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GEMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
Alumni Association (Hong Kong Chapter)

Newsletter

2007 Annual Dinner

The 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Chapter – January 8, 2008

Year 2007

President

Irene Leung, G.G.

Vice President

Joanne Chan, G.G.

Secretary

Eric Chu, G.G.

The year 2007 marked the 25th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Chapter. On top of the regular events, a golf tournament was held in September 2007. Leaders from local trade organizations, members from the Hong Kong Chapter and Japan Chapter were participated in the event. Mr. Brook Ellis, GIA-Vice President of Education, was hosting the opening ceremony.



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Dominic Yim, G.G.

Lisa Lee, G.G.

At the closing of the 25th year of the Alumni Association-Hong Kong Chapter, a dinner was also held in the Central of Hong Kong hosting over hundred of guests included founding members of the Chapter, GIA graduates, trade leaders, and government officers. In conjunction to the dinner was a gemological forum presenting Presidents and Chairmen from five leading trade organizations in Hong Kong (including Diamond Federation of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Jewelry Manufacturers' Association, Hong Kong Jewellers' and Goldsmiths' Association, Hong Kong Jewellery & Jade Manufacturers Association, and Hong Kong Gemstone Manufacturers' Association). Other speakers included Government Officer from the Hong Kong Accreditation Service and local gemologists. The speakers were kind enough in sharing their insights in current applications of gemology in the trade, aligning the legal requirements for gemological standards, and encouraging the GIA graduates in servicing the industry.

Programme

Tommy Lee, G.G.

Anthony Luk, G.G.

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Henry Leung, G.G.

Eric Chu, G.G.

The dinner also celebrated GIA graduates for the year 2007. Ms. Seung Hae Moon, Director of GIA Global Education, was presenting diplomas to the new graduates. Lucky draws and games were followed and the guests were having a joyful and enlightening evening.



- Eric Chu

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GIA Gem Fest – September 27, 2007

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Gem Fest 2007 was held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre during the Hong Kong Jewellery Show. The seminar started after a clamoring continent breakfast in the morning. Mr. Ken Scarratt, Director of Research at GIA Laboratory-Thailand, and Mr. Tom Moses, Senior Vice President of GIA Laboratory and Research, were presenting some of their research findings on corundum and pearls using the breakthrough Laser Ablation ICPMS microscopic technology. Minute differentiating beryllium elements were revealed in natural and treat corundum and some of the spectroscopic detail were exhibited. This year, we also have Dr. Mink Stavenga, Dean of the GIA School of Business, to introduce the GIA Degree Program and a review of the global economics and its impacts on the global Jewellery industry.

Before the end of the event, Mr. Brook Ellis also presented the Outstanding Chapter of the year 2006 to the Hong Kong Chapter and the Chapter of the year 2006 to the Japan Chapter. Congratulation and thank you to the hard work of the two Asian Chapters in 2006.



- Eric Chu

The 25th Anniversary Golf Tournament – September 24, 2007

Programme

Tommy Lee, G.G.

Anthony Luk, G.G.

Web coordinator

Henry Leung, G.G.

Eric Chu, G.G.

In celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Alumni Hong Kong Chapter, a golf tournament was held on September 24 at the Jockey Club Kau Sai Chau Public Golf Course. Directors and Leaders from local trade associations were invited to participate in the event. There were total 34 participants for the event, of which 15 were Alumni Members. Mr. Michio Iwasaki, Alumni from Japan, won the Grand Champion and Mr. Anthony Luk, Alumni from Hong Kong, won the Net Winner Trophy for the event. The event was held on the day just after the typhoon signal No.3 in the morning. There were heavy showers during the tournament and all our participants shared an unforgettable but joyful game under the adverse weather condition! A lunch buffet was followed by the prize presentation.



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Participating Organizations:

- Diamond Federation of Hong Kong, China
- The Gemmological Association of Hong Kong Ltd.
- Gemological Institute of America, Carlsbad
- Gemological Institute of America, Japan
- Guangzhou Panyu Jewelry Manufacturers Association
- Hong Kong Gemstone Manufacturers' Association Ltd
- Hong Kong Gold & Silver Ornament Workers & Merchants General Union
- Hong Kong Jade Association
- Hong Kong Jewellery & Jade Manufacturers Association
- Hong Kong Jewelry Manufacturers' Association



- Eric Chu

The Alumni Association Annual Awards – July, 2007

The Alumni Hong Kong Chapter had finalized the votes for the nomination of the 2007 Alumni Awards. Mr. Dominic Yim was voted the Alumni Achievement Award (Hong Kong Chapter) and Mr. Eric Chu was voted the Alumni Leadership Award (Hong Kong Chapter). Dominic, Membership Officer of the Chapter, is an experienced and renowned local gemologist who has occasionally given talks and seminars on gemological issues. Eric, Secretary of the Chapter, has been serving the Executive Committee since 2001 and has been taken on different Officer positions in the committee. The Executive Committee had presented the Awards to Dominic and Eric and both of them were nominated to compete for the International Alumni Achievement Award and International Alumni Leadership Award for the year 2007. Congratulations and best wishes for Dominic and Eric!

- Eric Chu

The Bangkok Gems Tour – June 29 – July 2, 2007

During the HKSAR Reunification Anniversary, 36 participants joined the tour to the world capital of ruby and sapphire and a major gemstone cutting and jewelry manufacturing center. Other than visiting the GIA campus and laboratory, the group also traveled to the city of Chantaburi, one of the famous gems towns of the South-East Asia, and take a look in the renowned weekend gems trade market.



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