PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The MEICOM Alumni Association has grown bigger this year with more new members. On behalf of the executive committee, I am proud to state that our alumni association is one of the most active alumni bodies in the University of Hong Kong, if not the most active. I also take this opportunity to congratulate our recent graduates.

Our key missions are to provide a regular forum for all our students and alumni, to network with each other and to stay in tune with e-commerce developments. Towards this goal, the alumni committee had a busy half year. Below are some recent activity highlights:

- The seminar series continued throughout the year. For example, we invited Ben Kwong, a popular stock market commentator to share his wisdom with our alumni at a high table dinner night in November 2007, just before the recent crash. Crash warnings were widely discussed in the dinner but, unfortunately, some of us ignored those warnings, including myself.

- A BBQ night at the Aberdeen Yacht Club in May – All guests had a good time and exchanged gossips with old and new friends. The weather was unexpectedly hot which gave all of us an excellent excuse to drink more beer and wine.

- A Bowling fun night in October – we discovered a few bowling talents among our alumni while most of us had a great time mingling with one another.

- A golf tour to Mainland China in November – Most of us were not excellent golfers but all enjoyed the game.

- There was a Meicom trailwalker team in November consisting of four married men who trained hard a few months before. They finished in 28 hours and all created new personal records. Of course, they would have been slower without our committed support teams from the Alumni Association, the support team turned up at one of the check points at 5am in the morning! The article in the issue describes this event in full, and I hope you enjoy reading about it.

- Our Monthly Happy Hour Events are getting more popular - it is normally held on the third Thursday of each month.

- We have also designed a very nice meicom pin and will be distributing them to all alumni members soon. This pin will also be used for some of our members' benefits, the first members’ benefit being finalized is a special discount for buying running gear.

There will be more activities to come in the next six months including indoor rock climbing, boating etc. Needless to say, the next quarter’s coming month focus would be our Marathon exercise. With Paul Cheung’s encouragement and leadership, there have been many alumni and students starting to enjoy running in the past two to three years including an over-weight man like myself. I would urge you to join either as a runner or supporter in the coming event.

Please check the MEICOM Alumni website http://www.meicom.hku.hk for event announcements and members’ benefit details. We also need new blood to join the Board each year. I urge you to consider nominating a fellow member or two at the next AGM. With your support and participation, our Alumni Association will grow even stronger!

If you are not a member yet, you are welcome to join. Please contact membership@meicom.hku.hk for more details.

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High Table Dinner in November 2007
Guest Speaker: Mr Kwong Man Bun

Bowling fun night in October 2007
Happy Hour Gathering
Lapel Pin