



**THE CONVOCATION OF THE
CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

**REPORT FOR THE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ON 12 DECEMBER 2017**

**THE FIFTH STANDING COMMITTEE OF
THE CONVOCATION
(JANUARY 2016 – DECEMBER 2017)**

BACKGROUND

The establishment of the [Convocation](#) on 1 January 2007 marked an important milestone in the alumni history of the [City University of Hong Kong \(CityU\)](#). It creates a significant link between the University and its growing band of alumni. The Convocation is a statutory body established under the CityU Ordinance (Cap 1132). Its Chairman is a member of the Council (the supreme governing body of the University) and the Court (the supreme advisory body of the University). Together with the Emeritus Professors and honorary award recipients, each graduate on receipt of an academic award granted by the University (or the then City Polytechnic of Hong Kong) automatically becomes a member of the Convocation.

In November 2006, the University Council approved the establishment of the Convocation and its constitution and rules, and also appointed members of an organising committee to serve on the Provisional Standing Committee of the Convocation, with its term of office running from 1 January to 31 December 2007. The Secretary of the Convocation was appointed by the University President.

The first Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Convocation was held on 7 November 2007 in which an election was conducted with 15 candidates being elected for the First Standing Committee (SC) for a two-year term from 1 January 2008 to 31 December 2009.

Members of the Second SC were elected in the AGM held on 26 November 2009. The 15 elected members along with the Immediate Past Chairman assumed office on 1 January 2010 for a two-year term until 31 December 2011.

The Third SC members were automatically elected and took up office from 1 January 2012 with Chairman of the Second SC continued to assume her chairmanship until 31 December 2013.

The Fourth SC served on a two-year term from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2015. Fresh impetus was instilled to increase alumni participation, particularly in various celebratory programmes for the University's 30th anniversary.

Under the leadership of the re-elected Chairman, the Fifth SC comprising 15 new blood and old friends took up office from 1 January 2016 for two years. They worked together to cohere the strong alumni community to support University development.

We are hoping that the Sixth SC, which will take up the office from 1 January 2018, will continue to serve as a bridge between the University and alumni, and to cohere the strong alumni community to support the University development.

**THE FIFTH STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CONVOCATION
OF THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

Sixteen SC Members:

Chairman	Mr Clovis LAU Koong-yep
Vice-Chairmen	Mr Cedric CHENG Cheuk-him
	Mr William KHOO Wun-fat
	Mr Bruce LEE Yiu-fai
	Mr Robert LUI Chi-wang

Members:

Miss Karmen CHAN Ka-man
(Last Preceding Chairman)

Mr Danny CHOW Tsz-kin

Mr Gabriel HO Kai-pong

Mr Aaron HUI Siu-kee

Mr Ronald IU Man-chung

Mr James KONG Cho-on

Miss Vera KONG Ting-kwan

Mr Raymond NG Kwok-ho

Mr Douglas WONG Chi-yeung

Miss Carol WONG Ka-mei

Ms Ywing YEUNG Wing-ki

Convocation Secretariat:

Mr Xavier WONG
*(Secretary of the Convocation cum
Associate Director, Alumni Relations Office)*

Ms Pennie LAI
(Alumni Relations Officer, Alumni Relations Office)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sharing the mission of “Uniting alumni to support University development”, the Convocation works towards strengthening the alumni relationship and facilitating alumni to take part in the University development through an established structure and system.

Our SC members were enthusiastic alumni who were active student leaders of different generations and capacities. Serving a growing legion of diverse alumni community, we uphold the belief of **“Embrace diversity, respect differences and unite as a whole”**.

1) Convocation strengthens alumni ties through inspiring activities and projects

1.1) Engaging alumni in social service endeavors

Promoting the caring culture in the University community has been a mission of the Convocation. CityU alumni were invited to serve as volunteers to manage game booths for the ethnic minority at “Happy Carnival 2017” - one of the annual highlights of the [City-Youth Empowerment Project](#) organised by the [Department of Applied Social Sciences](#) on a Saturday afternoon of 22 April. Convocation was the Supporting Unit and the SC members led the volunteers for the activity.

Serving as mentors, enthusiastic alumni volunteers escorted a group of 20 primary school students to participate in a charity event [“Walkathon and Carnival 2017”](#) organised by the [Hong Kong Christian Service](#) at Tsing Yi Promenade on 5 November . In the debriefing session, the students thanked the CityU “big brothers and sisters” for taking them to an outing that brought them lots of laughter and joy.



Convocation unites fellow alumni to extend the caring spirit to the community.

1.2) Promoting eco-initiative to foster a sustainable green environment

Led by SC members, some 80 alumni, their family members and friends visited an [organic farm](#) run by our alumnus Wong Yu-wing in the afternoon of 14 October, Saturday. Participants enjoyed a 2.5-hour wide-ranging programme including talk on organic farming, workshop on planting, fruit-picking and many more. Mr Wong generously donated half of the participation fees to the University in support of Convocation activities.



Convocation connects alumni through a leisure greening outdoor activity.

1.3) Supporting an alumni signature event – CityU Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run

SC members set up an e-snapshot photo booth at the [CityU Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run](#) organised by [Alumni Relations Office](#) on 19 March to promote Convocation and greet alumni. To promote environmental friendliness, we invited alumni to take funny pictures with thematic frames and send the images to their email accounts for memory. Up in the Convocation Office, children made funny pots with their creativity at fun-filled green planting workshops conducted by SC members. They enjoyed the day with a myriad of enjoyable and exciting carnival games and programmes.



Alumni and their families retain happy memories on campus through fun-filled children workshops and e-snapshots at the Convocation booth.

1.4) Welcoming fresh graduates at the Congregation

The Convocation set a photo kiosk for fresh graduates to capture happy moments with their friends and families at the [Congregation](#) on 11 November at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Creative props were also provided for photo-taking.



The photo kiosk attracts fresh graduates to leave memory with their families and friends.

2) **Communication with alumni**

An interactive Convo's Poll, of alumni interest, was posted on Convocation homepage and Convocation News in the e-newsletter [AlumExpress](#) issued by ARO. Relevant information about the topic was provided upon making the poll and alumni could share their views through various channels. The poll result would be announced in the following month on the homepage of Convocation. Convo's Poll served as a platform for SC to collect alumni's views and enhance their affiliation to the University. Summary of topics and poll results:

Month	Topic	Poll result
January	Would you consider cheering on CityU runners comprising alumni, students and staff at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon on 12 February 2017 (Sunday)?	74.2% (Yes)
February	Would you consider to join Convocation's activities including photo-taking booth and children workshop with family and friends at the CityU Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run (19 Mar, Sun)?	67.9% (Yes)
March	Would you consider participating in the University Floral Emblem Photo Contest?	57.1% (Yes)
April	Will you consider joining the social voluntary service organised by the Convocation?	78.8% (Yes)
May	CityU's sports teams have won record-breaking 9th Grand Slam. Are you proud of CityU's spirit of sportsmanship?	73.7% (Yes)
June	The University presents exhibitions bridging cultural heritage and new media at the CityU Exhibition Gallery from time to time. Would you be interested in visiting these exhibitions?	72.1% (Yes)

July	Do you know that according to the latest Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings, CityU has risen six places and is now ranked 49th in the world?	75% (Yes)
August	A number of members of the CityU community including alumni have been named in the 2017 Honours List of the HKSAR Government. Would you like to meet them to learn their success stories?	75.9% (Yes)
September	Would you consider visiting an organic farm organised by the Convocation on 14 October 2017?	76.9% (Yes)
October	Would you consider joining the CityU Banquet organised by the Students' Union to mingle with alumni friends, students and CityU staff?	73.3% (Yes)
November	The Annual General Meeting of the Convocation will be held on 12 December (Tuesday) where Convocation members will learn accomplishments of the Convocation in 2017. Will you plan to join?	70.6% (Yes)



Alumni are encouraged to share their thoughts with the Convocation and participate in the monthly poll.

Convocation also sustained alumni relationship through various e-channels such as [homepage](#), [Facebook](#) and WeChat by providing them with updates on the developments of the Convocation and the University.

3) Serving as a bridge between alumni and the University

The Convocation Chairman has been serving on the Council, its Community Relations Committee and Advisory Committee for Graduate Employment, and the Court. The Chairman helped channel feedbacks of alumni to various parties and units.

The Chairman also joined the Selection Panel of the Teaching Excellence Awards to select outstanding teaching staff and that of the Alumni Civility Hall JUMP Scholarship to select students who excelled in academic performance and contributed significantly to the Hall.

SC members were invited to join the organising committees of the Congregation, CityU Delegation for Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon and CityU Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run. Other involvement of SC was listed in the appendix.

4) Engagement in University activities

4.1) Cheering on valiant Marathon runners

Convocation showed full support again to the [CityU Delegation](#) at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon. SC members joined the support team on-site in the early morning on 12 February to cheer on some 1,200-strong CityU runners at the race.



SC members cheer on the valiant runners at the CityU booth.

4.2) Supporting students' activities

A SC member who lived at the student hostel during his study represented the Convocation to attend the Joint-Hall Dinner themed "Once Upon a City" on 24 February. He took the opportunity to network with students from local, mainland and overseas, and shared his stories at the dorm. He appreciated students' effort in enhancing residents' sense of belonging to the University.



Convocation supports Hall activities.

The Convocation and ARO coordinated with the Students' Union to promote CityU Banquet which was held on 27 October at which alumni, students and staff took the opportunity to get together, exchange updates and reminisce the campus life. SC members joined with ARO representatives to greet the alumni.



SC members and alumni have a great time at CityU Banquet, a signature event showcasing CityU community's sense of belonging to the University.

5) Fundraising

Embracing the caring spirit to support students and alumni has long been the mission of the Convocation. Alumni were encouraged to contribute to their alma mater by making donation through Convocation. A total of HK\$393,728.50 has been recorded so far.

6) Partnership with Alumni Relations Office

Apart from co-hosting activities, Convocation co-presented with ARO a welcoming message to graduates of 2017 on the Congregation booklet and a heart-shaped bookmark. The new graduates would also get access to a Congregation video comprising a 20-second introduction of Convocation and ARO.

In the alumni gatherings organised by the ARO at Chengdu and Shanghai on 13 May and 2 December respectively, Convocation served as the "Event Partner" to demonstrate its support to non-local alumni activities.

Arranged by ARO, SC members joined the Advisory Committee for [City AlumNet](#) to give invaluable inputs. They were also involved and participated in other alumni activities organised by ARO.



SC members actively participate in alumni activities hosted by the ARO.

We are thankful for the support of the University

As the tenure of the Fifth SC comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to the University Council and the senior management for their invaluable advice, our fellow SC members for their unwavering devotion, the Secretariat for their professionalism, and ARO for the indispensable partnership in alumni relations building. We highly appreciate Convocation members for their support rendered over the year. Their support is our driving force to keep us moving forward.

Presented by

Clovis LAU (Mr)
Chairman of the Convocation
On behalf of
The Fifth Standing Committee of the Convocation

12 December 2017

The Fifth Standing Committee of the CityU Convocation
Activities and Meetings in 2017

Date	Activities	Number of participants	Organiser(s)
12-Feb-17	CityU Delegation for Standard Chartered Marathon 2017	2 SC representatives: Gabriel Ho and James Kong	Jointly organised by Alumni Relations Office, Department of Management, Facilities Management Office, Human Resources Office, Student Development Services and the Convocation
24-Feb-17	Joint-hall Dinner 2017 - "Once Upon a City (小城大事)"	1 SC representative: Gabriel Ho	Jointly organised by 10 hall residents' associations
7-Mar-17	CityU Discovery Festival Opening Ceremony and Teaching Excellence Awards Presentation	1 SC representative: William Khoo	University
11-Mar-17	CityU Delegation Reunion & Prize Presentation Dinner	1 SC representative: Gabriel Ho	Jointly organised by Alumni Relations Office, Department of Management, Facilities Management Office, Human Resources Office, Student Development Services and the Convocation

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19-Mar-17	CityU Homecoming Gala cum Campus Run	6 SC representatives: Bruce Lee, Robert Lui, Danny Chow, Gabriel Ho, Vera Kong and Carol Wong	Organised by the Alumni Relations Office, with Convocation representative serving as Deputy Chairman of the Organising Committee
22-Apr-17	Convocation's social voluntary service - City-Youth Empowerment Project's Happy Carnival 2017 - "Possible Goal"	2 SC representatives: Danny Chow and Vera Kong	Department of Applied Social Sciences
14-Oct-17	Organic Farming - Fun & Learn	2 SC representatives: Gabriel Ho and Vera Kong	Convocation
27-Oct-17	Alumni Gathering at CityU Banquet 2017	5 SC representatives: Bruce Lee, Danny Chow, Gabriel Ho, Vera Kong and Carol Wong	Students' Union
5-Nov-17	Convocation's social voluntary service - Escorting primary school students to participate in a charity event	3 SC representatives: Danny Chow, Vera Kong and Carol Wong	Convocation
11-Nov-17	Convocation photo kiosk at Congregation 2017		Convocation

Date	Meetings
16-Jan-17	Panel interview for Teaching Excellence Awards 2016/17 (William Khoo on behalf of Chairman as a panel member)
18-Jan-17	Panel interview for Teaching Excellence Awards 2016/17 (William Khoo on behalf of Chairman as a panel member)
14-Mar-17	Panel Meeting for Teaching Excellence Awards 2016/17 (William Khoo on behalf of Chairman as a panel member)
17-Mar-17	Meeting of the Community Relations Committee of University Council (Chairman)
10-Apr-17	Selection interview for "Alumni Civility Hall JUMP Scholarships" (Cedric Cheng on behalf of Chairman as a panel member)
8-Jun-17	Council meeting (Chairman as Council member)
8-Jun-17	General meeting of Fifth Standing Committee
14-Aug-17	Special meeting of the Community Relations Committee of University Council (Chairman)
14-Sep-17	General meeting of Fifth Standing Committee
26-Oct-17	Meeting of Advisory Committee for City AlumNet 2017 (Robert Lui)
13-Nov-17	Interview meetings for Teaching Excellence Awards 2017/18 (William Khoo on behalf of Chairman as a panel member)
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