Alums in Shanghai, Celebrating BU

International Advisory Board holds biannual meeting

More than 100 alumni gathered at the Ritz-Carlton Shanghai, Pudong, on March 24 to celebrate BU and enjoy dinner alongside members of the BU International Advisory Board. The board held its biannual meeting the following day.

BU trustee Robert A. Knox (CAS’74, Questrom’75, Hon.’17), International Advisory Board chair, welcomed guests and introduced Jean Morrison, University provost and chief academic officer, who delivered an update on BU. Also present were alumni volunteer leaders from around Asia, including Wayne Cheung (ENG’99) of Hong Kong, Y. J. Han (Questrom’79) of South Korea, Jean Liu (Questrom’77) of Taiwan, and Haidong Pan (ENG’04) of Beijing, who served as the evening’s emcee.

A highlight was a speech by Mengwei He (ENG’18), who attended BU thanks to a fellowship established by Cheung’s father, Hing Wah Cheung. “Mr. Cheung, I wish you could have been there when I told my parents that I had achieved a 3.86 grade point average—out of a possible 4.0—and that I had been awarded the fellowship that bears your father’s name,” said He. “They were so proud, and so happy.”

The following day, BU leaders announced that Hing Wah Cheung had made another generous gift to BU—$500,000 to name the Advanced Prototype Lab in the Engineering Product Innovation Center (EPIC).

Alums also celebrated trustee Hugo Shong (COM’87, GR’90), who made remarks in a video presentation. In February, the BUild Lab: IDG Capital Student Innovation Center opened, with lead support from IDG Capital and Shong, its CEO.