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The Official HKTU Newsletter

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**President Gregory L. Fenves,  
The University of Texas at Austin and the  
Hong Kong Texas Exes**

cordially invite you to attend

## THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN HONG KONG ALUMNI RECEPTION

with special remarks by  
**Gregory L. Fenves**

President, The University of Texas at Austin

**Jay Hartzell**

Dean, McCombs School of Business

**Thursday, June 21, 2018**

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong

Taishan Room

Pacific Place, Supreme Court Road, Central, Hong Kong

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## Message from the IAU

As no members were standing for election during the 2018 AGM, the new Interim Administration Unit (IAU) for the year 2018/19 was formed. All current members of the IAU decided to stay in the IAU until a committee is elected.

Here are the current IAU members and their positions:

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

As the function of the IAU is to ensure the existence of HKTU, we encourage our members to stand for election to take the office of Hong Kong Texas Exes, any time during the fiscal year.

At the same time, we need our members to help organizing events to fulfill the functions of HKTU. If you would like to organize an event for the group, please contact us at [info@hktu.org](mailto:info@hktu.org).

May the 'Horns be with y'all!



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

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- Ivy Yung



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### Experiencing Air-Pistol Shooting and Dinner

(2016/10/29)

Winson Chan and Victor Nip organized (as Ordinary Members) an air-pistol shooting class which was held at South China Athletic Association (SCAA) in October 2016.



Air-pistol shooting is an Olympic sport which is practiced by people in many countries. It requires the shooters' maximum concentration and that is why it is a good sport to help people escape from the pressure of the workplace.

We had a full house of 10 alumni and friends participated in the 2-hour beginner course. They learned how to handle firearms safely and how to shoot with an air-pistol accurately, and put the theories into "practice".

After the class, those who remained in SCAA for dinner went to Inn Side Out, an American bar and restaurant situated in the same building as the shooting range. It offered a wide range of beers, including some rare varieties. They enjoyed their meals and a few drinks there before heading home.

[\(https://hctx.org/2016/10/29/experiencing-air-pistol-shooting-and-dinner/\)](https://hctx.org/2016/10/29/experiencing-air-pistol-shooting-and-dinner/)

### Certificate of Appreciation Presentation to Brian Leung in Houston

(2016/11/17)

While our Chief Administrator Victor Nip was in Texas attending his class reunion, he took the opportunity to present two Certificates of Appreciation, one for the year 2014-2015 and another for the year 2015-2016, to our alumnus Mr Brian Leung, who currently resides in the Houston area.



Brian has been helping us in organizing football watching parties since the 2014 football season. Without his help, many of the watching parties would have been impossible. He deserves more than the Certificates of Appreciation and the Interim Administration Unit thanks him on behalf of all our members and all the other Texas football fans in Hong Kong for his contribution.

[\(https://hctx.org/2016/11/17/certificate-of-appreciation-presentation-to-brian-leung-in-houston/\)](https://hctx.org/2016/11/17/certificate-of-appreciation-presentation-to-brian-leung-in-houston/)

### 2nd IAU Meeting of 2016/17

(2017/01/10)

The second Interim Administration Unit meeting of the year 2016/17 was held on January 10, 2017. As before, the IAU picked the same place which was meaningful to all of us: Texas Burger. The IAU had discussed the plans for the second half of the fiscal year, including the Annual General Meeting and the visit of the SCM students from UT.

[\(https://hctx.org/2017/01/10/2nd-iau-meeting-of-201617/\)](https://hctx.org/2017/01/10/2nd-iau-meeting-of-201617/)

### Texas Independence Day Dinner + AGM 2017

(2017/02/25)

The Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong Texas Exes was held on February 25 starting at 6:30pm at Inn Side Out located on the 2nd Floor of South China Athletic Association. As HCTX is now under the administration of the Interim Administration Unit (IAU), the AGM was the only official activity of HCTX for the fiscal year.

This AGM pretty much followed our AGM tradition. After allowing our alumni to mingle among themselves for a while, our Chief Administrator Victor Nip reviewed what had happened in the last 12 months in HCTX with the attendees and Treasurer Carl Sung discussed the finance of the organization. After recognizing the recipients of Certificates of Appreciation who helped the chapter to organize activities in the past year, dinner began.

As no members stood for election again, the old IAU members volunteered to continue their service in the IAU until a committee is formed or the end of next fiscal year, whichever comes first. Victor encouraged our members to stand for election in order to make HCTX a more active and more valuable organization for the alumni of UT here.

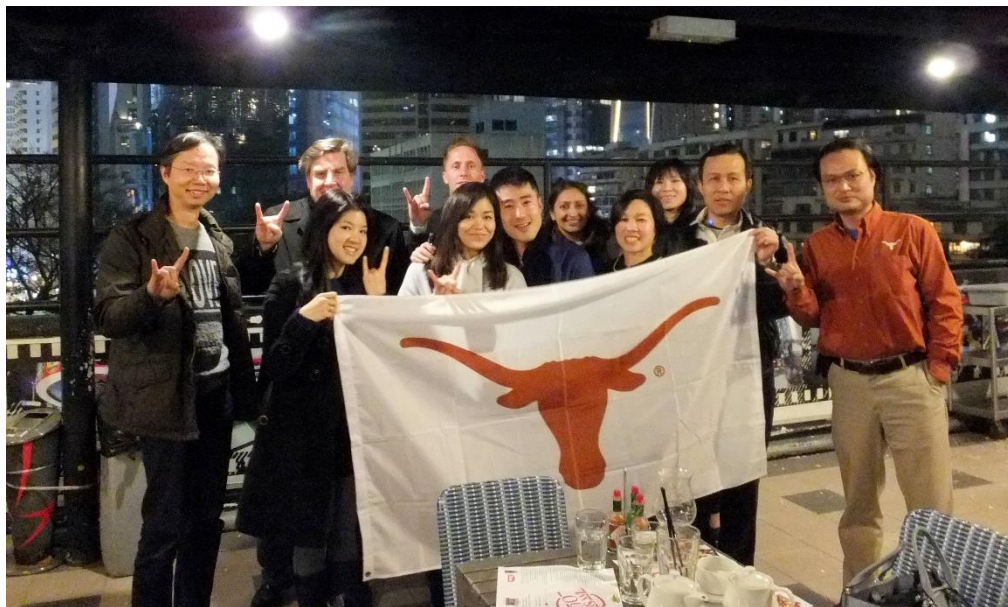
As always, our conversation lasted for hours and we finally left the restaurant late in the night.

[\(https://hctx.org/2017/02/25/texas-independence-day-dinner-agm-2017/\)](https://hctx.org/2017/02/25/texas-independence-day-dinner-agm-2017/)

### Project Worldwide Charity Event

(2017/02/25)





“Texas Exes Project Worldwide” is Texas Exes’ community service initiative in which all Texas Exes chapters around the globe are asked to participate in a single day of community service anytime during the month of February. This international service initiative is an extension of an annual student-driven community service project on the UT campus known as “The Project” which also takes place in February and attracts thousands of UT students, alumni, faculty and staff to give back to the community.



The event is an opportunity for UT Alumni to not only serve the University and the alumni association, but also the members of our own communities. In 2016, 63 Chapters participated across the globe, showcasing the many ways in which University of Texas alumni give back. Of those 63 Chapters, 5 Chapters are international Chapters, including Hong Kong. We collected a small amount of money from each of those who wanted to participate during the AGM 2016, and donated the money to Hong Kong Oxfam. Although the amount was small, it showed our commitment to support our university and our alumni association.

When we talked to the coordinator of Texas Exes late 2016, he mentioned that Project Worldwide

was the number one activity that the alumni association wanted us to do. Our university’s slogan is “What Starts Here Changes The World!”, and by participating in the activity we help our university to live up to its slogan.

Every Chinese New Year we receive gifts from friends and relatives when they visit our homes. Many of such gifts are food items, such as biscuits, egg rolls, and candies. Often, we receive much more than we can consume.

This year, we gathered these excess Chinese New Year food gifts from our participants of the AGM during the dinner. Two days later on February 27, Winson and Victor delivered the items to Food Grace’s collection point at World Trade Centre in Causeway Bay. We once again had our mission accomplished!



[\(https://hktx.org/2017/02/25/project-worldwide-charity-event/\)](https://hktx.org/2017/02/25/project-worldwide-charity-event/)

### Dinner with Professor Eric Hirst (2017/03/28)

Senior Associate Dean Professor Eric Hirst was in town for business and he invited us for dinner on March 28. He is no stranger to us. He first met us in April 2007 for happy hour in Mongkok. The dinner started at 7pm at Yat Tung Heen and a number of us took the opportunity to meet him. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him again for buying us dinner!



[\(https://hktx.org/2017/03/28/dinner-with-professor-eric-hirst/\)](https://hktx.org/2017/03/28/dinner-with-professor-eric-hirst/)

### Museum Visit and Lunch with Visiting Students (2017/06/25)

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 experience the Chinese culture and business environment in Hong Kong and China during the summer.

As in the last few years, we took the students to participate in some cultural events during their stay in Hong Kong. We have been lucky because we could either take them to watch dragon boat racing which was new to the visiting students or some special exhibition in the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

This time we took them to see the exhibition of "Inventing le Louvre" at that museum and then had *dim sum* lunch together at Pearl Delight in Shatin. The lunch had always been the highlight of the event, not just because the food was delicious, but also because it was the best opportunity for our alumni to learn about the school through the students. Of course, the students also took the opportunities to learn from our alumni about Hong Kong in addition to other topics when our alumni could share their experience.

<https://hktx.org/2017/06/25/museum-visit-and-lunch-with-visiting-students/>

### President Fenves Meeting SCM Students

(2017/07/04)

UT President Mr Gregory Fenves was on a business trip in Asia in July 2017. On the Independence Day he was in Hong Kong for a meeting. Since the SCM students were here for their classes, the President invited the students to have lunch with him and our IAU Chief Administrator Victor Nip was also invited to join the event to represent HKTX.



The lunch was held at the 2+2 Cafe at the Royal Park Hotel in Sha Tin. The students were excited to meet the President. He gave a short speech and many students had the chance to talk to the President in person. Victor presented the President the Horned Dragon souvenir mug as a gift from the chapter, and the President liked our gift a lot.

<https://hktx.org/2017/07/04/the-hktx-ex-president-meeting-the-ut-president/>

### Happy Hour with UT Director of Development Jennifer Wang

(2017/08/11)

Jennifer Wang, Director of Development, International Advancement of our University Development Office came to Hong Kong for business. She wanted to take this opportunity to meet our alumni. We had not had a happy hour gathering for a long time so that was a good excuse for us to meet again. We took this opportunity to organize the happy hour in our favorite venue for a long while, although not quite recently: Dickens Bar at the Excelsior Hotel.

This event marked the 45th time that we hosted an event at Dickens Bar, and at that time it could be the last time before the bar, together with the rest of the hotel, would close for the redevelopment of the land on which it is situated. (We learned that the hotel has changed its decision since then, though.)

We started at 7pm and our participants arrived one by one. We had about a dozen people



joining. Despite the event was scheduled to end at 9, most of us stayed till at least 10pm with our never-ending friendly conversations.

<https://hktx.org/2017/08/11/happy-hour-with-ut-director-of-development-jennifer-wang/>

### 2nd IAU Meeting

(2018/01/19)

On January 19, we had our 2nd and last Interim Administration Unit meeting of the fiscal year with our guest HKTX co-founder Benjamin Chang who was visiting Hong Kong.



<https://hktx.org/2018/01/19/2nd-iau-meeting-2/>

### Project Worldwide: HKTX Blood Drive

(2018/02)



This year, Hong Kong Texas Exes organized the HKTX Blood Drive for its participation in "Texas Exes Project Worldwide", Texas Exes' community service initiative in which all Texas Exes chapters around the globe were asked to participate in a single day of community service anytime during the month of February. This year we chose to ask our member to give blood to Red Cross at any time of their choosing within February because the stock level of blood in Hong Kong had been low. The event did not happen on a single day, but we thought that the value of our action was more important than the value of sticking to the wording.



At least two members went to give blood within the month as a result of our calling as the two alumni sent us photos of their donation processes. On February 10 a fatal bus accident happened in Tai Po, Hong Kong, killing 19 people. The Donor Centres were immediately flooded with donors from all walks of life in Hong Kong. We thought some of our alumni donated blood as a result of the accident and they wanted to attribute their actions to helping those in need instead of the calling of their alumni organization.



Some might have missed the chance because the Donor Centres were full of people, resulting in waiting time of more than 4 hours.

[worldwide-hktx-blood-drive/](http://worldwide-hktx-blood-drive/)

With that we could not judge whether our effort was successful or not. In any case, we did see what we wanted to see, which was that the stock level of blood in Hong Kong had increased. This was much more important than claiming success of our activity.

<https://hktx.org/2018/02/01/project->

### Happy Hour by Benjamin Chang (2018/02/02)

Our co-founder Benjamin Chang, who lives in Canada now, was in town. He decided to organize a happy hour gathering for us all.

It had been more than 10 years since we last hosted a happy hour gathering on the Kowloon side because back then it was proven to us that having a happy hour gathering in Kowloon did not attract any more participants than having it on Hong Kong Island. We decided that we should try again anyway. It turned out to be not a bad decision. More than a dozen of us showed up to have drinks and food together in Delaney's Kowloon. Many of us ended up staying way beyond the official end time of 9pm. We had a number of newer faces taking part and we are very happy about that.

Thanks to all the participants who supported us by being present in the event, and of course thanks to co-founder Benjamin Chang for hosting it!

<https://hktx.org/2018/02/02/happy-hour-by-benjamin-chang/>

### Hiking by Carl and Ivy (2018/02/10)

It was an easy hike to the Peak organized by Carl and Ivy on a Saturday morning. There were seven participants, six of them ladies. We were particularly happy that some new faces turned







up. It was a little chilly when we began. But the sun soon made everyone put their jackets back to their backpacks.

We started from Hong Kong Park and followed the Peak Tram rail to reach the Central Green Trail. This was the quiet part of the Peak where some most expensive mansions and abandoned houses were located. The route also passed by some historic sites like tram stations, fire station, and schools. Part of the group had not been to the Lion's Pavilion, so we stopped by to enjoy the breathtaking harbor view. Our hike was concluded at the landmark of the Peak, the Peak Galleria. It was chow time and some of us went to *yum cha* together.

<https://hktx.org/2018/02/10/hiking-by-carl-and-ivy/>

### Texas Independence Day Dinner and Annual General Meeting 2018 (2018/03/10)

This year the Texas Independence Day Dinner and Annual General Meeting (AGM) happened at Inn Side Out again. We still had no members standing for Election although we did hear some people interested in running the organization. So the Election did not happen and the old Interim Administration Unit (IAU) members, namely Winson Chan, Victor Nip, Carl Sung, and Ivy Yung volunteered to continue to be the IAU members until a new cabinet is formed.

In the AGM part of the event, Victor gave an overview of what had happened during the last

fiscal year while Carl discussed the finances of the organization. Victor highlighted that this was the first year in many that no Texas Football Watching Parties were held because of the lack of interest from members who did not want to see the team lose. It was hoped that with a minor bowl game won two months ago our members would be interested in our Football Program once again.

A few members received Certificates of Appreciation for organizing activities of the

organization. The IAU had no obligation to organize any activities, so IAU members who organized activities in their own names were also recognized. Benjamin Chang, the Co-founder of HKTx, was recognized for organizing a Happy Hour Gathering in February, while Carl and Ivy were recognized for organizing a hiking event, also in February. Caesar Lun received his Certificate of Appreciation issued in 2014 for delivering a seminar on Jyutping.

The AGM was a quick one and everybody enjoyed their food and drink afterwards. Many of us stayed until 10pm before the event formally ended.

<https://hktx.org/2018/03/10/texas-independence-day-dinner-and-annual-general-meeting-2018/>

### Gathering by University Development Office (2018/03/19)

Jenn Wang, the Director of Development, International Advancement of our University Development Office, who came last August to meet us all in a Happy Hour, was in town again. She invited some alumni who have been working with her to join a small gathering to update them about the latest news of UT and also about a delegation of UT leaders coming to Asia, including Hong Kong, in mid-June.

<https://hktx.org/2018/03/19/gathering-by-university-development-office/>



## Election of Executive Committee

Once again, no members stood for election in our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in March, and the Interim Administration Unit (IAU) was formed to administer HKTU from July 1 this year till the next Exco is elected or until June 30 next year, whichever comes first.

The IAU would like to invite our members to stand for election as the Executive Committee members of HKTU. Under the current situation, you may stand for election any time in the year. 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](mailto: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.

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 HKTU's web site at <http://hktu.org/Constitution>.

## Upcoming Activities

We rely on our members to organize the following activities for our club (except the Annual General Meeting which will be the responsibility of the IAU). If you would like to organize or help out in an activity for our alumni, please let us know.

Here are the coming activities:

- **June 18:** Events with students of McCombs BBA Short-Term International Program and Interns in Hong Kong
- **June 21:** The University of Texas at Austin Hong Kong Alumni Reception

## 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 [info@hktu.org](mailto:info@hktu.org).

The newsletter is now produced by volunteer editors. If you would like to be an editor of the next newsletter, please contact the IAU at [info@hktu.org](mailto:info@hktu.org).

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

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