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Letter from the President

I went to Austin in November as part of my personal trip to the US. During my stay there I visited Texas Exes and the officers of the BBA Short-Term International Programs. I also participated in the Cantonese Conversation Class of the Hong Kong Student Association. I will share my story in Austin with you in the article "Two Days in Austin". Like I said in the previous "Letter from the President", I am going to retire as the President of Hong Kong Texas Exes. Most of the other Exco members have also notified me their intention to retire. So now is a good time for those members who are interested to serve the school and our members to take the place of ours. With the effort of the Exco over the years, we have built up a good infrastructure and have accumulated a decent amount of funds for the organization. We are confident that the next Exco will have the necessary resources to serve the membership well.

This is the last issue of newsletter for the year. I hope you will enjoy it. Don't forget about the Annual General Meeting on March 7. Have a very happy Chinese New Year, and may the 'Horns be with y'all!

*Victor K. Nip
MBA 1996*

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Many of the Exco members have decided to retire as Exco members of HKTX after the current term. They have served in the Exco for 7 to 14 years. Before they leave their offices, they would like to express their thoughts about being Exco members of HKTX.

Winson



By accepting the invitation of Celine Lok (now External Vice President), I joined the Exco of HKTX in February 2009 as External Relations Officer. My duty in the first year was mainly to maintain and to enhance the relationship between HKTX and its fellow members. After a year of service as a rookie, and following the resignation of Benjamin Chang (co-founder of HKTX), I assumed his duty as the Internal Vice President in 2010, and had worked on various programs and events for HKTX till now. In my nearly six years of service, I had helped HKTX to set up its first mentorship program as well as its first recruitment service program. I was also a member of the editorial board, and I had written various articles as well as conducted interviews for the eight issues of "HK HORNS", our newsletter since 2013. I had helped organizing various events throughout the years, including events that were specifically organized for the UT students who came to Hong Kong for their summer programs every year, and events that were designed to reconnect our members, such as hiking and dining events.

The most memorable things that I did in these years were the two interviews I conducted together with Victor. The interviews were written into articles and were posted on our 5th and 8th issues of the HK HORNS. I felt very lucky to be able to interview these distinguished alumni of UT. Their lifelong achievements and their ties with UT Austin are very good examples for not just myself but, I believe, also to other alumni to follow.

Lastly, I want to thank Victor (President and co-founder of HKTX) for his 14 years of contribution to HKTX and to its members and friends. I have

learned so much from him in these six years of teamwork with him. His determination and diligence are unmatched by most people that I have come across in my life. And he is only one of the many outstanding alumni of UT Austin, from different generations, who I would never have met if I had not joined HKTX. I have become more proud of myself as a UT graduate by knowing that there are so many Longhorns out there doing great things and making great changes to the society. The Alma Mater is not just the place where we acquire our knowledge. It is also the place that nourishes both our minds and souls. However, for most people, I believe, it stops the day they graduate and step out to the society. But today, and since you have already found your way here, I hope that this will lead you to the doorway, where you can find yourself back in the UT community again. Hook'em Horns!

Celine



It has been over 10 years since I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin and came back to Hong Kong for good. I was the President of Hong Kong Student Association in 2001 at UT Austin. Therefore, when I came back to Hong Kong, I contacted Victor to connect with our UT alumni so that I could find my connections in Hong Kong. After joining a few times of HKTX's functions, I proposed to help the group. Benjamin and Victor were delighted to let me be the External Vice President for HKTX. This was how I started to be part of our HKTX family.

I was a relatively fresh graduate back in 2004 and I had a couple of jobs before I became a headhunter in the investment banking field. Later in my life I got married and I am now a mother of two daughters. Throughout my life back in Hong Kong, Victor, Benjamin, Carl, Winson and Calra were there to share, to witness, and to support. The feeling of joining HKTX is much more than just an organization for networking. HKTX indeed gives us a great platform to grow together in all aspects in our lives. I treasure that we share our different stages in our lives. We always have dinner together, happy hour events, football viewing

parties, house warming parties, and also support though some difficult incidences in our lives. There were so many great experiences gained while I was serving this group for over 10 years. Although every committee member has his/her full time job, we tried to bring new ideas for recruiting new members to strengthen our group. For all the hard work, I would like to give the biggest credit to Victor Nip, our beloved President, who devotes his 100% to make HKTX a better alumni association. He manages most of the communication with UT Alumni Association back in Austin. When we are not free to show up at the joint happy hour events with other alumni associations, Victor was the one who showed up almost every time and stayed until the end. I want to say if it is not for Victor to have such devoted spirit, HKTX would not be the same as it is now. I want to thank him for his contribution to HKTX here.

Benjamin and Carl are two respectful committee members in our group, too. Benjamin always supported our functions with his family together. Carl is a very nice gentleman and responsible treasurer all the time. It has been great working with both of them.

Winson was my classmate while I was studying at UT Austin. We both stayed at Austin during the same period. We were good friends together with all the other Hong Kong students in Austin. We have so many common friends and we had so much college life, fun, and memories together such as climbing up persimmon trees and pecan trees. We also went to the same class and then studied and copied each other's homework at UGL, too. Winson is a great cook and enjoys cooking so much. Winson and I used to cook for over 20 people for the Chinese New Year's Eve dinner, too. Everyone was so expecting to have such delicious Chinese home cooking that they waited for 4 hours. It took Winson a whole day to cook but all of our friends finished eating all the dishes in just 15 minutes. The reason behind might be that they were super hungry and dinner started super late at 11:30pm. It was such an unforgettable event for both of us. After Winson decided to come back to Hong Kong, I invited him to help in HKTX. Once all the committee members were invited to his home to enjoy his delicious cooking and had a great time together.

Calra did not go to school at UT Austin but she had always been a great help to our group. She helped tremendously in communicating with our members when we had our functions. We all appreciated her contribution to HKTX so much.

There were many great memories while we were serving together in this group. As I remembered, Victor and I did not get along at the beginning and I used to argue with him a lot. When we

worked and grew together, I was thankful to have met such a good brother. All of us cared about each other's family, too. When there were hard times, we supported each other by calling each other or coming out for dinner. Therefore, being a part of the HKTX family is not just for fun but it has also nurtured our friendship. Even though Victor has decided to retire from his presidency, I believe his passion will always be our guide for the new committees in the future.

Lastly, I want to say that it is my honor to be part of HKTX and I have got much more out from this group than my contribution. The most valuable thing is our friendship over the years and I believe that it will grow stronger in the future as well. It is wonderful to see each of us growing older and it will be always fun to talk about our simple, fun, and stupid college life in the future as topics at dinner time. Hook'em Horns!

Carl



January 5, 2006 was a working day but I was not in my office. Instead, I was cheering for the UT football team at American Club in Central. It was an NCAA Football National Championship viewing party hosted by USC Alumni Association and Hong Kong Texas Exes. UT entered the game as an underdog and was trailing 26-38 in the fourth quarter with less than seven minutes to play. Then miracle happened! By the time UT players crossed USC's goal line with the ball for the third time in the final quarter with nineteen seconds remaining, the UT crowd was high fiving and singing "The Eyes of Texas"! We had a record turnout. Our alumni there graduated in different decades, studied in different disciplines, came from different countries, but we all cheered for one team. There were also a lot of unfamiliar faces. There were first-timers who had never joined any HKTX activity before. There were spouses of our alumni supporting the alma mater of their other halves. There were two generations of a family, both went to UT, having a family gathering in an alumni event. That was probably the most important reason I decided to join the Executive Committee of HKTX ten years ago.

I had my graduate studies in UT. Frankly, my two years in Austin, though very fruitful and

joyful, is not as memorable as my undergraduate life in Hong Kong. It is, however, the UT alumni whom I met after coming back to Hong Kong always remind me the ties between UT and myself. Our alumni come from all walks of life. Without UT as our least common denominator, we may never have known each other. It is the idea of bringing different people together under one big umbrella that carries me through all these years of HKTX work.

During my tenure as the Treasurer of HKTX, it was the selfless dedication of our co-founders, Victor and Benjamin that impressed me the most. Victor has led the organization since its inception while Benjamin has supported the alumni events all along even though he was frequently out of town. Ten years is not a short period of time. We have achieved and failed to achieve a lot of things over the years. Now is the time for a new leadership and a new direction for HKTX.

Go Horns!

Victor



While we were having our Exco Meeting in October, I brought up the idea to the table that each of the Exco members should write an article for the newsletter about their experience in the Exco throughout the years. Since 2009, all the current four Exco members had been in the Exco together. By the time the current term ends, this quartet would have worked together for 7 years. It would also be the time for the quartet to have a poetic dissolution when many of us (if not all) are going to retire as Exco members.

It has been 14 years since HKTX came to existence. I had been the Co-Chairman from 2001 to 2005 and in the last 10 years I have been the President. When Benjamin Chang and I co-founded HKTX, all we wanted to do was to keep the network of UT alumni in Hong Kong intact. We never thought that either of us would be staying in the Exco for this long. If Benjamin had stayed in Hong Kong I am sure he would still be in the Exco with us. As I have mentioned time after time, I have had a lot of wonderful experiences that I would not trade for anything else. The friendship that comes along with it was also much more than valuable.

The Exco had organized more than 150 events since Day 1. There have been a lot of memorable ones. If I am to pick the top 2, first I would pick the National Championship Bowl Game Party co-organized by USCAA (University of Southern California Alumni Association) and HKTX. On January 5, 2006, over 150 alumni from USC and UT gathered in American Club to watch the teams from the two schools competing for the National Championship in College Football. It was not just that we won the National Championship that made it so memorable, but over 50 Longhorns who put away their work for the morning and supported the school together. The other one I would pick is the Joint Happy Hour with UBC (University of British Columbia) that happened in June 2008. In that event, more than 50 alumni from UT and UBC and guests who are alumni of universities in US, Canada, Australia, UK, and Hong Kong gathered together in Central for a party. There were a lot of good friends of mine there whom I knew while doing the work of HKTX. It was really a lot of fun!

I want to take this opportunity to thank Carl Sung, Celine Lok, and Winson Chan for their dedication and time over the years. In their afterthought articles they mentioned me multiple times and portrayed me in very positive ways. I am not sure if I deserve all the things that they wrote nor it is the best thing for them to feature me some ways in their articles, especially I feel I have been reaping huge gains in my social life as the leader of the Exco. The newsletter has always meant to be for the organization and for its members. However, after losing an argument with Winson on this matter, I just leave their articles "as is".

Apart from these three die-hard core members of the Exco, I would also like to thank Calra Hong, Andrew Stanley, Christopher Shen, Jacob Ip, and Logan Hairgrove for serving in the Exco one time or another during my presidency. I also want to thank Susanna Poon for picking some of the Happy Hour Gathering venues, and Wing Tin and George Lam for their donations. And of course, I have to thank Benjamin for working together with me to co-found Hong Kong Texas Exes. We have gone through a lot together and HKTX would be much less successful if it was not with Benjamin's contribution.

My retiring as the President does not mean that I will be abandoning HKTX or my ties with our fellow alumni and other people I have known while being an Exco member. What it means is that the positions of President and other Exco positions are vacant and are available for alumni who want to serve our university and our members. If you are one of them, do get yourself elected!

Lastly, may the 'Horns be with y'all!

Know Your Alumni: George Lam



In September (2014), we saw a post in our Facebook group about our alumnus George Lam (林其東), together with his elder brother, being nominated to receive the award of ATV Hong Kong Loving Hearts Campaign 2014 (ATV 2014 感動香港年度人物). George has been a member of Hong Kong Texas Exes since its formation. Apart from actively taking part in our activities, he also helped HKTG to conduct our Election in 2012.

Over the years, we have learned from him about his family business and his career in politics, but we have never heard him telling us about his good deeds that got him nominated for that award. The editorial board did not have to think twice before it decided to feature George in the "Know Your Alumni" series.

Education

George moved to Texas from Hong Kong in 1978. He first studied at UT Arlington majoring in Biochemistry. Later, he moved to Austin and studied at UT. He graduated from UT with a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering in 1982. Similar to our other members who went to UT at that time, he chose UT because UT had a very high ranking in his subject and the tuition fee was very affordable. Chemical Engineering was ranked top 10 in the country at that time.

With his Chemical Engineering background, he wanted to work in the petroleum industry when he graduated. However, the industry was very depressed at that time. So, instead of working in the petroleum industry, he chose to pursue his MBA at UT Arlington. When he received his master's degree, he went on to Southern Methodist University (SMU) in University Park near Dallas to pursue a master's degree in statistics. George was awarded with a full scholarship for his study in SMU. After getting his third degree, he started to work for the U. S. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas as a Statistician.

Family Business

In 1992, he came back to Hong Kong for his family's business, mainly for the launching of Mini (美樂多) in Hong Kong and China. Mini is a lactobacillus dairy product with its majority of patrons in Guangdong Province, China. In fact, Mini is quite a successful product in Guangdong and it will expand and double its capacity this year.

Looking back at the launch of Mini, George said the marketing strategy in Hong Kong at that time should have been different. However, he is not quite abandoning the Hong Kong market because, as it is successful in Guangdong, immigrants and visitors from Guangdong continue to consume the product when they are

in Hong Kong. He mentioned that it is very expensive to sell similar products in major supermarkets in Hong Kong because the supermarkets require very high gross margins for the products they sell and there are all kinds of fees for products to be put on the supermarket shelves. So, the kind of guerrilla marketing strategy is adopted in the Hong Kong market.

The group also does business in education. It has a business called Kornerstone which specializes in financial training. They also own one of the biggest experiential training centers in China which is situated in Panyu. This training center is set up as a social enterprise. It has been running very well and is now self-sustaining.



Charity and Politics

Apart from his family business, he is also active in charity work and politics. Under his management, his company has been donating a lot of money to the charities in Shaukeiwan which is his neighborhood. He wanted to run for a seat of District Councilor because he loved having the chances to talk to the people in the community and help them improve their lives. The position would also serve well as his next challenge after he retires later from his current role in the group business. He thinks that it is much better to do something for the community than to sit at home to wait for time to pass by.

In 2011, he stood for election for a seat in the Shaukeiwan District Council as an independent. He had gained the support of many people in his constituency. However, he was narrowly defeated by the incumbent who had been in the office for 30 years.

The Nomination



George and his brother have been doing a lot of charity work. Once the brothers went on a trip with the China Disabled Persons Federation (CDPF, 中国残疾人联合会) to visit the needy. There was one night when they were awakened by the scream of a little girl. This girl had cerebral palsy. People with cerebral palsy behave like children even when they have grown up. They may be in their 40s but they may behave like a 6-year-old. She was once allowed to go in and out of her home freely, but she was bullied and was sexually harassed many times. Her neighbors were not helping, either. They discriminated against the girl's family. So, her family did not allow her to go out any more. In fact, her mother chained her to a small corner in her home when her mother went out to work.



George and his brother discussed this and they decided to do something to help people with cerebral palsy. As they have business in Panyu, they thought about their corporate social responsibility in the locality. They discussed the idea with CDPF and the local Panyu government.



They created a slogan for their campaign that went like this: If you save one person with cerebral palsy, you liberate the person's whole family (托養一人, 解放一家). If a family has a member with cerebral palsy, someone in the family needs to stay at home to take care of the person full time. They went on to pool resources and these people together so that these people

could be well protected and their needs could be taken care of. At the end, they opened a camp for these people in Panyu.

People in the camp are aged 15 to 60s. They lack the ability to take care of themselves. Most of them were not born with cerebral palsy, but rather got it because they had high fevers when they were very young, thus damaging their brains and obstructing the growth of their brains.

The camp is partly subsidized by the government and the remaining income to sustain the camp is supposed to come from the families of the people who stay in the camp. However, the families are usually poor and most of them cannot pay for their share. What is even more concerned by George is that some families would take their members with cerebral palsy to the camp and then disappear. The financial situation of the camp is still in good shape, but if this kind of situation repeats often then the camp may not be able to sustain itself. George thinks that as he and his brother get older, eventually they will have to hand over the management of the camp to CDPF, and CDPF would still be facing the same issue.



Speaking about the chance of winning the award, George was optimistic. There were 25 nominees and each of them would be assessed by a panel of judges and receive votes from the public. The top 10 nominees would be awarded. He said he accepted the nomination not because of himself

and his brother. Rather, it was for the camp and the people staying there. An award would raise the awareness of the public towards cerebral palsy and attract donations, and eventually it would benefit those who are staying in the camp.

The Result

Eventually, George and his brother were chosen as one of the 10 awardees. They received the most votes from both the panel and the public. We are very proud of George for his achievement and we would like to congratulate George and his brother for winning the award!



Check out the video clip (in Cantonese) on YouTube about George and brother's contribution:
<http://youtu.be/YHT3-T1xQ6c>





Two Days in Austin

– Victor K. Nip

In November, I visited Texas as part of my trip to the US visiting friends and family. Every time I go to Texas to visit friends, Austin is always one of the stops. When I reached Texas, I was staying with my friend in San Antonio, the city where I once lived in. After spending a few days there, on November 13, I drove up to Austin in the morning.

My first stop in Austin was the Texas Capitol. I arrived at around noon. I probably last visited this place eighteen years ago. However, I could not recognize much that had been changed since then. I spent about two hours there, joining a guided tour and learning about the Texas government and the history of the Capitol. It was indeed a very beautiful building.



At the back of the Coop where visitors can go up to the platform and take a “been there” picture

My next stop was the Coop. I love going there and I hate going there at the same time. I love going there because it is the place where I can buy all the Longhorn merchandise that I want. I hate it because after going there I always have trouble carrying back to Hong Kong the huge amount of merchandise that I have bought.



Some of the Longhorn merchandise inside Coop

Since I became the President of HKTU, every time I go to Austin, I go to the Alumni Center to visit the staffers of Texas Exes who are responsible for the relationships between the alumni association and the international chapters/networks to discuss HKTU with them. This time is no exception. I went there to visit Brian Peterson who has been the Networks Coordinator since the first half of 2014. To my surprise he reserved a specific parking spot for me in the Alumni Center. We chatted for about an hour about topics including Texas Exes’s expectations on HKTU and the kind of help that HKTU would need from Texas Exes. Brian mentioned that they did not have any specific targets for the number of activities that each chapter should organize in a year, but they do hope that they would participate in Project Worldwide in February of every year. Project Worldwide is an extension of an annual student-driven community service project on campus known as “The Project”, and it gives UT alumni the opportunity to not only serve the university and the alumni association, but also the members of their own communities. Brian and I also discussed other topics such as our

expectations on our Football Team and our school in general. I am very pleased to have met him in the Alumni Center.



Me (wearing a jacket just bought from Coop) and Texas Exes Networks Coordinator Brian Peterson

After the meeting I went to Union Building to attend the Cantonese Class organized by the Hong Kong Student Association (HKSA). The HKSA has been running this class since the beginning of 2014 and most of the students are Chinese American students who are interested in the language. The topic of the week was vocabulary of schooling and education. During the class I had a chance to talk to the current Hong Kong students and learn about school life nowadays in Austin.



Me and the students at the Cantonese Class



UT Tower at night

The next day I went back to campus to visit Maria Terrazas and Shery Chanis, the officers of the BBA Short-Term Study Abroad Program. During the last four years we have been hosting activities for the business students coming to Hong Kong during the summers under this program. They came here to take courses and also do company visits in China. This year, we are going to do this again. Stay tuned for the lunch gathering which will happen on the day of Dragon Boat Festival!



Me and the officers of the BBA Short-Term Study Abroad Program Maria Terrazas (left) and Shery Chanis (middle)

Apart from the activities that were related to HKTX, during my stay in Austin I also met my old classmates. I had lunch with a Chinese Indonesian classmate Deliati and hanged out with the family of another classmate George (one of my most favorite families!). George's name is not the first time to appear in this newsletter. He is a good friend of mine and he is the person who gave the name Ted to our horned-dragon logo (with T-E-D standing for Texas Exes Dragon). The highlight of hanging out with George, his wife Amy, and his eldest son Josh was to play at Top Golf. Top Golf is basically a golf driving range plus a number of fun features including free pool and video games and a bar for people to hangout. It seems to be

quite popular in Texas as it was quite crowded that night and I saw another Top Golf facility later in the Dallas area.



Me trying hard not to miss (and failed)



Josh, Amy, George, and me at Top Golf



Me and my ex-classmate Deliati

Another thing that I did was to visit the apartment complex I once lived in during my first

year in Austin. While I was leaving campus the first night, I just happened to pass by the apartment complex. I mistook another building was on the site and I thought the old complex was torn down. I thought I had to see what happened. So I went back there the next day, and realized I made a mistake. Since I was there already, I walked into the complex. That brought back a lot of good memories that happened there many many years ago.



My old apartment



The truth or what?

After two nights in the lovely city, it was time to say goodbye. But, I will go back again!





In the middle of 2013, 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>

Election of Executive Committee for Year 2015/16

Traditionally, the elections of the Executive Committees of Texas Exes chapters occur on Texas Independence Day which falls on March 2 every year. Hong Kong Texas Exes follows this tradition and we have our Annual General Meeting around March 2. This year, it is going to be March 7.

For members who are interested in running for office and for those who wish to offer help to the Executive Committee of the coming year, it is time to show your interest.

This year, Victor Nip (MBA 1996) has been appointed as the Election Officer for the coming election. If you are a member registered through our web site at HKTx.org, you should have received an email from him.

Excerpt of [Hong Kong Texas Exes Constitution](#) related to Executive Committee Election:

5.5 Election

5.5.1 The Executive Committee is elected or confirmed as a cabinet. Each cabinet candidate should consist of a President candidate, a Vice-President candidate, a Treasurer candidate, and candidates of other offices as the President candidate sees fit. The maximum number of candidates in a cabinet candidate is eight (8).

5.5.2 Subject to section 4.1, all candidates must be Ordinary Members of HKTx whose membership fees are in effect at the time of election and have joined HKTx for one (1) year or more at the time of election or as at March 2 of that year.

5.5.3 If there is one (1) cabinet candidate running for election, the cabinet candidate has to be confirmed by a simple majority of votes.

5.5.4 If there are two (2) cabinet candidates running for election, the cabinet candidate with more votes is elected.

5.5.5 If there are more than two (2) cabinet candidates running for election, the exhaustive ballot system should be used, and the whole election should be finished within the same meeting.

5.5.6 If for any reason no candidate is elected or confirmed, an Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held within one (1) month to resolve the issue. The outgoing Executive Committee shall continue to be the Executive Committee until the Extraordinary General Meeting is held.

The complete Constitution can be found in HKTx's web site at <http://www.hktx.org/Constitution>.

Dinner with Michael Carrizales

Michael Carrizales is the Chapter Advisory Board Chair Member of Texas Exes. He visited Hong Kong for the first time in September 2014 for business with his wife. He took some time out of his busy schedule to meet the Exco on September 28 for dinner.

We believe that, like ourselves, Michael and his wife would find this meeting extremely memorable. We had arranged to meet in the City Hall Maxim Café in Central. The restaurant was the place where the Exco had met numerous times to discuss the affairs of HKTx, so we thought having the meeting there would be meaningful. It turned out that September 28 was the start of Occupy Central, and a news anchor specifically mentioned City Hall when she talked about where the protestors were moving to. To avoid danger we had to find another meeting place. As it was a Sunday, it was

difficult to find another suitable place which was accessible and available in such short notice. Rescheduling was also not an option. After

numerous phone calls, we finally decided to meet in City Top in the City University which is usually quiet during weekends. It is also in the



same unit where we had a couple of AGM's before so we think it was the next best place.

During the dinner Michael gave us a lot of information about what was happening at Texas Exes, especially what they were doing about the international chapters. He had asked what kind of assistance that we would like to get from Texas Exes and how Texas Exes may serve the UT alumni in Hong Kong. In return, we asked Michael what the expectations of Texas Exes from international chapters like HKTU were and if there were anything that HKTU could help Texas Exes. We also exchanged ideas on current affairs. All of us enjoyed the dinner very much.

Texas in Texas Bowl Live Watching Party

The Texas Football team started the season not quite well. In the middle of the season a lot of Texas Football fans were convinced that it would be a season without a bowl game for the team. Eventually, the team won three of the last four games to make itself eligible for a bowl game: Texas Bowl. While many students, staffers, and alumni were hoping Texas would face Texas A&M (one of our old archrivals which has now moved to Southeastern Conference), another old rival Arkansas Razorbacks was selected to play our team.

Before the bowl game, Texas had won 56 times out of the 77 meetings between the two teams. The kick off happened at 10am December 30 Hong Kong time. It was a Tuesday, a work day. Still, a number of us gathered in Old China Hand in Wanchai to watch the game live together. Despite our team lost the game, the participants

enjoyed the time that they spent together eating and chatting. The party ended at 2pm.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our Thanksgiving Dinner happened on December 6, Saturday. This year we moved our dinner to Grappa's Cellar in Central where people can enjoy some live jazz music played by the band in the restaurant. Probably because of the protest going on nearby the dinner was a smaller party than the thanksgiving dinners we had in the past. In any case, it was a fun night for the participants. Food was good and the band was absolutely a highlight of the night.

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 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 this newsletter. If you have any comments about this newsletter, please do not hesitate to write to us at hongkong@alumni.utexas.net.

This issue of the newsletter is the last one produced by the current Exco. We have produced eight newsletters in the last three years. It was a lot of work, a lot more than we anticipated. But in every issue, we had produced something that we were proud of. We want to thank our readers here for their support and encouragement in the last three years!

May the 'Horns be with y'all, always!

Upcoming Activities

- **March 7:** Annual General Meeting and Texas Independence Day Dinner
- **June 20:** Lunch with students of McCombs BBA Short-Term International Program

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