



Message from President

Dear AFGA members

Happy New Year! I wish you a healthy and prosperous year of the Tiger. I am pleased to present you the second issue of AFGA newsletter of 2009/10.

For the past five months, we have made a few marks by organizing two CPD seminars which were well received by members. We are lining up speakers for a couple of seminars and expect to roll them out in the coming months.

We continued to work (if not more) closely with the School and the AFS to mutually serve our members. From AFGA, our Executive Committee members had attended the outstanding award ceremony and the High Table dinner organized by the School, and guest lecture and Career Talk organized by the AFS.

All these activities need organizers, as well as participants. On either side your involvement will be very much appreciated. With the PolyU Home Coming Carnival drawing near (14 March), I urge you to bring your friends and family to join the Carnival in the campus and it would be a fun day. For details of the Carnival, please visit the event website at www.polyu.edu.hk/aado/alumni/carnival2010.

I also wish to share a news with you. In 2008, we were not optimistic about the recoverability of our investment in Lehman minibond of HK\$80,000, therefore the investment was fully impaired in the 2008 financial statements. In 2009, we were able to recover HK\$48,000 from the bank. Accordingly, our loss has been reduced to HK\$32,000.

If you have fellow alumni friends not yet joining AFGA, please encourage them to join us as members. For AF students who are graduating in this summer, you are most welcome to enrol as our members.

With warmest regards

Shirley Wong



AFGA Activities

Professional Seminars for Members and Graduates

On 10 October 2009 and 17 October 2009, two professional seminars were conducted on “Tax considerations in the PRC” and “QP Exam – an experience sharing” respectively. The former was targeted at members who have qualified, while the latter was a new attempt of AFGA to provide assistance to graduates in getting qualified. We are delighted to have Mr Jeremy Ngai, Partner of PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Mr Louis Wong, Senior Associate of Grant Thornton, to speak on the two topics respectively. More than 50 members have participated in these seminars. Thank you for the positive comments from the participants. AFGA will continue to organize similar seminars and please refer to our coming newsletters for details.





Gathering of Mentors and Mentees

For years members of AFGA excom have been participating in mentorship programmes organized by the School. On 24 October 2009, a BBQ gathering was held at the Police Sports & Recreation Club in Mongkok, where a total of 17 mentors and mentees showed up. Apart from enjoying the food (cooked in the 'exotic way' of course), mentees were able to obtain advices from their mentors and other AFGA Excom members on matters regarding their studies and career prospects.



Congratulations to Winners of AFGA Logo Design Competition



On 15 October 2009, the two runners-up of AFGA Logo Design Competition, Mr Ma Kwok Lung and Mr Chan Chun Yin, received prizes from Ms Shirley Wong, our President of AFGA. Each runner-up received a cash of HK\$500. The champion, Ms Lam Yuen Hung, was on overseas trip and unable to attend the prize presentation. A cash prize of HK\$1,000 will be presented to her upon her return to Hong Kong.



AFS Corners

28th AFS Inauguration Ceremony

On 20 October 2009, the 28th inauguration ceremony of Accounting and Finance Society was held at Chiang Chen Studio Theatre on campus. The ceremony was honoured by the presence of several guests, including Mr Wilson Fung, Vice President, Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountant; Mr Alex Wong, Past President and Members of Student Affairs Sub-committee, The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants Hong Kong; and Professor Ferdinand Akthar Gul, Chair Professor of Accounting and Corporate Governance and Head of School of Accounting and Finance of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. A total of 245 guests and students attended the ceremony, where they also benefited from speeches delivered by the guests during the ceremony.



AFS Career Workshop

The AFS take pleasure to organize a career workshop for the vast members studying in Accounting and Finance. This time, representatives from AFGA joined the panel of speakers to share with the students work experiences and latest development in the Accounting and Finance industry. Invited speakers from AFA included Morison Chan, Louis Chow, Joseph Tam and Shirley Wong. As usual, the Workshop provided a valuable opportunity for students to widen their horizons and grasp the necessary information before their graduation. The talk was held on the 20th February, 2010 on the PolyU campus.



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