



Newsletter Autumn 2020 HKAC

President Dan Cheung Fall 2020 Semester Welcome Remarks (August 2020)

Welcome home faculty, staff, and students of Hong Kong Adventist College. I hope you had a refreshing and productive summer. As we all come back to this campus to start our new 2020-2021 school year, I would like to wish you a healthy and rewarding school year ahead.

The past school year was challenging to say the least. We first experienced the political unrest, riots, and protests which interrupted our classes in few occasions. Then came COVID-19, which turned not only our face-to-face classes to online mode, but also turned our world upside down. The spikes of new daily confirmed cases in March and in July caught us all by surprise. We've all had to adapt to a new way of living like wearing face masks all day long, keeping a social distance, refraining from handshake, working from home, eating and staying at home as much as possible, and possible vaccinations in the near future. No one would enjoy this new way of living but we all have to do so in order to survive.

School work is somewhat like living under COVID-19. Most students dislike homework or taking examinations, but we all have to adapt in order to survive college life.



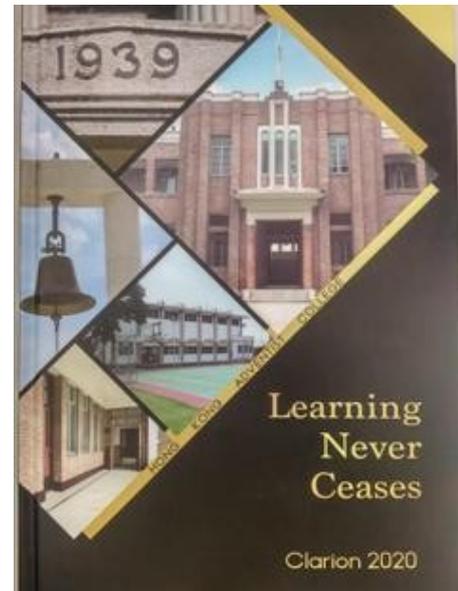
Many teachers do not relish grading homework or examinations either, but they adapt to this work ethic, in order to survive their teaching career as well. As long as we all know what we need to do to survive, we should all put our best efforts toward all our assignments, examinations, lectures, and grading papers. Political unrest, riots, protests, and COVID-19 will diminish and vanish soon, but the knowledge we gained from this college campus will stay with us for the rest of our lives.

As the Bible reminds us: "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Rom 8:28) Let us all work together during this new school year to do the best we can, because we all are called according to His purpose.

—by Dr. Dan Cheung, HKAC President

HKAC Clarion Yearbook 2020

Please download and enjoy reading our 2020 yearbook publication, with the theme of "Learning Never Ceases". It can be found online on the HKAC college website at the following shortened web link:
<https://bit.ly/3jCY9Pa>



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Remodeled King Huy Hall photo provided by Dr. Dan Cheung, HKAC President

HKAC Zoom Digital Community Events (August—November 2020)

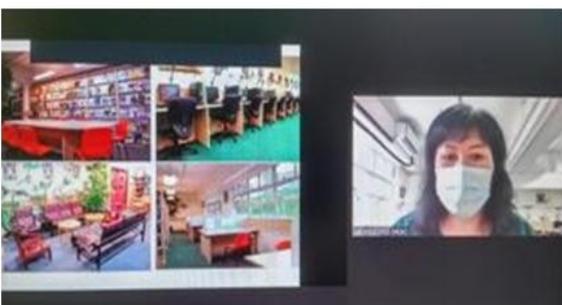
Article by Jenifer Shiu
Photos by Yuko Liu, Jenifer Shiu

Throughout the fall (autumn 2020) semester, despite the COVID-19 pandemic putting a damper on in-person events, HKAC managed to keep the campus spirit alive through a series of Zoom online events. This began with a Student Orientation Event on August 17th, a Faculty Development Day on August 19th, plus a New School Year Dedication Service on September 2nd. There also were weekly Zoom Chapel events featuring faculty, guest speakers, students, and pastors. A highlight has been the 12-16 October 2020 Gospel Week of daily sermons co-led by Pastor Tyson Moody and Pastor Se Kwang Ben Seo (Acting Dean of Students).

A recent Weekly Chapel Zoom event on 11th November featured three students from a communications class. Because the 23 October Environmental Day was cancelled to heed group limits for social distancing mandates, it was educational and inspiring for the student body to hear the perspectives of a few students. Presentations included: "The Damage of Plastic" by Tsz Wai (Kenny) Lam (Dept. of Health), "Landfills in Hong Kong" by Gaganpreet (Andrew) Singh (Dept. of PTC), and "What is Self Confidence" by Aakriti Sunar (Dept. of PTC).



Mr. Tsz Wai (Kenny) Lam in video image with slide, 11 Nov. 2020, **Zoom Environmental Day**



Ms. Kat Ma (HKAC Dormitory Dean & Acting Librarian) in video image with HKAC Library facilities slide, 17 Aug. 2020, **Zoom Student Orientation**

Similarly Culture Day, which is usually held in the middle of November, was held online during a Zoom Chapel event broadcast from King Huy Hall on November 18th. Boys' Dormitory Dean Jeriel Chuah hosted this Culture Day Zoom event, which featured a video and audio reporting by three HKAC students: Zuriel Tagle Ilagan (Dept. of Psychology) from the Philippines, Hansol Ryu (Dept. of Health) from South Korea, and Aleksandr Zubkov (Dept. of Business) from Russia.

Through online events, HKAC has managed to pull together the campus community whether or not affiliated people were based on site, elsewhere in Hong Kong or overseas. In the digital age, we benefit from such virtual events technology from any mobile device, laptop or desktop computer. This would have been nearly impossible (or very expensive) just 25 years ago without special teleconferencing rooms. We look forward to weekly digital community engagement throughout 2020 and beyond!



Dr. Barbara Choi (Chairperson, Dept. of Health), 23 Sept. 2020, **Zoom Chapel Day**



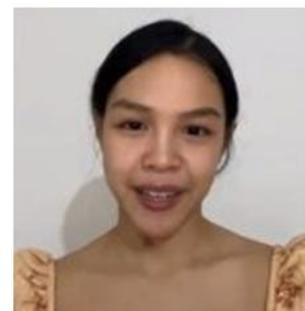
Pastor Se Kwang Ben Seo (Acting Dean of Students) and his inspirational message, "Our purpose on Earth is not to get lost in the dark in our journey through life...but to be a beacon of light, so that others may find their way."



Zoom Gospel Week Day 1, 12 Oct. 2020, King Huy Hall, HKAC



Faculty Development Day: Dr. Corjena Cheung (main), and her left to right, Dr. Barbara Choi, Ms. Jenifer Shiu, Ms. Twinky Lau, Mrs. Charlene Pak, Dr. Calvin Luk.



Miss Zuriel Tagle Ilagan (HKAC Junior Student) in video image broadcast from the Philippines, 18 Nov. 2020, **Zoom Culture Day**



Mr. Aleksandr Zubkov (HKAC Freshman Student) in video image broadcast from Russia, 18 Nov. 2020, **Zoom Culture Day**



Miss Hansol Ryu (HKAC Sophomore Student, right side) in video image broadcast from South Korea, 18 Nov. 2020, **Zoom Culture Day**

Welcome to Dr. Paul McGraw (Academic Dean, Fall 2020 Onward)

*Article edited by Jenifer Shiu
Photo by Leo Wong*



Hong Kong Adventist College warmly welcomes new Academic Dean, Paul E. McGraw, who comes to HKAC from Pacific Union College (PUC) in the United States, where he was a professor of history and also taught religion classes since 1998. He served as department head at PUC. Prior to teaching at PUC, Paul pastored in the Potomac Conference of SDA Church for fourteen years. He received his Ph.D. degree from George Washington University in 2004.

In his spare time, Dr. McGraw loves to sail! He's experienced the joy of sailing in the San Francisco Bay and along the California coast, as well as the Bahamas, British Virgin Islands and the coast of Maine. Paul hopes to be able to sail the wonderful waters around Hong Kong at some point!

Meanwhile, Dr. McGraw aims to meet and get to know all students and his new colleagues at HKAC! He and his lovely wife Betty also look forward to a happy, spiritual chapter of life in Hong Kong.

Welcome Back to Ms. Twinky Lau (Chairperson, Dept. of Religion, Fall 2020 Onward)

*Article edited by Jenifer Shiu
Photo by Leo Wong*

We welcome back Ms. Twinky Lau to the Clear Water Bay Campus as the new chairperson for the HKAC Department of Religion! Ms. Lau received her Theology degree on campus and she taught in the HKAC Department of Religion from 2010-2014, after she graduated with a Master degree in Divinity from Andrews University. She continues work on her doctorate dissertation through Andrews University. Ms. Lau truly enjoyed her four years teaching on campus and is happy to be back!

Twinky is an avid sports lover and enjoys many outdoor activities such as hiking, cycling, swimming, and tennis. She also enjoys playing badminton and table tennis in her spare time.

At HKAC, Ms. Lau would like to help students build a good relationship with Jesus. In the coming years, she would also like to help Bayview Church members obtain opportunities to gain knowledge about theology and ministry. Per Ms. Lau, "I pray that God will use me as His tool to glorify Him."



Clear Water Bay Campus Fall 2020 Other Buildings Renovation Project

*Photos by Sarah Gordon
Renovation Explanations by Hosea Yeung*



Rear patio view of Bayview Church / King Huy Hall during the second renovation phase.



Dawn breaks during the second renovation phase, which included the back part of Bayview Church / King Huy Hall.



Following the 31 July 2020 board approval, Bayview Church / King Huy Hall received repaired and refinished pews, a vinyl plank to replace termites prone teak wood flooring, a new air conditioning system, new outdoor floor tiles on the rear patio, and granite fencing to replace the prior iron fencing.



Bayview Church / King Huy Hall road being repaved in the northeast section of the Clear Water Bay campus.



The 81 years old HKAC Administration building's renovation project included repairing drainage issues, repairing the external damaged brick wall, repainting of classroom walls, and waterproofing the rooftop of the grade 2 listed historic building designed by Elder Chu Yue-tat.



During the renovation of the HKAC Multi-Purpose Hall, work projects included placement of PVC flooring, replacement of the wood dado/trench wall with ceramic tiles, installation of new air conditioning units, installation of new lights, and addition of a new wall cloth above the dado/trench wall.

HKAC Dept. of Music Students Samuel Woo & Lily Phee at Krakow Academy of Music

Article and Photos Provided by Mrs. Rena Phua (Music Program Director)



Piano student Samuel Woo “tickling the ivories” on stage.

Samuel Woo, a piano student who joined our HKAC piano program in July 2019, planned to take the Professional Piano Performance Diploma at Trinity College of Music (London) through the Fellowship of Trinity College, London (FTCL). He studied under the tutelage of HKAC Music Director, Mrs. Rena Phua, during which she coached and prepared Samuel in three very challenging high level piano works, including Beethoven’s Piano Sonata in C minor Op.111, Bach’s Partita No. 6 in E minor (complete set) and Chopin’s Scherzo No. 2.

Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, the FTCL Practical examination (music examiners from the UK) were cancelled and postponed for two consecutive sessions. Therefore, Mrs. Phua suggested that Samuel audition for the Master’s Degree Program at the Krakow Music Academy in Poland. The Krakow Music Academy is the second largest music school in Poland, after Warsaw. Samuel sent in his audition video tape in June this year and was happily accepted into the Master’s Degree Program in Music. He began his studies in October 2020.

Samuel did not major in Music during his B.A. Degree studies at Hong Kong Baptist University. Instead, his major was Chinese Studies. However, Samuel did complete the professional performance diplomas, ATCL followed by LTCL, which has elevated his performance standard acceptable to the Master’s Degree level in Europe. This can certainly be one area that HKAC’s Music Program can explore in consideration for our



Samuel Woo outside of the Krakow Music Academy in Krakow, Poland (October 2020)

students’ further studies planning, especially for those students interested in pursuing postgraduate studies. Congratulations to Samuel and we wish him a great deal of success, during his higher education music studies in Poland!



Lily Phee (in photo above with Samuel Woo) is also Rena’s student from Singapore. She performed at the June 8, 2019 80th anniversary piano concert at HKAC. Lily was accepted directly into the final year of the Krakow Academy of Music (Poland) Bachelors degree program, after graduating from Singapore’s Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts (NAFA) with a Music Diploma. Congratulations to Lily on her fine achievement!

HKAC Dept. of Music Students Teresa Chung and Lee Che-Wei Achieve Distinction by Earning ATCL Diplomas

In further good news from the HKAC Dept. of Music, one of our Diploma piano students, Teresa Chung, had passed her ATCL Performance Diploma with Distinction (87/100) recently. Earlier in the autumn season, another Diploma student Lee Che-Wei had also achieved Distinction for his ATCL Performance exam. The following are the performance Diploma levels, per Trinity College London’s web site.

- Performance Diplomas are available at these three levels:
- ATCL:** equivalent in standard to the first year recital of an undergraduate degree
- LTCL:** equivalent in standard to the final year recital of an undergraduate degree
- FTCL:** equivalent to a postgraduate course recital at a university

Former HKAC Student Ambassadors 2017-2018 Marry in 2020!

Article / Bio / Q&A / Photos by Ariel Lynch
with kind assistance from Eric Stocker

It was August of 2017, and it was my first time ever leaving my home in California. I remember getting off the plane at the Hong Kong International Airport and being delighted when I saw the smiling faces of Jeriel Chuah and Eric Stocker. Once we got in the car I realized how quiet Jeriel was and how much of a talker Eric was. (I wasn't too keen on this trait of his, because I was the one who liked to talk).

August turned into September, and September seemed to blur into December. I was busying myself with students, teaching, and outreach. As time passed, Eric and I got to know each other, through our similar interests. It turned out him talking a lot wasn't a bad trait after all. I was quite intrigued by the things he said (most of the time)! Not only did he have a passion for health and exercise, but he felt he was being led by Jesus Christ, as well. We would go on long walks such as to Junk Peak, Lobster Bay, Heaven's Gate and the Great Buddha and just talk for hours. Very late one night, we even shared a "near death experience" of getting lost on one of the mountains in Lantau Island.

Eric and Ariel at HKAC Global Youth Day 2018 Local Mission Event



Q&A with Ariel Lynch, Former HKAC Student Ambassador:

1. What do you and your husband Eric do currently?

I'm a nursing student at Loma Linda University in California, trying to follow in the footsteps of Dr. Corjena Cheung, wife of the HKAC president (Dr. Dan Cheung). Once I am done with school, we are planning to return to the mission field! My husband Eric works as the Swiss Army Knife of a physical therapy clinic and gym in California. He does everything, including: marketing, website management, scheduling and back office work, graphic design, IT, contracting, etc.

2. Which years were you both serving as Student Ambassadors on campus? 2017-2018

3. Besides mutual attraction and friendship, what drew you both together on campus and after HKAC? Was it the shared religious experience on campus and cultural values?

Having the same religious beliefs and hope in Jesus' return was the most important part. However, passion about health and service to others were big too.

4. Any memorable academic courses or teachers?

Chinese taught by Mrs. Charlene Pak

It was by this time that I started to realize that Eric was no ordinary man. He was a man of wit, charisma, intelligence and longing—all the same words that described my father! It wasn't long before I told him that I loved him on a clear, cool night in March, at the nunnery garden in Diamond Hill. I wish you could have seen his face. He was so shocked (because I had denied him a relationship previous times). I couldn't help but laugh!

Now our wedding has passed (September 2020), and I am the official wife of Eric Stocker! How I look forward to the many adventures I will be sharing with this young, crazy man I met in Hong Kong!

Ariel and Eric hiking with friends in Hong Kong



5. Besides meeting each other, what positive things did you both experience during your student ambassador year?

Too much to say! There were so many wonderful experiences with students, spending time around Hong Kong, working with the staff from the college and academy, putting on English camps in China, learning more about ourselves and God.

6. What do you miss most about life on the Clear Water Bay campus?

Besides the people, I miss the ability to exercise in so many amazingly different environments all so close. Running up mountains or at the beach, into town, through a village, up and down stairs, etc.

7. What do you recommend to current students and future Student Ambassadors?

Take advantage of the environment you are in. In the short time we were in Hong Kong, we actually ended up seeing more of it than many people who literally lived in Hong Kong their whole life. Climb every mountain, and see every beach! Go deep in the woods and deep in the city. Meet and interact with the staff and students around you. They are all amazing, with so much to teach you!

SYMS Alumnus Mr. Billy Yung and His Wife Visit the Clear Water Bay Campus

Article and Photos by Jenifer Shiu



Mr. Billy Yung and Ms. Suet Yan Yeung

Clear Water Bay Sam Yuk Middle School alumnus Mr. Hok Man (Billy) Yung and his wife Ms. Suet Yan Yeung visited our campus on 28 October 2020, despite the cloudy, rainy weather.

It was so nice to meet Mr. Billy Yung and his lovely spouse, and we were happy to bestow some 80th anniversary alumni gifts, including the commemorative album and a decorated mirror gifted by another Sam Yuk Middle School alumnus nicknamed “Chile Pepper”.

Mr. Yung mentioned that he works at one of the terminal ports in Hong Kong. He was a student on campus from 1993 to 1998. Since Billy and his wife live in Hong Kong, we hope they can visit our campus in the future on a sunny day. Our best wishes and blessings to them both!



Mr. Billy Yung and Ms. Suet Yan Yeung

Clear Water Bay Campus Renovated Cafeteria

(July to August 2020)

Photos by Jenifer Shiu



The chefs, Mrs. Li and her son, Mr. Li



The renovated interior space's food serving station



Food & Beverage Director Joseph Tong, Alice Wong, Henry Ya'ang, and students



New chairs and interior wall decor



Students Calebe and Sara



A spacious, contemporary ambiance in the cafeteria

Clear Water Bay Campus Fall 2020 Administration Building Renovation Project

Photos by John Lau, SYMS Photo by Jenifer Shiu
Renovation Explanations by Hosea Yeung



Forklift helps with HKAC Admin. Building rooftop waterproofing and repairs projects



For the HKAC Administration building renovation, during the September to October 2020 phase, waterproofing of the rooftop and repairing drainage issues were completed. In addition, exterior brick wall work repairs was also done, together with painting of classroom walls.



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Waterproofing work on the HKAC Admin. building rooftop



Solar panels were added to the HKAA building rooftop, and it started generating electricity as of mid-July 2020.



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HKAC Fall 2020 Campus Vistas

Photos by Jenifer Shiu



Alice walks under the HKAC Admin. Building's archway, as workers repair the facade



A forklift elongates to help workmen



President Dan readies to kick the ball



Exterior renovations occur at King Huy Hall



A butterfly rests on a violet flower on campus



Jeriel trains his dog at the SYMS building



Henry guards the goal post, as Leo tries to score



A red flower in full bloom on campus



Gardener Emeritus Li prunes a floral tree