

Message from the MPAAA Chairman

Date: 24.1.2006

Dear MPA Alumni,

It is my honour to be the Chairman of the MPA Alumni Association (MPAAA) Executive Committee (EC). I wish to take this opportunity to update you on the recent developments of the Association.

Ever since the inauguration of the MPAAA in 2005, the Executive Committee have fervently discussed about the work plan of the Association, including the way we communicate with our members. The idea of issuing a newsletter in hard copy was raised but considered not cost-effective in view of our resources constraints. We thus resolved to send the minutes of each EC meeting to every member by email to keep them abreast of the discussions and developments of the Association. Moreover, the minutes of each meeting would be posted onto the MPAAA's website for members' surfing (<http://www.hku.hk/alumnibodies/mpaaa>). I trust with this arrangement we can put our message across to you promptly and it can also serve the environmental protection purpose.

Always haunting in our minds, the Committee are passionate to materialize its pledges committed in the inauguration night. We plan to launch a series of activities in 2006, which are summarized below for your reference:

Date	Events	Location
26.2.2006 (Sunday) 1000-1130 hours	Visit to the Fire Services Communication Centre of the Fire Services Department	Tsim Sha Tsui East, Kowloon
3.3.2006-5.3.2006 (Tentative)	Visit to Macau's Court of Final Appeal	Macau
First Half of 2006	Public Administration lectures by Professor Guy Peters from the University of Pittsburgh and Professor Martin Rein from MIT	The University of Hong Kong
May/June	Residential study tour to	Tsinghua

(subject to members' view)	Tsinghua University with that for the MPA programme	University/Beijing University
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I hope these events can provide us chances to rub shoulders and once again recover our long lost connections. For these, may I request you to mark down in your diary and wish to meet you all in those events. Our committee members are now embarking on the preparation work for those events and will let you know the details soon. Regarding the Beijing study tour, we have posted a questionnaire onto the MPAAA website to gather the views of alumni on the format and timing of organizing the tour. Please spare a few minutes to let us know your view so that we could make different ends meet.

For the success of these events, we need our members' participation. We all know that if we wish the alumni association to be sustainable, we need to expand our membership base. Taking this occasion, I would like to appeal to those who haven't yet been our member to join the Association. The membership form is also made available in our website.

On many occasions, some of our alumni requested to have the Executive Committee members contact details, so that they can liaise with them and establish a network for future association. I hence also list out the details of our Executive Committee members below:

No	Name	Office	Functional Post	Telephone No.
1.	Dr. Chan Yiu Wing 陳耀榮	Chairman	Chairman	2762 2021
2.	Mr. Tam Tai Keung 譚棣強	Vice-chairman	Exchange Programme	2170 9501
3.	Ms Lau Chi Wai, Edwina 劉賜蕙	Vice-chairwoman	Membership	8101 7178
4.	Mr. Ho Kam Tim, William 何錦添	Secretary	Support	2762 2026
5.	Ms Lee Chi Ching, Kathy 李志貞	Treasurer	Financial matters	2810 2325
6.	Miss Chan Suk Yin,	Member	Welfare & Social	9054 4808

	Irene 陳淑賢		Activities	
7.	Mr. Lau Man Kwong 劉文廣	Member	Membership	9833 0217
8.	Ms Lee Wai Yee, Helen 李威儀	Member	Training	2860 6046
9.	Mr. Lor Hing Hung, Louis 羅慶鴻	Member	Exchange Programme	9032 8302
10.	Mr. Lui Hok Leung 雷學良	Member	Training	2872 1623
11.	Mr. Pang Chung Yin 彭仲賢	Member	Welfare & Social Activities	9433 1446

I hope these are useful information for you to contact our Executive members. For sure we are more than happy to have your contacts.

The Year of Dog is now round the corner, I take this opportunity to offer you an early seasonal greeting.

“Kung Hei Fat Choi!”

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Chan Yiu Wing)
Chairman of Executive Committee