

Newsletter



Hong Kong Toastmasters Club

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50th Anniversary Dinner Comments! Below are some comments about the anniversary dinner from members of other clubs, past presidents, and Audrey Eu.

Dear all,

Thank you so much for your contribution to make the event last Saturday such a success.

For those of you who are relatively new in terms of membership at the Club, I must say it is all my fault that you found yourself all of a sudden having so many antecedents flocking in from different parts of the world and said they were once a member of the Club!

It has never been easy to host a function as such and it was one that was of a larger scale than the one I hosted 5 years ago. If I were the organiser, I wouldn't be sure if I could have done any better.

Thank you once again for bringing so many past Toastmasters together (as well as the Toastmistresses!).

Finally, let me commend your "Can-Do" spirit. In particular, other than Christine who initiated this function, we must also give 3 cheers to Patrick the IPP and Arthur the president for their leadership.

If I may recall my experience 5 years ago, it was a rewarding yet tiring experience. It's time for all of you to rejuvenate and move on with confidence and joy.

The legacy of the Hong Kong Toastmasters lives on in you.

Best regards,

Bernard Yue

Past President (1999-2000)



Dear Tina,

We'll love to see the photos of the night when you are ready. Inviting Audrey as Guest of Honor was great. The winning 2 speeches were good fun. My guest and myself had fun and enjoyed it. We look forward to your participation to our 20th Anniversary party of the HK Mandarin Toastmaster Club next February.

Karen

Dear Arthur,

The dinner was fantastic, at the journey returning to Macau, I asked my members who had been persuaded by me to join the dinner one question, "Is the dinner worth to join?" I think you know the answer. Today let me thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Best regards,

Anton

PS. "The story of The Hong Kong Toastmasters Club" and "The 50th Anniversary HK Toastmasters Club" are excellent, I've learned lots from them, thanks one more time.

Dear Arthur,

Thanks for your kind words, but it is my pleasure to do so because we are living in the family that spirit counts foremost; we have dedicated ourselves for a better self, a better community and a better world... along this great moment of truth, we often have to keep each other energized for another big feat! Our Toastmasters camaraderie is indeed beyond verbal expression.

When I met Tina and her friends at the Reception Desk, my tired feeling instantly disappeared because they were so friendly and enthusiastic! Again congratulations to you for having such a great team of leaders!

The Bangkok Toastmasters Club is going to celebrate its Golden Jubilee on December 18, 2004 at the Indra Regent Hotel, Bangkok; thanks for your kind concern, Arthur.

I am pleased to welcome you and your team to our Big Event to which I will mail you our invitation card soon. Besides, I also would like to invite everyone of you to visit us any time you are in Bangkok.

With Best Regards,

Paisal



Dear Arthur,

Thank you for inviting me! I will recommend your club to students and others who want more practice in public speaking

Audrey

Living Up to its Name – Halloween **By Elsa Law**

For pictures, [click here](#)

The sky was clear, joyful cheers and high spirits filled a tramp full of Hong Kong Toastmasters members, their family and friends on a night that would forever be remembered by those who had attended our club's Halloween party (31st October 2004). As soon as you boarded the tram, you entered into a mixed world of horror and fantasy where you saw angels, devils, Dracula, ghosts, pirate, and many more. Onlookers waved and cheered in response to our hee-haw and the fast music that flew from the tram.

Having completed a circle of ride on the tram, everyone was famished and ended up in the Jinjude Restaurant in Sheung Wan – tasty food and thirst quenching drinks undoubtedly added to an already joyous and fun evening. Everyone was busy chit chatting which only broke temporarily when the contestants for the best dressed were selected. It was without question that our usually quiet Janice Pang should be the champion – she was dressed with a black cape and hood with a face painted in an orange and black resembling a ghost spirited pumpkin. The effect was so real that even a little girl was shocked by her look and reduced to tears. That was not all to our party.

Having stroll the streets of Central and found many unusually dressed party goers, we vacated to Wan Chai where we found a comfortable and spacious pub to continue our party into the night. Hearty laughter, dances and close fellowship were amongst us.

Members' participation undoubtedly contributed to the success of our Halloween party and we have lived up to its name but if the members who organized it did not take care and time, there would be no such party. Credits should be given to the organizing committee of this event. Thank you folks!

The long awaited event of the year for Hong Kong Toastmasters.... The 50th Anniversary Dinner at the Salisbury, YMCA in Tsim Sha Tsui. The incredibly festive night began before sunset on the terrace with cocktails, friends, family, and fellow Toastmasters. Ex-HKTM presidents from places as far as Germany and other parts of the world didn't want to miss this glorious night. Other Toastmasters clubs were also on hand including the Macau Charter Club to complete a packed hall of over 200 people!

Beginning the dinner with the lovely Jo Manning and ever popular Talis Wong as the night's hosts, the duet introduced all the Ex-presidents in attendance. A few of the ex-presidents gave inspirational talks about what being a Toastmaster means to them and how it has changed their lives.

Continuing the meeting was one of the peak moments of the evening with the introduction of our honored guest, prominent barrister and legislator Audrey Eu. A roaring applause followed her introduction as she proceeded towards the stage. As she continued to talk about her experiences with the Chinese government and promote her views and feelings about the future of Hong Kong, guests were entertained and in awe by her composure, wit, and beauty.

Dinner was another wonderful part of the evening complete with shrimp salad, fish fettuccine, filet mignon steak and prawns, clam chowder soup, and capping off with chocolate covered strawberries for dessert. Following dinner was the speech contest beginning with Patrick Chau's humorous speech on enjoying life and optimism, "Is the glass half empty or half full? Who cares! Just drink and enjoy it!" Finishing the speeches was the winner of the contest Ida Ng.

Ending the night with the table topics session, mastered by the charming duo of Elsa Law and Lawrence Wan. The two continued with they're humorous comments and laughs as the audience watched which who the first speaker was.

President Arthur Ting concluded the evening with a warm thank you to all in attendance, especially the ex-comm members. As he finished a countdown, the ex-comm members blasted party favors with a loud bang into the dining hall. Confetti and smiles were spread through out as all said their goodbyes to each other.

It was definitely a night to remember. Many members had a hard time keeping calm even after dinner and didn't want to go home. The night for many continued into Lan Kwai Fong, Wan Chai, and Causeway Bay for dancing, karaoke, and ma jong as they didn't want the night to end.

SCMP Article Saturday November 6th

For those of you do don't know already, we had an article in the SCMP last Saturday in the City section. Below is a clip of the article. [Click here for a scanned copy of the actually article.](#)

By **David Watkins**

BHOOVA RAHAN HAS just been asked to get up in front of an audience and deliver a speech, on the spot. He must pretend that a woman he's never met before is a long-term girlfriend who has just left him: his job is to convince her to stay. He must speak for two minutes, and if he utters an "ah," or an "um," a bell will ring.



For most of us, scenarios such as these are uncomfortably close to those dreams in which you find yourself naked at work. *The Book of Lists*, a zany compendium of little known facts and figures, attests that one in every two people would rather die than give a speech in public.