

# Alumni associations activate **bonds**

Numerous social and networking activities were organised by alumni associations in 2016, helping friendships flourish and keeping up robust connections with CityU. The Alumni Relations Office (ARO) also gave advice, support and kept in regular contact with some 40 alumni associations.

## Eminence Society drives forward high-flying support

Since establishment in 2010, CityU Eminence Society has brought together over 230 senior alumni to advance University and student development through their resources, networks and expertise. The Society, comprising business leaders, senior professionals and entrepreneurs, has deepened alumni bonds through a wide range of activities. These include exchange tours, forums, networking dinners and outings, and support for meaningful community endeavours.



The Society regularly invites renowned speakers to share their views on topics of interest to members. Subjects have ranged from education and parenthood to Hong Kong's development and company mergers and acquisitions. On 8 August 2016, the Hon Jasper Tsang, then President of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, took part in a highly successful Dinner Forum with the theme of "Hong Kong 2047".



On 13 September 2016, Chairman Ms Jenny Chan (first row, sixth left) joined the kick-off ceremony for the City-Youth Empowerment Project, which equips CityU student volunteers to assist people in need and promotes the "to serve and to be served" spirit. The Society also collaborated with the Empowerment Project in inviting primary school students from low-income families and their parents to a Christmas party on 10 December 2016. The party theme was "Passing the Love". The Eminence Society has been an Empowerment Project sponsor for six years.



Around 20 Eminence Society members visited Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City from 29 September - 2 October 2016. The exchange tour sought to enhance members' understanding of recent developments in the country and to explore business and investment opportunities through meetings with government officials and senior management of leading companies.



## Glittering turnout for EMBA Association Annual Ball 2016

The prestigious EMBA Association Annual Ball brought together around 250 CityU representatives, EMBA Executive Committee members, alumni and guests for a sparkling celebration on 16 April 2016, with Mr John Tsang, then Financial Secretary of the HKSAR, as Guest of Honour. At the party, EMBA Association Chairman Ms Alvine Suen warmly welcomed all present and shared news of the newly established EMBA Trust Fund.



The then Financial Secretary Mr John Tsang (centre), EMBA Association Chairman Ms Alvine Suen (seventh right), and guests at the EMBA Association party.

## Legal eagles mentor next generation

The Alumni Association of the School of Law organised a well-received "Mid-Summer Night Drinks" event on 24 August 2016, bringing together some 60 law alumni mentors and students. Speaking at the gathering, Professor Geraint Howells, Dean of the School of Law, encouraged students to work hard to further advance the legal sector and wished them a bright future. Further synergy between the School of Law and its alumni association is being fostered, with ARO keenly encouraging such a move.

## Public policy presentation explores property management

CityU Public Policy and Social Administration Alumni Association arranged a topical talk by Ms Cora Yuen, former President of the Hong Kong Institute of Housing, on "The Impact of the Property Management Services Ordinance" on 25 June 2016. The association plans to hold more workshops for alumni in the field of property management.



Alumni and students attended a talk on the Property Management Services Ordinance in June 2016.



## Meet and greet at MBA happy hour get-togethers

The MBA Alumni Association Happy Hour Gatherings have proved a great way to enhance alumni networking and establish links between senior alumni and students. All MBA alumni are welcome.