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The Official HKTU Newsletter

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Message from the IAU

Our 11th newsletter is finally here!

Last year, as no members were standing for election during the 2019 AGM, the old members of the IAU (Interim Administration Unit) 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

The 2020 election is coming, and we hope a new cabinet will succeed the IAU so that we will have a committee which will dedicate more to the organization. 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.

Recipients of Certificates of Appreciation

We depend on the help of our fellow alumni to make our events happen. As in the previous years, we are going to show our gratitude to those who have helped us by presenting them a Certificate of Appreciation during our Annual General Meeting. This year, the following alumni will receive their certificates in the coming AGM:

- Andrew Stanley: Organizing Texas Football Watching Party (Texas at LSU)
- Orson Lo: Organizing Alamo Bowl Watching Party

On the left: Your IAU members had their half-yearly meeting in January online instead of having a dinner meeting due to COVID-19. Here each member is showcasing their "favorite stuffed animals" on their right shoulders for no good reason. Clockwise from upper right: Ivy Yung with her stuffed animal, Victor Nip with his stuffed animal, Winson Chan with his stuffed animal and Carl Sung with his stuffed animal.

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The University of Texas at Austin Hong Kong Alumni Reception



The University of Texas at Austin Hong Kong Alumni Reception was held on June 21, 2018 in the Taishan Room of Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong. The event is part of a series of gatherings of our university's management with its alumni in six cities in Asia.

We were fortunate to have President Gregory Fenves, Dean of McCombs School of Business Jay Hartzell, and Dean of the Graduate School (and former Olympian in fencing) Mark Smith coming to Hong Kong for the reception. It is heard that some alumni in other Asian cities were jealous that we could meet the President while they did not have the chance.

The event officially started with a short speech by our Chief Administrator Victor K. Nip to introduce Hong Kong Texas Exes and President Gregory L. Fenves to the attendees. Then Presidents Fenves delivered his special remarks to the crowd. Dean Jay Hartzell and Dean Mark Smith then gave their speeches. Afterwards, the attendees had more than an hour to talk to the Presidents and the Deans and mingle among themselves. Attendees were given a souvenir UT bag which they happily took home.

About 80 guests including many alumni whom we could not reach out to were there. It easily became the biggest UT event in Hong Kong ever.



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

For more information or to RSVP, please email
specialeventhk@austin.utexas.edu.

Invitation of the event

We would like to give our special thanks to our doctoral degree student Clara Li for her musical performance during the event.

The script of Victor's speech is presented here.



President Gregory L. Fenves delivering his special remarks

Speech Given by Chief Administrator

Good evening President Fenves, Dean Hartzell, fellow alumni, and friends,



President Fenves presented Certificates of Appreciation on our behalf to alumni who had contributed to HKTU.

It is my pleasure to stand here to deliver a short speech on behalf of Hong Kong Texas Exes. For those of you who have not met me before, I'm Victor Nip, MBA 1996. I am the co-founder of Hong Kong Texas Exes, the local chapter of Texas Exes in Hong Kong, and is now the Chief Administrator of the chapter.

round of applause for her beautiful performance!

And thank y'all for coming to this event. We have over 70 alumni gathering here today, which is a new record for the chapter, and I would like to declare like somebody who had worked in the White House would have put: this is the largest crowd of Longhorns to ever attended a UT event in Hong Kong, period!

Because many of you are attending a UT alumnus event in Hong Kong for the first time, I would like to spend a minute or two to introduce Hong Kong Texas Exes, or HKTU in short, to you. HKTU was cofounded by Mr. Benjamin Chang, BSEE 1983, and myself in 2001. At that time, we had only one simple goal: to preserve the effort of other alumni who had started to unite our alumni in Hong Kong through the Internet. Somehow, we continued this effort for many years to come. In 2002, HKTU was formally recognized as the local network in Hong Kong. Since then we have organized more than 200 activities including numerous football watching parties, happy hour gatherings, dinners and meetings with staff members of UT. In 2015, all committee members decided to retire after serving in the committee for 7 to 15 years each. Former committee members Mr. Carl Sung (MBA 2003) and Mr. Winson Chan (BA 2004) who are not with us tonight, and myself formed the Interim Administration Unit to keep the organization running until supposedly a formal committee would be elected. And later Ms. Ivy Yung (BS 2013) joined us in this effort. Now we still don't have a formal committee. Moving forward we would like to see the responsibility to be handed over to new committee members who will take the organization to next level. For now, I would like to invite y'all to host once-off

activities for our fellow alumni, such as hiking, happy hour gatherings, dinners, and football watching parties. Please talk to Ivy or myself if you have interest in doing so, or, even better, would like to become a member of the new committee. And if you are not a member yet, please go to our web site at hktu.org for your application to make yourself eligible to vote and be elected.

Today we have the honor to have President Fenves to meet us. President Fenves became the 29th President of UT in June 2015. He earned his bachelor's degree with distinction from Cornell University, and earned his master's degree and PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. He began his teaching career as an assistant professor at the UT's Cockrell School of Engineering from 1984 to 1987. Then he taught in UC Berkeley for 20 years at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, where he was the chair of the department from 2002 to 2007. He then came back to UT and was named University's Executive Vice President and Provost until he became UT's president. As our President, he has been promoting innovation in higher education by advancing interdisciplinary collaboration, the integration of teaching and research, and the continued evolution of student learning. He has also launched efforts to expand UT's global reach and international opportunities for students and faculty, including the creation of the university's first International Board of Advisors.

President Fenves, thank you very much for choosing to visit Hong Kong and giving us the opportunity to meet this evening. May I invite you to say a few words to us all?



Chief Administrator Victor K. Nip delivering a speech on behalf of HKTU

First, I would like to thank Ms. Clara Li for her viola performance earlier in the event. Clara is now pursuing her Doctoral degree in viola performance at UT. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Music from the Chinese University of Hong Kong and a master's degree from University of Cincinnati. She is now the violin and viola faculty of the UT String Project. Clara, thank you very much! Everybody, please give a



Dean Hartzell and Dean Smith making their speeches

The HKTX Journal

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Dragon Boat Race Watching and Lunch with UT BBA Students

(2018/06/18)

The class of the Summer Faculty-led Program was in Hong Kong in June again. And like the last few years we had the chance to meet the students in a cultural event. And because they were here during the Tuen Ng Festival, it makes sense to watch the timely festive event of dragon boat racing with them.



We went to the river side of Shing Mun River to watch the races. The event not only gave the student a chance to cheer for the dragon boat teams that they did not know at all, but also a chance to talk to the rowers who gathered around while waiting for their competition.

After an hour, we moved to Pearl Delight to have dim sum lunch. It is getting harder and harder to book a table each year and we ended up repeating the only available place. In any case, the food was excellent, and the students enjoyed the food very much.



<https://hktx.org/2018/06/18/dragon-boat-race-watching-and-lunch-with-ut-bba-students/>

The University of Texas at Austin Hong Kong Alumni Reception

(2018/06/21)



Attendees of Iowa State at Texas Football Watching Party celebrating the victory of our team

See main article.

<https://hktx.org/2018/06/21/the-university-of-texas-at-austin-hong-kong-alumni-reception/>

USC at Texas Football Watching Party with Alumni of USC (Canceled)

(2018/09/16)

Unfortunately, due to severe weather condition, we have no choice but to cancel the event.

We thank Orson Lo for his effort to organize the event, and we thank USC Alumni Association for their interest to have the event with us. Lastly, thanks to the Longhorns football fans, members,

and friends for their support of this event.

<https://hktx.org/2018/09/16/usc-at-texas-football-watching-party-with-alumni-of-usc/>

Iowa State at Texas Football Watching Party

(2018/11/18)

Thanks to Orson Lo we had the opportunity to watch a Longhorn football game live together. Texas (#6, 6-1, 4-0 Big 12) was to host Iowa State (unranked, 3-3, 2-2 Big 12) at home in the morning of November 18 HKT.

Originally, our first football watching party of the



Attendees of Sugar Bowl Watching Party cheering for the team

season should be for USC at Texas in mid-September. We were co-organizing with the alums of USC. Many alums were looking forward to that game, but the severe typhoon literally ruined our party. If it was not for the typhoon, we would have watched our team defeat USC again at the American club.

Nonetheless, the Iowa State at Texas Football Watching Party was a good one. We attracted many alums to gather together in the Sunday morning to cheer for the team. We ended up beating Iowa State 24-10, keeping our chance to play in one of the New Year Six.

(<https://hktx.org/2018/11/18/iowa-state-at-texas-football-watching-party/>)

Sugar Bowl Watching Party (2019/01/02)

Our alum Orson Lo organized the watching party of the bowl game for us. Texas (#15, 9-4, 7-2 Big 12) was to face Georgia Bulldogs (#5, 11-2, 7-1 SEC) in Sugar Bowl (one of the New Year Six and played by the best available teams from Big 12 and SEC) in the morning of January 2 HKT.

We had the party at the Forty Niner Restaurant at the American Club Hong Kong. We had quite a big crowd including alums visiting Hong Kong for their holidays.

Our team scored the first touchdown early first quarter and then we never trailed. Bulldogs fiercely fought back in the 4th quarter when they

were trailing 21 points. It was too late for them. We beat them 28-21. We ended up #9 in the final AP Poll.



(<https://hktx.org/2019/01/02/sugar-bowl-watching-party/>)

Project Worldwide: HKTX Blood Drive 2019 (2019/02/01)

Since 2016 HKTX has been participating in Project Worldwide. In 2016, participants of the Annual General Meeting 2016 donated a sum of money to Oxfam. In 2017, several alumni contributed some food gifts they received during the Chinese New Year and we donated the items to Food Grace. In 2018, two Interim Administration Unit (IAU) officers donated blood to the Red Cross in our Blood Drive.

This year, we organized a blood drive again for Project Worldwide in its 2019 edition. We asked our alumni in Hong Kong to donate blood to the

Red Cross at any date within the month of February at any Red Cross Donor Centre. We asked them to send us a picture of themselves taken during the process.

Five alumni donated blood during February in response to our calling. The number is actually above our expectations considering the level of participation last year. We thanked each of the participants with a certificate of appreciation during the Texas Independence Day Dinner and Annual General Meeting which happened on March 2.

(<https://hktx.org/2019/02/01/project-worldwide-hktx-blood-drive-2019/>)

Texas Independence Day Dinner and Annual General Meeting 2019 (2019/03/02)



The Annual General Meeting (AGM) this year was held on March 2, exactly on Texas Independence Day. We once again gathered at Inn Side Out inside South China Athletic Association for the event.

Attendees started to arrive at 6:30 when they mingled and chatted with one another. The AGM officially started at 7 when Victor Nip, Chief Administrator, presented the annual report with Carl Sung, Treasurer, presenting the financial position. Following that, a few Certificates of Appreciation were presented to alumni who had contributed to HKTX in the past year.



Collage of participants of Project Worldwide: HKTX Blood Drive 2019



Participants of the Gathering with UT Global Connections Faculty and Students

As no cabinet candidate stood for Election, confirmation of the members of Interim Administration Unit (IAU) of the next fiscal year was conducted. All current IAU members volunteered to continue keeping HKTX running until a formal committee would be elected.

After the meeting, the fun part of the event began! We ordered our own favorite American and Mexican food, and of course beer (and other beverages)! As usual our dinner lasted hours because we enjoyed so much of each other's presence.

Agenda:

- Report from the Chief Administrator
- Report from the Treasurer
- Certificate of Appreciation Presentation
- Confirmation of IAU members 2019/20

<https://hktx.org/2019/03/02/texas-independence-day-dinner-and-annual-general-meeting-2019/>

Gathering with UT Global Connections Faculty and Students

(2019/03/19)

A UT class consisting of 15 MBA and Engineering graduate students came to Hong Kong as part of their Global Connections trip during Spring Break. The trip, led by faculty lead Dr Fred Beach, Assistant Director, Energy Policy of The University of Texas at Austin Energy Institute, focused on the Energy Sector of China.

The class invited us to have a gathering together on March 19 at Mercedes Me in Central. UT Director of Development Jennifer Wang

happened to be in Hong Kong, so we were lucky to have her join us as well. We occupied half of the 2nd floor of Mercedes Me and it was a fun night for both the students and alumni who were there.

<https://hktx.org/2019/03/19/gathering-with-ut-global-connections-faculty-and-students/>

Event with UT SCM Students: Museum Visit and Guangdong/Dim Sum Lunch

(2019/06/22)

Every year, UT sends a class of Supply Chain Management students to Hong Kong for classes

and field trips to China. This is the ninth time in a row that we had the chance to meet the students in a social activity.

The event started with a visit to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum to see the exhibits of "A History of the World in 100 Objects from the British Museum" which "reviews the common stories of human development in a new perspective". What we did not consider was that the students finished an exam the day before and many went to Lan Kwai Fong after the exam for late night parties. (And don't forget the drinking age in Hong Kong is lower than Texas's!) Many students were unable to attend the visit.



Alumni and students attending the Guangdong/Dim Sum Lunch



Alumni and students enjoying the lunch

Then we went to Maxim's Palace Chinese Restaurant for dim sum lunch. Many more students were able to join with a few more hours of sleep. Somehow this is the first time in nine years where a few students had an issue with gluten, seafood, pork, or other food allergies, so some students enjoyed the conversation more than the food.

The event ended after the two-hour lunch and we finished things off with by taking a very nice group photo.

<https://hktx.org/2019/06/22/event-with-ut-scm-students-museum-visit-and-guangdong-dim-sum-lunch/>

Texas Football Watching Party (Texas at LSU) (2019/09/08)

Texas Exes in Hong Kong got together again for one of the biggest football game of 2019 season: Texas vs. LSU. The game watching party was hosted at Hong Kong American Club's Tai Tam

Country Club which kicked off at 7:30am. Many dedicated Texas alumni who bleed orange made their way to the party bright and early and in burnt orange for the watch party.

As the party went on, the drinks gradually went from coffee to beers. It was an exciting game and Horns were in it all the way to the end. Overall, 2-3 plays defined the game and had everyone on the edge of their seats. We were definitely the loudest table in the whole restaurant – HOOK'EM!! Unfortunately, Horns' season took a dive into the disappointing territory after the painful loss to LSU. We will meet you again in the Death Valley next year and we will have the last laugh. Look forward to seeing everyone for the Texas vs. LSU game in 2020 season.

Finally, we want to thank alumnus Orson Lo for hosting the party for us!

<https://hktx.org/2019/09/08/texas-football-watching-party-texas-at-lsu/>

Alamo Bowl Watching Party (2020/01/01)

Thanks to our fellow alum Andrew Stanley we had a chance to watch our Football Team's bowl game this season. Texas Longhorns (7-5, 5-4 Big 12) faced Utah Utes (#11, 11-2, 8-1 PAC-12) in Valero Alamo Bowl in the morning of the New Year (HKT).

Again, the party was hosted at the Fireside of the Country Club of the American Club in Tai Tam. It was a bit far from the city center, but the environment was great.

Our team scored the first three points early in the first quarter and we never trailed since then. Eventually, we beat Utah 38-10. The result helped us ranked 25th in the AP Poll.



Alumni attending the Texas Football Watching Party (Texas at LSU)



<https://hktx.org/2020/01/01/alamo-bowl-watching-party/>

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 HKTX 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 HKTX. 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 HKTX, please contact him at victor.nip@hktx.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 HKTX 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 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://hktx.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:

- **March 14 (Backup Date April 18):** Texas Independence Day Dinner and Annual General Meeting 2020
- **June:** Event with UT SCM students

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@hktx.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@hktx.org.

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

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