



***HKAC President Dr. Frank Tam's Spring 2024 Message to Alumni & Friends***

**H**ong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) (previously known as China Sanyu Research Institute and South China Union College) has been in existence for over 100 years. The institution is renowned for its commitment to providing quality education with a strong emphasis on values and character development. On October 19, 2023, the Board of Governors of HKAC took an action to start the process of registering the college under Cap. 320 in Hong Kong. The decision that Board took is hugely significant in the history of the college because it will mean that HKAC will become a true postsecondary institution. Besides bearing the status of a postsecondary institution, this registration will bring many potential benefits to the college and its students.

Firstly, registering as a Cap. 320 institution will grant HKAC official recognition from the Hong Kong government. This recognition will enhance the college's credibility and reputation, positioning it as a trusted and reputable educational institution within the local education landscape.

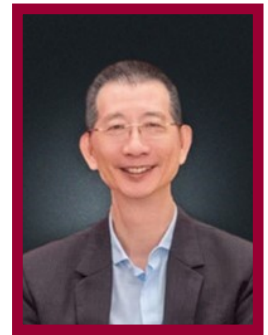
Secondly, as a Cap. 320 institution, HKAC will have the opportunity to offer a wider range of academic programs, including degree programs, satisfying the growing demand for higher education in Hong Kong. This expansion will attract a diverse pool of students and provide them with more options to pursue their academic and career aspirations.

Thirdly, registration as a Cap. 320 institution opens doors to funding opportunities from government grants and subsidies, as well as donations from philanthropists. These financial resources will enable HKAC to invest in infrastructure development, faculty recruitment, research initiatives, and student support services, ultimately enhancing the overall learning experience for students.

Fourthly, registering as a Cap. 320 institution will require HKAC to undergo a rigorous quality assurance process. This process will ensure that the college meets specific educational standards and regulations set by the government. The college's commitment to maintaining and exceeding these standards will further enhance the quality of education provided to its students.

Finally, as a Cap. 320 institution, HKAC's qualifications and credits will be readily recognized by other local educational institutions, facilitating student mobility and transferability. This seamless transition will provide students with greater flexibility in pursuing further education or transferring to other institutions within Hong Kong.

The decision of Hong Kong Adventist College to register as a Cap. 320 institution marks an exciting chapter in its journey towards further growth and excellence.



**Dr. Frank Tam**



As the college embraces this new milestone, it will continue to uphold its commitment to providing holistic education to empower students to grow in Christ spiritually, mentally, and physically.

**Dr. Frank Tam, PhD  
Incoming President,  
Hong Kong Adventist College**



*Top Photo of HKAC building by Ms. J. Shiu*

**HKAC Mission Trip Mae Lah Klo Christian School (Feb. 2024 / Page 1 of 5)**  
**Article by: Fall 2023-Spring 2024 HKAC Student Ambassador Charissa Oswari**

**Photos: Ms. Katerina Ma, Gem Peduche**  
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**Above Left to Right Back Row:**

Kitty Chae Eun Hwang, Shima Gurung (Class of 2024 Candidate), Charissa Oswari (2023-2024 HKAC Student Ambassador from Southern Adventist University), Tennessee, USA), Assistant Pr. Silas Yeung, Isaac Wai Liam Lun, Lydelter Bolodin, Pr. Thomas Sung Kit Wong

**Above Left to Right Front Row:**

Mae Lah Klo Christian School affiliated man and child, Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet, Dynne Charlotte Francis, Ms. K.M. Katerina Ma (HKAC Dormitory Dean & Sr. Assistant Librarian)

**F**or this year’s mission trip, we worked with Mae Lah Klo Christian School in Thailand. The school is close to the Thai-Burmese border and serves refugee students. We took over teaching their classes, organized afternoon activities, ran a morning and evening gospel week, and week of prayer.

It was beautiful because God was there with us. God is love and we were surrounded by love. The kids were so pure and loving. They found so much joy in simplicity and they were so determined to give the little they had. Receiving their love just made us want to give more. To know that they come from a past of brokenness and yet had so much love to give was amazing. For me, it was evidence that through it all God was with them, reaching out to them with arms of love. God used them to change me.

The kids didn’t speak very much English so we shared the gospel in its simplest form. Through smiles, hugs, stickers, sports, body language, laughter, pictures, and songs, we wanted them to know that we love them and more importantly that Jesus loves them even more.

**Left to Right:**

Assistant Pr. Silas Yeung  
 Pr. Thomas Sung Kit Wong  
 Assistant Pr. Winga Cheung  
 Mission Trip Friend  
 Dr. Arlene Siagian



**HKAC Mission Trip Mae Lah Klo Christian School (Feb. 2024 / Page 2 of 5)**  
**Article by: 2024 HKAC Dept. of Psychology Student Gem M. Ong Peduche**

**Photos: Ms. Katerina Ma**

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Mae Lah Klo Christian School student with her Sabbath Day penguin drawing



HKAC Student Gem Peduche taught a mathematics class on Day 1 of the February 2024 HKAC mission trip to Mae Lah Klo Christian School in Thailand, which hosts local and refugee children

During February 10, 2024 through February 19, 2024, the HKAC mission team experienced a grand adventure in its exciting trip to the Mae Lah Klo Christian School located in Maesot, Thailand. (This school is close to the border of Myanmar in Thailand). The hearts of the missionaries were changed and their lives transformed by the children of Mae Lah Klo Christian School. Who knew the plan that God had for us?

In this mission trip, our main project was the building of five additional lavatories near the classrooms. A portion of the team and some students painted the walls of the lavatories. Also, there were several classes, such as arts & crafts, geography, music, and math that the mission team taught.

There were additional activities such as movement (dancing), sports, choir, and several crafts and artwork in the afternoon. And there were worship meetings in the morning and afternoon. During these meetings, there were singing, Bible skits, and a message for the young students.

A personal experience during the worship meetings: two young boys would always sit beside me during the worship service. They both grew attached to me. Another young boy that I met could dance and beatbox like I could. I declared him my “mini me”. It was a wonderful time with these kids.

This mission trip left a lasting impression on the whole team. We never imagined the kind of love that would be shown to us.

Personally, I experienced a kind of innocent love that only children can give to dear family and friends—a kind of love that could never fade from our cherished memories of the trip.



Mae Lah Klo Christian school student posed in a selfie photo with Gem Mikguil Ong Peduche



Ms. Zuriel Ilagan, HKAA teacher and HKAC / AU Class of 2022 alumna, with a Mae Lah Klo Christian primary school student. Zuriel showed the student’s animal drawing, during the mission trip’s Sabbath Day class.

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**Photos: Ms. Katerina Ma**

**Images from the Mission Trip by HKAC Dorm Dean Ms. Kit Ming Katerina Ma**

**Layout & Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu**



**Gospel Session Day 1 (Left to Right Facing Students):**  
 Shima Gurung (Class of 2024 candidate), Maria Alysha Bondoc Figuera, Charissa Oswari (2023-2024 Student Ambassador), Audra H. Gunggut, Jess Rosabelle Justin, Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet, Lova Rakotomalala (2023-2024 Student Ambassador), Evangelina Pereverzina (Class of 2024 candidate), Dynne Charlotte Francis, Ferman Dahapin, Lydelter Bolodin, W. L. Isaac Lun, and W. H. (Brendan) Lau with Mae Lah Klo students



Mae Lah Klo Christian School pupil spends time with HKAC student Chae Eun (Kitty) Hwang on a wood table outdoors



Assistant Pr. Winga Cheung leads a day 2 arts & crafts class at Mission Trip Mae Lah Klo Christian School



Gem M. Ong Peduche, Shima Gurung (Class of 2024 candidate), Evangelina Pereverzina (Class of 2024 candidate), Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet & Perla Cassandra Gallegos teach a mission trip Day 2 movement class



Thailand road trip lunch break with Jess R. Justin, Audra H. Gunggut, and 2022 alumna Zuriel Ilagan



Thailand road trip lunch break prayers led by Assistant Pr. Winga Cheung and Professor & HKAC Div. Chairwoman, Dept. of General Education, Dr. Arlene Siagian

**HKAC Mission Trip Mae Lah Klo Christian School (Feb. 2024 / Page 4 of 5)**

**Photos: Gem Peduche**

**Images from the Week Long Mission Trip in Thailand**

**Layout & Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu**



**Left to Right Above:** Lydelter Bolodin, Gem Peduche, and Charissa Oswari during Gospel Session #1 on Day 1



**Left to Right Above:** Ms. Kit Ming Katerina Ma organizes a Day 1 mathematics class table, as mission trip members Dynne Charlotte Francis and team member look on



**Left to Right Above:** Chae Eun (Kitty) Hwang and Chong Kit Jet Wong organize a mathematics class table as students look on



**Left to Right Above:** Day 4 arts & crafts class session featuring Mae Lah Klo students painting a peacock bird



**Left to Right Above:** Mission Trip Day 4 geography class taught by Wing Hei (Brandon) Lau, Evangelina Pereverzina (Class of 2024 candidate), Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet, and Wai Dick Leung

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**Photographic Images from the College's Mission Trip to Thailand**

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**Day 4 Mathematics Class Group Photo (Left to Right Back Row):** Ms. Kit Ming Katerina Ma, Gem Mikguil Ong Peduche, Chaeun Hwang, Chong Kit Jet Wong, Mae Lah Klo students

**Front Row:** Dynne Charlotte Francis with Mae Lah Klo students



**Left to Right Above:** Wing Hei (Brandon) Lau, Mae Lah Klo student, Charissa Oswari, and other Mae Lah Klo students



Mae Lah Klo Christian School building plaque



Audra H. Gunggut teaches music on Day 4 of the mission trip



Assistant Pr. Winga Cheung, Dynne Charlotte Francis, and Shima Gurung (Class of 2024 candidate)

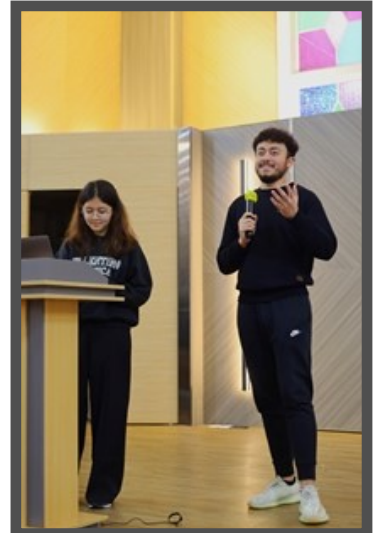
**HKAC Weekly Assembly: Department of Business (January 31, 2024)**  
**Unity in Diversity Presentation & Kahoot! Quiz hosted by Bader Almarzooq**

*Photos: Gem Peduche, Jess Rosabelle Justin*  
*Layout, Text & Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu*



Chairman, Dept. of Business & HKAC Registrar Mr. Henry Ya'ang introduces the "Unity in Diversity" presentation led by Bader Almarzooq (Class of 2024 candidate)

**H**KAC's Department of Business featured a Spring 2024 semester presentation by Bader Almarzooq (Class of 2024) with input from student Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet and others about interesting aspects of places where seven of its international students originated. These included countries such as Bahrain, Myanmar, Nepal, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, and Yemen, as well as the city state of Singapore. After the talk, Bader hosted a fun, topic related Kahoot! quiz game for assembly participants who competed in groups of 2-3 people.



Student Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet is at the podium as Bader Almarzooq (Class of 2024 candidate) gave a talk and hosted the related Kahoot! quiz

**Bahrain**

Bahrain has a deep-rooted history that dates back over 5,000 years. The Dilmun civilization, which considered Bahrain a land of immortality, left many archaeological sites

**Yemeni Cuisine**

Yemeni cuisine offers a delightful blend of flavors and spices. One of the most famous Yemeni dishes is "mandi," a flavorful rice and meat dish typically cooked in an underground tandoor oven. "Saltah" is another popular Yemeni dish, featuring a meat or vegetable stew served with a fenugreek-based sauce and accompanied by traditional Yemeni bread called "malawah."

**Language**

There are 175+ languages in the country (175 languages spoken in the Philippines and at least 171 of them are considered 'living' languages. You'll have no trouble being understood though since more than 52 million people speak English, making it the fifth largest English-speaking nation in the world.)

**THE PHILIPPINE LANGUAGES**

There are 187 languages in the Philippines.

- 100 are being spoken
- 10 are being taught
- 10 are no longer spoken
- 10 are no longer spoken
- 11 are no longer spoken
- 11 are no longer spoken
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**Nepal**

1. Nepal is the birthplace of the Light of Asia- Buddha. Siddhartha Gautam (Buddha) was born in 623 B.C. in Kapilvastu, Lumbini, which lies in Nepal.

**Myanmar**

Myanmar, also known as Burma, is a country located in Southeast Asia. It is bordered by Bangladesh, India, China, Laos, and Thailand.

**Sri Lanka**

The lion in the flag represents the Sinhala race. The sword of the lion represents the sovereignty of the country. The noble eight fold path of Buddhism is signified by the lion's tail. Curly hair on the lion's head indicates religious observance, wisdom and meditation.

**Singapore**

It's one of the world's greenest cities

This city of skyscrapers is also one that is filled with lush greenery. Nearly half of Singapore's land area (approximately 700 square kilometres) is under green cover.

**HKAC Weekly Assembly: Cultural Day (February 7, 2024)**

*Photos: Man Chuen Lau*

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**HKAC Weekly Assembly:** 2024 Cultural Day highlighted the global nature of HKAC’s faculty, administrative team, and students  
**Front Left, Middle & Right:** Huei Yi Chuang (seated left) Jeriel Chuah (seated HKAC Dormitory Dean & Student Activities Coordinator, seated left), Gad Onywere (Asso. Professor, Biology, standing), Bader Almarzooq (Class of 2024 candidate), Wai Liam Isaac Lun, Lydelter Bolodin, Dr. Paul Song (Dean of Students, standing), HKAC President Dr. Frank Tam (seated right)



**A Traditional Malaysian Folk Dance on Cultural Day 2024:**  
**Left Row Front to Back:** Dynne Charlotte Francis, Olajide Blessing, Jess R. Justin, Audra H. Gunggut, Dr. Arlene Siagian



Shima Gurung (Class of 2024 candidate) gave thanks at the end of her Nepali dance performance during HKAC Cultural Day 2024.

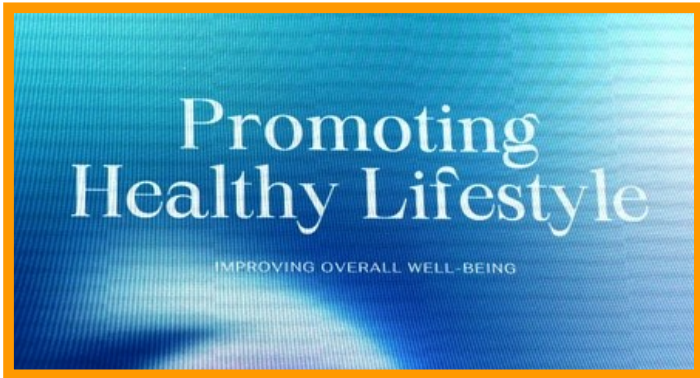
**Right Row Front to Back:** Mr. Henry Ya’ang (Chairman, Dept. of Business), Ferman Dahapin, Huei Yi Chuang, Lydelter Bolodin.



**HKAC Weekly Assembly: Dept. of Health & Fitness (February 21, 2024)**

*Photos: Gem Peduche*

*Text, Layout, Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu*



Left to Right Above:

Back Row:

Wing Ching Leung, Terisa Ghale, Dhuaa Khan

Front Row:

Dalani Rajakumar, Mohammad Hassaan Basharat,  
Maria Alysha Bondoc Figuera, Blessing Olajide, Isaiah Gorres



HKAC student, faculty, and staff attendees at the Wednesday, February 21, 2024 weekly assembly held in Bayview Church / King Huy Hall, all stand up to follow a students demonstrated exercise routine.

**H**KAC's Department of Health & Fitness Dr. Barbara Choi and her students led the weekly assembly on February 21, 2024.

Student Isaiah Gorres (Class of 2024 candidate), who is Vice President of his graduating class, introduced a TED Talk video by Wendy Suzuki about exercise being good for human brain. "The rule of thumb is you want to get 3 to 4 times a week of exercise with a minimum of 30 minutes per exercise session, and you want to get aerobic exercise that will get your heart rate up!"

A Kahoot! e-quiz game and exercise demonstrations were done. Prizes were won by top quiz score students (see left).

Nutrition, massage, weight management and training, herbal remedies, rest and relaxation were also highlighted as being important for health maintenance.



**Dr. Barbara Choi,  
Chairwoman,  
HKAC Dept. of Health**



Left to Right Above:

Nadege Ranjira (Class of 2024 candidate)

Dalani Rajakumar

Terisa Ghale

**HKAC Weekly Assembly: National Security Education & World History**  
**Featured Speaker: Dr. Frank Tam, HKAC President (Feb. 28, 2024)**

**Photos: Gem Peduche**

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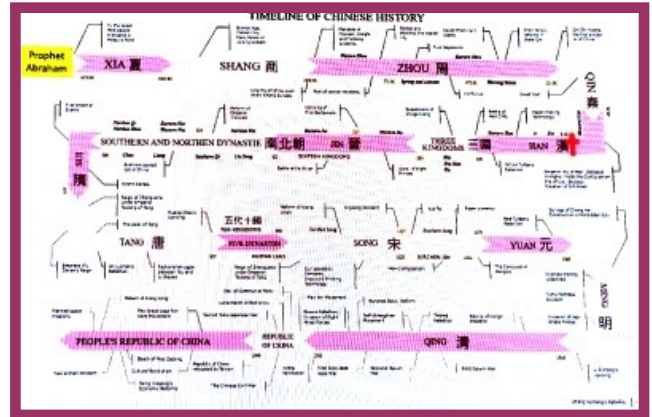


**HKAC President Dr. Frank Tam**

**D**uring the weekly assembly for February 28, 2024, HKAC President Dr. Frank Tam spoke about Hong Kong’s National Security Law and the new Article 23 Legislation. At the start of his presentation, Dr. Tam discussed the myriad, major milestones in China’s history (including the Hong Kong special administrative region) and in world history to the audience of Hong Kong Adventist College students, faculty, and staff members.

Historic maps of Earth, ranging from the 13th to 20th centuries, were displayed to illustrate colonial empire changes, across major geographic regions. In addition, the past 2000 years’ economic growth of eight major countries, including China, expressed in gross domestic product (GDP) output, was highlighted in Dr. Tam’s presentation. Attendees learned the highlights about the history of humankind plus leading economies.

Dr. Tam also mentioned **Matthew 22: 17-21** to illustrate that the Holy Bible teaches human beings to not defy their own government and that college community members should comply with local laws, including Hong Kong’s National Security Law and the Article 23 Legislation. National Security education presentations occur each semester.



**HKAC Weekly Assembly: Student Consultation Session (March 13, 2024)**  
**College Administration Question & Answer Period for Students**

**Photos: Gem Mikguil Ong Peduche**

**Article & Layout: Jenifer Shiu**

**A** college administration question and answer period panel session for students was held during the March 13, 2024 Hong Kong Adventist College assembly.

Mr. Henry Ya’ang, HKAC Registrar & Chairman, Department of Business, was the moderator to voice the major questions that students had typed online to an audience interaction app to ask the college leadership team to consider a few of their concerns.

**A Selection of Student Questions:**

1. Can you consider prolonging the campus gym hours and expand it to five days a week?
2. Could we start a shuttle bus for students and faculty? It would help those who are commuting.
3. For 8:30 a.m. classes, those who arrive 5 minutes late can be marked as late. Should there be a grace period, perhaps until 8:45 a.m.?
4. Could we have sports teams?



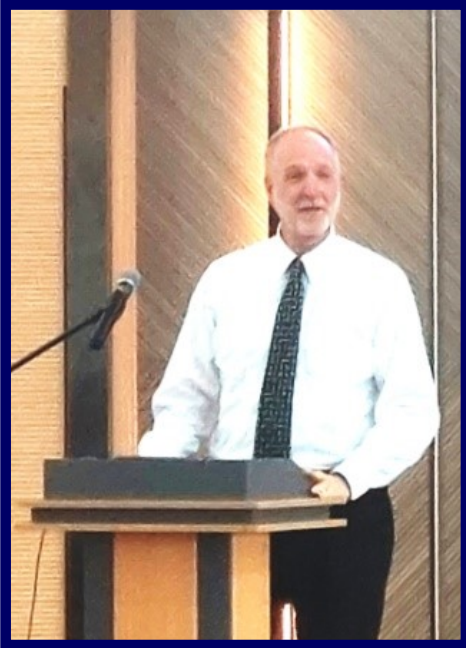
**Left to Right Above (Participants in Q&A Session for HKAC Students):**

- Mr. Henry Ya’ang (Q&A Moderator, HKAC Chairman, Dept. of Business & HKAC Registrar)
- Mr. Hosea Yeung (HKAC Business Manager)
- Dr. Frank Tam (HKAC President)
- Dr. Paul McGraw (HKAC Academic Dean)
- Dr. Paul Song (HKAC Dean of Students)

**HKAC Weekly Assembly: Senior Students Recognition by the Academic Dean: Graduation Candidates 2024 (March 20, 2024)**

**Photos: Ms. Jenifer Shiu**

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**HKAC Academic Dean Dr. Paul McGraw**

On March 20, 2024, senior college students were recognized by HKAC Academic Dean Dr. Paul McGraw. The students were candidates for graduation with HKAC or Andrews University (AU) degrees in early May 2024. HKAC Dept. of Religion Instructor, Mr. Jacky Yeung, was the sponsor for this year’s graduating class. Class of 2024 graduating officers Mohammad Hassan Basharat, Shima Gurung, and Isaiah Gorres all spoke at Bayview Church / King Huy Hall’s podium, during the academic cap and gown campus event.

**HKAC Registrar & Chairman of the Dept. of Business Mr. Henry Ya’ang Presented an Overview of the 28 Graduation Candidates:**

- Bachelor of Arts in Religion—1 (Andrews University)
- Bachelor of Health Science in Wellness—4 (Andrews University)
- Bachelor of Science in Psychology—5 (Andrews University)
- Associate of Science in General Business—3 (Andrews University)
- Higher Diploma in Health and Rehabilitation Services—6 (HKAC)
- Diploma in Pre-University Studies—9 (HKAC)

Countries (or regions) represented by the 2024 graduation candidates included: Bahrain, Hong Kong Special Economic Region, Kenya, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, Rwanda, and Singapore.

Post-graduation plans for graduation candidates, as of March 2024, included nursing studies (HK & US), working as healthcare staff, and working as a teaching assistant.



2024 Graduation Candidates are ready to walk into Bayview Church / King Huy Hall



HKAC Dept. of Religion Instructor Mr. Jacky Leung, addresses the congregation



**Left to Right Above (Featuring Only Attending 2024 Graduation Candidates):** Nadege Ranjira, Mohammad Hassaan Basharat, Mahuum Najmal, Isaiah V. Gorres, Qiu Enze, Shima Gurung, Wong Yuk Chun, Li Pui Lap, Su Yongyi, Chan Man Kin, Nicolas Hon, William Yeung Wai Kam, Bader Almarzooq

**HKAC Assembly: Dept. of General Education COMM 104 Student Talks**  
*(Bayview Church / King Huy Hall , April 10, 2024)*

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**Director & Asso. Prof. of English, Dept. of General Education, Simon Shian Wee Chua**

**T**hank you to Associate Professor of English, Simon Shian Wee Chua’s Communications 104 course students for their upbeat, enlightening talks, during the April 10, 2024 weekly assembly!

We are also grateful for Mr. Chua’s past 15 years of teaching and guidance of College and Diploma of Pre-University students at HKAC. He has made positive contributions to academic life on campus for community members, including his fellow teachers. As such, HKAC wishes Mr. Chua health and happiness in his future endeavors!

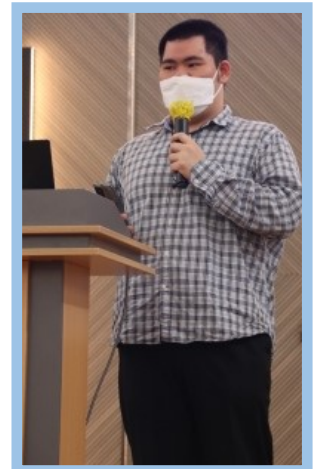
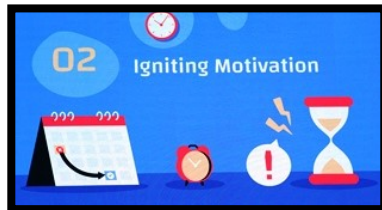
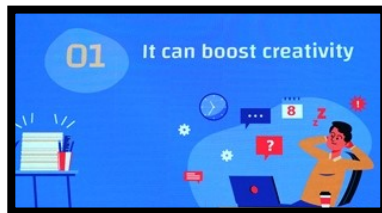
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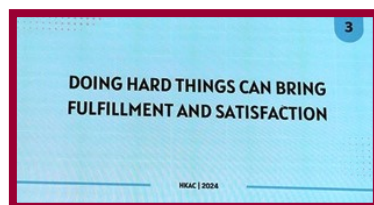
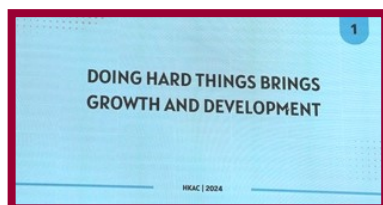
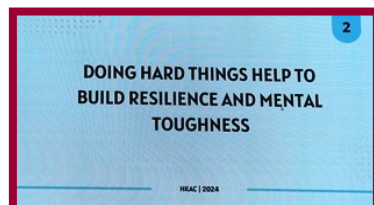
*Dynene Charlotte Francis presented the inspirational “Say Yes to Everything”*



*Jasmine Maria Concha Singco gave a talk about “The Power of Procrastination”*



*Huei Yi Chuang spoke about “An Introduction to Open A.I. app Chat-GPT”*



*Audra H. Gunggut discussed “Why You Should do Hard Things Every Day”*



**HKAC Assembly: College Choir Perform Gospel & Classic Songs  
(Bayview Church / King Huy Hall, April 17, 2024)**

**Photos: Gem Peduche**

**Text & Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu**



**Dr. Arlene Siagian sings and plays piano to accompany the HKAC Choir during the April 17, 2024 assembly**

**O**n April 17, 2024, Dr. Arlene Siagian (Div. Chair, Dept. of General Education, Professor of Music, and Choir Director) led the weekly assembly at Bayview Church / King Huy Hall.

Dr. Siagian mentioned that “Music is a gift from God” and that she wished to acknowledge the diligence of all HKAC Choir members. She is very proud of them; choir members paid attention to her critiques of their singing, and they learned how to perform better over time.

Senior college student Evangelina (Lina) Pereverzina (Class of 2024 candidate) discussed what singing meant to her personally. She mentioned a chat that she had with former 2022-2023 student ambassador Mauricio Jaldin Tito Maita (from Southern Adventist University) about the need to use one’s entire body as an instrument when singing. Lina also brought up anecdotes about watching alumna Ms. Alison Lau perform the classical Chinese guzheng instrument at the February 1, 2023 assembly and Lina’s own father playing instruments; both showed their emotions through their performance body movements and facial expressions. Per Lina, “Most of all, singing to me means to use the body that God has given me. To glorify him in everything that I do.” She believes that the HKAC Choir use their God given vocal talent to bless the congregation.

During the assembly, HKAC college students used Angklung Indonesian classical bamboo instruments in a performance to accompany a HKAC Choir member.

Next, the choir sang two “golden oldies” American tunes selected by Dr. Siagian: folk singer Joni Mitchell’s 1970’s popular hit “Big Yellow Taxi” plus Woody Guthrie and Cisco Houston’s 1972 song “900 Miles”.

At the end of the assembly, Dr. Arlene Siagian learned that she won one of two HKAC Educator of the Year awards. She and Ms. Salina Fan (Nursing Program) both received this special honor in 2024! Kudos to them!

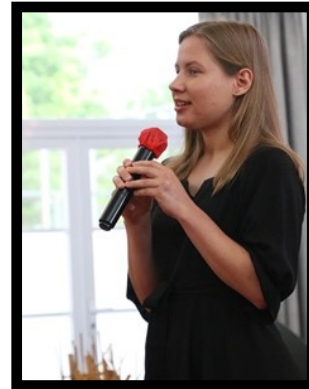


**HKAC Choir Members Left to Right Above**

**Back Row:** Wing Hei (Brandon) Lau, Wai Liam Isaac Lun, Dr. Calvin Luk (Asso. Professor, Chemistry & Dir. Dept. of G.E.), Lydelter Bolodin, Ferman Dahapin

**Middle Row:** Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet, Dynne Charlotte Francis, Charissa Oswari (2023-2024 Student Ambassador), Shima Gurung (Class of 2024 candidate), Evangelina Pereverzina (Class of 2024 candidate)

**Front Row:** Maria A. Bondoc Figuera, Jess Rosabelle Justin, Blessing Olajide, Lova Rakotomalala (2023-2024 Student Ambassador)



**Evangelina (Lina) Pereverzina,  
(Class of 2024 candidate)**



**Left to Right Above:** Lok Ting Astrea King, Lok Lin Olina Chung, Ophelia Wong Lee Nga, Eamon Leung Man Ho, Charlotte Leung Hoi Tung, Enze Qiu (Class of 2024 candidate), Isaac Gorres (Class of 2024 candidate), Chi Ho Kwok, Ferman Dahapin

**HKAC Student Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia Attended HUAP Conference: An Intellectual and Cultural Exchange at Harvard (Jan. 14-20, 2024 / Page 1 of 2)** Photos: *Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia* Article: *Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia*

Founded in 2003, the Harvard University in Asia Program (HUAP) is a nonprofit, student organization that promotes academic, cultural, and social exchange among future, global leaders of the United States and Asia. This year, HUAP hosted an academic and pre-professional conference during January 14-20, 2024, by bringing over 200 delegates from higher education schools all over Asia. HUAP's official partner universities in 2024 included tertiary institutions from Hong Kong, India, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey.

I was lucky enough to be invited to attend the 2024 conference. My experience during the conference was frankly one of the most enriching and eye-opening experiences of my life. I was able to socialize, network, and learn from people of all walks of life, including: Harvard College students, Harvard professors, speakers from other top universities (such as M.I.T.), and leaders of various fields. In 2024, the theme of the conference was ***“Embracing The Unknown: The Path Less Traveled”***.

I personally felt particularly connected to this topic, since I have always found myself going the opposite direction from where I am expected to head.

Conformity and I never got along. Hearing success stories from people who had similar attitudes towards life was extremely inspiring!

Amongst all the speakers at the conference was Professor Robert S. Langer Jr., a prominent biotechnologist and chemical engineer, who currently holds the esteemed title of Institute Professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, which is the highest honor for M.I.T. faculty members. Professor Langer's impact most notably addresses drug delivery systems and tissue engineering with an impressive portfolio of 1,400 patents and holds the record as the most cited engineer in history. He is the co-founder of Moderna, which is a biotechnology firm that is focused on mRNA therapeutics, such as one of the main Covid-19 vaccines rapidly developed and globally deployed, during the most recent years' global pandemic.

Currently, Professor Langer heads MIT's largest biomedical engineering lab that has won over 200 major awards. Forbes consistently acknowledges Professor Langer among the most influential figures in biotechnology. He is a pioneer in his field and has inspired thousands of

STEM students who have all most likely quoted him in their works. In his talk, Professor Langer spoke of the origin story of his success. He is a brilliant man who persevered through so many turning points in his career. Having the opportunity to learn from one of the most influential scientists of our time was an invaluable honor, despite being in a different field from my own. The knowledge and insights passed down during this experience were priceless, and I greatly appreciated the chance to gain wisdom from such a brilliant person.

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Sabrina (in red Harvard cap) and HUAP pals in front of the famous John Harvard statue in Harvard Yard



HKAC student Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia (seated, front left) smiles with new Harvard University Asia Pacific (HUAP) 2024 conference friends in a lecture hall.



Sabrina stands inside the Harvard Widener Library Loker Reading Room with its skylights and vaulted ceiling

**HKAC Student Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia Attended HUAP Conference: An Intellectual and Cultural Exchange at Harvard (Jan. 14-20, 2024 / Page 2 of 2)**      **Photos: Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia**      **Article: Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia**



Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia (4th from left) and new pals during the HUAP 2024 conference



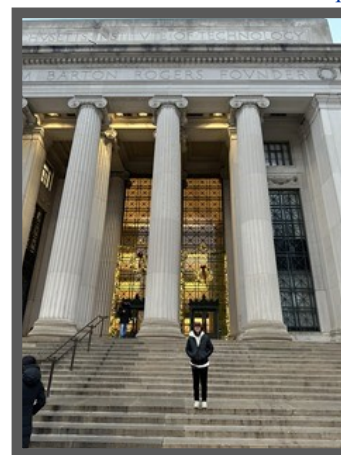
HUAP 2024 new friends with Sabrina H. Aranaga Garcia on the front steps of Harvard University's Widener Library



Sabrina enjoyed the river skyline and a night time winter bonfire with HUAP 2024 pals



Sabrina (in red Harvard cap) played foosball with HUAP 2024 conference attendees



M.I.T. School of Architecture and Planning: Sabrina is on the William Barton Rogers building's steps

Another very notable speaker from whom I learned tons was Dr. Alen Juginovic who is a medical doctor and postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School's Department of Neurobiology. Dr. Juginovic works in the field of sleep medicine — more specifically the effects of sleep deprivation on health. Currently, he teaches as a head tutor an advanced tutorial titled "Neurobiology of emotions and mood disorders" at Harvard College. As a Psychology major, I had many questions and was very eager to learn from him. However, I was pleasantly surprised by the content of his lecture. I was expecting to feel somewhat like a spectator to his presentation. I could not imagine that I would relate so much to his story. The lecture was not science-based at all; instead, it was the story of an ambitious and opportunistic young student from a small town in Croatia who saw an opportunity and took a plunge headfirst into uncertainty and came out the other end with a success

story that anyone, from any kind of background, would find extremely inspiring. Dr. Juginovic came to America with a wish to see the best laboratories of the country, and he left with a job offer at Harvard Medical School! My biggest takeaway from his lecture was a reinforcement of a motto I was taught at a young age and carried with me all my life and through all my decisions: "Never tell yourself no, let other people tell you no. And even when they do, don't accept no for an answer." At times being so persistent can be exhausting, but seeing someone who holds similar values to mine, and with such a phenomenal success story was reassuring to say the least.

During my time at Harvard University Asia Pacific's 2024 conference, I learned that choosing the path of *most* resistance may seem counterintuitive, difficult and uncertain and that can be really scary. However, looking at challenges as opportunities can

allow many of us to discover new paths to achieving our goals. We all have to face a future filled with opportunities and uncertainties. How we choose to embrace the uncharted possibilities of the future will be a key factor in determining the outcome of our endeavors. Many changemakers in the world have experienced countless failures or have been told their work was "impossible", yet they continued down their path anyway. Having the privilege of learning from so many brilliant people who have taken the uncertain path, I am excited to see what challenges await me and what risks are waiting for me to grab them by the horns.

Therefore, I would like to encourage all of my fellow students at HKAC to approach their own future with excitement for what comes next!

**HKAC Recreation Day (Spring Semester: February 2, 2024 / Page 1 of 2):**

**Photos: Ms. Jenifer Shiu**

**Teams Race On and Off Campus to try to Conquer Sports Challenges**

**Layout & Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu**



Dormitory Dean & Students Activities Coordinator Jeriel Chuah, Dr. Arlene Siagian and Dr. Barbara Choi at Recreation Day 2024



HKAC Academic Dean Dr. Paul McGraw with his Recreation Day 2024 students next to the historic Sam Yuk Middle School building



Fall 2023– Spring 2024 Student Ambassadors Charissa Oswari and Lova Rakotomalala took a short break with Adjunct Prof. Dr. Tin Lun Ben Tang and Mrs. Irene Tang



Chairman, Dept. of Business & HKAC Registrar Mr. Henry Ya'ang kicks away a ball to a Recreation Day 2024 student



HKAC student Chi Hong Marcus Ng played one-on-one basketball with another student, during Recreation Day 2024, on the Clear Water Bay campus



Students Kam Hang (Evan) Yuen and Tsz Yui (Marco) Lung chatted with Dr. Calvin Luk, as HKAC student Audra H. Gunggut chatted with student Jess Rosabelle Justin



At the HKAC Administration building, Dormitory Dean & Students Activities Coordinator Mr. Jeriel Chuah announces rules to faculty, staff, and student for the Recreation Day 2024 teams challenge



HKAC Academic Dean Dr. Paul McGraw throws a ball as Assistant Prof. of Biology Dr. Gad Onywere catches it. In the background is Bayview Church / King Huy Hall on the Clear Water Bay campus.



**HKAC Recreation Day (Spring Semester: February 2, 2024 / Page 2 of 2):** Photos: *Simon Lin, M.C. Lau, Gem Peduche*  
**Teams Race On and Off Campus to try to Conquer Sports Challenges** Layout & Captions: *Ms. Jenifer Shiu*



Getting ready for HKAC Recreation Day 2024 & Peace to All!  
 Academic Dean Dr. Paul McGraw, Associate Prof. of Biology Dr. Gad Onywere, and students including Audra H. Gunggut



Psychology Dept. Director & Asso. Prof. Ms. Priscilla Wong, Dormitory Dean Ms. Katerina Kit Ming Ma, together with students including Dynne Charlotte Francis, about to head off campus to compete in Recreation Day 2024's group challenges



Dormitory Dean Ms. Katerina Kit Ming Ma, Chair /Dept. of Religion & Assistant Prof. Ms. Twinky Lau, and the HKAC pastoral care team including Assistant Pr. Winga Cheung and Assistant Pr. Silas Yeung with HKAC students readied to travel off campus to try to be the first to accomplish team challenges for Recreation Day 2024



Asso. Prof. of English Simon Shian Wee Chuah and HKAC Dean of Students Dr. Paul Song with students including Blessing Olajide



Pr. Thomas Sung Kit Wong, Jet Wong, and students gathered at a community beach to tackle a sand structure challenge



Chairwoman / Prof., Dept. of Health & Deputy / Prof., Dept. of Allied Health Dr. Barbara Choi and Asso. Prof. Psychology & Local Programs Coordinator Dr. Alison Lee with Recreation Day 2024 HKAC students including Yu Kwan Cheung and Evangelina Pereverzina (Class of 2024 candidate)

**HKAC Spring 2024 Gospel Week (March 2024 / Page 1 of 2)**

*Photos: Gem Peduche*

*Featuring Special Guest: Pr. Jonathan Contero from Spain & Switzerland*

*Layout & Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu*



HKAC Spring 2024 Gospel Week banner and theme: The Voice



Dr. Paul McGraw presented during Spring 2024 Gospel Week



Guest Pastor Jonathan Contero led a Spring 2024 Gospel Week session prayer together with HKAC Dean of Students Dr. Paul Song and Dormitory Dean & Students Activities Coordinator Mr. Jeriel Chuah



Pr. Jonathan Contero presented one of his Spring 2024 Gospel Week sermons



Students at Bayview Church / King Huy Hall raise their hands

There is no storm too dark  
God cannot calm it  
There is no sorrow too deep  
He cannot soothe it



HKAC President Dr. Frank Tam at the podium, Bayview Church / King Huy Hall, during Spring 2024 Gospel Week



Dr. Paul Song (HKAC Dean of Students) on Day 4 of Gospel Week



HKAC Student Yearbook Team member Jess Rosabelle Justin with Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet



Student Blessing Olajide and 2023-2024 Student Ambassador Lova Rakotomalala

**HKAC Spring 2024 Gospel Week (March 2024 / Page 2 of 2)**

**Photos: Gem Peduche & Yearbook Students Team**

**Featuring Special Guest: Pr. Jonathan Contero from Spain & Switzerland** **Layout & Captions: Ms. Jenifer Shiu**



Pr. Jonathan Contero accepted an appreciation plaque honor from HKAC President Dr. Frank Tam, while Dr. Arlene Siagian is at the piano, towards the last part of HKAC's Spring 2024 Gospel Week



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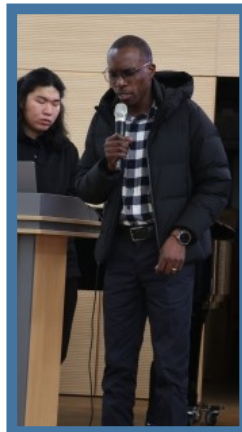
Ferman Dehapiin and both 2023-2024 Student Ambassadors: Charissa Oswari and Lova Rakotomalala



Pr. Jonathan Contero spoke to the Bayview Church / King Huy Hall congregation



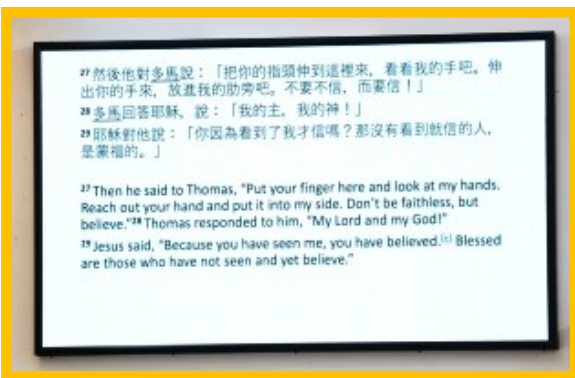
Ms. Twinky Lau (Chair, Dept. of Religion) led a Gospel Week congregation prayer



Student Wing Hei (Brandon) Lau at the podium with Dr. Gad Onywere, HKAC Associate Prof. of Biology



HKAC student Dynne Charlotte Francis played the piano, while HKAC student Wai Liam Isaac Lun accompanied her on the cello



Jesus said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20:29)



**HKAC Choir Director, Dorm Dean, Choir (Left to Right Above)**

Dr. Arlene Siagian (Div. Chair, Dept. of G.E. & Prof. of Music)  
Mr. Jeriel Chuah (Dorm Dean & Students Activities Coordinator)

**Back Row:** Wing Hei (Brandon) Lau, Wai Liam Isaac Lun, Evangelina Pereverzina (Class of 2024 candidate), Blessing Olajide, Maria Alysha Bondoe Figuera, Lova Rakotomalala (2023-2024 Student Ambassador), and Charissa Oswari (2023-2024 Student Ambassador)

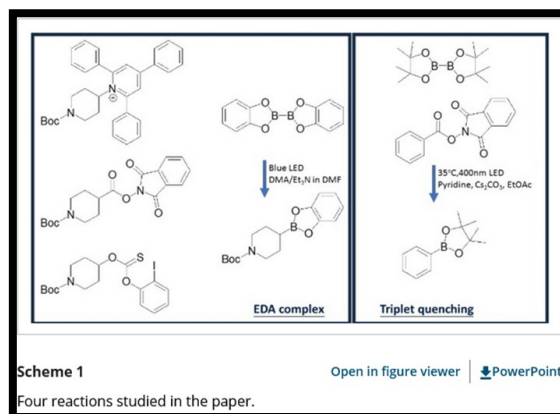


Day 4 Spring Gospel Week 2024 attendees show their love for God

**Dr. Calvin Luk's Research Paper 2024 Peer-Reviewed Journal ("Chemistry Europe") Paper: Dr. Hoi Ling Calvin Luk (HKAC Director, Dept. of General Education & Associate Professor of Chemistry) Photos: HKAC Marketing, Ms. J. Shiu**



**Dr. Hoi Ling Calvin Luk**  
HKAC Director & Asso. Prof.  
Dept. of General Education



### Co-Authors of this Research Paper:

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University of Hong Kong

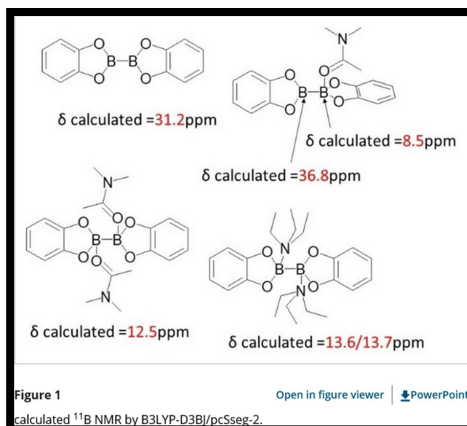
**H**KAC Associate Professor Dr. Hoi Ling Calvin Luk, who teaches full-time courses in chemistry and mathematics in HKAC's Department of General Education, co-published a research paper on March 8th 2024, in a leading academic chemistry journal "*Chemistry Europe*" via European Chemical Societies Publishing online.

### Below is the Full Abstract Summary:

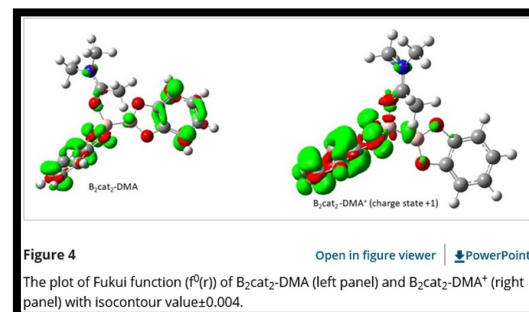
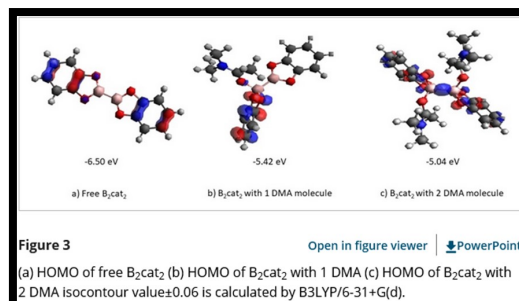
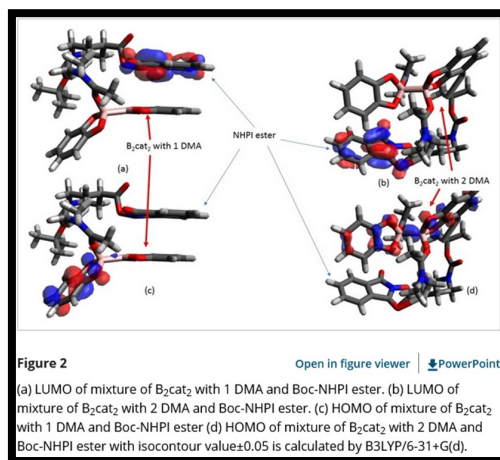
This research article uses density functional theory (DFT) to study photoinduced borylation. This work examined the electron donor-acceptor complex (EDA) of bis(catecholato) diboron with different redox-active leaving groups and bis(pinacol)diboron with aryl N-hydroxyphthalimide. The results of these DFT studies show the complex ratio of  $B_2cat_2$  and N, N-dimethylacetamide (DMA) should be 1 : 2 which is consistent with the experimental results in the literature. We further proposed a reaction mechanism and calculated the energies associated with each step.

### Conclusions Quoted from the Paper:

In this journal, we have reviewed the photoinduced borylation reaction from Aggarwal and Glorius work. We determine the ratio of the bis(catecholato)diboron with DMA complex should be a 1 : 2 complex, instead of 1 : 1 ratio. After know the 1 : 2 complex is involved in the reactions of interest, we propose reaction mechanisms based on charge transfer from the  $B_2cat_2$  complex to different acceptor groups. The acceptor would then undergo fragmentation to form a radical species that then undergoes radical coupling.

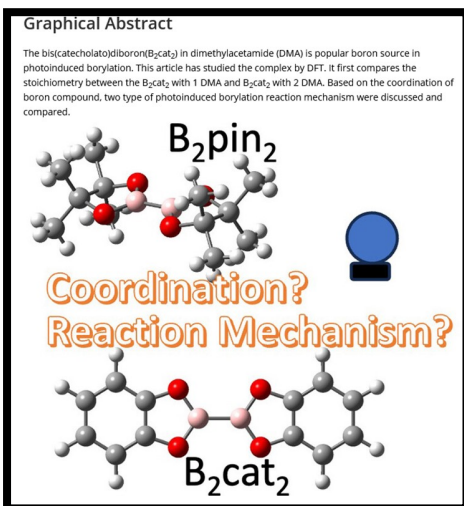


We also worked out the overall reaction mechanism for the photoinduced borylation via a source of  $B_2pin_2$  for the reactions of interest in this study. We also compare the energy of different boron source,  $B_2cat_2$  and  $B_2pin_2$ . The main difference of  $B_2cat_2$  can form adduct with neutral Lewis base, while  $B_2pin_2$  can only form adduct with anionic ligand. Such variation affect the reaction mechanism and energy of each steps. In our calculation, the NHPI ester is the best among three leaving group.



**Dr. Luk's co-authored, full research paper can be viewed online here:**

<https://chemistry-europe.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/open.202300285>



***Congratulations to Dr. Alison Lee (HKAC Associate Prof. of Psychology)!***

***Photograph: Ms. Francesca Chan***

***Biography: Dr. Alison Lee Yee Ping***



**Dr. Alison Lee Yee Ping,  
HKAC Associate Prof. of Psychology  
& Local Programs Coordinator**

**C**ongratulations to Dr. Alison Lee Yee Ping, a returning faculty member of HKAC’s Department of Psychology!

Beginning in the Spring 2024 academic semester, Dr. Lee started her new, full-time role as an Associate Professor and Local Programs Coordinator.

She teaches Psychology courses and oversees Hong Kong-based programs, such as the Higher Diploma in Health and Rehabilitation program.

Dr. Lee was born and raised in Hong Kong. She has also lived in other world-class cities, such as Auckland (New Zealand), New York City (USA), and Toronto (Canada).

Regarding her education, Dr. Lee earned a master’s degree in mental health counseling at New York University (NYC, USA), as well as a doctorate in clinical psychology at Alliant International University (California campuses, USA).

As a counselor, Dr. Lee served in children’s homes, hospitals, rehabilitation facilities, and private clinics.

Outside of work, Alison enjoys dining with friends and reading.

Dr. Lee hopes to support HKAC students’ mental health through the teaching of psychological concepts and research.

Over time, Dr. Lee looks forward to continuing to getting to know many members of the Clear Water Bay campus college community.

***Welcome to Ms. Ellice Leung, HKAC Adjunct Instructor / Dept. of Allied Health Higher Diploma in Health & Rehabilitation—Year One Students Program***

***Photograph: Mr. Man Chuen Lau***

***Biography: Ms. Ellice Leung***

**E**llice Leung was born and grew up in HK. She is married with two lovely children.

Ms. Leung received her training in local nursing school and further earned her Master of Science in Dementia Care in Scotland.

She is an experienced nursing educator in both academic and clinical areas with over 20 years.

**Her areas of expertise specialties include:**

Basic nursing skills, Emergency care, Gerontological care, and Clinical coaching. She is also volunteered at the Association of HK Nursing Staff as an executive committee member.

Ms. Leung previously worked in the Nursing School at HK Adventist Hospital until 2018.

She was invited to be a Hong Kong Adventist College adjunct instructor during the Spring 2024 academic semester and has been responsible for teaching two modules named *Fundamentals of Nursing and Health Assessment* for the Higher Diploma in Health and Rehabilitation program.

Regarding her hobbies, Ellice enjoys reading and traveling.

Since she is a cheerful and optimistic teacher, Ms Leung would like to be like rays of sunshine for her students and walk with them throughout their professional development journey at Hong Kong Adventist College.



**Ms. Ellice Leung, Adjunct Instructor  
HKAC Dept. of Allied Health  
Higher Diploma, Health and  
Rehabilitation Program**



**Welcome to Ms. Joanne Ha, HKAC Adjunct Instructor / Dept. of Allied Health Higher Diploma in Health & Rehabilitation—Year Two Students Program**

**Photograph: Mr. Man Chuen Lau**

**Biography: Ms. Joanne Ha**

**M**s. Joanne Ha joined HKAC's Dept. of Allied Health as an adjunct instructor teaching year two students, in the Higher Diploma in Health and Rehabilitation program.

Ms. Ha has her own speech therapy clinic (<https://jha.com.hk/en>) with established locations based in Hong Kong, Beijing, and Foshan.

Her educational background is extensive and includes the following:

1. Australia, University of Sydney, B.App.Sc. (Speech Pathology)
2. HK, University of HK, M.Ed.
3. HK, University of HK, PC. Psychology
4. Australia, Monash University, M.C.P.
5. Australia, Monash University, Graduate Diploma in Child Psychotherapy Studies



Ms. Joanne Ha, Adjunct Instructor  
HKAC Dept. of Allied Health  
Higher Diploma, Health & Rehabilitation Program

Ms. Joanne Ha is the founder of Neuromotor Speech Pathology (NSP) which is an integrated model of neuromotor therapy and speech therapy that can be applied to different syndromes. She is also a trained psychotherapist.

Ms. Ha is a Metro Radio Hong Kong presenter and has published a 2019 book entitled *Handbook of Effective Speech Pathology* (HK: Globalpc).

Outside of work, Joanne is married with two sons.

She enjoys poster design and was once an avid ping pong player.

At HKAC, Ms. Ha aims to enhance students' understanding in the speech therapy profession. From this, she hopes to build up students' positive attitude and value in the rehabilitative services



**Welcome Back to Mr. Ray Lee, HKAC Adjunct Instructor / Dept. of Allied Health Higher Diploma in Health & Rehabilitation—Year Two Students Program**

**Photograph: Mr. Man Chuen Lau**

**Biography: Mr. Ray Lee**



Mr. Ray Lee, Adjunct Instructor  
HKAC Dept. of Allied Health  
Higher Diploma, Health &  
Rehabilitation Program

**D**uring Spring 2024, HKAC welcomed back Mr. Ray Lee as an adjunct instructor teaching Physiotherapy in the Higher Diploma in Health and Rehabilitation program where he taught year two students. He also served as the rehabilitation coordinator for the program.

A decade ago, Mr. Lee taught Health Psychology at HKAC; therefore, HKAC is pleased to welcome back this fine teacher!

Mr. Lee is the Chairman of the Hong Kong Federation of Rehabilitation and Preventive Medicine (ARP) association.

Ray grew up in Hong Kong and then immigrated to Australia. He is registered as a physiotherapist in Hong Kong, Australia, and New Zealand.

Among Ray's hobbies are reading, watching movies, cycling, driving, and yoga.

Mr. Lee is currently a PhD candidate at the University of Hong Kong with several prior higher education degrees achieved, including the following:

1. BSc. Physiotherapy, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
2. MSc. Healthcare with Physiotherapy specialty, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
3. MSc. Epidemiology & Biostatistics, City University of Hong Kong
4. Master, Christian Studies, Alliance Bible Seminary
5. Advanced Diploma, Human Nutrition, HKUSPACE
6. Postgraduate Certificate, Psychology, University of HK

At HKAC, Ray hopes to impart better understanding of rehabilitation concepts to Higher Diploma in Health & Rehabilitation program students.

**Welcome to Ms. May Chan, HKAC Clinical Coordinator, Dept. of Nursing**

**Photograph: Mr. Man Chuen Lau**

**Biography: Ms. May Chan**

**M**s. May Chan joined Hong Kong Adventist College as a new Clinical Coordinator at the Department of Nursing in February 2024. She was born and raised in Hong Kong, is married and has two children.

Ms. Chan received her Bachelors Degree of Science in Nursing in 2005 and her Master Degree of Science in Management in 2012 at Oxford Brookes University.

She graduated as a registered nurse and midwife from the Nethersole School of Nursing in Hong Kong and has worked for over 30 years in a variety of healthcare settings, including general medical, surgical, obstetrics, gynecology and geriatrics fields.

Ms. Chan started her career in an elderly care home, before she took a break to raise a family. She served as the Assistant Supervisor of the Residential Care Home for the Elderly of the Tung Wah Hospital Group (TWHG) Women’s Welfare Club Western District, which was the first nursing home of the TWHG. Apart from supervising the day-to-day management of 176 residents,



**Ms. May Chan, Clinical Coordinator  
HKAC Dept. of Nursing  
Enrolled Nursing (General) Program**

Ms. Chan was responsible for ensuring compliance to the regulations set out by the Department of Health and the Department of Social Welfare, procurement of materials, supervision of renovation projects, hiring of staff, and arrangement for intakes, amongst myriad roles. These responsibilities allowed her to understand the various regulations in residential care homes and the bidding procedures involved in renovation work.

With her long-term experience and passion for taking care of the elderly, Ms. Chan eventually became as a co-founder to run a private, senior care home.

In Ms. Chan’s past professional roles, interacting with people from all walks of life allowed her to cultivate good communication skills and to collaborate with people with different working styles. She is confident that she has the adaptability and expertise to provide the best care for patients—especially senior citizens—and the determination and motivation to face any challenges.

As a clinical coordinator responsible for coordinating and overseeing the clinical education and training of nursing students at Hong Kong Adventist College, Ms. Chan is very excited to have the opportunity to work with nursing students and to share her experience and knowledge with them. She hopes to help train them into becoming competent and compassionate nurses of the future.

Beyond work, May truly enjoys all outdoor activities. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, including visiting friends and relatives who live overseas.

**Welcome to Ms. Puisia Pui Man Lai. P/T Technical Assistant, Dept. of Nursing**

**Photograph: Mr. Man Chuen Lau**

**Biography: Ms. Puisia P. M. Lai**

**M**s. Puisia Lai started work in January 2024 as a part-time Technical Assistant supporting HKAC’s Dept. of Nursing. She was born and grew up in Hong Kong. She is married with two daughters.

Ms. Lai received a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology and Counseling from Hong Kong Institute of Christian Counselors.

Puisia also received Nursing Certificates from these programs:

1. Nethersole School of Nursing, 1982
2. Hospital Authority (Community Nursing Service), 1996
3. Open University (Professional Diploma of Child Psychology),



**Ms. Puisia Pui Man Lai  
Part-time Technical Assistant  
HKAC Dept. of Nursing**

For fun and health maintenance, Puisia enjoys swimming and likes to go hiking.

Ms. Lai very much likes her new role at Hong Kong Adventist College.

As such, Ms. Lai hopes to provide and prepare students’ skills assessments, in addition to equipment management relating to Nursing program laboratories teaching materials.



**News:** *Former HKAC Student Ambassador Edvan Benitez* **Article:** *Amanda Blake, Editor-in-Chief, Southern Accent*  
**“Benitez wins SA President by 40 votes” (February 2024)** **Photograph:** *Andrew Boggess, Southern Accent*

The abridged article below, and the accompanying photo, are republished with the permission of Ms. Amanda Blake, editor-in-chief of *Southern Accent*, which is the student newspaper of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, USA, since 1926.



The lengthier article from which the article below is excerpted, about Southern Adventist University Student Association’s presidential candidates, can be found online here:

<https://southern-accent.org/2024/02/27/benitez-wins-sa-president-by-40-votes-trevedan-and-dizon-secure-vp-positions/>

Edvan Jazziel Benitez Mendez was seconded from Southern Adventist University (SAU), during Fall 2022 to Spring 2023, to serve as a Student Ambassador to Hong Kong Adventist College. He is originally from Mexico City, Mexico and is a Theology major. Edvan is anticipated to serve as SAU’s Student Association President, during the 2024-2025 academic year.

**E**dvan Benitez won Student Association (SA) president last Thursday (*February 22, 2024*) in the closest presidential election since 2013, when Southern Adventist University began using Survey-Monkey to conduct voting.

Benitez, senior theology major, beat his opponent, Bryson Baird, sophomore engineering major, by 40 votes.

One thousand and eighty-six students voted in this year’s general election for the 2024-2025 SA officers. Benitez received 563 votes (51.84%),

### Community Emphasis

During election speeches, given during convocation on Thursday, Feb. 15, Benitez said, “I want to emphasize that I want to serve you because this campaign is not about me. It’s about us. It’s about our community.”

In a recent interview with the *Accent*, Benitez once again highlighted his focus on community by pointing out that each of the winning candidates’ campaign platforms focused on connection and friendship.

“We want to build community here on campus,” he said. “Especially for me, I have a heart for those who feel lonely.”

According to Benitez, loneliness is a prominent issue on campus. He has spoken to several students about their Southern experience, he said, and while many have given him positive feedback, they also mention a deficient social aspect.

### Fulfilling Promises

Benitez listed several plans for student life improvement in his campaign platform, including the addition of electric scooters and a food delivery service to campus, among other things.

When asked about the feasibility of fulfilling his campaign promises next year, Benitez said the ideas included in his platform were pre-approved by Student Development, a signal that both Dennis Negron, vice president for the department, and Alexis Grentz, director of student life and activities, believe they can be accomplished.

**For more about Edvan Jazziel Benitez Mendez, and his fellow 2022-2023 SAU Student Ambassador to HKAC, Mauricio Jaldin Tito Maita from Cochabamba, Columbia, please head to the following web pages:**

1. HKAC Autumn 2022 Newsletter Online on Page 5 of that Adobe PDF File: <https://www.hkac.edu/newsletters>
2. Student Missionaries Share Jesus Through Connections: <https://www.hkac.edu/studentambassadors>



# HKAC Campus Vistas

# (Spring 2024)

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Sam Yuk Middle School CWB campus historic building and High Junk Peak



HKAC students Gem Peduche, Evangelina Pereverzina, Kyal Cyn Hnin (Shalom) Htet, and Blessing Olajide with HKAA student Sofia Pereverzina



HKAC student walked by blooming Bougainvillea, while heading to class



Ms. Twinky Lau, Chair & Assistant Prof. (Dept. of Religion) & Ms. Esther Lau, Sr. Exec. Officer (Dept. of Nursing)



HKAC Administration historic building during a blue skies, sunny day



HKAC students Dynne C. Francis and Wai Liam Isaac Lun, in a fun moment



Connection students group "Week of Prayer" March 18-22, 2024 invitation



Student Ambassador Charissa Oswari



A film crew got ready to shoot an advert



Spring 2024 Azalea bloomed on campus



Enjoying the view of Bayview Church/ King Huy Hall



A Chinese Hibiscus rosa-sinensis blooms by Dean of Students Dr. Paul Song's office