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**President's Message**

Dear fellow members,

Happy New Year! Wish you a successful year in 2006!

It's a long time since we issued our last newsletter in July 2005. Thank you for your support to AFGA in 2005. In the last six months AFGA had organized a number of activities both for our members and the accounting and finance students of the PolyU. We have also participated in a number of activities organized by the PolyU. Without your support, the activities that we organised in the year would not be successful. I can assure you that the Executive Committee would continue to organise interesting and meaningful activities in the coming year. Please feel free to inform us your new ideas, so that we may consider putting them into actions at the appropriate time.

**DONATIONS FOR MATCHING GRANT**

You may recognize that the SAR Government has decided to grant a matching fund to universities based on the fund/donations raised by each university. As a member of the PolyU big family, AFGA has made a donation of HK\$20,000 to show our support to the PolyU. Please refer to the article below for details.

**COOKING CLASS AND INTERVIEW WORKSHOP**

We have organized a cooking class on 8 October 2005. There are nearly twenty alumni, their children and friends attended the class. On 7 November 2005, we have held an interview workshop to help the final year students of AF to improve their interview technique. The workshop was attended by over one hundred students and was well received by the students. Please refer to the articles below to get more details of the two activities.

**GREENING HONG KONG**

The Greening Hong Kong by PolyU Alumni was held on 20 November 2005. There were nearly a thousand of PolyU alumni, family members and friends participated in this meaningful activity. You may visit the website below to share the funds of the activity. ([http://www.polyu.edu.hk/aado/alumni/past\\_event/Greening/2005/](http://www.polyu.edu.hk/aado/alumni/past_event/Greening/2005/))

**FHKPU COUNCIL ELECTION**

The AGM and Council election of the Federation of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Alumni Associations Limited was held on 13 December 2005. I am delighted to inform you that Mr Wilson Wan of AFGA has re-elected as Council Member of FHKPU. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wilson in representing us in the FHKPU Council.

**HKICPA COUNCIL ELECTION**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your great support to the HKICPA Council election recently held. With your support, Mr Patrick Chan was successfully elected as a Council member of HKICPA. It is worth mentioning that Patrick got the second highest votes among the candidates. Patrick has reassured us that he is committed to serve for the interests and further rise of professional standing of HKICPA members. I trust that you would support Patrick as well as other alumni again in similar election in future.

**WALKS FOR MILLIONS**

Similar to last year, the PolyU would participate in the Walks for Millions which will be held on 8 January 2006. In 2005, AFGA's members actively participated in this activity. I guess you may have enrolled to the activity already in order to show our support to the community. I am looking forward to seeing you on that day.

**COMING ACTIVITIES**

In addition to the activities I mentioned above, AFGA has planned to organise a number of activities in the coming months. We have planned to organize a putonghua class and a toast master workshop in the coming months. Please don't forget to check the emails from us in order not to miss any one of the activities. We are looking forward to meeting you there.

Alex C B Wong  
President  
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# DONATIONS TO MATCHING GRANT



We are sure that many of you may have already received letters from PolyU which appeals for our support towards the PolyU towards its pursuit of excellence in education and research. As a member of the PolyU big family, AFGA has made a donation of HK\$20,000 to show our support to the PolyU in getting as much matching fund as possible. The above photo was taken during our donation presentation to the School of Accounting and Finance of the PolyU.

We understand that you may have also made direct donations to the PolyU personally. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you, on behalf of AFGA, for your support to the PolyU. We hope that you would support the PolyU continuously in the coming future. We may join our hands together to help PolyU nurture the future talents for our community, and more importantly, to show our concern for the younger generation and our Alma Mater.



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# COOKING CLASS

AFGA held a bakery class on October 8, 2005 where nearly 20 members together with their families or friends had an enjoyable afternoon at Tsim Sha Tsui Delight Club learning how to make 親子藍啤梨曲奇. The session started with the instructor showing the class how to cook 酥皮腸仔卷 using puff pastry available in supermarkets. Then the class practised cooking 藍啤梨曲奇 under the direction of the instructor. All participants successfully went home with nice cookies!





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Interview workshop - 7 November 2005

As the recruitment season is approaching, the AFGA has arranged an interview workshop for the year 3 students from the School of Accounting and Finance on 7 November 2005. Over 100 students attended the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop is to share with the students some of the practical experience by the alumni from Big Four, who are experienced interviewers, and by some fresh graduate. To start with, Alex Wong, President of the AFGA, gave a brief introduction about this workshop. Shirley Wong, honorary secretary of the AFGA and a partner from KPMG, advised the students to “Be prepared, and be yourself” when they are having a one on one interview. She also gave them some tips to impress the interviewer. Eddie Ip, vice president of the AFGA, and a partner from Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, provided some insights on group interview. “Break the ice”, “Team play”, etc are some of the key words jot down by the students during this session if they want to achieve high performance in group interview. Eddie even leaked out some of the details of the marking scheme by a CPA firm as well!!



To reinforce the students about what should not be done in the interview, the final session of the interview workshop is a “role play” when Judy Wong, committee member of the AFGA and a partner of Ernst & Young, conducted a one on one interview with Ivan Au, a 2005 PolyU graduate now working in PwC and is also a committee member of the AFGA. Dennis Ho, committee member of the AFGA and a partner of PwC, commented on the various “mistakes” committed by Ivan during the role play interview, e.g improper dress up, impolite greeting, reciting answers, not well prepared, etc. After the role play, most of the students should remember deeply about “what should not be done” in the interview as there were laughter around the lecture theatre during this session.

Finally, Vincent Lau and David Cho, committee members of the AFGA, also joined the presenters to answer the interesting questions from the floor. Some students even stayed behind after the workshop to get personal tips from the presenters!!!



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### Homecoming event 2006

The bi-annual Homecoming Carnival organized by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University will be held in March 2006. AFGA will participate and help organizing this meaningful event, which will be filled with joy and fun. In the past years, PolyU has a handful of advancement and achievement that we are proud of. Why not take this golden opportunity to join our hands and know more about the recent development of our Alma Mater while enjoying a nice day with your family and friends? So, keep an eye on the exact date of this gathering.

### AFGA Toastmaster courses 2006

AFGA is going to launch a new series of toastmaster workshops in 2006 with a view to polishing your skills and effectiveness in public speech and presentation, as a professional accountant. That is probably one of the most attractive activities organized by AFGA in 2006. Details will follow soon.

### Putonghua Class

AFGA is going to organise a Putonghua course for accountants. This course will focus on business greetings, sales and marketing terms, accounting jargons and other areas relating to the daily work of accountants. Details will follow soon.



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