

**Vote of Thanks by Mr Kelvin Tang, President, The University of Hong Kong
Law Alumni Association at the 50th Anniversary Gala Dinner of the
Faculty of Law of The University of Hong Kong (24 November 2019)**

The Honourable Chief Justice Ma, Dean of Faculty Professor Fu, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, good evening.

Before delivering my vote of thanks to all working parties involved in this Gala Dinner, I would like to first thank for each of your presence here tonight, especially in view of the recent unstable and, if I may say, unpleasant social conditions and atmosphere. Our city has been through difficult times since June this year, and we admit that this is not a perfect timing for celebration. However, the HKU Law Faculty's Golden Jubilee is in no doubt an important milestone to many of us, in particular the founding members and the first batch of graduates many of whom are also with us this evening. So, notwithstanding the many uncertainties and difficulties facing us, we've still decided to treasure this very moment and occasion for us to gather, to look back, to reflect and, most importantly, to move forward.

Speaking of this dinner at this venue and with this scale, I must confess that it had made me anxious since the first day I became the President (which was back in 3

years ago), worrying about the turnout, the programmes, the funding, etc. I am fortunate, truly, for having my Exco members who always stood by my side whenever I panicked and lost direction.

I thank all committee members in the Gala Dinner Working Group for your wisdom and effort. I'm sure you will find the idea of using origamis at the Table Prize Section intriguing. I hope that you've enjoyed the interaction at your table whilst doing the Quiz. And I believe that you'll appreciate the memo pads in your dinner packs that were designed by our students.

I thank all individual, corporate, class and other professional bodies' sponsorship, be it in terms of cash, prizes or other items. I specifically thank those sponsors and donors who kindly funded our students to join this dinner at a discounted price.

I thank Mr. Adrian Chow for providing his professional support and for being the composer, lyricist and producer of the Theme Song 深耕半世紀, Ms. J. Arie and the Law Alumni Choir for recording the vocal parts of the song. I am sure you all have enjoyed the opening performance and do feel free to update your song list now.

I thank Mr. Julian Law and his team for producing the MTV of the Theme Song, the video of the opening which captured many precious moments in the history of the Faculty and the 3 promotional videos of Alice, Rick and Johannes which, I believe, had contributed significantly to the high turnout tonight.

I thank Daymaker Creatives Limited for taking care of all the audio & video settings, technical support and photography in this dinner.

I thank the presence of all the VIP guests, especially those who have travelled all way back from other places to join this event. I regret that I don't have chance to greet each of you and I hope that we will meet again in other occasions very soon.

I thank the strong manpower from the Law Association and all student helpers for ensuring the smooth running of the dinner, preparing the dinner packs, ushering guests, collecting quiz papers, etc.

Finally, and most importantly, I thank the amazing working team from the Faculty (including Julienne, Rachel, Gloria, Rita, Sandy and Augustine) for your promising and persistent support, without which this dinner could not have been so successfully

held. If I am invited to help in the celebration of the 55th, 60th, 65th or even 70th anniversary of the Faculty, I hope that you all will still stay on board.

Once again, thanks all for coming and I hope you've enjoyed the night. Thank you very much.