typhoon, and extreme humidity of Clear Water Bay over the years, the structure and interior of the building gradually showed deterioration. The floor, stage, and wood structures were severely damaged by termites. Secondly, the air conditioning units, light fixtures, PA system, and windows were aged and needed to be replaced. Also, the pews had started to decay and crack, so that they were uncomfortable on which to sit.

In summary, King Huy Hall was desperately in need of a major renovation.

Tom and Caleb Chan, sons of late Chan Shun, through their Foundation donated HK\$1 million each, together with another HK\$1 million donated from Chan Shun International Foundation. This provided majority funding for this over HK\$4 million Phase I renovation project. Along with other generous donations, Phase I renovation was completed in October 2019. The Phase II renovation, which will focus on replacing the hall floor, refinishing the pews, and building a new foyer, is scheduled to begin in Summer of 2020. The cost of Phase II construction is estimated to be HK\$2.5 million.

—Article by President Dan Cheung



Above: Renovated Bayview Church at night

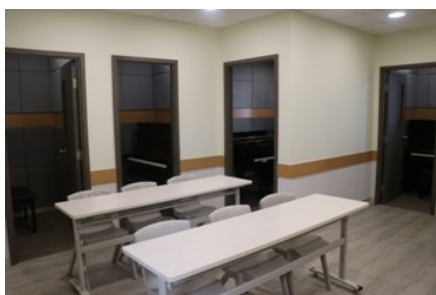


Above and lower right: Finished front stage



***New Music Department Classroom & Practice Rooms***

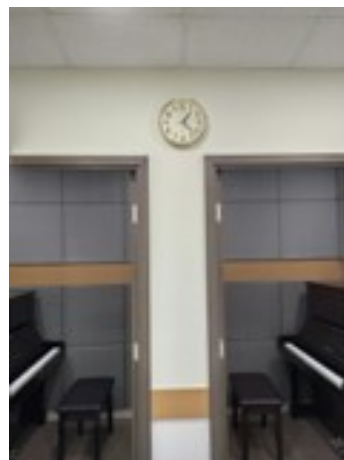
*Photos by Leo Wong and Jenifer Shiu*



Piano practice rooms and classroom chairs

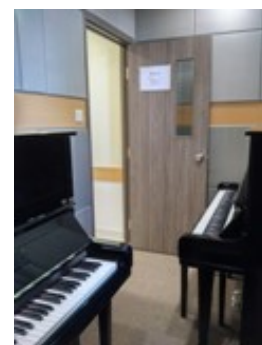


Rena Phua, Chairperson, HKAC Dept. of Music, about to play a sonata.



Above, top right, top bottom:

Four piano practice rooms containing a total of six pianos



Music classroom, piano, and whiteboard

***Science and Faith Lecture (May 2019)*** *Article and Photos by Man Lin Tam, Faculty—Religion Dept.*

**O**n May 29, 2019, from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Dr. Timothy Standish gave a presentation that attracted fifty-six audience members at Hong Kong Adventist College. Dr. Standish is a professor of biology at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He holds a B.S. in zoology from Andrews University, an M.S. in biology from Andrews University, and a Ph.D. in biology and public policy from George Mason University (University of Virginia), Charlottesville, Virginia.

In addition, Dr. Standish teaches genetics at Andrews University. He is currently researching the genetics of cricket (*Achita domesticus*) behavior.

Dr. Standish’s discussion at Hong Kong Adventist College included matters related to organisms, cells, and proteins. Changing even one amino acid in a protein can alter its function dramatically.

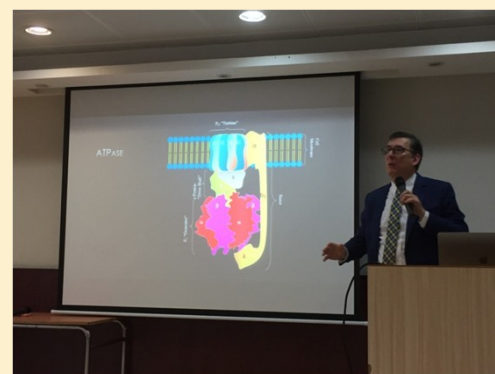
A famous example of this is the mutation that causes sickle cell anemia in humans. This disease causes a multitude of symptoms, ranging from liver failure to tower skull syndrome. It’s caused by the replacement of an amino acid called glutamate, normally at position number six, with another amino acid called valine.

This single change causes a massive difference in how the alpha-globin subunit of hemoglobin works. The ultimate, sad consequence of this seemingly insignificant mutation in the protein causes premature death in thousands of individuals each year.

The entire system, not just a single protein, must exist prior to selection occurring. Science does not work on the basis of picking and choosing data to suit a treasured theory. Dr. Standish chose the path of science, which also happens to be the path of faith in the Creator. From a video, Dr. Standish showed the audience a talk given by Dr. Michael G. Hasel about how wonderful an Archeology discovery demonstrates science and faith in the Bible, which depicts the wisdom of God.

I believe God provides evidence of His creative power for all to experience personally in our lives. To know the Creator does not require an advanced degree in science or theology. Each one of us has the opportunity to experience His creative power in re-creating His character within us, step by step, day by day.

We thank HKAC Dean of Students, Dr. Sam Shum’s wife, Mrs. Lily Shum, who prepared delicious refreshments at the end of the presentation.



Dr. Timothy Standish presents his “Science and Faith” lecture at HKAC



Faculty, staff, and students at the presentation

**Group Wedding for the Blind on Campus (October 13, 2019)**

*Article by President Dan Cheung  
Event Photos by Edmond Razmerita*

October 13, 2019 was a very special day at Hong Kong Adventist College campus. The very first Group Wedding for the Blind in Hong Kong was held at our college chapel, King Huy Hall. The special wedding was co-sponsored by Hong Kong Society for the Blind, Sharon Au Wedding Consultant, and Hong Kong Adventist College. Fourteen visually impaired couples chose to say their wedding vows in front of their friends and families at our newly renovated King Huy Hall. An outdoor wedding reception was especially prepared for these newlywed couples and their families at the front lawn of our college. All 300 who were invited to attend this Group Wedding for the Blind were deeply touched by witnessing this very unusual ceremony. News reporters from local and online newspapers and two radio stations came to record this memorable event. While most news items are unfavourable in Hong Kong nowadays, many people will get to know our college by reading about this heart warming occasion.



Group Wedding for the Blind Program Guide  
Photo by Jenifer Shiu



HKAC President Dan Cheung presents an award



Brass instruments band performs at the outdoors wedding reception



Brides and grooms pose with guests at King Huy Hall in Bayview Church



Brides and grooms at the post-wedding reception

**HKAC's Hong Kong Power Lifting Junior Champion 2019**

*Article and Photos by Christian Carlos Santos Angeles, Sophomore,  
HKAC Department of Health*



Above: Christian Carlos Santos Angeles, standing together with other medal winners, becomes the solo Hong Kong Power Lifting Junior Championship winner!

Balancing school, work and training for four to five times a week may be difficult but with dedication, patience and hard work you can achieve anything. I was awarded the 77kg Junior championship against men older than me in my division and was able to squat 195kg, bench 127kg, and dead lift 212kg. I will continue to work hard and to achieve my goal this year to break the Hong Kong junior records. —by Christian C.S. Angeles

[Note: This was the Hong Kong Power Lifting Autumn Classic Championship that took place on September 28, 2019.]



Above: Christian Carlos Santos Angeles lifts very heavy weights at the competition.

## HKAC Student Ambassadors 2019-2020

Short bios by the Five Student Ambassadors  
 Photo by Jahzeel Andres Celis Galleguillos



Left to right above: Carina Yuen, Iliana Cherie Dialectakis, Lorena Dutra Alves, Mighty Jan De La Bel, and Jahzeel Andres Celis Galleguillos

**Carina Yuen:** I recently graduated from Simon Fraser University (in British Columbia, Canada) with a major in English literature. My favourite pastime is to read and watch documentaries about technology, culture, and development.

**Iliana Cherie Dialectakis:** I am a second year Finance student from Southern Adventist University. In my free time, I love to hike, swim, play violin, and socialize with friends.

**Lorena Dutra Alves:** I'm a Brazilian student who is visiting from Southern Adventist University. We (Brazilians) don't speak Spanish or Brazilian, ha ha! (Portuguese is the national language of Brazil.) I enjoy playing volleyball, going to the beach, laughing and having meaningful conversations.

**Mighty Jan De La Bel:** Hey there, my name is Mighty, and I'm a recent graduate from Southern Adventist University. Yes, I know my name is unusual to say the least. I'm from the U.S., and I enjoy playing sports and socializing with others. Music is also another passion of mine; I enjoy playing the piano.

**Jahzeel Andres Celis Galleguillos:** Hola! My name is Jahzeel. I'm from Universidad Adventista de Chile (Chile Adventist University), and no, we (Chileans) don't eat tacos or spicy food! I love meeting new friends and spending time in nature.

## Hong Kong 7th Vegetarian Festival (October 6, 2019)

Article by Dr. Corjena Cheung  
 Photos by Newsletter Staff



The public enjoyed the festival on campus



HKAC Students performed on the campus stage

The 7th Hong Kong Vegetarian Festival was held at the HKAC campus on October 6th 2019. Hong Kong Adventist College was one of the co-organizers and provided the spacious campus for this carnival style fun-filled event. Approximately 2,500 people from all over the city participated this year. Over 60 booths were set up with a great variety of vegetarian food, products, and musical shows for the participants to enjoy. In addition, there were educational seminars and health talks to raise the awareness of healthy eating. Both Drs. Barbara Choi and Corjena Cheung were among the speakers for the event this year.



Dr. Corjena Cheung presented a popular, well attended lecture at the festival

## Interview: Bervinda Chan, Retired Dean of Students (July 2019)

By Bervinda Chan and Jenifer Shiu  
Photo by Leo Wong

### 1) How did you embark on an academic career and arrive to be Dean of Students at Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC)?

Back in 2002, when I was serving at Taiwan Adventist College as the Chair of Health Education Department, my late father became very ill towards the end of the second semester of that school year. So, I arranged an urgent permanent return to Hong Kong. While I was attending to my father at the hospital, Dr. Daniel Chuah, the then President of HKAC, called me and offered me the position of Dean of Students. At the time, my daily agenda was to take care of the needs of my father; therefore, looking for a job was not a priority for me. Evidently, it was God's providence, even though I had not thought about it. From then on, I have never had a moment of doubt that I have work to do at HKAC!

### 2) What have been the highlights of your time on the Clear Water Bay campus?

Each year, we have students battling with life struggles relating to family situations and/or mental and developmental issues. I am so thankful that I have like-minded colleagues who see undesirable behaviours as opportunities to show students that there are better ways to cope with life issues. We would sometimes spend countless hours counselling students and their parents. As a result of these endeavours, we educators learn and grow, too.

### 3) How has the Lord been inspirational in helping you guide the student population at HKAC?

I am greatly inspired by John Ortberg, the author for *Everybody's Normal Till We Get To Know Them*. Mr. Ortberg stated: "Jesus sees a little of what God intended when He made human being. He sees a little island of shalom in a sea of brokenness". It's comforting to know that Jesus sees a glimmer of hope, even in our fallen state. This knowledge has been a guide for my daily work.

It's helped me to show students that they have hope to lead happier and more fulfilling lives, no matter what situations in which they may find themselves.



### 4) Can you think of any funny, extraordinary, or poignant situations that have occurred during your tenure at HKAC?

Continually over a month back in 2013, one female student, whenever she passed by, would call out, "Miss Chan, I love you!" At first, I thought she was joking because she always said that in my Comprehensive English class. This former student would also pretend to be upset, stating "Miss Chan, I hate you!" when I got her to perfect her writing or gave her more writing tasks. She is one of those students for whom I have a soft spot. I got to know her, when she was a grade 10 student. This was during my stint as a one-year interim principal for the English Secondary Section in 2011. Because of her frequent attendance and attention issues, due to family and personal problems, we had meaningful conversations almost every week. When she joined the college, we became very much like friends, rather than a teacher and student dynamic in class. She surprised me with her study attitude change over time.

For instance, though she was very tired after working until past midnight, she willed herself to arrive to my 8:30 am class ahead of time. She would try diligently to keep herself awake, during class. My former student's earlier verbal outbursts were due to the fact that she simply had a hard time adjusting to new classes.

### 5) Have you thought about what fun, interesting activities you'd like to pursue during your retirement?

One of my dreams would be to do is pick up painting and drawing again, since I dropped these creative activities because I had to concentrate on work responsibilities. Another project I would like to pursue is volunteering at one particular NGO that's focused on helping children with learning disabilities. I would like to know more about children with special educational needs.

### 6) Tell us what you will miss the most once you retire as HKAC's Dean of Students?

I would miss meetings. To me, a meeting is an intensive training ground for professional and personal development. In meetings, we must first listen to what others would say in order to make a sound and balanced judgment. Often times, I took home new insights, after a meeting. Also, to assert our opinion against powerful people requires courage, but to be able to compromise for the greater good takes humility. This really builds character!

**HKAC Transfer Students to Andrews University (USA)**

*By HKAC President Dan Cheung*

Since the Global Transfer Student Discount was implemented four years ago, close to 50 students have transferred from Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) to Andrews University for the past three years. All these transferred students studied at HKAC for at least a year. When they transferred their studies to Andrews University, they were individually given a 50% tuition discount.



HKAC transfer students welcome party, Biology department lobby, Andrews University, Labor Day Weekend (late August-early Sept. 2019)

With the guidance and support of Biology Department faculty member, Dr. Brian Wong, these HKAC students have been getting together regularly at least once a week. They gather together to have special dinners, to study, and to worship. Regular Friday night vespers and Sabbath worship services have been organized by this group of HKAC transfer students. We would like to consider Andrews University as an extended campus of HKAC!

**HKAC New Faculty for 2019-2020 Academic Year** *Photo by Leo Wong*



**Top Row:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Chinese), Spencer L. W. Kwai (Business), President Dan Cheung, Calvin H.L. Luk (Chemistry), Charles C.F. Chan (Accounting). **Bottom Row:** Jenifer M. Y. Shiu (Business), Dawn D. Y. Chan (Arts), Dr. Corjena Cheung (Associate Academic Dean & Nursing Director), Dr. Barbara Choi (Academic Dean), Rena Phua (Chair, Music Department), Cherry K.Y. So (Sociology), and Alice Wong (Human Resources Manager).  
New faculty not in the photo above: Monica S.Y. Lam (English) and Richard C. C. Ho (English)

# HKAC Campus Vistas (Autumn 2019)

Photos By Jenifer Shiu



Floral path at the campus front entrance



HKAC Administration building in Autumn



Students play an afternoon basketball game



Students play a night time volleyball game



Autumn sun on SYMS and dormitory buildings



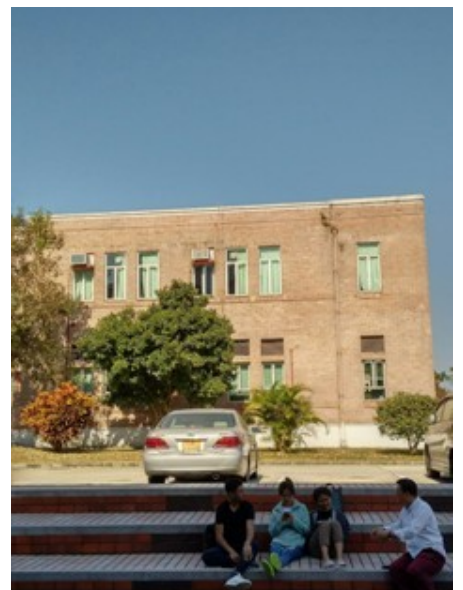
Bougainvillea blooms near campus entrance



Music, love, and Bayview Church in Autumn



Vibrant flowers and hardy seeds on campus



Pastor Ben Seo and Student Ambassador Jahzeel Andres Celes Galleguillos chat with students.