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A Biannual Newsletter

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## Letter from the President

Dear members, I am going to retire as the President!

During the last AGM I have announced about my retirement after this term as the President of Hong Kong Texas Exes. 13 years ago Benjamin Chang and I founded Hong Kong Texas Exes. I remember in 2007, in one of the Exco meetings, I have informed other committee members that I will decrease my involvement in HKTU to focus on other things. It turned out that I quitted the membership in another committee to focus on HKTU. But this time, my retirement will be real.

By the end of this term, I would have led HKTU for 14 years, including the last 10 years as President. During this period I have met a lot of members and alumni. I have represented the alumni in Hong Kong to meet the visitors from UT and visited UT. I have made many friends along the way. And, the committee has made HKTU one of the most active alumni organizations of overseas universities in Hong Kong. The experience had been exceptional and I will not trade this experience for anything else!

My committee has been operating in a certain way while there have been a lot of changes in the membership of HKTU. It is for the best interest of HKTU that we have new leadership to lead the organization, to take care of the new needs of the members and alumni. Also, all committee members have served in the Exco for many years. Carl joined in 2004, Celine joined in 2005, and Winson joined in 2008. Some of them have also indicated their wishes to retire next year.

My committee has built a membership of over 250 and accumulated a decent sum of cash for our successors. We are probably the third most active international Texas Exes chapter in the world (after London and Mexico City). All these are going to let our new leaders, rather than having them swamped with non-value adding tasks, to focus on the organization of activities for our members and take the organization to the next level. If you are interested in being an Exco member or just get involved, please talk to me or one of the other Exco members as soon as possible.

I understand that our next President and other committee members may not appear before the next Election. So, I would like to ask our members to help HKTU continue by taking the lead to organize individual activities for the organization. You may organize a football watching party, a happy hour gathering, a barbecue party, a casual dinner, or even something that we never had before, for the group.

Until next time, may the 'Horns be with you!

Victor K. Nip  
MBA 1996



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# Annual General Meeting



Three years in a row, we had our Annual General Meeting in Modern China Restaurant in Times Square. The meeting was held in a spacious room with gorgeous view in the evening of the first of March. As usual, the outgoing President, Victor Nip, gave a report of the activities and achievements of HKTx in the past year. It was followed by Carl Sung, the outgoing Treasurer, delivering the financial report. Certificates of Appreciation were awarded to Patrick Chen, Caesar Lun, and Wing Tin for their valuable and significant contributions to the Organization in the past year. The Election Officer, Arthur

Cheung, then took over and let the cabinet candidate present their plan for the coming year. The members in the meeting voted unanimously to confirm the cabinet candidate to be the new Executive Committee.

The meeting did not end there. Some of the members went on to have a drink after the dinner. It was a fruitful chat with Gene Barron who shared his intriguing stories about doing business with people in the entertainment industry of Mainland China.

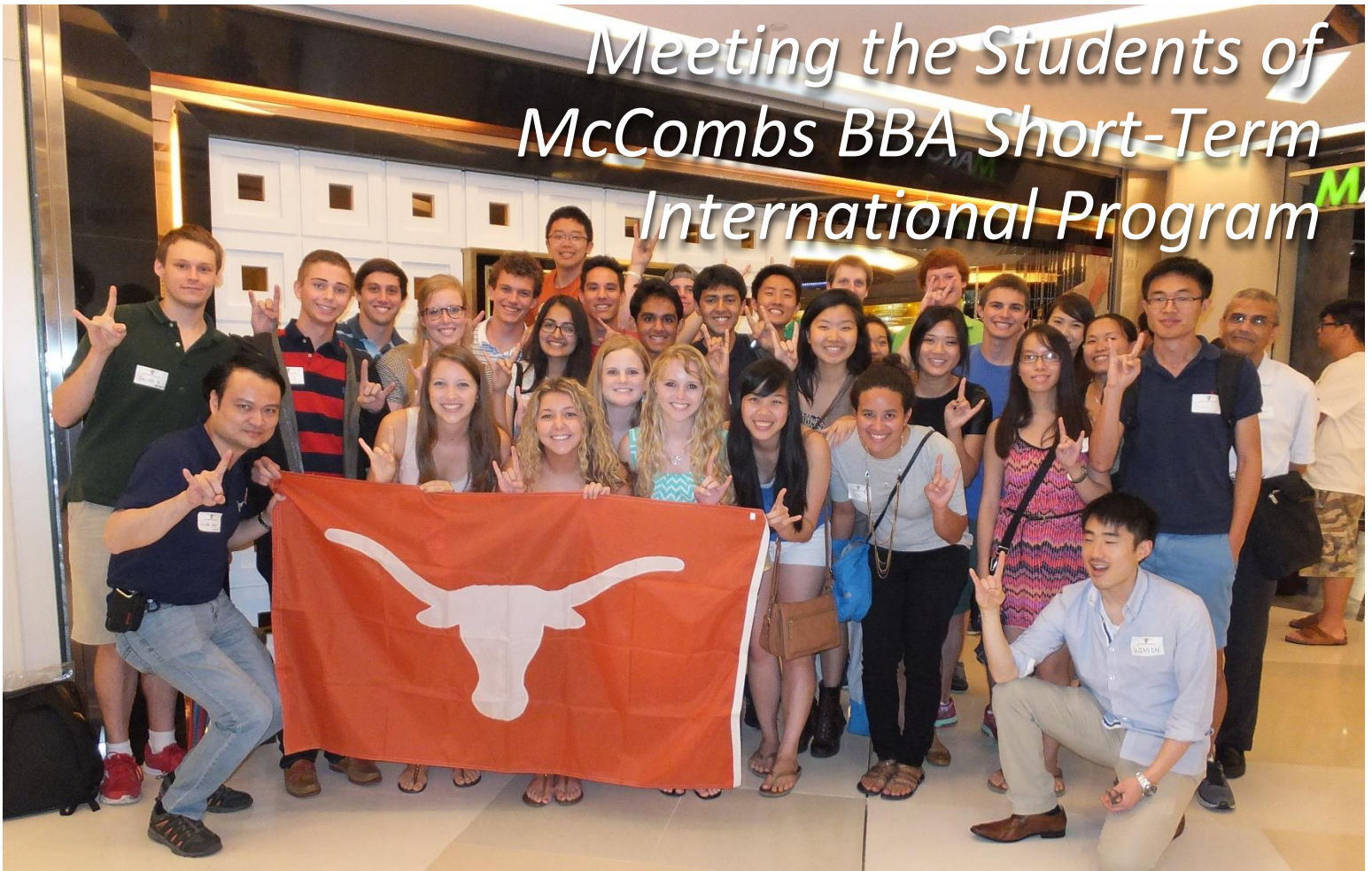
This year's Exco would like to take this

opportunity to express their gratitude for the support of the members. Special thanks to Arthur Cheung for picking up the responsibility of Election Officer.



To see more pictures of the event, go to [hktx.org/nl0301](http://hktx.org/nl0301) or scan the QR code at the end of the newsletter, and follow the links there.

# Meeting the Students of McCombs BBA Short-Term International Program



This year, the McCombs BBA Short-Term International Program had once again picked Hong Kong as the visiting city for their some 30 Supply Chain Management students. Led by Shery Chanis, a staffer of the program who

originally came from Hong Kong, the group had spent their summer both on and off the campus of The Chinese University in Hong Kong, and had traveled across the border to visit factories in Shenzhen and Dongguan in Mainland China.

Part of their exploration in Hong Kong was jointly organized by the program and HKTX.



On June 22, members from the two groups, both students and alumni, visited the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Shatin. The highlights at the museum was the showcase of Studio Ghibli Layout Designs, a notorious Japanese animation company founded by directors Isao Takahata and Hayao Miyazaki, along with an exhibition of Bruce Lee's memorabilia, both happened to be very recognizable by the students due to their popularity in the US. The students also found other exhibitions at the museum about New Territories' heritage, Cantonese opera, and Chinese art to be very interesting and had



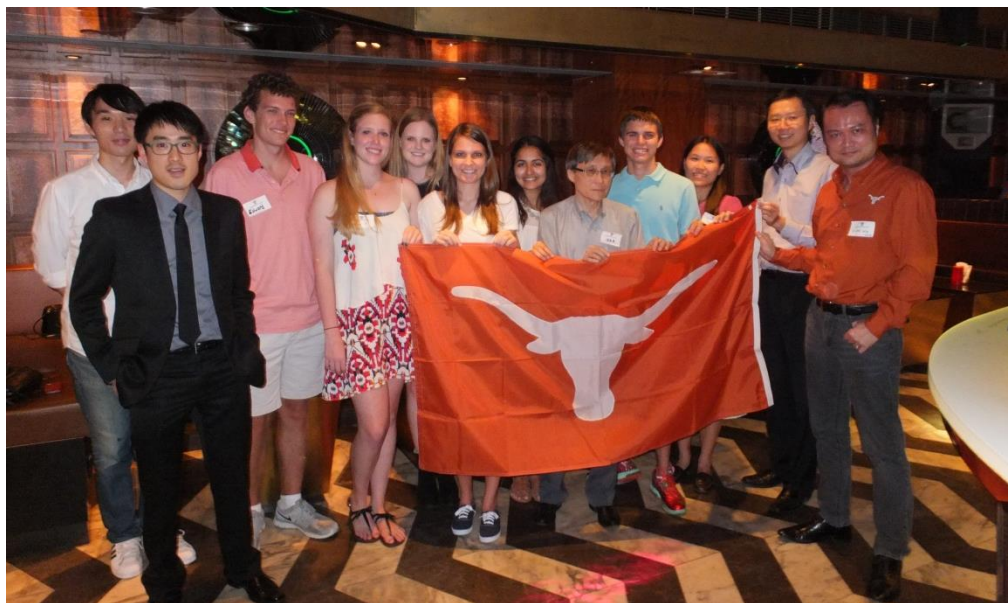
enriched their understanding of the Chinese culture.

The museum visit was followed by a dim-sum lunch at the nearby Fung Shing Restaurant (鳳城酒家), a restaurant famous for Shunde (順德) cuisine. Both the students and the alumni had spent a wonderful afternoon together.



From museum visit to quite a different form of local culture, on July 3 the students and members and friends of HKTX gathered again at Privé in Lan Kwai Fong for a happy hour gathering. The students and Shery also took the opportunity to present their token of appreciation to HKTX.

This summer marked the fourth year HKTX had received students from the school during their summer visits to Hong Kong. Every year, meeting the students was almost like meeting ourselves from the past when we were still studying at the university. Simply by talking to the students, it reminded us of what it was like to be one of the Longhorns and the pride of being a UT graduates. Not only had meeting the students reignited the school spirit in our hearts, it was also a wholesome feeling to know that these fine students would one day become the pillars of our society. We wish them good luck, and we look forward to see more students



visiting Hong Kong again!

To see more pictures of the event, go to [hktx.org/nl0301](http://hktx.org/nl0301) or scan the QR code at the end of the newsletter, and follow the links there.

## UT Wind Ensemble Around the World Tour in Hong Kong

The UT Wind Ensemble visited Hong Kong as part of their tour around the world and had a concert held at the Tsuen Wan Concert Hall on May 29. About a dozen alumni took this opportunity to enjoy the music played by our students. The band is conducted by Professor Jerry Junkin and features Professor Nathan Williams who is the Clarinet Soloist. The highlight of the concert, at least to the ears of our alumni, was the playing of "The Eyes of Texas".

The audience was extremely pleased by the performance and the final applause lasted a few minutes.



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HONG KONG WIND PHILHARMONIA 香港樂風管樂團

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS WIND ENSEMBLE 美國德克薩斯州大學管樂團

2014.5.29 (THURSDAY) 8:00PM 荃灣大會堂演藝廳 TSWN HALL AUDITORIUM \$190, \$150, \$120 (\$90, \$75, \$60)\*

MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR  
PROFESSOR JERRY JUNKIN  
音樂總監及指揮 黃鏡教授

CLARINET SOLOIST  
PROFESSOR NATHAN WILLIAMS  
單簧管獨奏 謝高·威華斯 教授

1 氣出酒 慶祝  
Duo Walker

2 舞會的樂的 為樂舞  
For the fun of Donald Coatham

3 翠蕩管協奏曲 祝母利  
Concerto for Clarinet Frank Tobel

4 酒唱色的海洋 為管樂團撰作的交響曲 賀禧  
Wine-Drunk Seas Symphony for Band John Markley

HKWP HONG KONG WIND PHILHARMONIA

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS WIND ENSEMBLE



In the middle of last year, we started our mentorship program for new UT graduates who repatriate to Hong Kong or come to Hong Kong to work. We have decided to expand our career related program to include helping alumni to connect with experienced professionals in their interested fields and also one another.

The objectives of the program are as follows:

- To help our fresh graduates explore different career opportunities, build their careers, and build connections with other members and people in their interested fields
- To help alumni to get connected with experienced professionals of their interested career paths
- To build relationships among UT alumni in Hong Kong
- To build the membership of HKTX

### Mentorship Program

The mentor-mentee relationship will officially last 12 calendar months. Mentors may give mentees advice on resume writing, exploring career paths, and interview techniques. Mentors can also take their mentees to meet other people in the industries that the mentees are interested in. Apart from career advice, mentors can also give advice on adapting to living in Hong Kong and on other issues. While there is flexibility in the eligibility of the mentors and mentees, below are the guidelines:

#### Mentor

- Has minimum 4 years of working experience, of which at least 1 year gained in Hong Kong
- Is a member of HKTX
- Normally resides in Hong Kong
- Is willing to meet each mentee at least once a quarter for 4 consecutive quarters

#### Mentee

- Graduated from UT less than 2 years ago
- Is a member of HKTX
- Normally resides in Hong Kong
- Wants to build his/her career in Hong Kong
- Is willing to meet his/her mentor at least once a quarter for 4 consecutive quarters

If you are otherwise eligible but are not a member yet, you may [join](#) us now.

To apply to become a mentor or a mentee, please visit <http://www.hktx.org/Mentorship.htm>.



### The Horns Network

If you are a UT alumnus in Hong Kong interested in a certain field and want to talk to a Longhorn in that field, maybe we can help. If you are an alumnus planning to come to or come back to Hong Kong to work and want a lead, maybe we can help, too. Let us know what you want and we will try to connect you with members who

are experienced professionals in your interested industry. We will also look into our Exco members' UT connections and experienced professionals from other circles to help.

If you are a member who is an experienced professional in your field, we ask for your help. What we need from you is to take the first call from the help-seeking alumni. It will be up to you to decide whether you want to provide further help after taking the first calls.

To participate in Horns Connect, please visit <http://www.hktx.org/TheHornsNetwork.htm>.

Eligibility for help-seeking alumnus

- Is an alumnus of UT
- Is a member of HKTX if already in Hong Kong
- Is interested in developing his/her career in Hong Kong

Eligibility for Experienced Professional

- Is a member of HKTX
- Is experienced in his/her own industry

### Connect thru LinkedIn

We have been using LinkedIn to connect our members (and our members only) for about a year. While the LinkedIn HKTX group (<http://hktx.org/linkedin>) is underutilized, our co-founder's profile (<http://hktx.org/connect>) has connected more than 100 members in the professional network. LinkedIn is the best way to make your own connections with our fellow members on a DIY basis.

If you are a member and you have not connected with us through LinkedIn yet, please take action [now](#). No forms required! If you are not a member yet and want to connect with our members, you may [join](#) us and get connected.



The brochure of the program can be downloaded from here: <http://www.hktx.org/CareerConnection.htm>

# Those Were the Days: The History of HKTX Football Watching Parties (Part 2) - Victor K. Nip



**2013/10/5 Alumni watching the Red River Rivalry at Old China Hand**

*This is the second part of a two-part miniseries about the history of our football watching parties. Our President Victor talks about our football parties from his personal point of view. If you have missed the first part, please read the previous issue of the newsletter which is available in our web site. Go to [hktx.org/nl0301](http://hktx.org/nl0301) or scan the QR code at the end of the newsletter, and follow the links there.*

would go there every Sunday to watch the Irish's games during the football season. We were fortunate that we could take advantage of that arrangement.

alumni to go to The Wheel to watch the ou game at 3:30am. Many alumni showed up despite it was supposed to be bed time.



**2007/12/28 Watching the Holiday Bowl against Arizona State at Hip Holiday**

In 2008, our alumnus Andrew Stanley started to bring the Texas games to his friends and our alumni by using his Slingbox at home in the US. He organized two parties at The Wheel in Central during the year which our alumni enjoyed much. This was when we started using Slingbox to bring Texas's games to our alumni. In 2009, we had 4 football watching parties which were all held at Amici in Wanchai (which also had closed its doors). An alumnus of Notre Dame had given the password of his Slingbox at his home in US to the restaurant so that the Notre Dame alumni



**2008/11/2 Watching the Texas Tech game early in the morning at The Wheel**

Andrew joined the Exco in 2010, so we had a "stable supply" of live game feeds. On October 3, 2010, we did the craziest thing! We asked our



**2008/11/28 Double-header football watching party at The Wheel**

In October 2011 when I visited Texas Exes on campus, I found that they were supplying Texas football live feed to UKTE (United Kingdom Texas Exes) in London on a regular basis. We were offered to take the feeds that London did not need.

The 4 live watching parties in the 2009 season:



2009/10/17 Red River Rivalry Live Viewing Party at Amici



2009/11/10 Texas at OSU Viewing Party at Amici



2009/12/06 Big 12 Championship Live Viewing Party at Amici



2010/01/08 National Championship Live Viewing Party at Amici



2010/10/03 Red River Rivalry Live Viewing Party at The Wheel



2011/10/09 ou alums at the Red River Rivalry Live Viewing Party at The Wheel

Due to time differences, we would be able to get the Saturday evening games and weekday games including Lonestar Showdown and Texas's bowl games. But despite this good news, we began to face another obstacle in organizing football watching parties. The economy was recovering, so bars and restaurants were not interested to serve us for games starting at 3:30am or 7:30am any more, while those willing required a very high minimum spending. One restaurant which is mentioned above asked for \$300 per head and another also mentioned above said they would not open their restaurant for us in the morning unless we spend more than \$10,000! So a few times we had small parties at our alumni's homes. That was not a good solution, though.

Last year, we found that Old China Hand was actually quite a suitable place and they asked nothing specific from us. Now we have a place, but we could not watch many of the important games that our alumni care about live because London had the priority. We had watched the

Texas Tech game after the game ended and one alumnus accidentally knew about the score before coming to the party. The others were not that thrilled because although we did not know the score during the party but it was still history. So for the Baylor game, which we wanted to show right after it ended attracted very few people, despite it was equivalent to a conference championship game. That is why the Exco wants to have our own Slingbox at Texas Exes so that we can watch all the games that we want to watch. This year we want to bring as many games as possible to our alumni.



2011/12/29 Holiday Bowl Live Watching Party at Amici

As Texas Exes has expressed, football watching is very important to help our alumni, especially those who reside outside the US, bond together. Along the way we have used different media to show the games, including video tape, TV broadcast, DVD, video streaming, and video narrowcast. This is already quite a journey.

I hope this article will help you understand our football watching parties, and I hope I will see you in the next one!



2013/12/31 Alamo Bowl Watching Party with the alumni of Oregon, second joint-club football watching party ever at Trafalgar



2012/12/30 Alamo Bowl Live Viewing Party at Ruggers: with an unlimited amount of food for breakfast on an ice-cold morning

## Update on Texas Football Watching Parties

Since the publication of the last issue of our newsletter, there have been a few changes in the situation and we would like to give you an update.

1. We now do not have to buy our own Slingbox. Texas Exes has bought a new unit

and they will let us use the old one which is supposed to retire.

2. We have found a way to secure a stable and fast data connection for the live feed at a very low price.
3. Our Vice Internal President Winson Chan has donated to us a smartphone which is capable of displaying the contents on its screen on a big TV screen. This makes the setup at our football watching venue a very easy task.

With all these, it means we do not need donation specifically for football watching parties and any member who has the time to watch a Texas football game will be able to host a football watching party of that game for all our members and alumni.

However, we also have a little bit of hiccup. As of the fourth week of September, we cannot get the video feed from Texas Exes because they are having a new cable operator and the new set-up is not ready yet. We are waiting for the news from Texas Exes and we hope that our feed will be ready very soon.

## HKTU Merchandise

There are only a few Ted (Texas Exes Dragon) mugs left! If you like this design, act now before all stock is gone!



Coffee mug: HK\$100

Write to us at [hongkong@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:hongkong@alumni.utexas.net) if you are interested in the merchandise. The profit on the sale of our merchandise will help us in the running of the club.

## Final Words

We hope that you enjoyed reading these newsletters. If you have any comments about this newsletter, please do not hesitate to write to us at [hongkong@alumni.utexas.net](mailto:hongkong@alumni.utexas.net).

We would like to urge you to contribute articles or photos for the next issue. It can be any news about yourself that you want to share with our fellow alumni. If you want to tell them about your business in the form of an advertisement, we can work that out, too. The next issue will be published in December/January. Until then, may the 'Horns be with y'all!

## Upcoming Activities

- **October to December:** Football Watching Parties
- **December 6:** Thanksgiving Dinner

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