



尤德學者協會

# A Great Foundation

Annual Report 2011

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**Be the Change**

Before we look to the future,  
let us look back what have achieved  
in the past three years.

*My Fellow Members,*

## Introduction

1. With the Annual Dinner 2010 ended with the countdown to the New Year, we started our current Association Session with historic changes we instituted last year. The focus of 2011 is more on operational excellence under new norm than making changes.

2. Year 2012 will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Association as well as the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Sir Edward Youde Memorial Fund. We have devoted a significant amount of efforts and resources in preparing commemorative activities on top of our regularly organised activities.

## AGM and the Executive Board

3. The 2010 AGM was held on 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2010. Eight members from the 2009 Executive Board was re-elected. As a result, most policies and decisions has been followed through this

year. While understanding the importance of continuity, I also realise the value of building up new leaders - the old must make room for the new. After much contemplation, I decided not to seek reelection for the coming session. Though I no longer will be the Chairman of the Association, I will remain an ex-officio member of the Board as the Immediate Past Chairman ensuring a smooth transition.

## Charitable Body

4. The Memorandum of Association mandated the Association as a non-profit organisation. Yet, such does not make us a recognised charitable body. Being a charitable body, the Association would be able to access new fundings and donations made to the Association can be tax-exempted. Although that would also mean tighter scrutiny and more administrative work, the Executive Board resolved to move forward to have the Association qualified under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance after ample

investigation. We have initiated contact with relevant professionals concerning the matter and I believe the new Executive Board will follow through the decision and have the implementation completed within the next Association Session.

## Standing Committee

5. The Executive Committee resolved to institute the Standing Committee last year to involve Associate Members managing the day-to-day operations of the Association. We have proved such arrangement effective and I recommend the new Executive Board to consider making the Standing Committee as a permanent provision in the Memorandum of Association.

## Social Service Team (SST)

6. The SST was established in the last Association Session and is headed by our Operation Officer. Twenty-four members signed up as part of the team. The team carried out three major operations this year. In January, the team visited a group of elderly living alone in Central and Western District and distributed them with the "Gifts of Love" we collected during the New Year's Eve Dinner. From July to August, the team provided private tutorial for the clients of the Cheung Sha Wan Integrated Family Service Centre. The team helped out at the Hong Kong PHAB Association centre during the Easter break and participated the New Territories Walk for Millions. Throughout the year, the team has supported numerous services for the Project Unleash and the Hong Kong Blind Union.

7. The SST is co-ordinating a four-day service and study trip to Liannan, Guangdong during the upcoming Christmas holiday organising learning and cultural exchange programmes for primary and secondary students and their families. Participants will be taking this opportunity to explore the needs of the poverty-stricken areas especially in the aspect of education for the children.

## Anniversaries Commemorative Activities Organising Committee (ACAOC)

8. As mentioned, the coming year is the silver jubilee of the establishment of the Memorial Fund as well as 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association. ACAOC, a trans-session special committee headed by myself, was commissioned to manage special projects commemorating the anniversaries. Appointment of the ACAOC will last till the end of year 2012.

9. The Annual Dinner 2011 is the first of a series commemorative activities. Amongst these activities, we are to produce a commemorative album, organise a choir to perform in the upcoming Award Presentation Ceremony, co-organise the Silver Jubilee dinner and organise our very own 20th Anniversary Dinner. Extraordinary level of resources is required to make these activities success. May I take this opportunity to make an appeal for telnets and for any kind of support from you to make these events successful.

## Editorial and Publication Team (EPT)

10. The EPT was established by the Communication Committee headed by our Communication Officer. The team is charged with duties to produce journalistic publications documenting our activities. Their first publication will be the Proceedings of the Youth Programme 2011 which is due to be released this month.

## Information Technology Committee

11. Another newly established committee is the Information Technology Committee (ITC) headed by our Vice-chairman. We commissioned two IT related projects, the Member Portal and the iPhone App, last year. I am happy to report that both projects are in their Alpha stage. ITC is expected to release the portal and iPhone App for Beta testing during Q2 2012.

## Disabled Members

12. The Memorial Fund gives out awards to disabled students every year. The Board has specially commissioned Christine Leung, a disabled Youder, to investigate the possibilities to organise activities specially tailored for disabled members.

**"The loftier the building, the deeper must the foundation be laid."  
Thomas Kempis**



## Activities

13. We have organised close to thirty activities this year. The number of activities increased over 40% compared to last year. The followings are some highlights of these activities.

### New Year's Eve Dinner

14. The New Year's Eve Dinner was held after AGM 2010. Over 60 Youders and guests attended the event held at the PolyU Staff Club and we had countdown to the New Year together. We collected over 50 "Gifts of Love" for SST's distribution.



### Be My Guest Series 2011

15. The "Be My Guest" series provided opportunities for our members to have straight talk and interactions with some prominent figures in Hong Kong. Three guests accepted our invitation as "our guest". They are Prof. Simon Shen, a Youder and a renowned scholar; Mr. Shih Wing-ching, founder of the Centaline Property; and Ms. Florence Hui, a Youder and the Under Secretary for the Home Affairs Bureau.



### Meet the Patron

16. "Meet the Patron" started as a spin-off from our "Be My Guest" series. Our beloved Patron Mr. Sanford Yung is hosting an informal dinner event twice a year. Our members can take the opportunity to interact with our Patron directly in a relaxing atmosphere.



### Other Social Functions

17. We value solidarity among fellow members very much. At the same time, we understand our members need a good diversity of social activities ranging from formal events like the Annual Dinner to a casual lunch gathering.



18. We started off our year with the Spring Hike. We spent a day hiking the Dragon's Back and enjoyed a casual Thai lunch at Shek O.



19. Nothing can beat a casual get together in an early-summer night with good food and wine. We organised the Early-Summer Cosy Dinner Gathering this May in a private kitchen enjoying traditional British cuisine in a delightful environment.



## Supports for other Organisations

20. Building on the excellent working relationship with the Chamber of Hong Kong Computer Industry (CHKCI), we are providing mentors in the CHKCI "In-generation" Career Project. The Association is also named to judge the "In" Business Experience and Learning event during the Hong Kong Computer and Communication Festival (HKCFF). We also participated in the Recycling Scheme organised by the Hong Kong Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipments Recycling Association during the HKCFF.



21. The Association continues to hold a seat in the Organising Committee for the CyberRun 2011 fund raising event, co-organised by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and the Cyberport Tenant Club. We organised a team to participate in CyberRun 2011, raised and matched HK\$2,000 this year.



22. We supported the Bauhinia Research Centre organising their first ever study tour. The five-day tour visited government organisations, business entities, as well as academic bodies in the Pearl River Delta area.



## Scholarly Activities

23. The topic of our Youth Programme Forum was "Should Hong Kong re-launch Home Ownership Scheme?" Details will be reported at a later section devoted to the Youth Programme 2011.



24. The Cambridge University Hong Kong and China Affairs Society Annual Youth Conference was held during the Youth Programme. A group of our Youth Programme participants together with a number of Youders took the opportunity attending the Annual Conference.



## Award Presentation Ceremony

25. I am excited to report that as the Chairman of the Association, I was invited as an official speaker to deliver a speech to the newly made Youders. This is the first time we have a representative to give an official speech during the ceremony. The speech and members of the Executive Board has been included in the programme notes distributed then.





## Signature Events

26. We host two signature events every year. They are the Award Gala Dinner and the Youth Programme. Yet, this year, instead of having the Award Gala Dinner, we organised the Awardees' Luncheon Reception.

### Awardees' Luncheon Reception 2011

27. Instead of having the Presentation Ceremony held on a Sunday, the ceremony was held on a Saturday; for which it was logistically impossible to have another major

dinner function to be held on the same evening. Yet we believe it is important for us to officially welcome our newly made Youders. Thus, we have organised a luncheon reception the day after the Presentation Ceremony at Gloucester Luk Kok Hotel.

28. As mentioned last year, we believe the very importance of having at least one formal event every year so that our younger members can have early opportunities to experience some exclusive occasions. We are hosting our Annual Dinner 2011 later tonight as a formal black-tie event, again at the magnificent Zetland Hall with music performance to be provided by the excellent Belilius Public School Orchestra. The event will be reported in the next association session.



## Youth Programme 2011

29. The Association has been organising the Youth Programme since the summer of 2009. The Youth Programme has built up more than 120 young leaders. They have, in turn, organised services benefiting more than 350 people in need.

30. Building on the success of past years, the theme of the Youth Programme 2011 was "Author of Life". Through leadership trainings, forums, debates, and our mentorship programme, we hope our younger members can truly be the authors of their lives.

31. Focusing more on contents and quality, we chose to take in only under 30 participants. Yet, we increased our programme training hours and organised an additional session of leadership and communication work workshop, a self-discovery leadership training camp, a debate and relevant debate trainings on top of our normal social service trainings, seminars and forums.

32. Similar to the past, participants of the Youth Programme were required to liaise with different NGOs, and to design, organise and execute a social service activity for each NGO. Apart from organising the service, they were to prepare for

a debate with their debate coach Mr. Damon Lee from the Belilios Public School.

33. Traditionally, the forum is one of the highlights of the Youth Programme. We are honoured to have Dr. Chung Kim-wah, Ms. Audrey Eu, Mr. Joseph Wong and Mr. Yeung Ka-shing as our forum speakers.

34. We have ten student leaders returning from previous Youth Programmes, together with nine mentors to help training up this year's participants. We truly believe we are living up the idea of "multiplication" and "pay it forward". By training up potential leaders, in turn, they are serving much more to the community.



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## Financial Situation

35. The financial position of the Association remains strong and healthy despite setting aside a sum of money for the anniversary commemorative projects. Details of our financial position could be found in the Financial Report to be delivered by the Treasurer.

## Conclusion

36. Members of the Association would remember year 2011 as a year of deepening our foundation. We understand that the loftier the building, the deeper must the foundation be laid.

37. It is my privilege to serve as the Chairman of the Association in the past two years. I am also honoured to have some best talents serving with me in the Executive Board. I still can recall the seemingly impossible changes in front of me when I took the office of External Vice-Chairman three years ago. I am glad to see that I have brought forth the changes I promised to make. There is a time for everything and I am happy to see the time to hand over the torch has come. I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere thanks for your continuous support and may I wish the Association to have a mega-structure built on top of the great foundation we laid today.

Thank you very much.



Michael Chan  
Chairman, Executive Board  
Youder since 1993



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