

Convocation Standing Committee Election at Ordinary General Meeting

June 22, 2009

Convocation of The University of Hong Kong is a statutory body comprising all graduates and teaching staff of the University. The Standing Committee consists of 24 members who are all elected from and by members of Convocation.

Three members Mr Choi Sau-yuk 蔡秀煜 (BSocSc 1972), Mr Alex Lai Chun-hung 賴振鴻 (BScEng 1985)

and Dr Victor Ng Hon 吳瀚 (BEng[EEE] 1999) were elected to the Standing Committee and will hold office with immediate effect, after the Ordinary General Meeting on June 22, 2009 to the Ordinary General Meeting 2012.

List of Standing Committee members:

<http://www.hku.hk/convocat/committee/committee1.htm>



RMB, Present and Future

After the Ordinary General Meeting, Dr Cui Li 崔歷, Head (External) of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, shared with Convocation members her views on the RMB's role in the present and in the future.

Cui said that the RMB has become more free compared with ten years ago yet there are many restrictions remaining, such as limited convertibility for capital account transactions and official trade settlement, which is permitted in hard currencies only.

Cui also shared with the audience how Hong Kong has been a testing ground for the initiatives of using the RMB outside the Mainland and has developed the capacity to handle RMB transactions; hence, she believes Hong Kong is well positioned to handle a large part of the offshore RMB business and to enhance the international status of the RMB in future.

Revisit the key points of Dr Cui Li at Convocation website: www.hku.hk/convocat



Why the rising call for the greater use of the RMB?

How to increase the international status of the RMB?

Why will it take time for the RMB to become an international currency?

What does this mean for Hong Kong?

Alumni Survey 2009

The Survey was commissioned by Convocation of The University of Hong Kong and administered by Policy 21, Ltd. It aims to re-connect and re-engage alumni, and solicit alumni's views on the University's Centenary Vision.

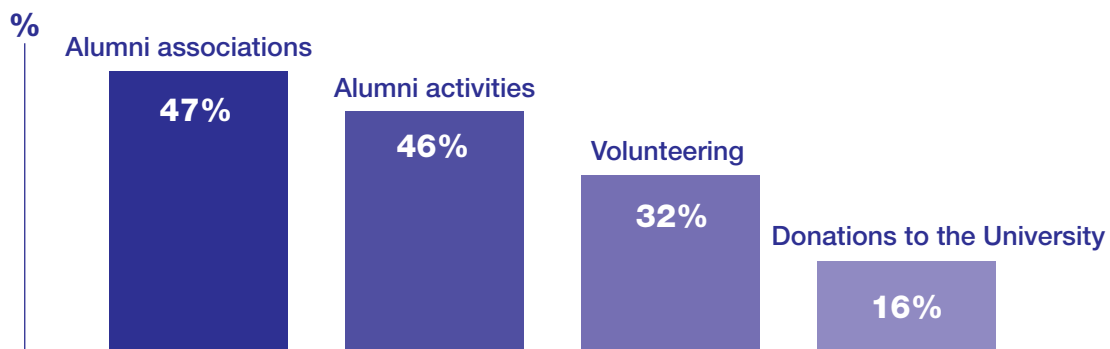
A total of 3,345 alumni participated in the Survey between January and February 2009. The respondents are broadly representative of the alumni profile and include alumni who graduated from 1950 to 2008.



Summary of Main Findings

Connecting alumni

1. Respondents would like to connect to the University through:



2. **88%** of respondents receive and read the *Convocation Newsletter*

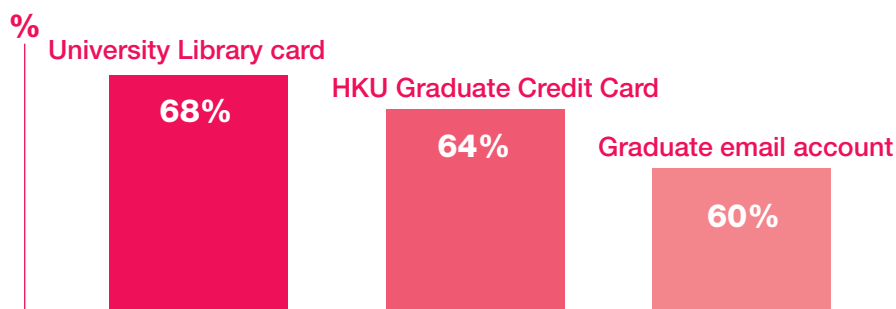
Among them, **91%** consider the *Convocation Newsletter* a useful communication tool between University and alumni.

3. **72%** of respondents receive and read Alumni eNotices

Among them, **95%** consider email to be a useful communication tool between University and alumni.

4. **64%** of respondents utilise the University facilities and services

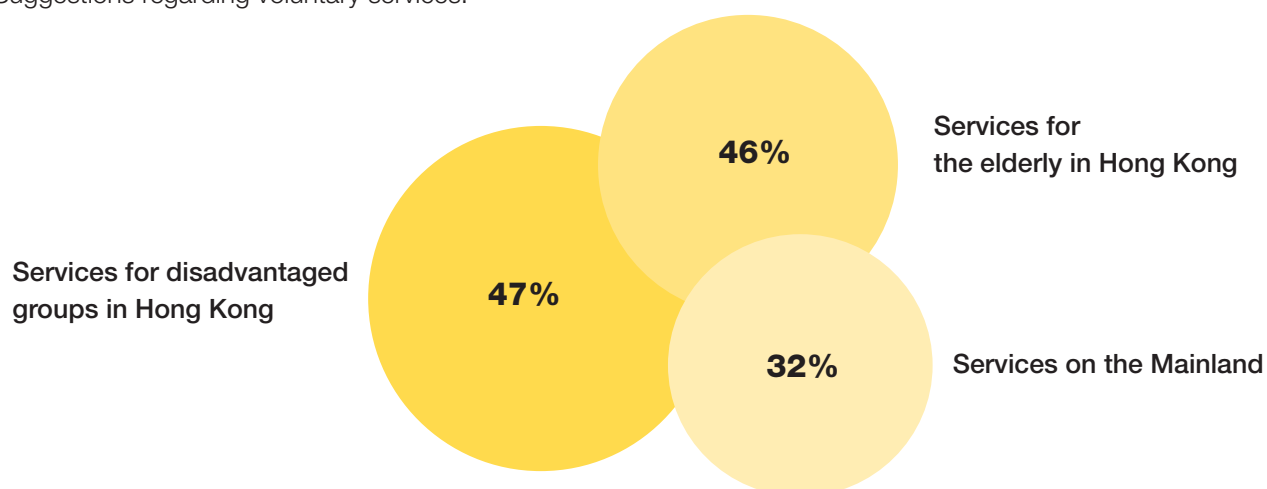
The three most utilised facilities and services:



Services to the community and the University

43% of respondents are prepared to participate in voluntary services

Suggestions regarding voluntary services:



University Centenary Vision

Respondents are positive about the University's Centenary Vision and are broadly aligned with the University's policies and objectives.

88%	agree that English should remain as medium of instruction
83%	agree that more opportunities for work attachments or internships should be available
81%	agree that teaching and learning methods should be improved with more interactions between lecturers and students
81%	agree that greater emphasis should be placed on the development of students' soft skills
74%	agree that more overseas student exchanges should be available
66%	agree that liberal studies should be part of the core curriculum
66%	agree that greater efforts should be made to attract overseas students

Convocation is grateful to all the alumni who participated in the Survey. Findings of the Survey provide additional information and pointers useful to the University in shaping future policies on higher education and to Convocation in planning future activities.

Any HKU alumni who are interested in obtaining the full report of the Survey should contact the Convocation Secretariat at convocat@hku.hk

A summary of the Survey findings is also available for viewing at <http://www.hku.hk/alumni/survey09>

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