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Update

More than half a year has gone by and what an eventful six months it has been for us. Most of you are aware that Boston University has a new President, Dr Robert Brown who was previously the Provost at MIT. Barely five months after joining BU, Dr Brown and his wife visited Singapore in January 2006 to receive a rare honorary citizenship conferred by the Singapore government. The new BU President was given the honor for his contribution to the establishment of the MIT-NTU alliance which has further strengthened Singapore as an education hub for the region. BUAAS organized our own event at the Raffles Hotel to welcome Dr Brown and his wife and it was great to see almost a hundred of you turning up.

Just last month, Dr Ben DeWinter, an Associate Provost at Boston University, made a 3-day visit to Singapore to explore possible tie-ups with local universities in Singapore. This means that in the future, we may see a BU overseas program based on our shores!

A few of the committee members of Boston University Alumni Association of Singapore met Ben and his lovely wife, Susan for dim sum lunch at the Tower Club. (See picture below.)



Upcoming Event

The BU Alumni Association in Korea (BUAAS) is organizing a gathering for BU alums in Asia in Seoul this Fall. This event will be held at the Lotte Hotel on the 23 and 24th of September and our host tells us that it is absolutely the best time to visit Korea for the fall foliage.

For more details, please go direct to www.buaak.com and look for the ad on the right of the home page. If you need to ask questions or need help with arrangements, please email Ms Sook Hong at kshong@dpi.co.kr

If you plan to join this event, please register directly at their website and drop me an email at chorch.ang@gmail.com so that we may make arrangements to travel together as a group.

Please note that there is an early bird discount for hotel rates if you make reservations by end of July 06.



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Feedback

The Committee of BUAAS is trying to organize more events in the future that will be of interest to you. These events will be in addition to the events that are anchored by a visitor from our alma mater. So we are talking about socials or talks that serve to facilitate greater interaction amongst the local BU alums.

We would appreciate feedback on the type of events that would be of interest to you. Feel free to email me at chorch.ang@gmail.com with your feedback.

Alumni Database

We have about close to 400 alums according to the database from Boston University. However, we only have email contacts for about 80 alums. So our current reach is only 20% if we inform alums of events via electronic means.

As it is more cost effective to communicate through emails, BUAAS has ceased sending out invitation letters or hard copies of our newsletter since last year.

If you know of fellow alums that only hear of BUAAS events through snail mail, please ask them to update their particulars at the Alumni Link website and email their latest contact details to Maria at lxymaria@yahoo.com.sg

We hope that more of our local BU alums will remain contactable and join us for future BUAAS activities.

Trivial

Did you know that Emmy Award winner and acclaimed actress Geena Davis is a fellow BU alumnus? You can catch her as President MacKenzie Allen in the drama series "Commander-in-Chief", currently showing on Channel Five.

Geena Davis has also acted in many other movies such as "Stuart Little", "A League of their Own" and "The Fly" amongst others. But I think most of us remember her in "Thelma and Louise" with the equally sassy Susan Sarandon.