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The International Leadership and Chapter Award – September, 2006

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Following the award of International Most Valued Volunteer by our previous President of Hong Kong Chapter, Mr. Richard Ko, in 2003, The Hong Kong Chapter in setting another milestone in its history. With an significant increase in chapter events during 2006, the Hong Kong Chapter was awarded the Global Outstanding Chapter of the Year in 2006. In the meantime, Ms. Irene Leung was awarded Chapter Members of the Year. Congratulation to the Hong Kong Alumni and Irene for the marvelous job! Other awards recipients are as following:

Outstanding Chapter:

Hong Kong
New York-Manhattan

Chapters of the Year:

Alumni Association Japan
California-Golden Gate
Caribbean Islands
Illinois-Wisconsin
Texas-Lone Star
Washington DC

Chapter Members of the Year:

John Anthony, Jr. – Pennsylvania-Delaware Valley
Jodie Diegel – Illinois-Wisconsin Chapter
Irene Wing-Yan Leung – Hong Kong Chapter
Bobby Mann – Washington DC Chapter
Makoto Nakaire – Alumni Association Japan

-Eric Chu

GIA Cut Grade Workshop - May 6, 2006

Since the announcement of GIA on imposing the Cut Grade in their Diamond Grading Report, only seminars were being given to explain the Grading System in Hong Kong. The FIRST Hands-On Workshop in Hong Kong was scheduled and the Alumni Members of Hong Kong Chapter who are G.G. or Diamonds Graduate were having the chance to attend the free workshops. New Diamond Grading Lab. Manual are available now which covers a lot of important information and help to better understand the new GIA Cut Grading System. Three workshops on different dates were scheduled. Workshops were held on May 6 & 27, and June 10 at the GIA Hong Kong Office. Ms.Seung Hae Moon, GIA Director of Global Education, was hosting the workshops and participants of the workshops were all delighted.



-Henry Leung

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Recent Development in Treatment and Synthesis of Diamond, Ruby, and Jadeite – March 3, 2006

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Dr. Wuyi Wang, the research scientist of GIA Laboratory New York, presented to the Alumni members of the GIAAA (Hong Kong Chapter) the recent development in treatment and synthesis of diamond, ruby, and jadeite. This seminar reported the gemological/spectroscopic features for identification of the following important treatment/synthesis processes:-

- A multi-process involves annealing, HPHT, and radiation that turns natural diamonds into attractive pink-purple-orange color
- New techniques in growing better and faster CVD synthetic diamond
- HPHT technique that produces top quality jadeite of various colors
- Pb-glass fracture-filling converts poor-quality red corundum to beautiful rubies



There are around 70 people attending the lecture which was held exclusively for our members as well as current students and guests in GIAHK office. About 10 samples were brought in from the US and were on display during the evening. People enjoyed the seminar presented by Dr. Wang and had a wonderful evening.

- Henry Leung

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