

Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association
Report for the Financial Year ended September 2015

Chairman's Statement

I am pleased to report that Hong Kong Youth Hostels Association had another successful year. The support from different friendly partners and the effort of HKYHA's committee and staff had been rewarded with remarkable international recognitions.

The Association runs seven hostels in Hong Kong, providing simple and affordable accommodation to local young people as well as international travellers. The determination and performance towards this mission has been recognised by the federation, Hostelling International, with the award of top 3 "HI5ives Award" in two consecutive years among the 90 federation associate members. Our flagship city hostel, YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel, has been becoming more popular among the backpackers' market, and has received several international awards – "2014 Award of Excellence" by "Booking.com", "Certificate of Excellence 2015" by "Daodao.com, tripadvisor China".

With the contribution to the heritage conservation aspect, YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel has won the award "Honorable Mentions, UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation 2015". A ceremony was held to record the significant moment when the award was presented by the representative of The United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture (UNESCO) to HKYHA, under the witness of Mr. Paul Chan, Secretary for Development of the Hong Kong SAR, MH, JP.

In addition, the Association commits to facilitating a variety of services to hostellers and providing a platform for nature appreciation and cultural exchange, including different festive hostel activities throughout the year, the YHA youth cultural exchange tour co-organized by the counterpart associations in China and Taiwan in May 2015, and YHA Backpacker Pro which sent 4 nominated young adults to a backpacker trip in Singapore in August 2015 to experience and share the local culture with other HKYHA members online.

As a non-profit-making organisation with no government subvention, we are committed to promoting the Lion Rock Spirit as well as the energetic hostelling culture to local young people and travellers worldwide. The Jockey Club Mei Ho House Hong Kong Spirit Learning Programme has been rolled out for the 2nd year to provide teaching materials and school guided tours to local primary and secondary schools aiming to encourage the younger generation to learn from Hong Kong's history and the striving and resilient spirit of the people that contributed to the success of Hong Kong. To promote the concept of healthy lifestyle, outdoor activity, self-challenge, and care for the environment, the 9th annual Ngong Ping Charity Walk was successfully held in January 2015 to raise funds for the Association's operations and activities.

Facing the global market down trend, especially the uncertain factors to Hong Kong tourism industry in the coming year, it is going to be a challenging year to HKYHA. Nevertheless, we will continue to improve our

hostel services, promote hostelling culture, organise interactive events and build the HKYHA brand, in order to reach more guests from around the world and strive towards our goals and missions.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my fellow members of the Executive Committee and all sub-committee / working group members for their support and guidance in the past year, and to all the staff and volunteers for their dedication and hard work.

Terry Liu

Chairman

Executive Committee of HKYHA

23 March 2016

Review of Operations

Hostel Operations

The Association's hostel operations include daily management of the seven hostels, repair and maintenance of hostel facilities, major improvement projects and other support services. The Buildings & Operations Sub-Committee oversees the planning and implementation of repair and maintenance works as well as hostel operations.

During the year, improvement works were carried out, including:

- Room refurbishment at Jockey Club Mt. Davis Youth Hostel
- Set up of kiosk at Bradbury Jockey Club Youth Hostel and YHA Ngong Ping SG Davis Youth Hostel
- Interior refurbishment at YHA Ngong Ping SG Davis Youth Hostel
- Upgrade of camping equipment at YHA Ngong Ping SG Davis Youth Hostel

Others improvement works such as replacement of air conditioners, fridges, beddings and blankets, WiFi signal enhancement in various hostels.

Marketing and Fundraising Activities

Marketing function includes the promotion of the HKYHA brand, hostel accommodation, and the Association's membership to hostellers as well as planning and implementation of promotion events.

During the year, the following marketing and fundraising events were organized:

- Ngong Ping Charity Walk on 11 January 2015
- University Roadshows between March and April 2015
- YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel Open Day on 16-17 May 2015
- YHA Cultural Exchange Tour between 29 May and 1 June 2015
- Participated in the Hong Kong International Travel Expo in June 2015
- YHA Backpacker Pro in August 2015

Voluntary Services

HKYHA is widely supported by volunteers in organizing different kinds of events and activities for the benefits of travellers and young people. Volunteer groups organised regular outdoor activities at the Association's hostels while volunteers from educational institutions also offered their help in various events.

During the year, our volunteers had a busy schedule of hard work and participated in the following activities:

- Ngong Ping Charity Walk 2015
- University Roadshow 2015
- International Travel Expo 2015
- Planting work in Jockey Club Mt. Davis Youth Hostel
- Daily guided tour of YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel
- Various activities held in different hostels

HKYHA Activity Overview



Ngong Ping Charity Walk on 11 January 2015



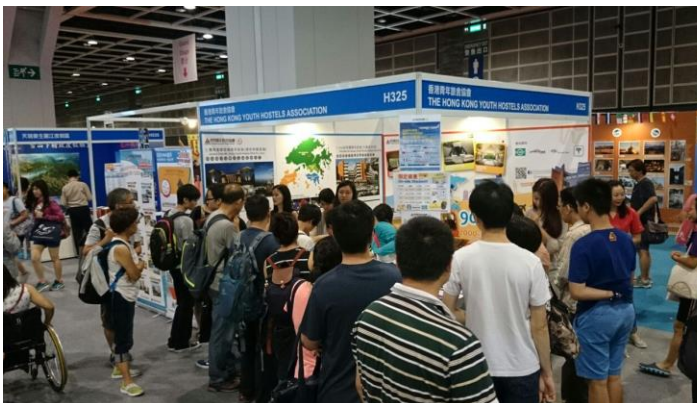
Universary Roadshow in March and April 2015



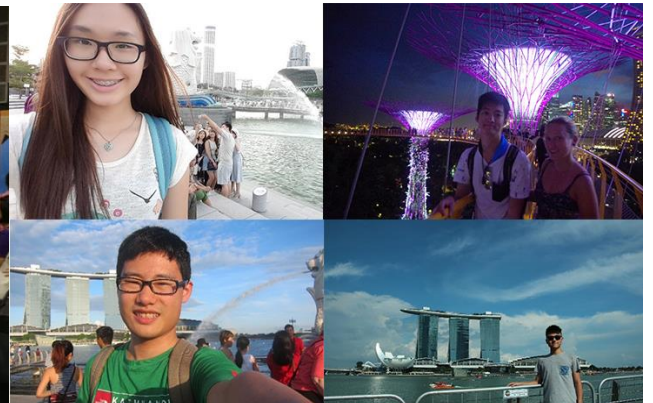
YHA Youth Cultural Exchange Tour in May 2015



YHA Mei Ho House Youth Hostel
Open Day in May 2015



International Travel Expo in June 2015



YHA Backpacker Pro in August 2015

Acknowledgement

HKYHA would like to thank all donors and volunteers, as well as the following charities trusts and funds, corporations and organizations for their generous support to our work.

Corporations

- Anatolia Cultural & Dialogue Centre
- A.S. Watson Group (HK) Limited
- Cathay Pacific Catering Services (Hong Kong) Limited
- Canadian Gold Beverages
- Chamonix Alpine Equipment by Hong Kong Mountaineering Training Centre
- Citygate Management Office - Swire Properties Management Limited
- CK Life Sciences International (Holdings) Inc.
- Concept We Company Limited
- Fino's Trading Company
- Fook Wah Kun Kee Knitting Factory Limited
- Forex Trading Company
- Grand Smart International Development Limited
- HKTraveler.com Limited
- Hong Kong Aero Engine Services Limited
- Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Hotel Novotel Hong Kong Citygate
- In-way Outdoor Goods Mfy Limited
- Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited
- Linkers CPA Limited
- Linkworld Hong Kong Limited
- Merck Pharmaceutical (HK) Limited
- Meyo Limited
- Mizuho Bank Limited
- Modern Terminals Limited
- MTR Corporation Limited
- Ngong Ping 360 Limited
- Nokia Solutions and Networks
- Old Make-Up Chinese Fashion Vintage Collectables
- Orient Fair Development Limited
- Otsuka Pharmaceutical (HK) Limited
- Pricewaterhouse Coopers Limited
- Protrek Company Limited
- Public Affairs Department - Swire Properties Limited
- Ralph Lauren Asia Pacific Limited
- Re:echo Asia Pacific Limited
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors
- Thong Sia Watch Company Limited
- Tung Chung Crescent Management Office, MTR Corporation Limited
- Wai Kee Jewellers Limited
- Weiyuen Hong Kong Limited

Communications & Media

- Hong Kong Discovery
- New Media Group
- RoadShow Holdings Limited
- Yahoo GoTrip

Community Groups and Associations

- Civil Aid Service Hong Kong
- Gold Award Holders Association Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Adventure Corps
- Hong Kong Air Cadets Corps
- Hong Kong Amateur Radio Transmitting Society
- Hong Kong Award for Young People
- Hong Kong Fire Services Outdoor Activity Group
- Hong Kong St. John Ambulance
- Imagezone
- Taiwan YHA
- YHA China
- YHA Volunteer Group
- 山川之友
- 爛頭營
- 摩星嶺之友

Education Institutes

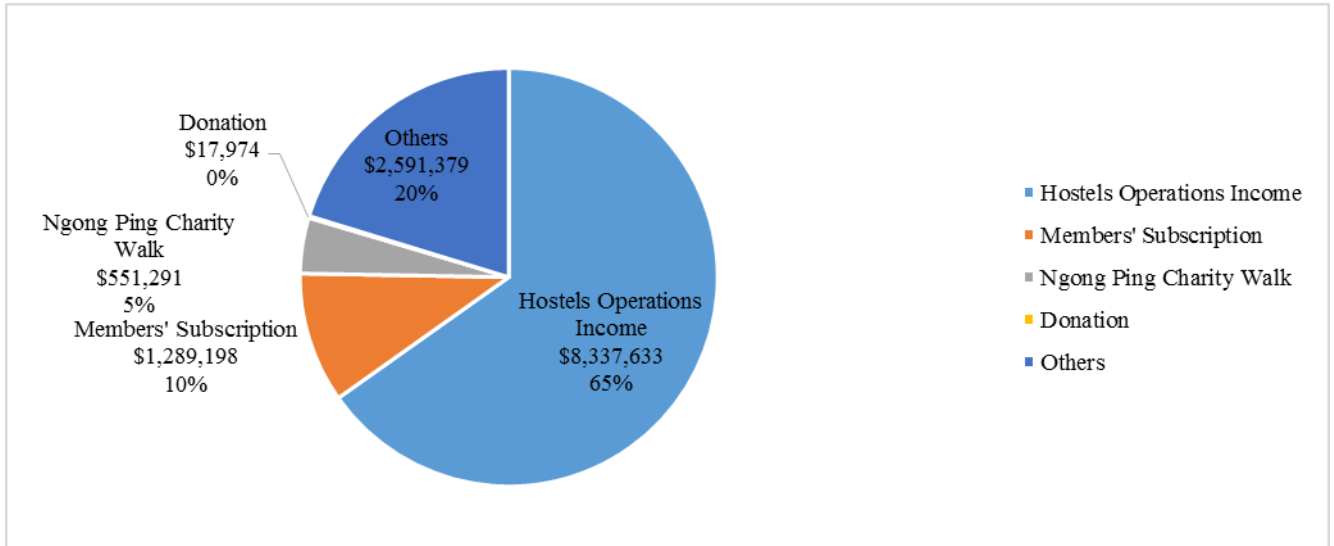
- Caritas Chai Wan Marden Foundation Secondary School
- Community College of City University of Hong Kong
- Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (Haking Wong)
- SKH Lui Ming Choi Secondary School

Government / Public Organisations

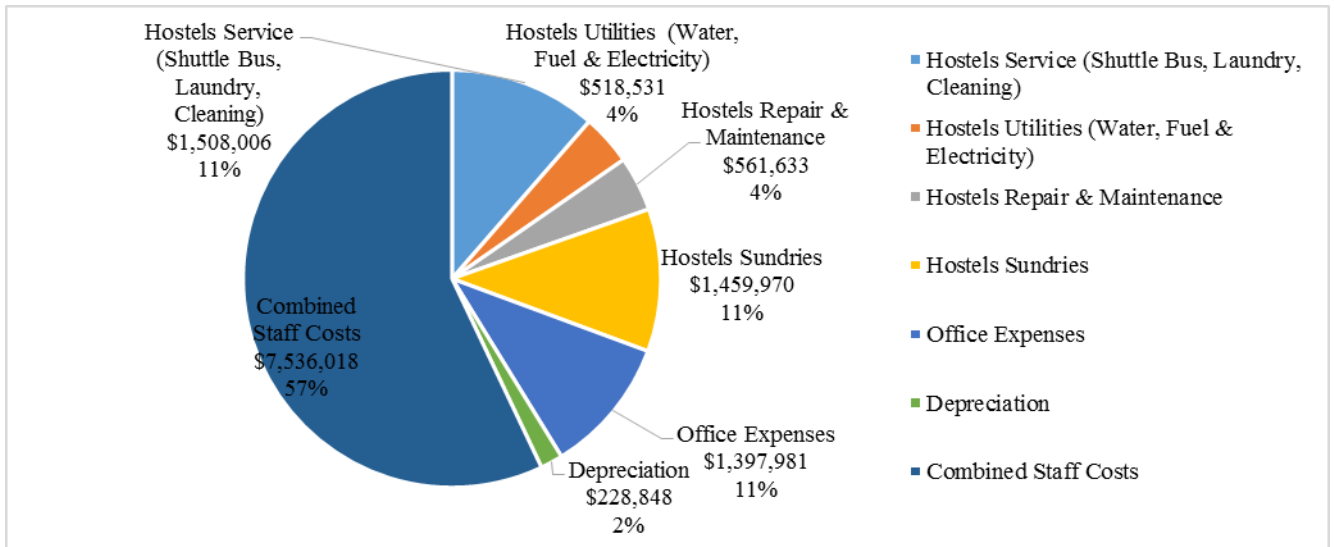
- Buildings Department
- Commissioner for Heritage's Office
- Development Bureau
- Hong Kong Tourism Board
- Planning Department
- Singapore Tourism Board

Financial Overview

Revenue and Other Incomes for the Year ended September 2015 (Total: HK\$12,787,475)



Total Operating Expenses for the Year ended September 2015 (Total: HK\$13,210,987)



Corporate Governance

Details of the attendance at Board and Sub-Committee meetings held during the Year ended December 2015 are set out in the following table:

Member	Executive Committee	YHA Management Sub-Committee	MHH Management Sub-Committee	Buildings & Operations Sub-Committee	Marketing Sub-Committee
LIU Chung-Yin Terry	5/5	8/9	5/5		
James Andrew CAMPBELL	2/5			3/4	
AU Hang-Yee	4/5	6/9	1/5		
CHAN Chi-Sun Thomas	2/5	6/9	4/5		
CHAN Tung-Shan Anthony	2/5	9/9	3/5		
CHONG Wing-Hong Benjamin	4/5			4/4	
HUI Cheuk-Kuen Desmond	2/5				2/4
HUI Wai-Tin	4/5				1/4
KWOK Wing-Chow	2/5			3/4	
LEUNG Kit-Man Andy	4/5			3/4	
LING Kit-Sum Imma	4/5		4/5		3/4
John Estmond STRICKLAND	4/5		3/5		
WONG Yick-Kam Michael	3/5	7/9	3/5		

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