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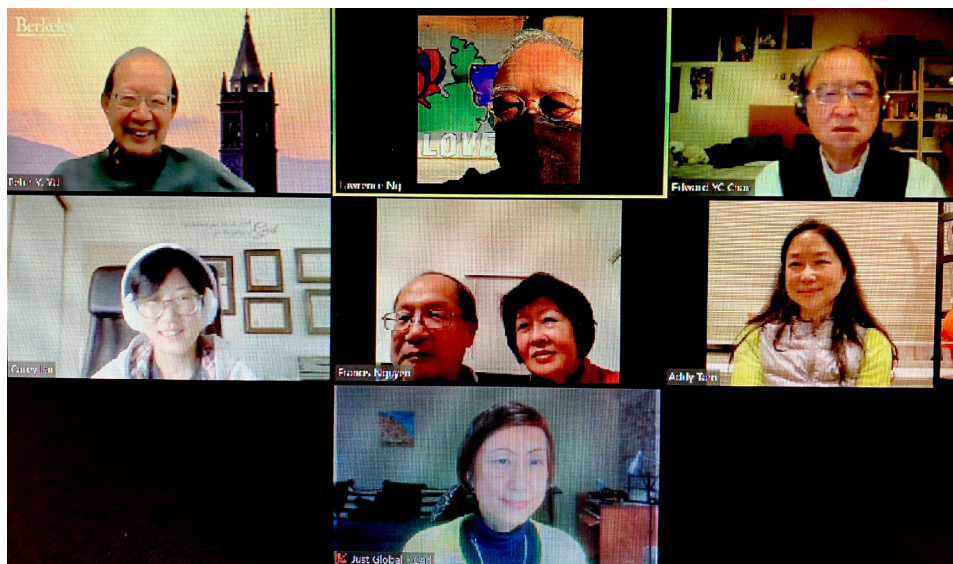
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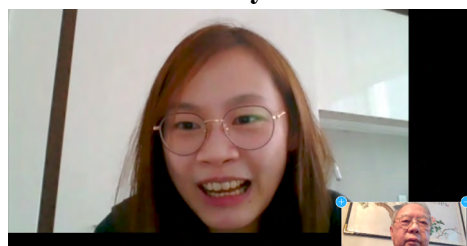
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First Board Meeting in 2021



Our association held its first board meeting on Super Bowl Sunday. Since it was such a lopsided football game, none of the board members felt that something was missed out. It was the first board gathering held on Zoom. We did encounter some minor technical difficulties but the result was insignificant. President Peter Yu did a good job organizing the meeting as well as running it. There were nine board members participated in the one and half hour long meeting. A new board secretary was selected at the request of Carey Lai who will be too busy managing her business at Yohocare and her study at University of California at Berkeley. Francis Nguyen has taken over the position already. The board had a lengthy discussion about filling in the vacancies left by the loss of Kit Lau and Raymond Li. Kevin Leung (B.Sc.'74) has accepted the invitation to join the board. The board also decided that a Spring Gathering will be held in March with Ms. Jacko Tsang, Director of HKETO (SF) as our guest of honor.

Hello and Good-bye



Emily Ng, Deputy Dir. HKETO



Michael Yau, Former Deputy Dir. Deputy Director of HKETO (SF), Michael Yau, left for Hong Kong in January. He invited a few leaders of Hong Kong university alumni associations to a Zoom farewell meeting. The new Deputy Director, Emily Ng, was introduced to the group. Deputy Director Ng graduated as a Bachelor of Law at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She joined the SAR Govt. in 2013. She was the Assistant Secretary in Chief Secretary for Administration's Office and worked at a few other bureaus before coming to SF. She loves to travel.

President Xiang Zhang's new Award



HKU President Professor Xiang Zhang is the winner of the 2021 SPIE Mozi Award in recognition of his seminal, fundamental contributions in optical physics and experimental research in the optical perfect lens. Congratulations, President Zhang!

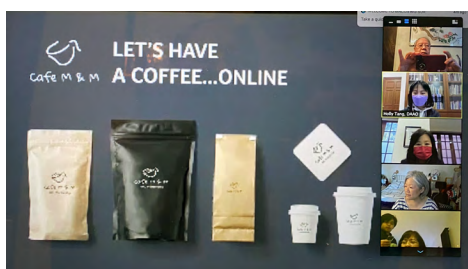
More details can be found at:
<https://lnkd.in/g5RvtRH>.

Eternal Farewell to Prof. Braga



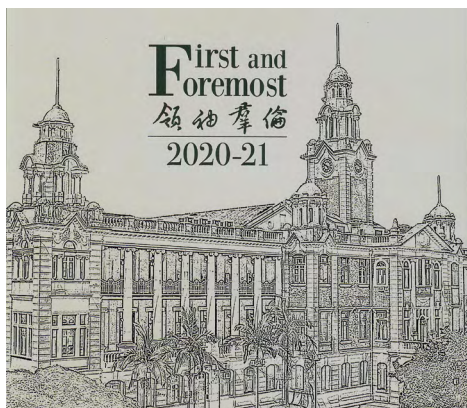
We said eternal good-bye to another senior alumna recently. Carolina Augusta Braga, M.D. passed away on January 11, 2021. Many of our medical alumni were students of hers during their undergraduate days at HKU. She was a senior lecturer in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1964-1969. She emigrated to the USA in 1969. She was a Clinical Professor at University of California San Francisco until her retirement in 1987. She joined a few gatherings of our association in our early days. Rest in Peace, Dr. Braga!

Mentorship Reimagined



HKU has been holding mentors-mentees annual gathering for many years. But overseas mentors have not been able to participate. One of our alumni suggested that a virtual world mentors gathering should be considered. Such event was held in January. Each participant received a package with special premium coffee and holder before the event. Many mentors joined in such a memorable and premier event including those from Hong Kong, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Boston, Toronto, Vancouver, Stockholm, London and Sydney. We hope it will be an annual function.

First and Foremost 2020-21



The University of Hong Kong has just published the “First and Foremost 2020-21” report regarding the world ranking of the University. HKU ranking in Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings is 22nd in 2021. HKU’s QS Asia University Ranking is 4th in 2021. In Times Higher Education World University Rankings in 2021, HKU is 39th. HKU’s Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings in 2020 is 4th. In 2020, QS World University Rankings by Subject, HKU Dentistry got No. 4; Education got No. 7 and Linguistics got No. 11. In Times High Education World’s Most International Universities, HKU was ranked 2nd in 2020.

HK Doctors in U.S.



A new chat group has just been started by a few U.S. physicians from Hong Kong who are mostly young medical graduates of HKU. Charissa Wong and Larry Ng have joined them on WhatsApp as well as Facebook. Those interested in joining, please contact Charissa or Larry **Clubhouse for HKU alumni**

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Another new chat group has also been formed by young HKU alumni in the U.S.A. originally from China. It holds discussions on various topics in the Clubhouse of which Elon Musk and Zuckerberg are users.

Year of the Ox



A Healthy, Happy and Successful Year of the Ox to You and Yours!