



# COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



*By Marie Char, Alumni*



Every time when I step into HKAC, it always feels like coming home. The grass and trees of the campus still look so familiar. The approaching smiles are still as cordial as ever. Time has only left wrinkles on our faces, but it has not tarnished our long-lasting friendship at all. I was so glad to meet many old schoolmates in the reunion weekend held by the college. Even though we are over fifty years old now, we still talked and acted like teenagers of forty years ago in the gathering. It was great to reminisce the good old days and encourage each other with genuine words. We realize the teachers from this school not only educate us with knowledges, but more importantly they mold and shape our characters into who we are today. The schoolmates we met here have become friends for life. No matter where we are, the love and care are always present. These are the greatest rewards of being students on this campus.

In fact, the way of coming home is both long and short. While the distance between our hearts remains short, we are blessed with long lasting joys. Therefore, I sincerely urge all the alumni to visit our alma mater frequently. Your support means everything to the college. With real actions and efforts, we can carry on the San Yu's spirit of "learning to do good". With our full support, the future of the school is bright and hopeful.



*By Samuel Young, Alumni*



The mention of Clear Water Bay brings back many memories. There were the soccer games on the ball field and the endless walks around the campus. We had our high school pranks we pulled on our teachers. Worship services at Bay View Church. In those days, the boys sat on the right side and the girls sat on the left side. Of course there were the studies.

But while we played and studied, something else happened to all of us. We learned that the world is much larger than just this little place called Hong Kong. Teachers instilled a dream to make ourselves better. As a result of their silent examples many of us went on to obtain higher levels of education than we would even dream possible.

When the most important aspect of Clear Water Bay is not our career or those great memories. The most important part of Clear Water Bay is the lifelong friendships we created. There is something about that campus that keeps friends together. For that I am very grateful.



*By Stella Ng, Alumni*



I am truly honoured to have an opportunity to study at Andrews University that boasts over 92 countries represented in the student and faculty body. In fact, that was valuable and precious experience of my life. Most of my acquaintances on campus were Hispanic, African American, Caucasian, Korean and Brazilian. Getting along with people from different cultures not only enriched my college life but also the increased knowledge of cultural sensitivity. On the other hand, during my journalism studies, I was equipped to become a confident speaker, since approximately 90 percent of my assignments and examinations were in presentation form. Moreover, Andrews University also provided us variety of opportunities to practice what we had learnt from our fields. For example, students from Journalism or communication majors would have praxis on their anchoring, video editing, and directing skills in Media Center. Generally speaking, I enjoyed my college life at Andrews, and I believed it enhanced my ability to serve the society for the better.

*By Peter Young, Form 5 Class of 1979, Alumni*

Passing through the hustle and bustle of Hong Kong's streets, we came upon the roundabout at Hang Hau I became excited and nostalgia set in. All those familiar scenes along the way brought back memories of yesteryears. I could close my eyes and know exactly where the road bends and turns. As we came upon the final climb and followed the bend around the road, my favorite peak—the High Junk Peak—was visible, with its majestic dome shape that gives the Clear Water Bay peninsula its beauty. Then, there She was, Home Sweet Home: the Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC)\* my home for the better part of my first 18 years.

During these 18 years at HKAC, I grew to love many aspects and landmarks of the area. But in the 1990's, the College sold the best areas of its property for redevelopment, which included my favorite places. My old home overseeing the bay...GONE; the farmland and food factories where soy milk and bread were made...GONE; the volleyball/tennis courts, where I spent hundreds of hours...GONE; the haunted house in the woods where I caught fighting spiders and play cops and robbers...GONE; and road to the beach...GONE. Like many who loved the College, I felt as if a large part of my past was yanked from right under my feet; now, there are privately owned luxury condominiums sprawling the land and two sets of eight foot fences that separates the development from the shrunken school property.



After my initial shock of learning about the redevelopment, I became angry and resentful of the plans. As a result, I stopped visiting the College during the latter years of our service at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospital, in the 1990's. Recently, my wife and I returned to HKAC; we had the opportunity to spend four days on campus, during the homecoming weekend and were privileged to participate in a few organized activities. During these four days, I had a change of heart due to witnessing the new and improved updates and amenities that HKAC had to offer. The campus is now beautifully groomed and maintained by professionals; most of the classrooms and all of the dorms are situated in the new buildings, fitted with air conditioning—which were built from the funds of the land redevelopment sale; the food service is headed by a retired executive hotel chef; and there is a wonderful indoor gym for badminton and basketball.

I cannot forget the most important and unique aspect of HKAC: the group of loyal faculty and staff who carry-out the mission and are dedicated to serving the Lord. We were able to infer this from our conversations with students and how they expressed their respect and appreciation of the faculty and staff.

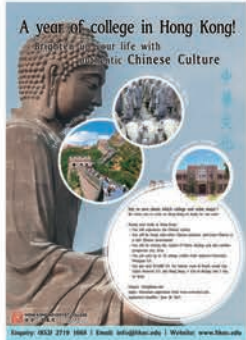
Today—now being an honored member of the Hong Kong Adventist College Foundation—I reframed my thinking; I overcame my frustrations of the land being sold, ceased living in past memories, and brainstormed and contributed ideas to support the new HKAC president's vision. Dr. Cheung's, the HKAC president, vision is to recruit more students through the affiliation with Andrews University and other Adventist colleges/universities, as well as resurrect the Nursing program. Today, the campus is the home to three entities: HKAC, Chinese Adventist Seminary (CAS), and HK Adventist Academy (HKAA)--totaling close to 1600 students, with 1300 students being enrolled in the CAS distant learning program.

I truly believe with the new vibrant President leading and inspiring the passionate faculty and staff, with the support of the Union and Conference and by the grace of God, all three entities can continue to be beacons of light to the dynamic environment of Hong Kong, China, and the Asia Pacific Regions. Our job as alumni is no longer to live in the "good old days" but rather pray and support our Alma mater for a brighter future.

\*Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) was formally known as South China Union College (SCUC)

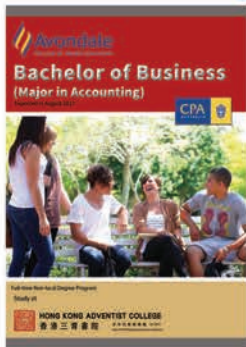


We are very pleased to realize that the student enrolment for Hong Kong Adventist College has increased from 57 at the end of the last school year to 75 registered for this Fall semester. At the end of last school year, 22 students graduated from our college, which left us with 35 remaining students, and, except for the DPUS student, all 34 HKAC college students returned.



Southern Adventist University has signed the MOU with Hong Kong Adventist College regarding a study program in Hong Kong for their students majoring in International Business. To complete the degree, students will be required to spend one semester in HKAC to gain international business experience in Hong Kong as well as in China. The study-abroad program will start in September 2017. A similar study program is being developed for religion students from Union College.

The Chinese Adventist Seminary (CAS) has been an institution operated by HKAC since 2013. CAS currently has more than 1,250 online students in China and dispatches teachers with training in theology and education to teach classes in various regions in China. At the end of last school year, over 300 CAS students in China graduated from various programs.



A business program focusing on Accounting, Marketing, Human Resources, and International Development is being negotiated between HKAC and Avondale College (AC). This bachelor degree will be accredited by Hong Kong Education Bureau Non-Local Courses Registry. Students graduating from this accounting program will be recognized by the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and will be allowed to sit for the CPA examination. This business program is expected to start in August 2017.

On the business side, the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Adventist Foundation Board was held on the campus of HKAC on September 23, 2016, with all fifteen members of the board attending the meeting. At the end of the meeting, HKAC Foundation Board voted to appropriate HK\$1,600,000 to the college.

Our business manager, Hosea Yeung, was pleased to announce that we closed the 2015-16 school year for HKAC with a positive balance in contrast to the previous eight school years when the college had lost money. Due to the determination and hardworking spirit of our staff and faculty, we have turned the financial picture of our college around, and we would like to continue this trend, creating future financial stability for HKAC.

Higher Diploma General Nursing (Enrolled Nurses) program is aimed to start in September of 2017. This EN program will partner with Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals and be accredited by the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic & Vocational Qualifications as well as the Nursing Council of Hong Kong. Academic courses will be taught at HKAC campus, and the practical training will take place at the Hong Kong Adventist Hospitals.

I would like to encourage all our alumni to take time to visit their alma mater, Hong Kong Adventist College. They will be delighted to see so many new changes and to visit the buildings and places they loved when they were students.

## Non-Chinese Education Fair, November 13, 2016

The Non-Chinese Speaking Education Fair 2016 has been successful. Hong Kong Adventist College would like to thank all the supporting organizations, schools, keynote speakers and participants for joining this fair. We sincerely hope this event had brought joy and has created a useful platform for participants to explore more assistance academically as well as culturally. Hong Kong Adventist College wishes to work along with all communities to create a better society for everyone.



## NEWS & EVENTS

### December

- 4 Food and fun fair
- 7 Christmas Program - Chapel

### January

- 25 Art Day - Chapel

### February

- 15 Adventist Lifestyle Emphasis Day - Chapel
- 22 Singing Contest - Chaple (double periods)
- 24-26 Faculty Spiritual Retreat
- 27-Mar3 Spring Gospel Week



A yearly 'Food & Fun Fair' is coming soon! Come and join us on December 4, 2016 Sunday, 10:00am - 3:00pm. Don't miss out this event!