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An Annual Newsletter

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Your new IAU (from left to right): Winson Chan, Victor K. Nip, Ivy Yung, Carl Sung

Message from the IAU

As no members were standing for election during the 2016 AGM, the new Interim Administration Unit (IAU) was formed. This year, Ivy Yung (BS 2013) has joined the existing IAU members and now the IAU has four members to administer HKTU during 2016/17.

On July 4, the new IAU met and the IAU members chose among themselves the Chief Administrator and the Treasurer. Here is the result of the discussion:

Chief Administrator: Victor K. Nip
 Treasurer: Carl Sung
 Members: Winson Chan and Ivy Yung

As the function of the IAU is purely to ensure the existence of HKTU, we need our members to help organizing events for the members to fulfill the functions of HKTU. If you would like to organize an event for the group, please contact us at hongkong@alumni.utexas.net.

May the 'Horns be with y'all!

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It is not uncommon to bump into a UT Austin alumnus no matter where you are, what you do, and where you live. I once bumped into an American UT couple when I was renting a bicycle in Beijing. Apparently, I ran out of luck finding a taxi there, and the couple, who were wearing

their Longhorn T-shirts, really stood out on the street. But what is the likelihood of getting married in Hong Kong, thousands of miles away from Austin, and only to find out just before the wedding day that your fiancée's 90 year old uncle is also a fellow Longhorn? Against all odds,

on the 6th of December 2015, I was married to my wife Joanna, and proudly took the photo above with Joanna's uncle, a 1950 UT graduate, and the Longhorns who attended my wedding. In the photo, from left to right, we have Joanna's Auntie and Uncle D.T. Lo, me and my wife, my groomsmen Victor, Karl, Kevin and Bertrand, and lastly my sister Elaine.

Uncle Lo graduated from UT in June 1950 with a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is probably the oldest and the most senior Chinese UT alumnus within our HKTU network. In 1944, five years before he went to UT Austin, and during the Pacific War, Uncle Lo joined the Chinese forces as a lieutenant, and fought side by side with the US allies against the Imperial Japanese Army. He stationed in Guizhou's Huangping Airport, then a frontline air battlefield. As a military translator, he had fed vital air defense intelligence to the US Fourteenth Air Force (a.k.a. the Flying Tigers). Below is a Chinese article about his lifelong story which was published in August 2015 in Australia. It is also available in our web site (with bigger font size) at the following URL:

<http://www.hktx.org/抗戰英雄就在身邊/>
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抗戰英雄就在身邊

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說，和所有熱血青年一樣，恨自己沒能上戰場，直接與日寇面對面刺刀肉搏，因為作為軍人，服從命令是天職，上峰既然安排他來作戰，自己就要盡心盡職，不顧個人血拼，為國家為民族盡忠盡孝！這是身為軍人的天職與宿命！他還講到一件事，對他觸動很大很深，使他畢生銘記自己肩上的責任和父老鄉親的囑託。他讀書時身處四川，而抗戰中就有350萬四川子弟兵出川抗日，有一位父親在兒子出征前，特地為其部隊送來一面出征旗，上面寫著：「我不願你在我眼前盡孝，只願你在民族份上盡忠！國難當頭，日寇肆虐，國家興亡，匹夫有責。本報服役，染過年輪，幸吾有子，自覺請速，鵬旗一面，時刻隨身，傷時拭血，死後裹身，勇往直前，勿忘本份！」所以在抗戰中不管遇到如何險惡的情況，他從來沒有後懼退縮過，培養了他積極樂觀，堅韌不拔的性格。

1945年美國在日本本土投下原子彈，迫使日本正式投降，中國人民艱苦卓絕的八年抗戰取得最後勝利，世界反法西斯戰爭取得全面勝利，盧先生受到嘉獎並解甲歸隊，1946年轉學到中山大學機械系，1948年取得學士學位後，於1949年1月赴美留學，攻讀得羅州大學(University of Texas at Austin)機械系碩士學位。於1950年6月順利通過論文答辯，取得碩士學位。時值新中國剛剛誕生，百廢待興，新政府號召海外留學生積極回國參加祖國建設。這時培正中學「至善至正」的校訓又一次鼓舞他，認為國家有難時，自己投筆從戎，現在國家振興時，自己也必須不辭勞苦，用自己所學，為建設新中國盡綿薄之力。其時他的未婚妻鄒夢蘭女士，已於1950年1月回國服務。她是早期革命烈士的後代，其父1927年在中山大學讀書時即是中共黨員，後被國民黨殺害，其叔祖即是辛亥革命元老，中山大學校長鄒魯。在未婚妻的勸導和鼓勵下，盧先生於1950年7月和一批留美學生搭乘郵輪輪回香港，在那里完婚並與父母兄弟短期團聚後，1951年1月回到祖國懷抱，到國家最需要的

也是物質條件艱苦的山西太原，參加組建中國第一重型機械廠的建設工作，以後又轉到機械部設計院和中國建築科學院工作，逐步成長為電子機械領域的專家。但由於複雜的社會關係、海外關係、家庭背景，以及參軍、留美的經歷，使他在歷次運動中都受到沖擊、審查、批判，以致下放，虛度十餘年，生活一度困難。盧先生在講述其回國建設的經歷時，顯得很決定，只是輕輕淡寫地說，還有人比他受更大沖擊的，自己始終是奉行「至善至正」的宗旨為人做事，是真心熱愛國家的，內心平靜安然。

1975年其父在香港年事已高，與盧先生已20多年未相見，風塵隔年思兒心切，於是寫信給黨英求助。在有關部門的過問下，盧先生一家終於被批准去香港，與父母兄弟團聚。之後在香港擔任資深機電設計師前後20年，參與了香港許多大型樓盤和高層知名建築的機電設計，改革開放後也受到廣州、北京、上海等大城市主持設計不少大型建築的機電設計。回首往事，他說要特別感謝妻子，當年在他的感召下回國參加建設，貢獻力量，感到自慊。沒有因過度年華而悔恨，沒有因碌碌無為而羞恥，對得起起點和來歷。

盧先生的人生經歷大致可分四塊：一，1926年至1951年，經歷了求學、抗戰、留美的25年；二，1951年起回國參加建設的24年；三，1975到香港定居的20年；四，1995年移民澳洲至今也20年。可說生於憂患，經歷過戰火，困難、動亂，晚年安享晚年。心中充滿感恩。一生中他對年輕時參軍抗戰的記憶最為深刻，面對日寇蹂躪我大好山河，無惡不作，殺人放火恨得咬牙切齒。抗戰中有一首《鐵血歌》：「只有鐵，只有血，只有鐵血可以救中國……」。就唱出當時軍人的心聲。我們犧牲了320萬軍人，2000萬平民的慘烈代價，才取得抗戰的勝利。今年是抗戰勝利70周年，70多年自衛過關，當年抗戰的老兵都年事已高，日薄西山。在澳洲能遇到像盧先生這樣的抗戰老兵，抗戰英雄，可說碩果僅存，值得我們深深敬仰。同時我們也不能忘記日本侵略者給我們民族帶來的深重災難，尤其當目前日本軍國主義呈死灰復燃之勢，更須警惕。二千五百年前伍子胥言：殺父之仇，不共戴天！日寇侵華，欲滅我抗戰，救亡亡種，此乃國仇世恨，沒齒難忘！幸而有誌士！一如抗戰老兵、民族英雄為先驅為榜樣，砥礪民族風骨。「相看白刃血紛紛，死節從來壯氣存！」對來犯者，要像魯迅先生說的：「一個也不寬恕！」願吾後生，勿忘本份！

最後讓我們一段《國魂》，為逝去的抗戰英雄、華裔志烈而謳歌：

出入今古誰不聞，平原逐令路難尋。
靈長劍今換秦弓，首身離痛心不慍。
誠就勇身今又武，終期強國今可滾。
身既死兮神以靈，魂戰敵兮為英雄！

圖家照合影(右起)：本文作者、連進道先生、盧定濤先生、鄒夢蘭女士。

The HKTJ Journal

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Annual General Meeting and Texas Independence Day Dinner (2015/03/07)

For the fourth year we had hosted the Annual General Meeting and Texas Independence Day Dinner at Modern China Restaurant. The environment at the restaurant was excellent, the place was easily accessible, and the food was



delicious as usual.

This meeting/dinner was the farewell event of the old Exco, since all Exco members decided to retire. Every Exco member had at least served in the committee for seven years. The outgoing President Victor Nip first gave a report of the happenings of the previous year, followed by Carl Sung, the outgoing Treasurer, giving the financial report. Then the amendment to the Constitution was discussed. The important part of the amendment was the introduction of the Interim Administration Unit (IAU) which would keep HKTJ running at the time when no members stood for election as the officers of the Exco. All amendments were passed and the election of the IAU members followed. Since no other members had applied to be members of the IAU, the guys of the old Exco volunteered to be IAU members, and the HKTJ survived.

After the AGM, a few alumni went to a bar nearby to get a drink and had some more chats. It was a memorable night.

[\(http://www.hktx.org/2015/03/07/annual-general-meeting-and-texas-independence-day-dinner/\)](http://www.hktx.org/2015/03/07/annual-general-meeting-and-texas-independence-day-dinner/)

Dragon Boat Race Watching and Lunch with Students of McComb's BBA Short-Term International Program (2015/06/20)

On June 20, 2015, together with our fellow members, we were delighted to show our

visiting UT students a piece of a very old Chinese culture, the yearly Tuen Ng Festival dragon boat race. Known to very few people, and according to author Worcester George, the use of dragon boats for racing originated in southern central China more than 2,500 years ago, during the same era when the games of ancient Greece were being established at Olympia.

Although it was a typical hot and humid summer day in Hong Kong, the weather had little effect on the contestants. Standing along the bank of the Shing Mun River, and just meters away from the nearest boats, watching the synchronized pedal motions and nearly feeling the splashes they created, the UT students were amazed by such a high spirit and the great sportsmanship of the dragon boat race contestants. As the host of the event, we were also very glad to have shown the UT students a different side of Hong Kong

culture.



The race was followed by a delicious and authentic Cantonese *dim-sum* feast at the Pearl Delight Restaurant in New Town Plaza. Although some of the students had *dim-sum* before, the food they had in that afternoon had brought their impression of the well-known Cantonese culture to a next level. Some said that the *dim-sum* was nothing like what they could easily find back in the United States.

We had a great afternoon having lunch and chatting with the current students of UT. The event ended with an exchange of souvenirs between our then President Victor Nip and professor of the Program Prof. Mike Hasler of Supply Chain Management.

[\(http://www.hktx.org/2015/06/20/dragon-boat-race-watching-and-lunch-with-students-of-mccombs-bba-short-term-international-program/\)](http://www.hktx.org/2015/06/20/dragon-boat-race-watching-and-lunch-with-students-of-mccombs-bba-short-term-international-program/)

1st IAU Meeting (2015/07/07)



It was the very first Interim Administration Unit meeting. The IAU decided that they should meet at 7:07pm on July 7 for no good reason. As cliché as it sounds, they had picked a new venue called Texas Burger for the meeting, and no longer go to City Hall Maxim or someone's home.

[\(http://www.hktx.org/2015/07/07/1st-iau-meeting/\)](http://www.hktx.org/2015/07/07/1st-iau-meeting/)

Notre Dame UT Live Game Watch
(2015/09/06)

It was a football viewing party held in a football club. A different kind of football though. Thanks to our alumnus Robert Jones (BBA 86), the Longhorn football viewing took place at the Hong Kong Football Club for the first time. The party began with a breakfast buffet where



alumni of both schools got to know each other and caught up with friends. During half time, Robert gave us a tour to see the facilities of the club. The game on that Sunday morning was the season opener of the Longhorns, facing #11 Notre Dame. Texas came up strong early and never looked back, beating the Irish handily 16 to 10 — in the number of attendance. We also won the “Youngest Football Watcher Award” by a large margin, with the youngest attendant being eight months old (whose name is Austin, by the way).

We thank Robert again for making this happen and for his full support of Hong Kong Texas Exes!

<http://www.hktx.org/2015/09/06/notre-dame-ut-live-game-watch/>



Red River Rivalry Watching Party
(2015/10/11)

The event was originally canceled because of no appropriate venue. But since our alumnus Bryan Cheng and the organizer Victor Nip have been good friends for years, he suggested to go to Victor’s home to watch the game, since the feed of the game was available anyway. Andy Chan joined the gang and met up at midnight in Victor’s crib. It was a fun party, not only because

everyone felt like watching a Texas Longhorn game at home, but also because in a lousy season our team beat a strong opponent (ou, an opponent which always sucks, by the way) while our alumni in Hong Kong were watching together.

<http://www.hktx.org/2015/10/11/red-river-rivalry-watching-party/>

Texas Football Watching Party (Kansas @ Texas)
(2015/11/08)



As we we did not have a suitable public place to host a big football watching party, Victor volunteered to host a small one at his home once again for the Texas football fans to enjoy the school’s football tradition. A few fellow alumni went to watch Texas play against Kansas on home turf. In the end, our team prevailed.

After the game, the participants went to a nearby restaurant for lunch. It was a small but enjoyable gathering.

<http://www.hktx.org/2015/11/08/texas-football-watching-party-kansas-texas/>

Meeting Longhorns from China
(2015/11/24)

Kelvin Ma and James Ding, our alumni from China, visited Hong Kong for business in November. As the school’s basketball team had just played in China, and our University’s President had scheduled to visit China in 2016, they invited our Chief Administrator Victor Nip for a meeting to talk about the possibility of having a conference for our alumni in Hong Kong and China with the President during his visit.



<http://www.hktx.org/2015/11/24/meeting-longhorns-from-china/>

January Hiking
(2016/01/30)



Five Longhorns and their friends and family joined the Ng Fai Tin hike on January 30th. It was really delightful that Carl brought along his kid, Austin, and his wife, Anna. The other alums were Victor, Albert, Winnie and Ivy. It was a perfect day for hiking. The temperature felt like 20

degrees and it was very sunny. It was a moderate hike with only a few hills to climb. The hike ended at Po Toi O, where we and other hikers were rewarded with a breathtaking view, while having lunch at a seafood restaurant.

Hiking is fun, and it is also a good opportunity for meeting other alumni. We welcome you to join us for our next hiking event. Feel free to bring friends and families, and let us know about any good hiking spot! Hook'em~

<http://www.hktx.org/2016/01/30/january-hiking/>

AGM 2016 / Texas Independence Day Dinner / 15th Anniversary Celebration / Project Worldwide (2016/02/27)

The event started with our old and new alumni mingling with each other. Then the AGM began with the Chief Administrator Victor Nip and Treasurer Carl Sung giving a report of the operation and finance of the organization in the past year.

During the presentation, the IAU suggested to participate in Project Worldwide, a charity program initiated by Texas Exes. It is an initiative for the Texas Exes chapters worldwide to do a charity event in February of each year. It was the first time HKTX had participated in the program. To commemorate our 15th AGM, each participant gave HK\$10 to make up a pool of HK\$150 and the money would be donated to

Oxfam. We picked Oxfam because it was once chaired by our alumnus Dr Japhet Law and the IAU thought it would be most meaningful if we chose this charity.

Then it was time for presentation of Certificates of Appreciation. Four alumni received the certificates:

- Robert Jones for organizing a football watching party
- Ivy Yung for co-organizing a hiking event
- Carl Sung for co-organizing a hiking event
- Victor Nip for organizing a football watching party and being the Election Officer of the previous AGM

It was the first time Victor and Carl had been awarded the Certificates of Appreciation as this was the first time that they organized events as Ordinary Members rather than members of the Executive Committee.

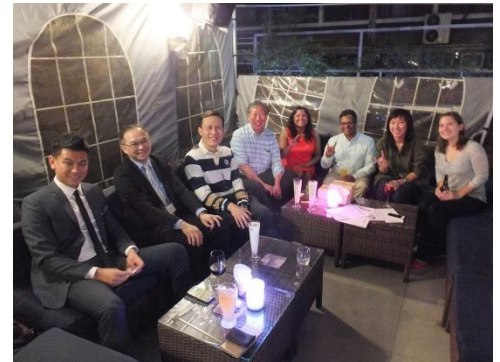
Then dinner began. After two hours of eating and chatting, the volunteers to be members of the IAU of next fiscal year were found: Winson Chan, Victor Nip, Carl Sung, and Ivy Yung.

The event ended at 10pm.

<http://www.hktx.org/2016/02/27/agm-2016-texas-independence-day-dinner-15th-anniversary-celebration-project-worldwide/>

International Office's UT Austin Alumni Gathering March 2016 (2016/03/09)

First we would like to thank Mona for inviting us to the gathering and share with us the information about the mentorship program for the interns who will be in Hong Kong this summer!



Our alumni always give our visitors a warm welcome by meeting them personally, and this is no exception. 15 alumni joined the gathering at the terrace of Vice, a nice facility in the Lan Kwai Fong area. Mona told us that there would be a gathering among the interns and alumni in mid-June.

<http://www.hktx.org/2016/03/09/upcoming-international-offices-ut-austin-alumni-gathering-march-2016/>

Museum Visit and Lunch with Students of McComb's BBA Short-Term International Program (2016/06/18)

The McComb's BBA Short-Term International Program once again sent a class of Supply Chain Management (SCM) students to take a course in Hong Kong, and to experience the Chinese culture and local business environment during the summer. On June 18, we met the class to appreciate the art of Claude Monet at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in the morning, and then we had lunch in the afternoon together at Pearl Delight, a *dim sum* restaurant, at the Shatin Town Plaza.

We have been very fortunate that whenever the class comes to Hong Kong we can either take them to watch some dragon boat races or, like this time, appreciate the art of great masters (Last time was Pablo Picasso's!). All of us enjoyed the museum visit very much, especially when we were allowed to take pictures of Monet's masterpieces. Then at lunch, a few more alumni joined the party and we had some nice chats with the students.

It has always been fun meeting the visiting students and we look forward to meeting the next class in 2017!





[\(http://www.hktx.org/2016/06/18/museum-visit-and-lunch-with-students-of-mcombs-bba-short-term-international-program-2/\)](http://www.hktx.org/2016/06/18/museum-visit-and-lunch-with-students-of-mcombs-bba-short-term-international-program-2/)

UT Austin Hong Kong Alumni and Student Networking Mixer
(2016/06/29)

Under the supervision of the International Office of UT, more than a dozen current UT students

came to Hong Kong for their internship during the summer. The International Office invited our alumni to meet the interns on June 29 at Cafe 8 near the Hong Kong Maritime Museum. More than 20 people, about half of them being interns and the other half being alumni, joined the event.

Some of the interns asked our alumni for information about working in Hong Kong as they had been enjoying their stay in Hong Kong, and our alumni learned from the interns the latest



information about UT. One of the interns was actually from Hong Kong and was the current President of Hong Kong Student Association. Our alumni were eager to learn from him the lives of Hong Kong students there.

The gathering was scheduled to end at 8:30pm, but the party stayed till the end of the business hours of Cafe 8 at 9:30pm. It was an event enjoyed by all the participants.



[\(http://www.hktx.org/2016/06/29/ut-austin-hong-kong-alumni-and-student-networking-mixer/\)](http://www.hktx.org/2016/06/29/ut-austin-hong-kong-alumni-and-student-networking-mixer/)

1st IAU Meeting of 2016/17
(2016/07/04)



The first Interim Administration Unit meeting of the year 2016/17 was held on the Fourth of July and was scheduled to start at 7:04pm for an obvious reason. We picked the same place again: Texas Burger near Tin Hau MTR Station. We had a new member Ivy Yung joining the IAU. We spent two hours eating and discussing the administration of the club for the coming year.

As stated in the Constitution, the IAU has no obligation or authority to host any events except for the Annual General Meeting, but all IAU members have pledged to organize events as Ordinary Members of the organization for the benefit of the members. Stay tuned for our communications!

[\(http://www.hktx.org/2016/07/04/1st-iau-meeting-of-201617/\)](http://www.hktx.org/2016/07/04/1st-iau-meeting-of-201617/)

Election of Executive Committee

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The IAU would like to invite our members to stand for election as the Executive Committee members of HKTU. The requirements are listed below. Victor will continue to be the Election Officer. If you are interested to become the members of the next Executive Committee of HKTU, please contact him at victor.nip@hktu.org.

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

4.5 Term

4.5.1 The term of an Executive Committee is normally from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. In the event that an Executive Committee is elected in a General Meeting when HKTU is under the management of an IAU, the term of the Executive Committee will start seven (7) days after the Executive Committee is elected until June 30 of the calendar year following the start of the term.

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 HKTU whose membership fees are in effect at the time of election and have joined HKTU 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.

Upcoming Activities

Some of our members have pledged to organize the following activities for our club (except the Annual General Meeting which will be organized by the IAU). If you would like to organize an activity for our alumni, please let us know.

- **TBD:** Air-pistol shooting
- **Nov/Dec:** Thanksgiving Dinner
- **December:** Hiking
- **March 4:** Annual General Meeting and Texas Independence Day Dinner
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HKTU Merchandise



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

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

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