



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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**HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY ALUMNI WINE ASSOCIATION**



Dear Members,

I am pleased to present my report for session 2019-20 in our third Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology Alumni Wine Association Limited ("HKUSTAWA").

At the time of writing, probably a lot of people around the world are going through some uneasy moments due to the coronavirus pandemic. For locals in Hong Kong, perhaps social events that happened since some point in time last year have added on some sentiments, not least the passing of a HKUST student in November.

HKUSTAWA was inevitably affected – only nine events were held over the year from Feb 2019 to Jan 2020, membership growth was not as good as forecasted, Nov 2019 HKUST alumni event was cancelled, Feb 2020 annual dinner has to be postponed, and our AGM would be held online instead of everyone meeting up to enjoy glasses of wines together after meeting!

Nonetheless, we have to stay strong and move on.

Thank you very much to all committee members who have contributed in the past, members and friends who have been supporting us, and HKUST giving great support as well. Looking forward, I wish the new committee and new President great success in bringing more to HKUSTAWA members.

Jennifer
President, HKUSTAWA



A Year in Review

ENGAGEMENT - ALUMNI

Nine events were held over the year, with 200+ members and friends joining us:

- 🍷 2019.02.23 | AGM cum Spring Dinner 2019
- 🍷 2019.03.29 | Kokushu 101 with Micky Chan (*see above photo*)
- 🍷 2019.05.31 | Free flow sake happy hour at Wako
- 🍷 2019.06.27 | Pop Up Happy Hour with AWA
- 🍷 2019.07.19 | UCLA x HKUSTAWA California Wine Night
- 🍷 2019.09.19 | Spanish Fiesta Wine Party
- 🍷 2019.10.24 | Happy Hour with AWA!
- 🍷 2019.12.19 | Exco Recruitment HH
- 🍷 2020.01.16 | Exco Recruitment HH

We strive to offer a variety of events – be it workshop, casual happy hour, joint event with other alumni association, thematic tasting with guest speaker – the aim is to connect alumni and friends over some drinks. Relax, chat, have fun, and perhaps learn something about wine or other types of alcoholic beverages!



ENGAGEMENT - STUDENTS

We continued to support student initiatives. HKUST Wine Team 2019 went through training arranged by HKUSTAWA and participated at Left Bank Bordeaux Cup held in March last year. The team then helped recruit next year's team and arranged info session in September.

Connecting alumni and alumni-to-be through wine training and competition is indeed a great way to bring HKUST fellows together.

MEMBERSHIP

We have a total of 59 paid members, including new joiners of 8 full members and 6 annual members (4 of them are student members) as at the time of writing.



Acknowledgement

APPLAUSE TO OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (SESSION 2019-20):

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“See you soon.”