

Junk Mail

 **UNSW** News for Hong Kong alumni
THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES
April 2008



Welcome to the first edition of *Junk Mail* for 2008.

Although a little overdue, I wish you all the best for 2008, the Year of the Rat!

For some of you seeing my name may come as a surprise as I returned to Sydney in the latter part of 2006, after 7 years in Hong Kong. Since that time I have stayed very connected to the Hong Kong Office making frequent visits here. More recently, I was asked to do a 6 month secondment as the director of the office, which I was delighted to accept. I have only just returned and hope that I will catch up with many of you in the coming months.

One of the most important initiatives during my time in Hong Kong was the

establishment of the UNSW Hong Kong Foundation. This year the Hong Kong Alumni Chapter is determined to achieve its goal of establishing a full scholarship for a Hong Kong student. This means raising a further AUD\$500K for the endowed scholarship. We intend to launch an appeal this year and our aim is to draw together the energy of our alumni; tap into the strengths and potential of donors and turn our ambitions into actions.

I have high hopes that it will be a successful year!

Regards,
Liddy Korner
UNSW Hong Kong Office

UNSW

HK Alumni Scholarship

2008 Scholarship recipient – Mr Hanson So

Hanson So, currently a final year UNSW Aviation (Management) student and the 2008 recipient of the UNSW Hong Kong Alumni Scholarship, says the scholarship allowed him to ease the pressures of work and study to enable him to enjoy his final year in college and achieve an all-rounded lifestyle.

“It inspired my drive to achieve a high level of academic performance while at the same time take pleasure in classical music, including my participation in the UNSW Orchestra. A little visit to the Sydney Opera House every now and then always reminds me of the beauty of life.

Other interests include being a Student Ambassador for the Faculty of Science which enabled me to enrich the lives of other students in incremental ways so as to help them fulfill their dreams.

My most proud achievement to date has to include the Qantas internship I undertook throughout the summer holidays. Whilst working in Qantas, I acquired more knowledge and experience than I thought possible. This internship adventure assisted me personally and in terms of my career, by instilling skills of leadership and management, and opening my mind to the real world of aviation.

The financial support from the UNSW HK Alumni Chapter has helped me improve my quality of studies and living, especially when the Aussie Dollar is as high as the IFC 2! **I must once again thank the UNSW Hong Kong Alumni for this wonderful opportunity as it not only makes me a better person, but ultimately guides me to act for the betterment of society and to foster a relationship between Hong Kong and Australia.**”

Hanson So, 2008 Scholarship Recipient



Hong Kong Chapter News and Events

UNSW HK Alumni Join Standard Chartered Marathon

The UNSW HK Alumni Chapter established its first alumni marathon team to enter the Standard Chartered Marathon in February.

Sixteen UNSW alumni and friends signed up for the team. Godwin Chan, executive

committee member of the UNSW HK Alumni Chapter, led the alumni in a few training runs before the race. Training sessions were held at Bowen Road and Hammerhill sports ground throughout January.

This initiative connects HK alumni, and promotes the importance of “healthy body, healthy mind”.

To acknowledge the achievement and effort of the marathon team, they were each given a UNSW marathon team t-shirt 2008 souvenir.

We hope that our UNSW marathon team gets bigger and bigger each year and that YOU join the team in 2009!



Members of the UNSW HK Alumni Marathon Team, (from left) Norman Ho, Jason Lee, Godwin Chan, Daniel Lam, Margaret Wong, Tommy Wong



Campus News

'Facebook' for Better Health

Researchers at UNSW are working to combine internet search technology and social networking sites such as Facebook and MySpace to improve our health.

It's hoped that within 12 months Australians will have access to a high-precision online search technology tailored specifically to their health needs. Currently, any online search through popular search engines brings up predominantly American research.

"This will be like a Google search engine - but with a twist," says the lead researcher on the project, Professor Enrico Coiera from UNSW's Centre for Health Informatics (CHI). "It's designed specifically for health in the Australian context, plus we will be incorporating ideas from social computing like Facebook and Wikipedia.

"People will be able to share knowledge with each other and there will be networks of people in specific groups – such as those interested in chronic fatigue, or breast cancer," says Professor Coiera.

The project is a partnership between UNSW, HCF Health and the Medical Research Foundation. The Foundation has granted \$1 million dollars over two years to UNSW to further research and develop the world-first technology.

"We need an Australian-specific service because the drugs we have here are different, sometimes they are called different things and we have many diseases which are more common here, such as Ross River Fever, Q

Fever and melanoma," Professor Coiera says.



Professor Enrico Coiera

Hong Kong Chapter News and Events (Continued)

Law Alumni

The Law Alumni - Hong Kong Chapter hosted a Christmas dinner for Associate Professor Michael Walpole, Associate Dean (Education) from the Faculty of Law at the Chinese Restaurant at Criagengower Cricket Club on 19 December 2007. Fifteen

law alumni joined the dinner and Michael provided a short update on the new law facilities on campus as well as the new entrance requirements for undergraduate law programs.

On 2 April, Professor David Dixon, Dean, Faculty of Law will host an event for law alumni in Hong Kong at Club Lusitano, for further information please contact the office on t: 2593-9900.

AGSM MBA

AGSM MBA Ranked Top in Australia

The AGSM Master of Business Administration (MBA) Program has been ranked as the leading full time MBA in Australia and among the top 40 MBAs worldwide in the Financial Times (UK) 2008 rankings.

This is the ninth consecutive year the AGSM MBA Program, which is delivered by the Australian School of Business at UNSW, has ranked in the top 100 MBA Programs worldwide.

Professor Wai Fong Chua, Acting Dean of the Australian School of Business said:

"AGSM MBA graduates are making great strides in their careers by applying what they learnt in the AGSM MBA Program to the workplace. This outstanding result reflects the exceptional quality of AGSM MBA students, the relevance of the program to today's workplace, the quality of our faculty, and the career success of AGSM alumni.

"The AGSM MBA was ranked 39 in the world, an improvement of ten places since last year. The main driver of the overall ranking score is the career success of alumni, especially salary progression.

The Australian School of Business delivers a part-time AGSM MBA program in Hong Kong with classes taught by ASB faculty in an intensive delivery mode. For further information contact the UNSW HK Office, t: 2593-9902 or email peggy.lee@agsm.com.hk

Tell us your achievements

We are always interested to know about our graduates, their news, achievements etc. If you have some news you would like to share, please let us know by emailing alumni@unsw.com.hk

What's On

- 2 Apr: **Law Alumni Cocktail** 6-9pm, Club Lusitano, Central
- 9 Apr: **AGSM's Hong Kong MBA Program Information Evening**, 7-8pm, 33/F Clifton's, 9 Queens Road Central
- 3 May: **Mission Hills Golf Day**
- 24 Jul: **UNSW Graduation Ceremony** Grand Hyatt, Wanchai
- 25 Jul: **UNSW Alumni & Graduation Dinner** The Excelsior, Causeway Bay
- 19 Oct: **UNSW Sports Day** Wu Kai Sha, Ma On Shan