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Napier University Strengthens International Recognition at GlobalScot Conference

Napier University is being internationally recognized again in mid-September at the third GlobalScot conference in Asia-Pacific region, hosted by Scottish Development International and the Scottish Government.

GlobalScot is a unique international business network of senior and influential business leaders who are committed to generating economic opportunities for Scotland by offering their time, expertise and contacts.

The event was being held in Hong Kong between 18th and 19th September where Napier has been active for over 20 years. Learning and teaching is not the only area where Napier is extending its international reach, its research and knowledge transfer activities are increasingly being recognised as being world-class.

Prof. Stephen Ho, Life President of the Hong Kong Association and an enthusiastic GlobalScot; was among the prestige speakers being invited to share his view on the opportunities in Greater China for Scotland's universities and was being interviewed by South China Morning Post and the Sunday Herald subsequently to further elaborate his idea and share his experience of studying at Napier.

In addition, Dr. Martin Tangney, a leading biofuel expert and Director of the Biofuel Research Centre at Napier; was the only Scottish speaker to be invited to participate in the energy stream of the conference for his knowledge and expertise in biofuels. The Biofuel Research Centre was launched at Napier last year, focuses on researching and developing second-generation biofuels from non-food and waste matter sources.

Among the other world-class speakers at the conference was John Swinney, Scotland's cabinet secretary for finance and sustainable growth, John Tsang, financial secretary of the Hong Kong Government and Ribyn Meredith, the senior editor for Forbes magazine in Asia.



Association Annual General Meeting in November

The Association is scheduled to have its Annual General Meeting in November and all alumni are cordially invited to join. As well as being participate in the AGM, alumni are also encourage to play a more active role in the Association as a Committee Member and provide volunteer support to the Committee. It provides a channel for you to make your voice heard and involving in the Association's development with the ultimate goal of strengthening the relationship between alumni and the University. Those who are interested in volunteer their time and expertise are truly welcome. For details or register your nomination, please contact Edward Wong at the numbers shows at the bottom of the page.

Napier University Participate in the Scottish Education Evening

Napier University is participating in the Scottish Education Evening at the Chinese International School on Friday 10th October, organized by The British Council. The event is positioned to uplift the awareness of Scotland universities and its education system in the territories. Napier University has the honour of being invited to support the event. A few of our alumni who studied full-time on campus will help at the event by sharing their valuable experience with prospective students and their parents of their studies at Napier and life in Edinburgh. In one sense, the event is surely a good occasion in further enhancing our alma mater's brand equity locally and might help bring lots of new students joining our Napier family in the future.

New Scholars Head for Edinburgh



Member of the Trust.

The latest three Napier University Scholarship recipients headed for Napier in late September to begin their studies. To help preparing them for their adventure in Edinburgh, the Scholarship Trust organized a dinner for them to mingle with returned scholars to figure out from their familiarity of those dos and don'ts of studying at Napier and living in Edinburgh. The dinner is also an Annual Reunion for prior scholarship recipients.

Also presented at the dinner were Dr. George Catherley, Honorary President of the Association and Chairman of the Scholarship Trust; and Prof. Stephen Ho, Life President of the Association and Founding

We wish them well in the years to come in Scotland and every success with their studies.

Sad News

It is with deep sadness to deliver the news of the sudden death of John Troy, Head of Accounting, Economics and Statistics in the Business School whilst on business in China in late September. John served Napier for 36 years and was a valued and respected friend, teacher and colleague. Our sympathies and kindest thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.



Forthcoming Activities

Seminar organized by our Association

1. Graduands Party.

University graduation is surely among the most memorable and colourable events in life. To celebrate your academic achievement and welcome you to the big family of Napier University alumni, the Development Office at Napier and the Napier University Hong Kong Association is jointly organizing a Graduands' Party for graduating students in Hong Kong who will be conferred their degree in January 2009. The party will be held at a Scottish-theme pub which provide traditional Scottish snacks and atmosphere that gives you the first hand experience in alma mater's origin. At the party, you will have the chance to mingle with your classmates, lecturers, representatives from the Association as well as staff from Napier. Details will be provided on our website and Facebook group in due course. Stay tune for details.

Events organized by our friendly organizations

1. By Chartered Institution of Marketing (Hong Kong Branch)

- The CIM HK Monthly Social Gathering on Wednesday 08th October at Caffe Habitu in Central. At the gathering, Mr. Yu Kwok Hung, a seasoned social worker and Officer-in-Charge of Tin Chak Workshop & Hostel, Intensive Employment Assistant Programme, Po Leung Kuk will share his experience in overcoming challenges facing his works in the Tin Shui Wan community, which has been dubbed as "Sorrowful City" for its higher-than-average severity of social problems.
- For details and registration, please contact CIM Hong Kong directly at 2868-1110 or info@cimhk.org.hk