

Hong Kong Yue Clan Association Marks 89th Anniversary with Scholarship and Elder Appreciation Ceremony



The Hong Kong Yue Clansmen Association held its 89th anniversary celebration on the evening of April 25 at Maxim's Palace Chinese Restaurant, combining the event with the second Elder Appreciation and Scholarship Presentation Ceremony of its 30th term and a Lunar New Year gathering for members.

Held at a new venue this year, the event drew clan members and guests who arrived early before the programme began. The gathering brought together members of the Yue clan and invited guests from different sectors in a festive setting.

At 7 p.m., emcees Lok Ka-wing and Sung Tze-pang of Elegantia College opened the evening programme.

Among those attending were association chairman Alan Yu Zhongyuan, President Johnson Yee, vice presidents Yu Bailing, Richard Yue and Danny Yu Weiming, chief supervisor Yu Haolin, deputy chief supervisor Yu Shenmao and other association leaders. Guests also included Liu Liyuan, a standing committee member of the Taishan Municipal Committee and head of its publicity department; Wu Debin, a standing committee member of the Kaiping

Municipal Committee and head of its United Front Work Department; Yao Legui, mayor of Baisha Town in Taishan; Yu Luorong, executive deputy head of the United Front Work Department of the Kaiping Municipal Committee; Yu Zhuo'er, chairman of the board of Kaiping Fengcai Experimental School; U Cheok Un, founding president of the Macau Yu Clansmen Association; Kuok Cheng U, chairman of its board; and representatives of friendly organizations, including the Hong Kong Taishan Chamber of Commerce.

In his remarks, chairman Alan Yu Zhongyuan reviewed the association's work over the past year, saying it had continued to strengthen kinship ties, promote ancestral values, encourage mutual support and advance clan affairs. He said the association had maintained close contact with Yue clansmen in different regions and continued to expand its network. Guest speakers Wu Debin and Liu Liyuan both highlighted the importance of strengthening clan unity, supporting the Ninth World Yee Family Convention and promoting education and talent development in the Taishan and Kaiping area.

Alan Yu also announced two upcoming events. The association will host the Ninth World Yue Family Convention in Hong Kong on Nov. 13 and 14, bringing together clansmen from around the world who share the same ancestral surname, rendered in different romanizations including U, Er, Yue, Yu and Yee. After the convention, Dik Hoi Fengcai Hall will organize a four-day tour of Taishan and Kaiping, with stops at Chikan Ancient Town, the Mei Family Courtyard, Haikou Port and Guishui Village. Participants will also attend the 40th anniversary celebration of Kaiping Fengcai Overseas Chinese Secondary School and visit Taishan Wuxi Middle School.

He called on directors, supervisors and members to work together to ensure the success of the convention and related activities, and to demonstrate the unity of the Hong Kong Yue Clansmen Association.

In his remarks, Wu Debin said the Kaiping Municipal Party Committee and Kaiping Municipal Government would fully support the celebratory events to be held in Kaiping this November by the World Yue Family Association.

Alan Yu said the association had long supported education initiatives in mainland China and regarded promoting learning and assisting students in need as core family values. He said the association had continued its tradition of recognizing academic achievement and providing educational assistance, with the aim of encouraging younger generations to pursue studies and contribute to the clan and their hometown.

Liu Liyuan also briefed attendees on Taishan's economic and social development over the past year. He said Taishan had expanded its group-based school management model and added 2,600 high-quality school places. He highlighted the performance of Wuxi Middle

School, noting that nearly half of its students had gained admission to key senior high schools and that it had won the first prize for advanced quality in collaborative junior secondary education in Jiangmen for eight consecutive years. He also said the school's volleyball team won second prize in a national competition in 2024 while representing Guangdong Province.

Wu Debin said Yue clan members at home and abroad had made sustained contributions to education, culture and public welfare in Kaiping. He said supporters had backed the development of Fengcai Middle School and Fengcai Overseas Chinese Secondary School, including improvements to teaching facilities. He added that Yu Zhuo'er had donated more than RMB 150 million to build the primary and junior secondary divisions of Fengcai Experimental School and had pledged a further HKD 82 million in 2025 for its senior secondary division. He also said clan associations and community leaders had established teaching and scholarship awards at 17 schools in Kaiping and Taishan.

Following the guest speeches, the association held a souvenir presentation ceremony.

Commemorative gifts were presented to the Hong Kong Yue Clansmen Association by the people's governments of Kaiping and Taishan, the government of Baisha Town, the Taishan Education Bureau, Taishan Wuxi Middle School, Taishan Xinning Magazine, Fengcai Monthly, Kaiping Fengcai Middle School, Kaiping Donghe Junior Secondary School, Kaiping Fengcai Overseas Chinese Secondary School, the board of directors of Dik Hoi Fengcai Hall, the Macau Yue Fengcai Hall and Yue Clan Association, the Shaoguan Yu Jing Memorial Hall, the Wulaoshan Yue Clan Association and the Xinhui Fengcai Hall Public Welfare and Charity Association. The presentations conveyed congratulations on the association's anniversary and best wishes for its continued development.

The scholarship presentation followed. The association first announced the names of contributors to its scholarship fund over the years. For the 2024–25 academic year, 18 children of association members received scholarships, which were presented in six groups by Vice Presidents Yu Weiming, Yu Bailing and Yu Huazhou, Chief Supervisor Yu Haolin, President Johnson Yee and Chairman Alan Yu Zhongyuan.

Chief Supervisor Yu Haolin delivered the thank-you speech, expressing appreciation to officials in Taishan and Kaiping and to supporting organizations from various sectors for their longstanding support of Yue clan affairs. He also extended his wishes for Hong Kong's continued prosperity, favorable weather and good harvests in Taishan and Kaiping, and the country's ongoing development.

The commemorative photo session was conducted in three stages. The first featured a group photograph of the senior leaders and guests seated on the dais; the second brought

together the leaders, guests, and scholarship recipients; and the third was a grand group photograph of the leaders, guests, scholarship recipients, and all directors and supervisors of the clan association.

This was followed by the banquet, with more than 70 tables arranged for the celebration. Throughout the evening, the festivities were enlivened by a variety of entertainment performances. Hong Kong Fengcai Secondary School presented violin, viola, and guitar duets and trios, while teachers from Fengcai Secondary School and Wuxi Middle School also took the stage to add to the festive spirit. Mr. Yu Kaibong, Honorary President of this magazine, and Mr. Yu Haiying, Vice President, each performed songs such as “Return Again to Shenyuan” and “A Loyal Heart of Iron and Blood,” respectively, showcasing their musical talent.

At the height of the banquet, the leaders of the Hong Kong Yue Clansmen Association gathered on the dais and raised their glasses in a series of toasts: “To world peace, and to the people of all nations enjoying security, prosperity, and contentment—cheers! To the continued peace and prosperity of our motherland, and to Hong Kong’s enduring stability and flourishing development—cheers! To the Hong Kong Yue Clan Association and all our friendly organizations from every sector, may your affairs continue to prosper, and may you achieve ever greater success; and to all clan members and friends present this evening, may your families be blessed with happiness, and may you enjoy robust health and strength—cheers!”

At around 10:00 p.m., the banquet ended. We wish the Hong Kong Yue Clansmen Association continued prosperity in all its endeavors, and we extend our heartfelt best wishes for the complete success of the preparations for the Ninth World Yee Family Convention.







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