



BU Asian Alumni Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

Dear all,

I wish you a Happy Lunar New Year! May we all have a healthy, adventurous year of the Black Dragon!

In 2011, BUAA Taiwan and the BUAA Committee jointly hosted the 3rd BU Alumni Festival. I am grateful to all those of you who took the time to join us in Taipei for this 3-day event. Jean Liu, Henry Hsu and the organizing committee did a fantastic job in creating such an impressive, cozy event. BU alum, families and other participants all seemed to have a memorable, fun time.

Following the BU Alumni festival, the BUAA committee had its annual meeting. We look forward to having the President of BUAA Singapore, Mr. Chen Ang, and the President of BUAA Malaysia, Mr. TC Tan, to jointly host the next Business Forum in Singapore in November 2012. We will also announce the host country of the next BUAA Alumni Festival!

The committee knows that it is important for us to keep the alumni spirit strong and alive. These two events will help us achieve the above objectives. We are also coming up with a more synchronized effort to leverage the power of information technology and internet, in order to strengthen online communication between international alumni clubs. Do not be surprised to see us knocking on your social networking doors in 2012!

In times of great economic uncertainties and market volatilities, we come together and grow tighter together under the name of ONE BU in 2012. I sincerely look forward to seeing you in future events, as well as your inputs and participations.

Best regards,

Young J. Han

Chairman of the BU Asian Alumni Committee



Mr. Y.J. Han, Chairman of BUAAAC



Mark your calendar!

4th BUAA Business Forum in Singapore 2012

Date: November 2-4 2012 (Friday - Sunday)

Forum Venue: Marina Bay Sands

Address: 10 Bayfront Avenue, Singapore

Further details will be announced soon. Please stay tuned with us.



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On November 4-5 2011, more than 200 people gathered in Taipei to celebrate the 4th Boston University Asian Alumni (BUAA) Festival hosted by BUAA Taipei. Representatives from China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Taiwan gathered again since last year's business forum in Seoul.

We are very honored and glad to have representatives from Boston joining us. Thank you, Dr. Scott Nichols, BU Senior Vice President for Development and Alumni Relation; Dean Benjamin Juarez of College of Fine Arts; Ms. Patty Lam, Director of Development in Asia; and Ms. Kati Reusche, Assistant Director of International Alumni Networks (photo below: from left to right). Thank you for coming. Hope you all have enjoyed the reunion with the big alumni group in Asia.



The Festival is a flagship 2-day event for alumni and friends in Asia. It attracted over 200 BU Asian alumni and brought together BU alumni and friends. We have built a vibrant network and our hearts always belong to BU where we have grown together.

On November 4, our Taipei alumni and friends treated us a welcome dinner at Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel.

The dinner started with a short introduction of BUAA committee members and their representatives and followed by some networking activities at the end. Everyone's mood was upbeat. After dinner, most of us lingered in the bar to catch up with friends.



▲ Top row (left to right): Mr. Henry Woo, Mr. Henry Hsu, Mr. Chen Ang, Ms. Kati Reusche, Mr. Subhajati Angsuvarnsiri ; Bottom row: Mr. Y.J. Han, Mr. T.C. Chen, Mr. Ken Kondo, Mr. Weiqiang Han

On November 5, we enjoyed a whole free day in different parts of Taipei. Golf lovers went golfing at New Tamsui Golf Club where it has a sloping fairway. Alumni were tested on their golfing skills. Meanwhile, scenic lovers took a Taipei suburban tour to visit Jiufen. Jiufen was once a prosperous gold mining town before. Influenced by the Japanese, many tea houses and inns began to spring up and flourish in the town until the early 70's when the mines were forced to close. Jiufen became famous again after a movie "A City of Sadness" which was filmed in Jiufen in the early 90's. Jiufen perches on a mountain in the east coast of Taiwan. It is full of teahouses, handcrafts and tourist

shops on the Jiufen Old Street. Alumni wandered around and enjoyed the beautiful view. At the same time, city lovers walked around the Taipei city and enjoyed great local Taiwanese food.



▲▼ Golfing at New Tamsui Golf Club





Suburban Tour to Jiufen



In the evening, we gathered again glamorously to attend the gala dinner at Shangri-La's Far Eastern Plaza Hotel. The gala dinner was officially kicked off by a welcome speech of Ms. Jean Liu, President of Cultural and Education, BUAA Taipei. After that, Mr. Jack Hsiao, President of BUAA Taipei, and Mr. Lawrence Lee, Commissioner of the Taiwan Fair Trade Commission, read out the congratulation messages from Taiwan Ministry of Education and Taiwan President Ma Ying Jeou. How honored we are! Then we had a toast with the representatives of BUAA Taipei before a great meal was served.

In the middle of the dinner, Dr. Scott Nichols gave an address on his determination to reacquaint BU and its international alumni, and to introduce the recent campaign and goals on alumni relations. Also, Dr. Nichols took the opportunity to announce the BIG gift given by Mr. Young Jae Han, President of BUAA Committee. The crowd cheered for Mr. Han when he went up the stage to sign the donation agreement. He is truly a role model for all of us. Not just money, he has devoted his time and energy to BU. He always emphasizes on the importance of keeping the momentum for growth and the alumni spirit. Under the leadership of Mr. Han, we have kept ourselves connected through various channels and activities since 2006 and here we were united again in Taipei by this bond.

After that, representatives of BUAA Korea teamed up to sing a few songs for us. One of the songs was called "Friends" which exactly describes our friendship with each other under ONE BU that we should be treasured and cherished.



▲ Welcome speech by Ms. Jean Liu



▲ Mr. Jack Hsiao received the memorial plaque

Of course the dinner didn't end like that. More exciting news and performance to come!



▲▼ Signing for the donation agreement



▲ Singing performance by BUAAK



▲ Bravo!!

Finally, the dinner came to the end. Ms. Jean Liu concluded the night with special thanks to the generous sponsors for their souvenirs and support. Many of us then went for a karaoke together to continue the fun.

Last but not least, we would like to thank BUAA Taipei for their efforts and contributions to the memorable and enjoyable event. Thank you for all of your support and active participation. We look forward to seeing each other in the near future.



BUAA Committee Meeting

On November 6, BUAA members, regional leaders and alumni gathered for the committee meeting and made a series of decisions, advancing BUAA to its future development in Asia.

Most significantly, Mr. Chen Ang and Mr. T.C. Tan ascertained that BUAA Singapore and BUAA Malaysia will jointly host the 2012, 4th Asian Alumni Business Forum in Singapore. Mr. Ang will later post a survey on the event's website and social networking sites for your reference. Tentatively, the 4th BU Business Forum will be focused on the US Economy and Euro Zone issues. During the meeting, Mr. Ken Kondo also suggested that it might be useful to hold an industry-specific Business Forum. What do you think? We would love to hear your ideas or suggestions for a more fruitful business forum. Please kindly contact us for any comment.

The committee also discussed the next destination of the BU Asian Alumni Festival in 2014. Beijing may be a possibility. Also,

we were recommended to consider India; Jakarta; or a destination resort town, such as Bali. We haven't drawn any conclusions yet. We will definitely keep you posted with the decision later.

Due to the serious flooding in Bangkok, many Thai alumni could not attend the Festival this year. Mr. Subhajati and his wife were the only representatives of Thailand this time. During the meeting, Mr. Subhajati talked about the situation in Bangkok. It has caused a lot of damage to almost every sector such as agriculture, industry, tourism and trading etc. He requested support for his country and to initiate a Disaster Relief Fund. Mr. Tan mentioned he could support such an idea by passing on to contacts at Malaysia-Thailand Business Association. We also

send our condolences to those affected by the disaster, and hope for a speedy recovery.

Meanwhile, we discussed how to raise the philanthropic spirit among alumni to BU. Mr. YJ Han mentioned we need to establish a steering committee to come up with targets and ways to draw attention from large donors to BU fund raising efforts, thus raising the participation rates.

Finally, Ms. Jean Liu would like to say thanks to everyone for coming to the event, and we again would also like to thank BUAA Taipei, BU Foundation and the organizing committee for their hospitality and warm welcome. See you all again in Singapore!

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See you soon!



BUAAHK Alumni Attended the 2011 Conference on Overseas Chinese Pioneering and Developing in China (June 26 -28, 2011)



The conference was jointly organized by the Office of Overseas Chinese Affairs under the State Council, The People's Government of Hubei Province and Wuhan Municipal Government. We were honored to be invited to the event with over a thousand overseas Chinese participants. "The Wuhan Conference is very helpful. I have come to learn about Wuhan as a place and its importance as a developing city in China. I have also built up useful connections and also explored possibilities and opportunities with these new connections. Therefore, I highly recommend this conference to our BU old boys and girls," said Ms. Angela Hui, LAW 93'.

We are on facebook



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BUAAK Year End Party (Dec 9, 2011)



The weather was cold, but Korean alumni were heating up!

BUAAK Year End Party was held at *Doosan Art Square*, Dogok-dong, Gang-nam Gu, Seoul.

- 6:30-7:00PM Cocktail Reception
- 7:00-7:40PM Opening announcement / Mr. Yongmaan Park, Chair of BUAAK
- Presentation on BUAA festival @Taipei /Mr. Sean Joo kyung Lee(CAS'02)
- 7:40-8:50PM Dinner (Buffet)
- 8:50-9:00PM Mini Concert / "Super Seniors"
- 9:00-9:30PM Recreation
- 9:30PM- Free



Wish you all the best for 2012! See you soon...