

## Manchester Business School Alumni Association (China) Ltd

### Chairman's Report 2017/18

Dear MBS Alumni,

It is my privilege to have been the Chairman of our alumni association for the year of 2017/18.

#### ***Activities for the Year – Diversity and Inclusion***

The theme for the year was “Diversity and Inclusion” and we enjoyed a very successful year with more diversified and engaging activities for our alumni members, current students and prestigious guests.

It was our honour to have our prominent speaker professor Thomas Chan, director of One Belt One Road Research Institute of the Chu Hai College of Higher Education to share with us the insights of latest development of Belt and Road with general stock-taking and future implications of the Belt and Road strategy of China.

We worked closely with Guangdong chapter and launched the “China Company Visit” event. This was a great opportunity for our alumni members and students to exchange ideas with a pioneer supply chain and logistics services group headquartered in Guangzhou and a revolutionary robots company based in Shenzhen.

Our board members and I have directly organized or been involved in the following events for the year 2017/18:

Month	Activities
October 2017	AGM and Gala Annual Dinner 2017/18
December 2017	Christmas BBQ Pool Side Party
December 2017	Operation Santa Claus MBA Challenge 2017
January 2018	ACCA Charity Rickshaw Race 2018
February 2018	The University of Manchester (East Asia) 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Business Conference in Tokyo
March 2018	Spring Dinner 2017/18
April 2018	Belt and Road Seminar 2018
May 2018	Mastering Wine for Business Success and More
June 2018	DIY Workshop Silver Accessories
July 2018	China Company Visit 2018
September 2018	Connect Asia 2018

These events were much more than networking and opportunities to meet with fellow alumni members and current students. We promoted the sharing of knowledge with our members by holding events like the Belt and Road seminar as well as creating links of academics to the business world during the China Company Visit in Shenzhen and Guangzhou. We demonstrated our care towards society by active participation in charitable events like the ACCA Charity Rickshaw Race and the Operation Santa Claus MBA Challenge.

### ***Financial highlights***

The association maintained a stable general fund of approximately HK\$230,000 as at 31 July 2018.

We had an income of approximately HK\$125,000 for 2017/18 and managed to have only a slight loss of about HK\$19,000.

### ***Statement of compliments***

I would like to offer a sincere compliment to the following people who kindly shared their valuable knowledge with our alumni association free of charge:

1. Professor Thomas Chan (as speaker for Belt and Road Seminar)
2. Martin Keil (as moderator for wine tasting workshop)
3. Qiao Lingling and Shirley Chen from Guangdong Chapter (as speaker and coordinator for China Company Visit)

I would like to thank the MBS office including Christina Siu and her team for their generous provision of office space for our meetings and events and tireless efforts to work with our alumni association, especially by covering events out of business hours.

I would also like to thank our advisors, Mr. Godwin Ng, Mr. Ronald Kong, Mr. William Chan, Ms. Pauline Lai and Mr. Justin Cheng for their time and valuable advice to our alumni board.

I must also extend my sincere thanks for valuable guidance from the senior management of our school, including Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, Professor Fiona Devine and Professor Elaine Ferneley.

Last but not least, I must say “thank you” to my board members and supporting alumni members for our events, especially Ms. Polly Chan (Vice Chairman), Ms. Linda Law (Hon. Secretary), Mr. SY Chan (Hon. Treasurer), Ms. Candy Cheung, Mr. Francis Au, Ms. Gloria Leung, Mr. Sam Lin and Ms. Shelley Yeung.

Please note that all the board members, supporters and advisors are volunteers who contribute freely their leadership, time and resources.

I wish all of us good health and spirits, and hope that we continue to bring positive impact to contribute to the university and the wider society.

Aron Leung  
Chairman  
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors (2017/18)  
The Manchester Business School Alumni Association (China) Limited

Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018