

Peking University Alumni Association of Hawaii (PKUAAH) 夏威夷北京大學校友會

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Mission: To establish a network among alumni and friends of Peking University (Beida) in Hawaii.

History: PKUAAH is the Hawaii Chapter of the Peking University Alumni Association in North America (PKUAA-NA). The Hawaii Chapter was founded on January 1, 2003 by a group of Peking University alumni working or studying in Hawaii under the initiation of Mangmang Qiu Brown, Qinghong Wang, and Haiming Wen. Shortly after inception, PKUAAH affiliated itself with the Center for Chinese Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UH-CCS) so that it could use the Center's resources to organize and solicit members (UH-CCS has an active exchange agreement with Peking University). On June 21-22, 2003, PKUAA-NA was established in San Francisco. Haiming Wen, representing PKUAAH, attended the first conference of the PKUAA-NA, and PKUAAH became one of 13 initiated members of PKUAA-NA.

Activities The Hawaii Chapter maintains close relationships with sister Beida alumni associations on the U.S. mainland. PKUAAH organizes gatherings and meetings that promote friendship among alumni and friends of Beida, as well as disseminating information on housing, scholarship, job and career opportunities. It is also the proud host of visiting scholars and administrators from Beida. The Chapter sponsors fundraising activities that support its alma mater in its pursuit to become a world-class university.

Recent activities include the following:

- Campaign to raise anti-SARS donations for Peking University. Approximately \$500 was raised and donated in May-June, 2003.
- First Alumni gathering: on August 4th, 2003, over 40 people gathered at the home of Mangmang Qiu and Ron Brown, to welcome Beida Vice President Wen Hai to Hawaii.
- On August 6th, 2003, PKUAAH co-hosted a forum on current economic trends in China, by Prof. Wen Hai of Peking University. Other sponsors included the Hong Kong China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce (HKCHcc), the Hawaii State Department of Business Economic Development & Tourism (DBEDT), the Japan-American Institute of Management Science (JAIMS), the UH-Center for Chinese Studies, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and the China Club. Over 60 people attended. The forum was held at the Buffet 100 Restaurant.

- On September 26th, 2003, PKUAAH co-hosted the National Day Celebration Party for Chinese students and faculty at University of Hawaii, at Orvis Auditorium on the University of Hawaii campus. The event commemorated the founding of the People's Republic of China on October 1, 1949. Other sponsors included the Chinese Students and Scholars Association at University of Hawaii, the US-China People's Friendship Association, the Chinese Mainlander Association, and the Chinese Dance Club. There was also a Scottish Pipe Solo performance.

Membership: There are about 50 current members of PKUAAH. Most of these are graduates and faculty of Peking University. According to the Association by-laws, anyone who studied or worked at Peking University (including Beijing Medical College), or its affiliate institutions, is qualified for membership. However, PKUAAH also welcomes all friends who support Beida and the Hawaii Chapter of its alumni association.

Association presidents

2003-pres. Mangmang Qiu Brown