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Welcome to your Connect Asia Alumni Magazine

When the idea of producing a publication designed to inform and bring together University of Manchester alumni living and working in Asia was first put to me, I thought it was an excellent idea and a great way to show alumni in the China, Hong Kong, Singapore and of course other parts of the Asia-Pacific region how important you are to the University and its Manchester Business School Global Centres. I hope that you will enjoy reading about the exciting things that you, our alumni, are making happen in your region and how we at the University are keen to support those activities and bring a few of our own with regular visits from University staff.

I have had the pleasure of travelling out to Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia representing the University over the last few years and it was wonderful to meet so many alumni and hear how fondly you feel about your University and how keen you are to continue to promote Manchester amongst your friends and colleagues. This is high praise indeed. We hope we will continue to make you feel proud of your association with us.

At the time of going to print we have contact with well over 20,000 Manchester alumni across Asia, of all ages, working across all professions, employed in family businesses, in global companies, with a myriad of experiences and all with a common history that stretches back to Manchester. An ever increasing network of people willing to share, help, meet and support is available to you all.

Here at Manchester we aim to produce global citizens – young alumni who are aware of their global worth and the opportunities that might be open to them. One of the ways that we support this objective is through the Global Graduates Programme, which we could not do without the support of senior alumni in seven global locations, including Hong Kong, Shanghai and Singapore. You can read more about this programme in this magazine.

The University's international ambitions are high and we look forward to working with Asia-based alumni to continually add value to your qualifications with our alumni programme, encourage you to volunteer to enhance the experience and employability of current students from your region and beyond, share your professional expertise and introduce us to your networks that may help us meet our objectives of excellence in teaching and research whilst being socially responsible. Thank you for all that you do, and if you feel inspired to get involved please get in touch at alumni@manchester.ac.uk.

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Greetings from your UoM Alumni Associations



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Yu Yang Qian (PH.D Aeronautical Engineering) President of University of Manchester Alumni Association China

我在英国曼彻斯特度过了四年，获得了我的博士学位。在曼大，我们曾在细雨中匆匆忙忙，曾在草地上享受阳光，曾穿梭于图书馆、实验室、计算机房，曾身为学生面对大师站上讲堂。我们知道了世界上还有一些人和我们不一样的想法和观点，知道老师会指引但不会包办。我们交了很多朋友，学会了接受多元文化、学会了包容和尊敬。至今我仍然非常怀念那段精彩的时光。

我在曼大 Simon's Building 的办公室，曾经有来自毛里求斯、马来西亚、伊拉克、希腊、阿尔及利亚、中国、还有英国的同学。我们友好相处，互相帮助。有时我们会一起到当地的希腊小饭馆去吃饭，饭后我们同饭馆的老板一起踏起希腊民族舞步。

中国学生热情好客，我们会在住处做一桌美味的饭菜。那位马来西亚姓何的同学带来自己心爱的酒杯。我们将红酒、烈酒及水果混合物，柠檬水一起倒入一个大碗中，加入足量的冰块，做成 punch。大家尽情地喝，一边喝酒一边唱，还一边疯狂地开玩笑编排每一位导师。酒至酣畅，何同学突然发现酒杯已经破了一个洞，原来是半醉之中，拼命摇杯子，杯子里的冰块把酒杯打破了！大家笑死了！

1985 年，曼彻斯特的中国留学生创办了在英国的第一份留学生刊物《新竹》。今天再翻看这刊物，百感交集，里面有小说、诗歌、游记、经验谈、他山之石……。

浸透着那时我们的幼稚、好奇、学习意愿、容易被感动，还有那时的激情与热情、理想与梦想、无穷尽的精力、勇气和浪漫……，几本刊物融入着同学们的心血和投入。如今，微信又慢慢把当初那些同学联系到一起。如果今天把这几本刊物里的文章再次发表，相信会反响热烈，诸位同学又会找到自己既陌生又熟悉的影子。

记得我给曼城的学生刊物起的名字是《剪烛》(未被选上)，取意借自李商隐的《夜雨寄北》：“何当共剪西窗烛，却话巴山夜雨时”。曼彻斯特多雨、夜长，同学聚会，经常酒后畅谈、挥斥方遒、指点江山、无比惬意。彼时我已在心中祝愿：一日我们步入中年，天各一方，生活惆怅，他乡偶遇，是不是可以又一次剪烛长谈，回忆曼彻斯特留学时光，老师、同学、学友、老乡……？

愿同学们安康！愿曼彻斯特明亮！



Tang Hian Seng (Electronic Engineering) - President of University of Manchester Alumni Association Singapore

Tang Hian Seng is the current President of the University of Manchester Alumni Association Singapore (www.uomalumni.org.sg), and has been elected since 2013, and is now serving his second term of the appointment. In April 2015, Hian Seng has also been appointed by the University Alumni Office and Advisory Board to become the first internationally based Board Member of the University of Manchester Alumni Association Advisory Board. Members of the Advisory Board are looking forward to Hian Seng bringing an international perspective and the same energy he brings to the UoM Alumni Association in Singapore. Details of the Advisory Board and Board Member roles and responsibilities can be found at:

<http://your.manchester.ac.uk/governance/advisory-board>

Hian Seng obtained his First Class (Honours) in Electronic Engineering from UMIST in 1999 and was awarded the Department Course Prize and also the Farnell Final Year Project Prize.

Currently, Hian Seng spends most of his time on his business activities in China, primarily Shanghai based. He runs his business consultancy firm as well as the distribution of beauty and aesthetic products into China and Asia regional markets. Most recently, Hian Seng has taken an equity investment into a beauty vocational training school in Shanghai and is actively involved with the operations in Shanghai.

Why do you take an interest in the alumni association?

Those years in Manchester and the academic achievements I had at University has definitely helped to shape my personal development and hence, when the opportunity came upon to take over as President of the alumni association in 2013, I decided to step up to serve and contribute back to the university.

The alumni network has benefitted me greatly, be it for personal or business, and I've since established many close friendships and relations within the alumni network in Singapore and the greater Asia regional Hong Kong and China alumni network

The University of Manchester Alumni Association Singapore (UoMAAS) has around 4,200 alumni and we are one of the most active alumni associations. We have alumni with diverse background with graduates from the 1960s to the most recent, spanning over six decades. We've a large community of Manchester alumni in Singapore and many senior Manchester alumni have also achieved great success in their professional careers which I believe is a valuable network for our alumni to tap into, to meet, interact and learning our fellow alumni success stories.

What gives you the motivation and enjoy giving time to be on the Alumni Association Advisory Board (AAAB)

The opportunity to contribute back to the University and getting more involved in a greater capacity role at the AAAB, which is really an extension of the current appointment as President of the Singapore alumni association, will help the University to engage and strengthen the regional Asia based alumni association interaction.

Most importantly, I'm proud and privileged to be part of the board member team to help the University strengthen and engage our global alumni community better and particularly, the University of Manchester branding across the regions.



William Lam (Electronics and Electrical Engineering) President of University of Manchester Alumni Association (Hong Kong) (UMAA(HK))

William was elected as President of The University of Manchester Alumni Association (Hong Kong) (UMAA(HK)) in 2011 and again in 2014. The Association was a restructure from Alumni of Manchester Universities (AMU) which was formed in 2001 in Hong Kong. The major aim of the Association is to build a better and stronger network between our alumni, students and University representatives.

William obtained an honours degree in Electronics and Electrical Engineering from The University of Manchester, England in 1981. After obtaining his degree at The University of Manchester, he studied law at Manchester Polytechnic (now known as Manchester Metropolitan University, England) and at the College of Law (Chester, England). In 1991/1992, Mr. Lam furthered his studies in law at the University of Hong Kong and obtained the Postgraduate Certificate in Laws.

William found his own law firm William Lam and Company Solicitors, a company majoring in Information Technology and Intellectual Property.

Updates from the UoM Alumni Office

Manchester visits

The University's President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell, is an ever more frequent visitor to the Asia-Pacific region. Just in the six months up to December this year she will visit Hong Kong and Beijing, attending alumni events in both locations. She'll also visit South Korea and Australia. In addition, Vice-Presidents and other staff travelling on business in the region have or will host alumni events in Singapore and Shanghai. In July this year 27 Manchester academics visited Singapore from three out of the four faculties and attended a fantastic alumni event that you can read more about on page 28.

This increased presence of Manchester people in the Asia region is a great example of the University's commitment to remaining connected with its alumni and also collaborating with colleagues in joint areas of interest. You might even be able to help us with that by being willing to share your positivity about the University across your circles and by introducing us to your contacts.



The ever growing Asia network

At the time of going to print we have contact with nearly 8,900 alumni in mainland China, nearly 5,000 in Malaysia, nearly 3,800 in Singapore, nearly 3,700 in Hong Kong, just over 1,500 in Japan and 1,300 in Taiwan. We also have alumni in other countries in the region, but these are our largest concentrations. And this network continues to grow year on year as students continue to come to the University for a world-class education and a Manchester experience.

Supporting these networks in particular is our Global Volunteer and Networks Officer, Markus Karlsson-Jones. If you'd like to learn more about how he works with alumni globally, please contact him at markus.karlsson-jones@manchester.ac.uk.

Alumni continue to be involved in the life of the University, volunteering not only within their own groups and associations, but also helping colleagues working in Student Recruitment with their recruitment fair stands and pre-departure briefings for new students. Alumni provide their honest opinion on their experience at the University to prospective students at the fairs, giving them a taste of Manchester, and also help to orientate new students as they are preparing to leave home to attend the University. All roles are invaluable and we are very grateful to alumni for their support in these activities.

We are always trying to think of new ways to add value to the experience of students both from Asia and those looking to explore



Asia and with the help of alumni like you, we can continue to do that through initiatives like the Global Graduates Programme and Student and Young Alumni Careers sessions. Learn more about these programmes here.

Going Global

The Global Graduates Scheme is now in its fourth year, and you may have read about it in the wider annual alumni magazine 'Your Manchester'.

The scheme is select but goes from strength to strength, admitting 16 students in 2013 (12 of them from non-traditional backgrounds, known as 'widening participation students'), doubling in 2014 and involving more alumni than ever in 2015.

Students spend a week in small groups travelling to one global location (locations are Singapore, Hong Kong, San Francisco, New York and Dubai) or two (Paris and London) during their summer vacation, where they meet with senior alumni in their workplace. In some cases this will be the first time a student has travelled overseas. The scheme broadens the students' career horizons and gets them on the inside of businesses that they would never have an opportunity to see ordinarily.

There is also a smaller September Global Graduates Scheme when students visit London-based alumni in their workplaces.

It is no surprise that two out of the seven locations are in your region. Hong Kong, and Singapore are both areas of international business and the alumni are generous with their time (a commitment of up to a morning or an afternoon) and expertise.

Both students and alumni report that the scheme is a fabulous experience. Alumni learn about what the University and student-life is like now, and the students learn about the world of work in an international context.

The scheme has been majority funded by a generous donor alone, Paul Lee, one of the Board of Governors at the University. His wish was to allow widening participation students to access a global experience that would educate their career choices. In 2014 we grew the scheme by adding investment from the alumni fund, which is a collection of smaller contributions from many alumni, the majority of whom give regularly every month.

Our intention is to continue to grow the scheme and if you are interested in learning more and/or becoming an alumni participant of the Global Graduate Scheme, please click here <http://your.manchester.ac.uk/get-involved/help-students-to-career-success/global-graduates> or contact us at alumni@manchester.ac.uk.



Growing and encouraging talent

The alumni network has, particularly in China (excluding Hong Kong), a strong contingent of young professionals, with over half the alumni body being under 30 years old. With this in mind we are starting to organise career-focussed events aimed at young alumni and current students. This year we are collaborating with colleagues in our Careers Service to host events in Shanghai and Hong Kong attended by both students and young alumni, there to meet senior alumni professionals and graduate recruiters, to help explore career opportunities. They are scheduled for early September so at the time of print we are just finalising details and you will hear more about them in the next issue. If you are a senior alumnus/a with an interest in graduate recruitment and would like to be involved in future events such as this, please contact Markus at markus.karlsson-jones@manchester.ac.uk.



Giving from Hong Kong

This year has been very exciting with regards our alumni giving, including recording over 5,000 alumni donors for the first time. Like everything we do, our giving programmes have an international element. From our alumni-funded scholarships made available to international students from disadvantaged backgrounds, to the donor-supported Global Graduates Scheme (read more in this magazine), our philanthropic work and impact crosses continents.

We are also well placed to support giving from overseas in key areas, one of which is Hong Kong, where we have a foundation supporting the work of the University philanthropically.

The Hong Kong Foundation for The University of Manchester (HKFUM) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion and development of continuing relationships of loyalty among our Manchester alumni and friends in Hong Kong and China. If you are based in Hong Kong, you can donate to the University via this foundation.

With the generosity of Hong-Kong based alumni and friends, HKFUM is able to provide valuable support for a range of distinguished scholarships, which attract the world's best young scholars to Manchester; and our key philanthropic research priorities that seek answers to some of the biggest issues facing our global community. You can find out more about those priorities here <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support/priorities/>.

Thanks to HKFUM and our generous supporters, we have students from Hong Kong and China researching areas such as humanitarian and conflict response, the happiness of people in China and the biomedical application of graphene.

To find out more about HKFUM, including information about tax benefit eligibility, visit our web pages at <http://www.manchester.ac.uk/collaborate/support/how-to-give/international/hong-kong/>.



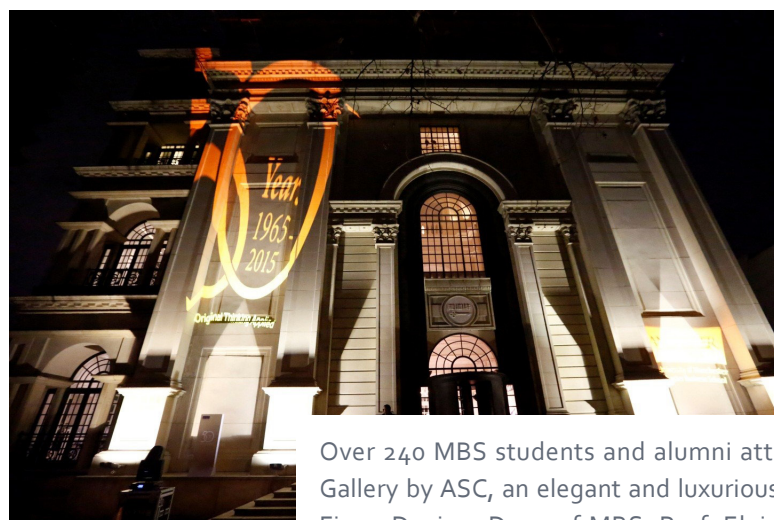
MBS 50th Anniversary Alumni Gala Dinner in Asia

Shanghai



From Left to Right: Colin Lin, Alumni Representative; Ouyang Qian, President of University of Manchester Alumni Association China; Huo Jiazhen, Dean of School of Economics and Management Tongji University; Feng Xi, Senior Vice President, Horizon Research & Consultancy Group; Professor Fiona Devine, Dean of Manchester Business school; Sherry Fu, MBS China Centre Director; Elaine Ferneley, MBS Director of Global & MBA Programs; Nigel Banister, Chief Global Officer of MBS; Ismail Ertürk, Senior Lecturer of MBS; William Vanbergen, Partner of BE Education; Bob Wu, Managing Director of China Kington Asset Management

In the evening of 17th January, MBS China Centre launched the first event of its 50th Anniversary celebration series - the 2015 Alumni Annual Dinner in Shanghai.



Over 240 MBS students and alumni attended the dinner banquet at the Wine Gallery by ASC, an elegant and luxurious building in down town Shanghai. Prof. Fiona Devine, Dean of MBS, Prof. Elaine Ferneley, Global MBA Director, and Mr. Nigel Banister, Chief Global Officer, were delighted to be present at the high-profile banquet, co-organised by MBS China Centre and Shanghai Alumni Committee. Some partners of MBS China centre attended the dinner, including Dr. Ou Yang Qian, President of China Alumni Association of the University of Manchester, and Prof. Huo, Dean of School of Economics and Management of Tongji University.



Student Performance
 – Seven Centre Show combined Chinese traditional dress
 – Qi Pao with MBS 7 internal centres' s elements





MBS China Alumni Committee Board Members

Alumni representatives Dr. Ou Yang Qian, President of China Alumni Association, The University of Manchester and President of CITIC Bank Supervision; Eric Xu, Partner of SIG; Daming Zhu, Founder of Vision Knight Capital; Haichao Li, CEO and Founder of Carking; William Vanbergen, Partner of BE Educations shot a video to celebrate the Annual Dinner and thanked the experience of studying in Manchester.



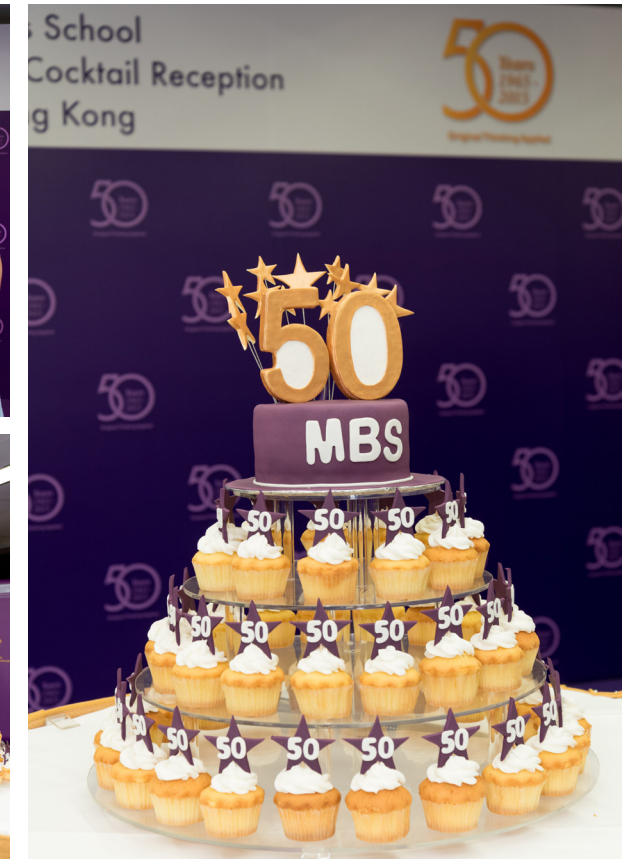
Group Photo

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In May, over 120 alumni and students gathered at the MBS East Asia Centre for a grand celebration of MBS's fifty years of achievement.



The special cocktail reception was held in the presence of Professor Fiona Devine OBE, Head of School, who updated everyone on the university's latest milestones, and this was followed by a lively discussion session and plenty of power-networking.





Singapore

The University of Manchester and Manchester Business School share a rich and proud heritage dating back to 1824. Today, we build on this history as we continue to generate world-class research, and deliver an outstanding learning and student experience.

In its 50th anniversary year, MBS will continue to play a key role in achieving those aims, both in Manchester and internationally through the global centres. Part of the world-renowned University of Manchester, when MBS opened doors in 1965, it was known for innovation in business education. Much has changed in the world since then, however, the core aims of generating the highest quality research to inspire the business leaders of the future remains the same.



Complete with an award presentation to our winning Operation Santa Claus teams, cake-cutting and rounds of photo-shooting, it was an occasion both joyful and meaningful.



The 50th anniversary is a particularly exciting time as MBS continues to build on the history of world-class research and cutting-edge business education, and develop its international offer, in line with The University of Manchester's strategic plan. To celebrate this significant milestone, the South East Asia Centre hosted the MBS 50 Extravaganza & Gala Dinner on the 7th of May, attended by about 230 guests comprising alumni, students, key partners and eminent guests of the school.



Guests-of-Honour included Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Ministry of Transport in Singapore; Judi Leon, Director of UK Trade & Investment for the British High Commission in Singapore; Kum Soh Har Michael, Executive Chairman of the M&L Group and Mr Neil Maxwell, CEO of M&L Hospitality.



Last year, MBS was delighted to announce the development of a new hotel adjoining the new Executive Education Centre, which is supported by an investment by Singapore's M&L Hospitality Group, one of the world's leading international hospitality real estate investment platforms. The hotel is a part of The University of Manchester's £1 billion 10-year Campus Masterplan, which will transform the University into one of the most modern campuses in the world by 2022. The new hotel will not only serve visiting faculty and students of MBS, but the entire city of Manchester as well, including other centres of research and innovation in the city, such as the Manchester Science Park and the Central Manchester University Hospitals. These developments build on an already successful partnership between Singapore, The University of Manchester, and Manchester Business School.



Guests from around Asia and MBS faculty members from the UK flew in for the momentous event. Among them were Ms Christina Siu, the East Asia Centre Director; Mr Ronald Kong, Managing Director of the JW investment Holding Ltd and distinguished MBS alumnus and university donor; Ms Pauline Lai, CEO of PL Management Ltd and founding chairperson of the MBS Alumni Association China.



Also sharing in this noteworthy moment were key partners of the school; such as the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which MBS has a global Talent Management Partnership with; the International Compliance Association; the Singapore Institute of Management, which MBS has a Bachelor of Science in Management programme partnership with; as well as council members of the MBS Alumni Association Singapore and the UoM Alumni Association Singapore; Mr Er Kwong Wah, notable MBS alumnus; and Mr Gabriel Lee, founding Director of the South East Asia Centre and MBS graduate.

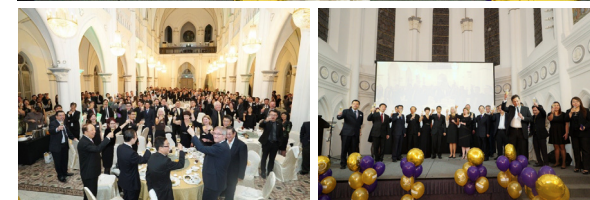


Held at conserved heritage site, CHIJMES Hall, the evening began with guests treated to cocktails and A Walk through History (photo wall exhibits lining the entrance, celebrating both MBS and Singapore's heritage), with a classical string quartet performance.

The event was officially opened by Professor Fiona Devine, Head of MBS, who delighted the audience with an insightful opening address; followed by heart-warming speeches from Associate Professor Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Health & Ministry of Transport in Singapore; and Ms Judi Leon, Director of UK Trade & Investment for the British High Commission in Singapore.



Throughout the night, guests enjoyed wine and dining over a sumptuous eight-course meal with various celebratory activities such as a MBS history video montage and The Real Deal (an interactive segment onstage with students and alumni), finally ending the night with an elaborate cake-cutting and champagne toasting with confetti, to conclude this significant event.



Regional social networking events

Shanghai

Study China Programme Business Network Event in Shanghai on 13th Aug 2015

Study China Programme Networking Evening was successfully hold on 13th Aug. The British government is funding 180 UK students from UK universities to participate the Study China Programme in Shanghai from 2-22 August. The UoM and MBS China Centre co-organised a network event to expose them with business and professional contacts and help them develop some understanding how the business community works in China. Global MBA students and alumni also joined this networking event. MBS China Centre invited David Percival, Managing Director of China International Business Development Group , Deloitte & Touche; Xi Feng, Senior Vice President of Horizon Research & Consultancy Group; Jeff Astle, Executive Director of China-Britain Business Council, they delivered keynote speech to all audience. Panel Discussion - China Opportunities was moderated by Sherry Fu, China Centre Director.



From left to right: Sherry Fu, Xi Feng, Jeff Astle, David Percival.

Manchester Business School China Centre Jointly Launched “ 2014 Overseas Chinese Corporate Reputation Report “ in North America

On the 4th April and 5th April 2015 afternoon in USA, Chinese Corporate Soft Power, Business Opportunities in China and Entrepreneurship in the US and China forum was successfully held at Columbia University and Harvard University. Ms. Sherry Fu, Regional director of Manchester Business School, Mr. Ming Yao, founder and chairman of Yama Ribbons and Bows, and Dr. Xi Feng, president of Horizon Institute of Global Development Power were invited and delivered keynote speeches and launched their new book 2014 Overseas Chinese Corporate Reputation Report published by the Zhejiang University Press.



Panel Discussion on China USA entrepreneurship

Sherry Fu presented at Columbia Business School, New York

Manchester photo competition



Phil Roebuck Speaks About “The City of Manchester”

For the inaugural 50th anniversary lecture, MBS is delighted to have Mr. Phil Roebuck, Executive Director of the British Chamber of Commerce Shanghai, as our distinguished guest, to speak about “The City of Manchester” at MBS China Centre

As an original Mancunian, Phil first came to China in 1994 and joined the Chamber in 2010. His presentation covers the location and the climate of Manchester, the origin of the name of Manchester, the impact of industrial revolution, the milestones of Manchester in the 19th and 20th century, and of course Manchester today, a cultural hub of tremendous diversity and creativity, leading the way in devolution in England.

The audience were very engaged in the presentation and curious to know the deep roots of Manchester, where the renowned business school was established in 1965. Following the Q&A, everyone voted their favourite “Manchester Memories” photos for the Photo Competition launched on 17th January 2015.

Asia Pacific MBA Desert Challenge –Tengri Desert, China Desert Challenge

MBS China Centre MBA students organized a team to join Year 2014 and Year 2015 Asia-Pacific MBA Desert Challenge to walk 70km in the Tengger Desert for 3 days. Being the 1st British business school invited by the game organizer, it is an honor as well as an opportunity for MBS China students to liaise with students from top tier Asia-Pacific business school.



Year 2014

Team members prepared physically mentally and technically to take this challenge for months. It was a valuable and unforgettable experience in their MBA study life. They played like a big family and built strong connections even after the program.



Year 2015



Year 2014 & 2015 team member Gathering



MBS first GEMBA Cohort Residential in Shanghai



Healthcare Club Team won Third Place of Simens China MBA Healthcare Industry Business Innovation Competition



MBS China Alumni in Live financial TV show -Brain Storm



MBS China Centre Alumni Outing Activities



Guangdong

On May 29th, the University of Manchester Alumni Association Guangdong (Pilot Group) launched the third alumni dinner in Tianhe District, Guangzhou, Guangdong. 42 alumni attended the event and enjoyed the best bistro cuisine in the town.



On August 1st, the University of Manchester Alumni Association Guangdong (Pilot Group) organized an archery tag game in Tsuen Wan, Hong Kong. 40 Alumni joined the game and experienced the joy from this new sport.



Hong Kong

25 Dec 2014- Guinness World Record Event: The Tallest Cupcake Tower

25 December 2014 – this was a Christmas day like no other, as Team V Care from the MBS East Asia Centre broke a Guinness world record by building the tallest cupcake tower in the world, making history in the process.



A proud moment for Hong Kong, the tower contained 25 'layers' and measured 6.78 metres in height.



Held to support Operation Santa Claus's annual MBA challenge, this was a clear labour of love led by six students of the Manchester Global MBA Part-time Programme.



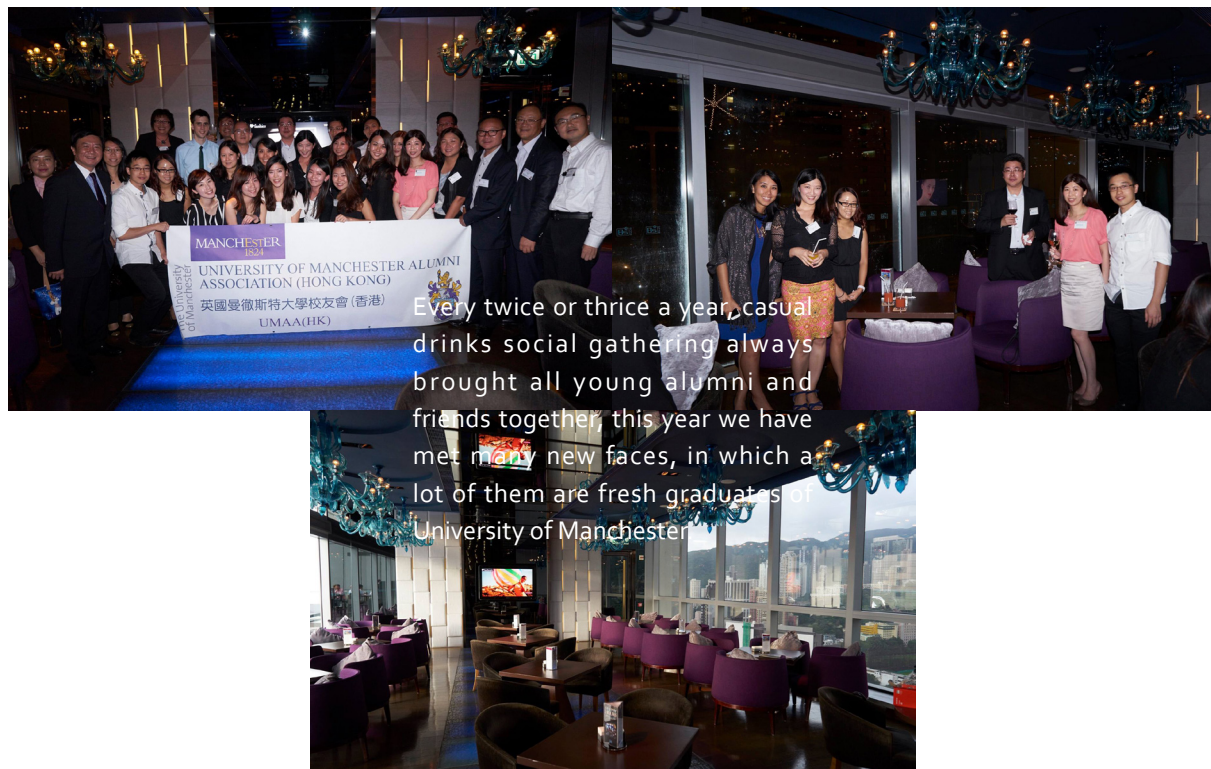
The results were immediate and astounding – members of the public, as well as representatives from charitable organizations, donated immediately, getting cupcakes in the process, with leftovers being donated to Foodlink and Foodangel. Perpetuating the spirit of Christmas giving and of ethical business, this was an event that was as noble as it was fun and festive.

Dragon Boat Race Day Yacht Cruise on 20th June 2015



Our alumni Mr. Sam Chan (bottom left) invited other alumni and friends to escape the crowds and join him on board his private Champion Yacht the "Free Fire" to watch and experience an exclusive and the biggest Dragon Boat Race day of the year for an unforgettable experience.

UMAA Casual Drinks @ Club 28 on 25th June 2015



Every twice or thrice a year, casual drinks social gathering always brought all young alumni and friends together, this year we have met many new faces, in which a lot of them are fresh graduates of University of Manchester.

BBQ Night at Whitehead on 25th Apr 2015

It was quite surprising that BBQ was a popular activity to our members as spaces of this event were fully booked. BBQ was held at the Whitehead BBQ, which is located at the north of Wu Kwai Sha with the magnificent view of Tolo Harbour and Pat Sin Leng, Whitehead BBQ is an ideal place for a relaxing family day-out and friends gathering.



UMAA(HK) AGM Dinner 2014 on 8th Dec 2014



The UMAA(HK) Annual General Meeting and Dinner 2014 was held at The Hong Kong Club. The Hong Kong Club was established in 1846. Its membership included government officials and the heads of the major trading firms, and it was referred to simply as "The Club". We were pleased to have our alumni and members to support and witness the growth of our association found in 2011.

University of Manchester Reception hosted by the President & Vice-Chancellor Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell on 12th Aug 2014



It was our honour to attend the reception hosted by President & Vice-Chancellor of the University of Manchester, Professor Dame Nancy Rothwell. The event was held at the Renaissance Harbour View Hotel Hong Kong in Wan Chai. It was such a great evening to share with Professor Dame Nancy and her university team and all alumni.

University of Manchester Reception on 9th Apr 2014



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An MBS Corporate Social Responsibility Initiative by the Singapore Centre

Recently, the MBS SE Asia Centre staff led a group of alumni and students to spend a meaningful afternoon facilitating rounds of Bingo with needy elderly in Singapore. Close to 80 elderly were treated to freshly baked, non-preservatives added tuna and red bean buns and pastries with tea; followed by rounds of games and lucky draws with attractive prizes. The success of this inaugural corporate social responsibility event has paved the way for more to come.



Annual Networking Event



Once again, the Annual Networking Event of the Year arrived for 2015! Held at 5star Hotel Mandarin Oriental, this year's edition was a special one. A full delegation of 11 UOM-A*Star programme PhD Students and 27 UoM academics attended our networking event as it coincided with another function hosted by A*Star prior to this event. The event was oversubscribed and attendance was well over 130pax.

First up, we had Professor Martin Humphries, Vice President & Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences who gave us an update on the University's latest developments.



Next up we had a panel discussion on the topic " Manchester Impact on Singapore." This topic was certainly befitting and no doubt on everyone's mind as we discussed and reflected on the positive impact The University of Manchester & its students has brought about as Singapore celebrates its 50th Jubilee Birthday this year.

The speakers starting from the left are namely:
 Professor John Costello – University of Manchester-Singapore Institute of Technology, Nursing Program Director
 Professor Stephen Flint - Associate Dean Internationalisation for the Faculty of Engineering & Physical Sciences
 Professor Martin Humphries, Vice President & Dean for the Faculty of Life Sciences
 (Moderator) Alex Chan - UOMaaS Treasurer & Business Owner
 Mr. Bill Liu - UOMaaS Committee Advisor, Chairman & Managing Partner at Stream Global Pte Ltd
 Dr John Yip - Regional Head of Debt Capital Markets, FGB Asia Pacific

University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore - 10 Anniversary Dinner



It was the exciting possibilities to meet new peers, recollections of fond memories back in the university days and a sumptuous dinner that characterised our University of Manchester Alumni Association of Singapore 10th Anniversary Dinner. We were ecstatic to play host to a fully subscribed event with 200 attendees, ranging from Manchester graduates to current MBA students.



Our Guest of Honour was Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean, Patron of our Alumni Association for Singapore who is a member of our alumni graduated in 1976 with BSc Electrical Engineering and Management Science.



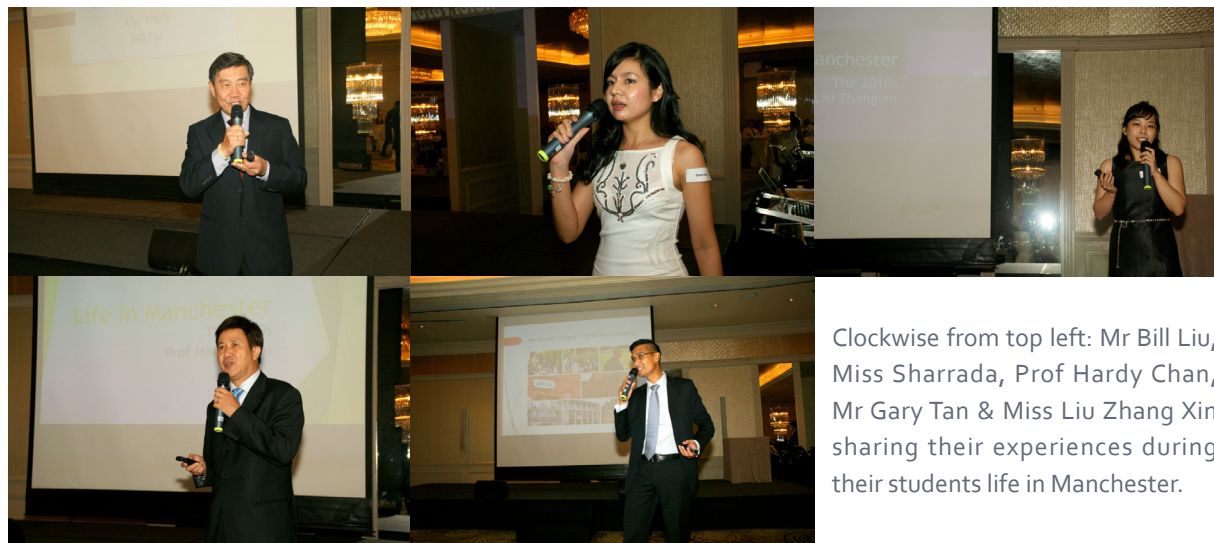
He gave a keynote speech that emphasised the importance of University connection with the graduates via alumni relations as education is no longer a one-off experience for students while they are at university, but a continual process of learning, throughout their lives. He further added that alumni can also benefit from more social and professional opportunities through their links to the university or with other alumni around the globe in a world that is increasingly fuelled by networks.



Other distinguished guests included Parliament Secretary for the Ministry of Health & Ministry of Transport Muhammad Faishal Ibrahim (PhD Management Sciences, 2000), British High Commissioner H.E. Antony Phillipson, and The University of Manchester Vice-President and Dean of Humanities Professor Keith Brown.

Here are some of the highlights of the night.

Our President of the Alumni Association, Mr Tang Hian Seng delivering the Opening Address.



Clockwise from top left: Mr Bill Liu, Miss Sharrada, Prof Hardy Chan, Mr Gary Tan & Miss Liu Zhang Xin sharing their experiences during their students life in Manchester.



DPM Teo taking photos and mingling with the alumni community.



A BIG SMILE on everyone's faces.

The night ended with a toast to the University of Manchester and Alumni!



See more photos on our facebook group: [University of Manchester Alumni Singapore Facebook](#)

Lastly we would like to thank our alumni community and everyone who have contributed to the continued success of our Alumni Association in Singapore. If you have any comments/queries on our alumni association, do feel free to contact us via our contact page. We look forward to seeing you guys in our upcoming events and talks!

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