

Hall Activities

Cultural Activities



Last year, for the first time, all the 13 residential and non-residential halls pulled together their expertise to offer a cultural evening to the public at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre's Concert Hall. Spectacular performances such as Choir, Capella singing, drama, orchestra, band and lion dance were staged for over 1,000 audience for them to experience the distinctive hall culture. It also fostered the growth of cultural awareness of HKU students.

The Organizing Committee of this function, formed by representatives from all halls, proudly announced: mission accomplished!

What have the Organizing Committee learned?

Team work and negotiation skills - The Organizing Committee worked closely together to plan the event. During these meetings, they represented their halls to get the best 'deal' and make compromises with other hall representatives to achieve a win-win situation. Through such negotiation process, they learned to handle disagreements and work in a team.

Prioritisation - As members participated in some other activities such as internships and competitions at the same time, they had to arrange their schedules well. Sometimes, they sacrificed their rest time to achieve more.

Sharing from some representatives of the Organizing Committee on hall education:



"Making a large show possible and successful gives me a great sense of satisfaction."

Barbie Ho, St John's College



"At halls, nothing is impossible. Halls provide the opportunity for us to explore and try new things. Take myself example, I performed a band show with absolutely no previous experience and training. It was a breakthrough for me."

Jay Chan, Simon KY Lee Hall



"I surprised myself with the achievements that I have accomplished. I did not realize that I have such a high potential in managing so many activities well."

Roy Leung, Swire Hall



"Other than having the opportunity to organize the Cultural Evening, I was also selected to attend an Outward Bound Training Course by my hall where I have to jump off from a high tower. With a height phobia, it was no easy task for me. With the support of hallmates and the trainer, I did it at last. I learned positive talk: replace "I can't do it" with "I CAN do it!"

Candice Sham, St John's College



"I am a devoted member of my Hall. In the past, I put myself first before everything but after two years of residence, I learned to put others first. Such sense of commitment will facilitate me to make contributions to the community."

Cindy Tsiang, Lady Ho Tung Hall



"From the feedback I got from my hallmates, I get to know more about myself - both strengths and limitations. This helps me draw up development plans."

Sunny Wong, Lee Hysan Hall

Views from these students

For students who are currently living in halls, do everything you can to guard and enhance the image of your hall. Attend classes and submit assignments on time. Be responsible for academic and hall commitments.

Teachers should not stereotype hall residents. There may be a few hall residents who do not perform well in their academic studies; however, there are also plenty who do well in all aspects.

Interhall Debate Competition

Barbie Ho, Debate Team Team Captain, St John's College



The debate team of St John's College celebrated the Year of Rooster with tremendous joy. The team became the Champion of the Inter-hall Debate Competition, after 14 years of defeat.

The competition, participated by all the 13 residential and non-residential halls, held its final at the Sun Yat Sen Place in early February 2005. Panel of judges include the Hon Martin LEE Chu-ming, SC, JP and Dr Lo Wing-lok, JP.

"As team captains, we managed to uphold the team's morale by providing support and maintaining a high spirit. We believe teamwork contributed to our success. This year, everyone worked very well together to prepare for the competition. For example, our research team gathered a lot of useful information which helped debaters formulate a strong framework for the motion." Barbie and Christy, team captains showed their appreciation for all the 30 members.

The debate team started practising and competing against other halls in friendly matches in summer 2004. Their hard work is evident not only with two individual awards (Best Speaker) but with team wins as well. Through practices, they gained better insight into current affairs, enhanced public speaking skills as well as sharpened their analytical ability. The valuable feedback given by the distinguished judges also helped them understand their strengths and improvement areas.



Joint Hall Current Affairs Forum

Dennis Li, Current Affairs Secretary, University Hall



can analyse these issues in depth and with a critical mind. However, they may like to pay more attention to political issues at the same time. In addition to knowing the facts, they may try to formulate their own point of views."

For the second time, Current Affairs Secretaries of different halls joined hands to organize a current affairs forum. This time, the Forum expanded its scale and was co-organized by 5 halls (3 halls last time).

"I have fond interest in keeping abreast of current affairs news so I volunteered myself to organize current affairs forums and discussion groups at my hall. I enjoy very much organizing these activities and was most excited by the enthusiastic participation of my hallmates. One of the most significant achievements was forming an Academic Structural Reform Concern Group in January 2005. My hallmates and I studied the proposed Academic Structural Reform for Secondary and Higher Education (3-3-4 Reform) and presented our views to the Education and Manpower Bureau. We do not support the 3-3-4 Reform for various reasons e.g. sufficient training should be provided to teachers in facilitating general education. Dennis shared his experience with excitement. "From my observation, my hallmates are very strong in issues related to education e.g. education reform, budget cuts...etc. They

The event held at Sun Yuet Sen Place on 25 Feb attracted more than 60 participants. The speakers Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP, Mr Shi Kai-biu and Dr Robert Chung gave their views on having businessmen working as Secretaries in the HKSAR government. "I agree with the point that it is alright for them to make policy decisions or take up a senior post in the HKSAR government if they have support from the public. Lacking support, they may be suspected of providing benefits to their ex-business partners." Dennis further added "This Forum has no answer for us. Instead it brings us more questions. It leads me to analyse the issue from wider perspectives. I wish there could be more time for exchanges between speakers and participants."

Dennis is looking forward to having more opportunities in working with other halls. He believes both competition and cooperation between halls are good ways for personal development.

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