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President's Message

Dear fellow members,

It's another year! The year 2003 is nearly come to an end. It is time for us to review our performance of 2003. Are you doing well this year? Hope every one of you have met your plan of the year. If you can't finish any of your planned work, don't be frustrated. You may probably try your best to finish them in the first quarter of the coming year.

Year 2003 is a very important year for people in Accounting Industry as well as AGA. HKSA celebrates its 30th Anniversary, the Society of Chinese Accountants & Auditors celebrates its 90th Anniversary, ACCA celebrates its 100th Anniversary year and AGA celebrates its 15th Anniversary. Our AGA member Mr. Sam Wong, the Outstanding Alumni of Poly U, elected 100th year's President of the International Accounting Body, ACCA. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all accounting and finance graduates and all accounting bodies have a successful year in 2004.

CHANGE OF NAME

As a result of an EGM held on 30 October AGA has changed its name to The Accounting and Finance Graduates Association of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (AFGA). AGA has now changed to AFGA in line with the upgrade of Department of Accountancy to School of Accounting and Finance. Our membership is now extended to finance graduates.

FUND RAISING FOR MATCHING GRANT

I trust every one of you may have known that the SAR Government is going to cut the financial support to the eight universities. The PolyU is, of course, one of the affected parties. The Government has set up a Matching Fund for the eight universities to apply for in order to reduce their financial pressure. If we did not gain such a high standard of professional knowledge during our life in the PolyU, there may not be so many successful professional accountants in Hong Kong today. I am here to urge all AGA/AFGA members to try every effort to help the PolyU to get as much donations as possible in order that PolyU may apply for more Matching Funds from the Government.

PROFESSIONAL MENTORING PROGRAMME 2003

Thank you for the support of AFGA members, the Professional Mentoring Programme 2003 set up by the School of Accounting and Finance has successfully launched. Over a hundred of staff from the School, students and mentors have enjoyed a wonderful orientation night for the programme on 5 November 2003. I am sure that the programme would also be very successful with the participation of our members.

TEA RECEPTION WITH GRADUATES

Similar to last year, the School of Accounting and Finance and AFGA have jointly organised a tea reception for the 2003 graduates of the school on 22 November 2003. The reception was again very well received by the graduates. We would like to thank the School and the student helpers who have assisted us in organising such event. The event would not be so successful without their participation.

HKSA FOOTBALL MATCH

Congratulation to AGA football team. The team has got the first runners up again in the HKSA football match of 2003. Hopefully, the team is going to be the champion in the coming year. Please turn to the relevant part of this newsletter to see more information about the match.

AGA NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Hurry up! Hurry up! A lot of you have not informed us your email address. We are going to issue our next and future newsletter through email. If you don't want to miss any news from the AFGA, please inform us your email address ASAP. Please refer to the relevant part of this newsletter for the steps to inform us your email address.

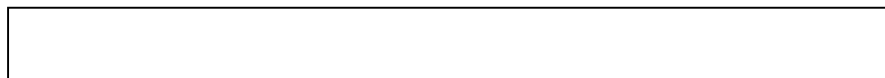
COMING EVENTS

AFGA has planned to organise a number of activities in the coming months. These activities include putonghua course, magic class and a series of seminars on technical knowledge update. You may refer to the details contained in this newsletter and our future correspondence for enrollment to these activities.

Alex C B Wong
President AGA
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URGENT & IMPORTANT
FUTURE NEWSLETTERS
TO BE SENT BY E-MAIL

As mentioned in the past few issues of our newsletter, it has been decided that newsletters for 2004 onwards will be sent to members by e-mail. This change in delivery method is our response to the increasing concern over environmental protection, to improve efficiency in communicating with members and to save cost for the better use of the Association's resources.

However according to the Association's records, some of our members still have not provided their e-mail address to us. For those members who have not done so, please send us your e-mail address by simply sending an e-mail to fhkpuaa@polyu.edu.hk, quoting your name in English and your membership number (e.g. Chan Tai Man, 9502 xxxx xxxx).





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Professional Mentoring Program - Orientation Night

On 5 November, the School of Accounting and Finance kicked off its 2003-2005 Professional Mentoring Programme by an orientation night held in the Student Hall of Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

The objective of this programme is to promote and enhance the professional and career development of the School's undergraduates (mentees) through the guidance and advice of experienced working professionals (mentors).

There are 77 mentors and 174 mentees participating in this programme. It is encouraging to know that a large number of the mentors are alumni of Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Over 200 mentors and mentees joined the orientation night. It was a successful evening where the students shared their experience in the University including their participation in the international student exchange schemes, study tours etc. At the dinner, the mentors and mentees had a lot of opportunities to know one another. The mentors gained a better understanding of the challenges the mentees are facing while the mentees learnt more about the business world their mentors are working in.

Professors Judy Tsui and JB Kim shared their vision on the school and their expectation on such mentoring programme. There were also a number of mentors sharing their experience as mentors and how the students and themselves benefited from such programme.



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All the AGA committee members participate in this mentoring programme. Alex Wong, Joseph Yau, Martha Chan and Shirley Wong joined the orientation night at the Student Hall and enjoyed the evening very much. Shirley Wong gave a brief talk during the evening, sharing her experience as a mentor and giving some tips to the mentors and mentees on how to make the mentoring programme successful.



Group photo taken at the orientation dinner



Shirley Wong of AGA giving a brief talk



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2002/2003 Graduates Tea Reception

As an appreciation of the achievement of all the 2002/2003 graduates of the School of Accounting and Finance of HKPU ("SAF"), the Association jointly organised a tea reception with SAF in a sunny afternoon on 22 November 2003 (Saturday) at the HKPU podium. Professors Kim Jeong-bon and other professors/lecturers from the SAF also participated in the function to show their support. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them.

All the participants have enjoyed a great time in meeting their beloved teachers and U-mates and there were a lot of camera flashes and laughter throughout the course of the event. The Association also made use of the opportunity to introduce the objectives, operations and activities of the Association which serve as a bridge between the finance and accounting graduates with the University. We also encouraged the graduate participants to sign up membership with us.

We are very pleased to have the great assistance offered by the committee members of the Accountancy Students Society of HKPU in organising the event and serving as receptionists and promoters on that day.

We are currently planning for a series of follow-up actions to be taken on the participants, as well as other SAF graduates who were unable to take part in the event, in order to advocate our membership program. We are keen to get the inflow of "new blood" into the Association in order to cope with its future developments.



Photos taken at the graduates tea reception



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AGA team wins HKSA Football Competition - Again!

Okay, we admit the AGA team did not exactly pocket the championship, only the first runner-up. But we think you would agree that two runners-up in a row are proof positive that the AGA team is a formidable football force to reckon with in the accounting arena. While one step shy of championship, our team did play brilliantly throughout the series, including beating last year's champion. Our team's run was only stalled in the final by the IRD team who seemed to chase the ball as if it were tax money overdue! Results aside, we are pleased to see new alumni joining the team, thus adding strength to strength. Let us congratulate the AGA players for their excellent performance, and thank all the supporters whose cheers are what we need to count on to win next year's championship!





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About Public Speaking about Presentation Workshop



The 'About Public Speaking, About Presentation' workshop held on 11 October, 2003 was well received by our attendees. Interactive, humourous, informative !

What Make Effective Presentation? - 65% Visual, 28% Voice and 7% Content
Interesting, Amazing !



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SBM Workshop in Nov 2003

SBM™ Workshop for AFGA – 1, 8, 15 November, 2003

The SBM™ (Success By MAGIC) Workshop organized by the AFGA (previously known as the AGA), and conducted by our alumnus Wilson Wan (also known as Magic Wilson), was well received by our alumni graduated in 1970's to 1990's.

The workshop gave a brief perspective on how Magic can be used in personnel training reinforced by concepts of Psychology, Management and Marketing. At the same time, our members had learnt the simple and yet effective magic tricks that help to break the ice in daily life. All attendants performed very well and showed great enthusiasm in the group sharing sessions. The overall response of the workshop was positive and it was proposed that AFGA should launch more similar workshops in future.





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Putonghua course

Putonghua for Accountants

Due to the overwhelming response to our last Putonghua course, we are organizing another Putonghua course for accountants. Topics include business greetings, sales and marketing, accounting jargons, Chinese dialects comparing with Cantonese, lunch and dinner appointments, introduction of Hong Kong, taxation in China, investment alternatives, e-business and social and political issues in Hong Kong. The instructor of this course is Ms CHENG Yau-pui who has extensive Putonghua teaching experience at HSBC, Bank of America, Citibank, Cathay Pacific Airways, CPA firms and Education Department as well. Course details are as follows:

Date: February 3rd to April 20th, 2004 (12 classes on every Tuesday)

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Venue: M1502 PolyU

Capacity: 30 persons (a basic command of Putonghua is preferred; first-come-first serve, priority given to AFGA members)

Fee: AFGA Member HK\$500; Non-member HK\$600

Those who are interested please complete the reply slip below and send it to Derek Yim, Room M758, Li Ka Shing Tower, School of Accounting and Finance, The HK Polytechnic University, Hung Hom, Kowloon **on or before January 27th, 2004** together with crossed cheque in favour of “AFGA of HKPU”.

For enquiries, please contact Derek Yim at tel: 2766-4409, fax: 2330-9845 or e-mail: derek.yim@polyu.edu.hk

Reply Slip - Putonghua For Accountants

Name: _____ (*Member/Non-member)

Membership No. (if any) _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Bank: _____

Cheque No.: _____ Amount: _____

*Please cross out as appropriate



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How MAGIC improves Family Relationship?

SBM (Success by MAGIC)™ for Leisure Family Workshop

The SBM™ Workshop offered by the AFGA (previously known as AGA) was well received by our alumni last time. Again, Mr. Wilson Wan (Magic Wilson) will share with you how magic can help creative thinking and present your with confidence while you can share these together with your family members. Of course, you can learn the amazing Magic for your leisure.

How do you see MAGIC? Amazing? Tricky? Do you think MAGIC can make things happen, turning Impossible to Possible? Why not take this opportunity to join us?

- SBM™ and Magic (personal development, hobby and relaxation)
- Learn Magic for self-confidence, presentation and communication
- Learn Magic for time management and persistence
- Learn Magic for interpersonal relationship (including family relationship)
- Of course... you will learn more than 10 Magic Tricks to catch the limelight

Wilson is a professional coach. He is an accountancy graduate with POLYU and has an MBA with CUHK. He is the Chapter Leader (HK Chapter) 2003/04 of the International Coach Federation (USA) with over 6,000 professional Trainer worldwide. He is an international affiliate of the American Psychological Association (USA) and has valuable experiences in training and personal coaching and counseling with universities, social associations and corporations. He is now the trainer-in-charge of World Leaders of Accomplishment Association in Hong Kong. Most importantly, he has more than 10 years of experiences in teaching Magic and is the founder of the SBM™ Methodology.



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Date/Time: (Sundays) 1, 8 February 2004 / 3:00pm to 5:00 pm
Venue: M1502 Lee Ka Shing Building, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Capacity: 10 families (first-come-first served; priority given to AFGA members)
Entry Fee/family: HK\$200 (AFGA Member), HK\$300 (non-member) - one material set included
(An additional fee of HK\$200 would be incurred for each additional set of materials requested)

Those who are interested please complete the reply slip below and send it to Derek Yim, Room M758, Li Ka Shing Tower, School of Accounting & Finance, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hung Hom, Kowloon, Hong Kong on or before 18 January, 2004 together with crossed cheque in favor of "AFGA of HKPU". Confirmation will be given to successful enrolment by email. Cheque will be returned for unsuccessful ones.

For enquiries, please contact Wilson Wan at 9331 5481 or email: magicwil@hkstar.com

To: Derek Yim
School of Accounting & Finance
The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
Hung Hom Kowloon HK

Reply Slip

SBM (Success By MAGIC)™ for Leisure Family Workshop - Sundays 1, 8 February, 2004

Name: _____ (*Member/Non-member) Membership No. (if any) _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Total number of attendants with your family: _____
(The maximum number of attendants for each family accepted depends on the enrolment situation)
(Each family would be given one set of materials for the workshop)

Total number of magic material sets required: _____
(Please add HK\$200 per additional set of materials requested)

Bank: _____ Cheque No. : _____

Amount: HK\$ _____ (Entry Fee) + HK\$ _____ (Additional material set) = HK\$ _____

Signature

Date: _____