Hong Kong Student Hostels Committee 2012/2013 Annual Report

Foreword
This report aims to provide a brief summary of the work of the Student Hostels Committee in the 2012/2013 academic year.

Terms of Reference
1. To formulate rules and regulations regarding hostels for students.
2. To receive, investigate, select and approve applications for residence from students.
3. To promote the welfare of the resident students.
4. To make recommendations regarding major repairs and alterations and purchase of furniture.
5. To administer the use of the facilities during vacations.
6. To formulate rules and regulations governing hostels and other College facilities when used by outsiders.
7. To supervise resident associations through Wardens in the management of the hostel.

Membership
Professor So Lai Man Stella (Chairperson)
Ms. Amy Cheng (Secretary)
Ms. Alice Lo (Assistant to Secretary)
Ms. Shirley Ma (Assistant to Secretary)
Mrs. Angeline Kwok (College Secretary, until January 1, 2013)
Dr. Jane Cheung (College Secretary, since January 2, 2013)
Professor Cheung Wai Man
Professor Fong Wing Ping
Professor Fung Tung
Professor Lam Mong Chow
Professor Leung Ho Fung
Dr. Ngai Hung Kui
Professor Siu Fung Ying Angela
Professor Mary Waye
Professor Wong Nim Yan
Professor You Hoi Sze Joyce (Warden, Hua Lien Tang)
Professor Wong Kun Chun (Warden, Lee Shu Pui Hall)
Professor Cheung Yuet Wah (Warden, Madam S. H. Ho Hall)
Rev. Dr. Ng Wai Man Andrew (Warden, Ming Hua Tang)
Professor Ng Kee Pui Dennis (Warden, Pentecostal Mission Hall Complex High Block, hereafter refer as PMHC High Block)
Professor Cheng Pui Wan (Warden, Pentecostal Mission Hall Complex Low Block, hereafter refer as PMHC Low Block)
Professor Kwan Shui Man Simon (Warden, Theology Building)
Dr. Linda Yung (Warden, Wen Chih Tang)
Dr. Wong Ka Lok, Edmund (Warden, Wen Lin Tang)
Professor Ko Wing Hung (Warden, Ying Lin Tang)
Mr. Pang Chun Ming (Student Union representative until February 2013)
Ms. Wong Hei Tung (Student Union representative until February 2013)
Ms. Chung Yik Sau (Student Union representative since March 2013)
Mr. Chio Ka Fai (Student Union representative since March 2013)

Representatives from Residents’ Associations
Ms. Wong Hau Ting Shirley (Hua Lien Tang representative until December 2012)
Ms. Wong Ka Lam (Hua Lien Tang representative since January 2013)
Mr. Chan Yu Pan Jacky (Lee Shu Pui Hall representative until December 2012)
Mr. Chang Ka Fai (Lee Shu Pui Hall representative since January 2013)
Mr. Szeto Pui Kit (Madam Ho Hall representative until December 2012)
Mr. Wong Long Yin (Madam Ho Hall representative since January 2013)
Mr. Tsang Pan Pan (Ming Hua Tang representative until December 2012)
Mr. Chan Chiu Yuen (Ming Hua Tang representative since January 2013)
Mr. Koo Paul Siu Hang (PMHC High Block representative until December 2012)
Mr. Lam Ka Ki (PMHC High Block representative since January 2013)
Ms. Yau Lok Tung (PMHC Low Block representative until December 2012)
Ms. Li Ching Yu (PMHC Low Block representative since January 2013)
Mr. Pao Tung Hei (Theology Building representative until December 2012)
Mr. Liu Tak Chun Terence (Theology Building representative since January 2013)
Ms. Lee Wai Man (Wen Chih Tang representative until December 2012)
Ms. Wong Shui Yu Bertha (Wen Chih Tang representative since January 2013)
Mr. Tam Kai Hei (Wen Lin Tang representative until December 2012)
Mr. Lui Wai Ho (Wen Lin Tang representative since January 2013)
Mr. Siu Tik Lun Lachlan (Ying Lin Tang representative until December 2012)
Mr. Chan Sing Yan (Ying Lin Tang representative since January 2013)

I. Executive Committee, Sub-Committees and Working Groups

A. Executive Committee
   Member: Professor Stella So (Chairperson)
   Dr. Wong Ka Lok, Edmund
   Professor Wong Kun Chun
   Representative from Residents’ Association of PMHC Low Block
   Representative from Residents’ Association of Theology Building
   Ms. Amy Cheng (Secretary)
   Ms. Alice Lo
   Ms. Shirley Ma
B. Special Selection (Personal Reasons) Sub-Committee for 2013/2014 entry
   Member: Dr. Ngai Hung Kui
   Professor Angela Siu
   Ms. Amy Cheng (Secretary)
   Meeting held on July 26, August 1 & September 23, 2013

C. Special Selection (Hostel Participation) Sub-Committee for 2013/2014 entry
   Member: Respective Wardens
   Respective Chairmen of Residents’ Associations
   Student Representative of Committee
   Ms. Amy Cheng (Secretary)
   Meetings for respective hostels held on June 21 & 24, 2013

D. Grading System Review Sub-Committee
   Member: Professor Leung Ho Fung (Convener)
   Professor Wong Nim Yan
   Representative from Residents’ Association of PMHC High Block
   Representative from Residents’ Association of Wen Chih Tang
   Representative of Chung Chi Student Union
   Ms. Amy Cheng (Secretary)
   Ms. Alice Lo
   Ms. Shirley Ma
   Meetings held on February 8, 2013

II. Hostel Places

   Out of 2103 applications received in 2012/2013, 1537 students got a
   place (1455 students resided in our college student hostels and 82 students
   resided in the International Houses). The percentage of successful
   application was 73.09%. The detailed distribution of the hostel places and
   occupancy rate was as follows:

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<th>HOSTELS</th>
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<th>Total</th>
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<td>Hua Lien Tang</td>
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<td>99</td>
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<td>Lee Shu Pui Hall</td>
<td>161</td>
<td>133</td>
<td>294</td>
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<td>Madam S. H. Ho Hall</td>
<td>110</td>
<td>94</td>
<td>204</td>
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<td>Ming Hua Tang</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>41</td>
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<td>Pentecostal Mission Hall Complex High Block</td>
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<td>203</td>
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<td>406</td>
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<td>Theology Building</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>68</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wen Chih Tang</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>113</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wen Lin Tang</td>
<td>54</td>
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<td>Ying Lin Tang</td>
<td>104</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL number of hostel places in CC</strong></td>
<td>624</td>
<td>832</td>
<td>1456</td>
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<td>Type of Room</td>
<td>Hostel fee</td>
<td>Miscellaneous charges</td>
<td>Deposit</td>
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<td>Standard rooms</td>
<td>HK$9,740</td>
<td>HK$300 (including laundry)</td>
<td>HK$1,000</td>
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<td>Single rooms</td>
<td>HK$12,662</td>
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<td>Special rooms</td>
<td>HK$6,494</td>
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In 2012/2013, 45% of hostel places were reserved for freshmen because the number of freshmen was expected to be much more with the double cohort admission. Hence, the hostel places left for non-freshmen had therefore been reduced.

There were 131 residents withdrew their hostel places in the end of the first term due to various reasons, 82% of them were finishing their exchange term, going out for exchange and joining internship programme. All places vacated were allocated by the end of January.

III. **Hostel Maintenance and Equipment**

The details of major purchases and replacements carried out in individual student hostels from August 2012 to July 2013 are listed in the Appendix I.

The university had decided that starting in July 2012, the cost for painting the external wall of the student hostels which used to be covered by the university would need to be shared by the hostel fund. The university would share half of the cost for 10 years, after that the university would share 25% of the cost only. On top of this, there had been a new government requirement on the Mandatory Building Inspection Scheme and Mandatory Window Inspection Scheme in 2012. The hostel fund would need to be carefully managed to cover all these anticipated expenses.

To cut the unnecessary cost, the need for the telephone line in bedrooms was reviewed early this year since the current service agreement expired in May 2013. With adequate liaison with resident students as well as the College Student Union, it was decided that starting in 2013/14, the telephone line in the bedrooms would be cancelled. Nevertheless, there would be at least two telephone lines in the living room of each student hostels.
Besides, with the professional help from the ITSC of the University, a new Door Access System had been installed in the summer of 2013 for the main entrance door of each student hostel. Since then, the CU Link cards of resident student would be used for access instead of the traditional keys or localized system.

IV. **Summer Student Hostel and Summer Camps**

1. **Summer Student Hostel**
Ying Lin Tang, Madam SH Ho Hall and Pentecostal Mission Hall Complex (High Block) were opened for student summer residence in summer 2013. Four residence periods were arranged and the corresponding fees, number of applicants and residents were summarized as below:

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<th>Period</th>
<th>May 31 to July 5</th>
<th>July 5 to August 25</th>
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<th>September 1 to September 8</th>
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<td>Madam Ho Hall,</td>
<td>Madam Ho Hall</td>
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<td>PMHC (High Block)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Residence fees</td>
<td>HK$1,600</td>
<td>HK$2,700</td>
<td>HK$540</td>
<td>HK$540</td>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>151</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>74</td>
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<tr>
<td>Female</td>
<td>138</td>
<td>85</td>
<td>63</td>
<td>45</td>
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<td>Applicants</td>
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<tr>
<td>Male</td>
<td>144</td>
<td>90</td>
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<td>Female</td>
<td>127</td>
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<td>Residents</td>
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<td>Total number of residents</td>
<td>271</td>
<td>171</td>
<td>125</td>
<td>22</td>
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2. **Hostels For Summer Camps**
The student hostels, except Ying Lin Tang, were opened for summer camps from June 13 to September 8, 2012. The income from the summer camps was HK$2,071,875 (Appendix 2). This had been a very important source of revenue to our hostel fund and had helped a lot in financing the purchase of new equipment and facilities at the hostels.

V. **International Students & Non-local Students from Mainland**
This year, a total of 319 hostel places were allocated to non-local undergraduate students mainly from Mainland China (among them 20 were in I-Houses). Another 98 hostel places were allocated to incoming exchange students of College and University programmes (among them 10 were in I-Houses).
VI. **Hostel Fund**

The accumulated surplus is HK$17,266,491 for the year ended 30th June 2013 (Appendix 3). It should be noted that the Student Hostel Fund had to be monitored very closely as the maintenance of internal areas of student hostels, including the maintenance and replacement of equipment and facilities such as air-conditioners, was to be shouldered by the Student Hostel Fund.

VII. **Vote of Thanks**

We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all members of the Committee. With their kind support and cooperation, the Committee was able to set up and implement plans and policies for the smooth management of the hostels. We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms. Amy Cheng, Ms. Alice Lo and Ms. Shirley Ma for their diligence and enthusiasm in handling hostel matters which involved very complex and tedious work.

Special thanks were also extended to all the Wardens who have committed themselves to make the hostel life a valuable experience to our students and contributed a great deal of time assisting in the daily management of individual hostels. Last but not least, the unfailing support of Professor Leung Yuen Sang, the College Head, Mrs. Angeline Kwok and Dr. Jane Cheung are deeply appreciated.

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Stella So  
Chairperson  
Student Hostels Committee

February 18, 2014