

# EWSLETTER 1





#### "Annual General Meeting"

Using this occasion as a great opportunity to gather Honours College's alumni, as well as to summarise and report the work HCAA has done over the year and discuss important issues.

#### "The Inside of IKEA"



Participants have experienced a part of IKEA which people rarely know.

#### "Spring Festival Celebration"



HCAA and the Chinese University of Hong Kong Alumni Association HCAA walked with Masdaw dogs on a in Macau (CUAAM) held the Spring Festival Celebration.

#### "Christmas Gathering"



"Exchange of Christmas gifts", alumni and the HC students spent a wonderful night together!

#### "Charity Event-MASDAW"



sunny Sunday afternoon.



# /Alumni Sharing/

### "Think boldly and not limit yourselves."

James Law is the current chairman of HCAA and a graduate of HC Class of 2012. He lives in Macau and has pursued both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Business Administration from University of Macau. James works as an Assistant General Manager (Sales) at DFS, the luxury travel retailer that is a subsidiary of LVMH. He finds his job exciting as he gets to work with an energetic team that keeps up with luxury trends and provides him with continuous career development opportunities so as to his direct reports. In his leisure time, James enjoys wine-tasting, watching movies and playing with his son.



Mr.James, Law Chon leng Graduate of HC Class of 2012

During his time at HC, James had many wonderful experiences. He co-founded HCSA and the tutor program, studied abroad in Boston, and travelled to various US cities. He also conducted academic research and presented his Honours project at an international youth hospitality conference in Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2012. James believes HC helped him improve his leadership skills and build better relationships with colleagues. This leads to James' constant and dedicated contribution to HCAA's mentorship program and global alumni network.

James's advice to current HC students is to think boldly and not limit themselves. He also recommends joining HCAA mentorship programs and HCAA after graduation to stay connected with the strong alumni network. James feels that current HC students are fortunate to have many successful alumni who can guide and support them.



Ms. Xuejie Ding Graduate of HC Class of 2012

# "Take advantage of all available opportunities."

Xuejie Ding, an alumna of the HC class of 2012, currently serves as a postdoctoral researcher and lecturer in demography at the University of Oxford. She earned her MPhil and DPhil in Sociology after pursuing her undergraduate studies in the same field at HC. Her research has made notable contributions to shaping policy-making and promoting social and behavioural changes nationally and globally. In her leisure time, Xuejie enjoys baking, hiking, playing the piano, and traveling.

Reflecting on her time at HC, Xuejie spoke highly of the numerous opportunities for personal growth, intellectual development, and social interaction. She credits HC for fostering an environment that encourages critical thinking, creativity, and

innovation. Her active participation in various extracurricular activities and events at HC helped her grow both personally and academically. Xuejie believes that HC's rich and diverse environment supported and empowered her to achieve her academic and personal goals.

Xuejie offers three valuable pieces of advice for current HC students. Firstly, she advises them to take advantage of all available opportunities, including extracurricular activities, events, and resources that HC offers. Secondly, she emphasizes the importance of building strong relationships with professors, classmates, and professionals in one's field of interest. Lastly, she advises HC students to prioritize their mental and physical health while working hard to achieve their goals. Xuejie believes that taking care of oneself will help students stay focused and energized throughout their HC journey and beyond.

#### REGISTRATION AS HCAA MEMBERS



# /Global Alumni Network/



# Programme Info

The Global Alumni Network of HCAA aims to foster connections among alumni worldwide. We believe that this program, initiated in September 2022, will strengthen the bond among alumni.

Currently, there are 12 representatives in 9 different cities/countries and 70 alumni are benefiting from this program.



### "US Alumni Gathering"

In late February, Heddy ('19), one of our US alumni representatives, organized a catch-up with HC alumni in New York City. From right to left, Heddy, Tiffany ('13), Devin ('22), and NYU student Ray (previously at HC from 2018-2020). They had a great time and they were glad to reconnect with one another.

# "The Netherlands Gathering"

In early March, Erris ('20), the Netherlands / Denmark / Sweden / Switzerland alumni representative, organized a catch-up with HC alumni in Amsterdam. From right to left: Jenny ('20), Erris, and Aki ('21). They had a memorable evening filled with lively conversation.



# GATHERING

#### "Singapore Gathering"

In December 2022, Angel ('15), the Singapore/Malaysia alumni representative, organized a catch-up with HC alumni in Singapore. From right to left: Angel, Geni ('17), and Sonia ('22). The group had a wonderful time chatting and sharing stories.

## "HK Alumni Gathering"

In October 2022, Victor ('17), the HK alumni representative, organized a catch-up with HC alumni in HK. From right to left: Henry ('17), Helen ('12), Vincent ('18), and Victor. They had a fun and enjoyable time reminiscing about the old times.



#### Honours College Alumni Association / 2022.9-2023.2



# /HCAA Alumni Network/



SH: Leo (C2020) MT, ICBC Investment Banking



Macau: James (C2012) AGM Sales, DFS COD Galleria

BJ: Candice (C2020) PhD Candidate in Marketing, Tsinghua University

SG: Angel (C2015) PhD Candidate in Philosophy, National Uni of Singapore













UK: Cathy (C2012) Principal, Ares Management Corporation

AUS: Angel (C2022) MSc in MKT Candidate, Melb U

Netherlands: Erris (C2020) Content & SEO specialist, ERIKS

Portugal: Oscar (C2014) Master Candidate of Tax Law, Catholic Uni of Portugal

US: Heddy (C2019) Associate product analyst, SiriusXM Pandora, New Jersey

US: Jana (C2015)
Postdoc in Human
Development and Family
Studies, Purdue University















