



MEGA e-Newsletter

Mechanical Engineering Graduates' Association

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President's Column

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Welcome to the MEGA!

It has been five years since my graduation from this prestigious university. I am one of the 8th cohort of ME graduates, Even though we are graduates of a very young university and department, we achieved a lot and I am very proud to be a part of it.

As we all have graduated, we have "tasted" different aspects of the real life, such as career, family and relationship. We are all busy and cannot spend time for ourselves to have a break and even think about our lives. My personal dream for this MEGA is not only to organize social gatherings and industrial functions, but also to build a platform for us to grow and live together. My best wishes for you and all your friends and family in this community for many rewarding years to come.

Enjoy the first newsletter and see you at the Annual Dinner, CEO Night and Career Talk!

Sincerely

Dennis IP



Events



MEGA Sports Gathering !!!

MEGA Sports Gathering was successfully held on 21 July 2007 (SAT) at HKUST. Around 50 alumni from different years of graduation joined the activity. Some of the alumni even brought along with their families, children and friends to the event. In addition, members of MESA also participated in this gathering. The whole day was filled with fun, excitement and joy.

The Sports Gathering included football, basketball and badminton competitions. In the event, everyone shared the unforgettable memories of their university life at UST and was eager to learn more about the recent life of their friends. Every alumni who participated is already look forward to participate in the next Sports Gathering of MEGA..





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Upcoming Events

MEGA Annual Dinner

Date: February 2008

CEO Night

Date: TBA

DON'T MISS OUT !!!

MEGA Career Talk

Date: April 2008



Please contact MEGA at al_mega@ust.hk or look out MEGA homepage (<http://www.mega.ust.hk>) and Alumni E-mail for details.

Professor Corners



It was two years ago that we had the MEGA revived with the first meeting of the Committee held at the Department's common room on a Saturday afternoon. I was honored to help organized the meeting together with our forever anchoring person, Rosie Ma. The meeting was memorable as I was able to see a lot of faces that have grown out of those that I used to know. It was an occasion of sharing and acquaintance, but more importantly, of commitment to uphold the spirit and comradeship established in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at HKUST.

While some of the graduates have digressed into fields other than Mechanical Engineering, it touched upon me that the mechanical engineering education at HKUST has provided them with the spectrum of knowledge needed to embrace their career development. It was gratifying to see that all of them, though only armed with a few years of experience, have demonstrated a level of confidence and discipline that forms the grounding for future leadership. The subsequent well attended alumni gathering organized by the Founding Committee on 24th April 2005 was a tremendous success signifying the rebirth of MEGA. It had participation from graduates of every year since the inception of the Department. Over the years, I have maintained a causal contact with the Committee and keep track of the events.

Two years on, under the leadership of Dennis and the committee, I see MEGA as a dynamic organization with the vitality and aspirations of adolescence. I am looking forward to MEGA spreading it wings to build a strong link with MESA, our postgraduate alumni, and the Department. With the evolving four-year curriculum at the University, I hope the spirit that we have fostered in MEGA will strive through this season of change and help build a tradition and a culture that the alumni and the faculty of Mechanical Engineering at HKUST will revere.

Prof. Matthew YUEN



Alumni Corners

The Story - Rebirth of MEGA's

Dear Friends,

Hello! As one of the founding member of MEGA, I would like to share with you the story of how MEGA were formed.

Three years ago, I was fortunate to have been offered the opportunity to serve as an academic staff of the department. Together with the initiatives of faculty members, we all felt that it was important to establish a platform where alumni can share their work experiences and to network with one another. Forming an alumni group was naturally a way forward.



Locating the contacts

The initial stage was full of obstacles, as we did not have a comprehensive record of the contact details of all the MECH graduates. However, we were fortunate to have two key persons: The first is Prof. Matthew Yuen – a name too familiar to all of us. Prof. Yuen was amazing in locating where many of us are and helped greatly in establishing many of our contacts. The second is Mr. Francis Ng – a '95 graduate who was one of the founders of the MESA and has helped greatly by passing on the contacts to us. As a result, we finally recruited a core group of alumni to prepare for the inauguration of MEGA.



Launching MEGA

When to launch MEGA was also crucial to making a good start. We felt that it would be best if MEGA could be established to celebrate the 10th year anniversary of the first batch of graduates. We decided to organize a Homecoming Day, which was a great success. Over 130 attendees returned to HKUST, participating in the sport activities and also the dinner celebration. Since then, MEGA was active in organizing activities for its members, such as career talks, CEO nights, sports and other social gatherings.

Maintaining MEGA and staying in touch with you

The executive committee members have been very committed and we hope to ensure MEGA's continuous success in the years to come. In doing so, we also hope that you can leave us or update us with your contacts, either at: (1) <http://www.mega.ust.hk/> (click on Registration); or (2) <http://www.facebook.com> (Register and then search for group "MEGA, HKUSTAA"). We look forward to hearing from you again!

Best wishes,
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