

Manchester Business School Alumni Association (China) Ltd

Chairman's Report 2022/23

Dear MBS Alumni,

It is my privilege to have been the Chairman of our alumni association for the year of 2022/23.

Activities for the Year – Reconnect, Co-create, Sustain

Our board members and I have directly organized or been involved in the following events for the year 2022/23:

Month	Activities
October 2022	18 th Anniversary Gala Dinner cum AGM 2022
November 2022	MBS Virtual Bowl 2022
December 2022	Christmas Party
January 2023	BBQ Networking Dinner in South Korea
February 2023	Chilly Hiking Day in South Korea
February 2023	UMAA & MBSAA Spring Networking Pool Side Party
February 2023	ACCA Charity Rickshaw Race 2023
March 2023	2023 Sakura Appreciation Network Event in Tokyo
April 2023	Run for Girls for PLAN International
June 2023	The Peak Circle Walk
July 2023	Squid Fishing Tour & Night Harbour Cruise

The theme for the year was “**Reconnect, Co-create, Sustain**” and we enjoyed a very successful year with more connected and engaging activities for our alumni members and current students.

We were not only reconnected with our alumni based in Hong Kong, but we also reconnected with MBSAA Singapore and had a virtual bowling competition with 7 other locations (Singapore, Dubai, Japan, Riyadh, Kuwait, Jeddah, and Manchester). In Spring, we reconnected with UOMAA Hong Kong for the Spring Networking Pool Side Party and chilled out with the stunning Hong Kong night view.

This year was the first time we had Board member located in Japan, Miss Fumiko Watanabe, with her presence based in Tokyo, we were able to reconnect the alumni in Japan and hosted a Sakura Appreciation Network Event. Our reconnection also extended to South Korea, with the help of a former MBSAA Board member, Jay Kim, a BBQ Networking Dinner and a Hiking Day were successfully run.

At the beginning of our term, we asked our students and alumni to come forward to share knowledge and to collaborate. It was by an idea of an alumnus, Mr. Timmy Li, we co-created our own mascot, the born of the Manchester Bee. Timmy even personally picked up the Bee from Dongguan, China and delivered to the Center. Thank you, Timmy, very much for his devoted effort. The presence of Manchester Bee in the ACCA Rickshaw Run and Run for Girls had drawn very much attention everywhere he goes. The Manchester Bee had also won the Best Costume Award for the Center at the ACCA Rickshaw Run. A special thank should go to my husband, Mr. Roy Yip, for his support in wearing the mascot suit and making the Manchester Bee so lively.

Caring Company Award for the East Asia Center

There was another co-creation that we would thank you, Amy Lau, our alumna who proposed Run for Girls, such meaningful charity activity to protect girls and have PLAN International to nominate the East Asia Center for the Caring Company Award 2023-2024. We are proudly catalysing the eligibility on Caring Company Award for the 4th consecutive years. It will be an honour for the East Asia Center to continue be recognized and it is also an encouragement for us and our members to do more in looking after our community. We will need all of you with your sustainably full support in this matter.

Financial highlights

The association maintained a stable general fund of approximately HK\$222,506 as of 31 July 2023.

We had an income of approximately HK\$218,547 for 2022/23 and managed to have a gain of about HK\$11,734.

Special thanks should be given to Mr. Martin Leung, our Honorary Treasurer, for keeping a healthy book and Mr. Dickson Kong, our CPA and Auditor who gave us a clean audit report.

Statement of compliments

I would like to take this opportunity to express earnest gratitude for the assistance from the Director of the East Asia Centre, Ms. Christina Siu, and her team for their generous provision of office space for our meetings and events, and their tireless efforts to work with us covering meetings and coordination out of business hours.

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

Please allow me to extend my sincere thanks for valuable guidance from the senior management of our school, including the University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell; the Head of Alliance Manchester Business School, Professor Ken McPhail; and the MBA Programme Director, Professor Xavier Duran.

Finally, I must say "many thanks for the great teamwork" to my board members for your passionate volunteering with leadership, time, and resources to the association, namely the Vice Chairman, Ms. Fiona Fong, the Honorary Secretary, Ms. Briena Kam, the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Martin Leung, and Board Members: Ms. Caroline Gao, Miss Fumiko Watanabe, Miss Mabel Law, Miss Maggie Yuen, Miss Melody Yue, and Mr. Stefan Lam.

Moreover, I sincerely wish all of us good health and high spirits. May we as privileged alumni continue to bring positive impact and contribution to our alma mater as well as the wider society.



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For and on behalf of the Board of Directors (2022/23)

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Dated: 26th October 2023