K-NIGHT 2007

The K-night 2007 assembled the hottest performers and audience at the headquarters of the math nerd - East Hall South Atrium. In the evening of December 9th, the atrium was transformed into an arena for our talented Hong Kong K-singers. After rounds of keen competition, Jeremy Chu secured the 3rd place, and the audience had a hard time to choose between the 1st and the 2nd position. While deciding whether the champion should go to Eugene Lau or Eugene Lai and April’s group (may I remind you, there are at least THREE Eugenes on this campus), the audience was entertained and spurred to make the decision by the MCs’ frantic a capella. The night was concluded by Eugene Lau’s claim to the best coffee gift card ever—Starbucks.

WINTERFEST

Similar to Festifall, except that the Winterfest took place in the Michigan Union to spare us from the chilling winter. Despite the cold weather, lots of students still came (perhaps thanks to the free food and drinks). To aid the promotion of Hong Kong and HKSA, we made a poster which was a collage of all our activities so far. HKSA was lucky to have our booth in the center of the ballroom, the strategic location helped us recruit both new active and supportive members.

MSU vs UMICH basketball

On February 3rd, we invited the HKSA basketball team from MSU to have a friendly match with our team. Despite the cold weather (and distance needed to travel by MSU), many students from both universities came to support their teams! After two hours of quality play and good sportsmanship, the match ended with the MSU team winning by 49:32. The basketball match was followed by a pizza retreat at Stockwell, providing the opportunity for students from both universities to interact and foster friendly relationships.
MAHJONG NIGHT

On the night of January 27th, 24 players gathered at Michigan Union to claim the title of Mahjong Masters, to become the one to rule them all. After an hour of fierce battle, three players have secured their place into the final round, with the faith of the last place decided upon the finishing of the last table. With Albert Kan at fourth place and still playing, it seems certain he will be moving on. However, out of nowhere, Weijern Lim eats a 清一色花上自摸, lowering Albert to fifth place, with Eugene Lau taking the last spot. This dramatic end meant that the four players to compete for the title was Marco Shek, Ronald Leung, Brian Chow and Eugene Lau. After another two hours of silent and intense battle, the winner was born.

Champion: Marco Shek  
First Runner-up: Ronald Leung  
Second Runner-up: Brian Chow  
Third Runner-up: Eugene Lau

SKI TRIP

Still having Christmas break withdrawal symptoms? Want to have another thrill before the "real" work begins? No problem – to alleviate the hang-over, HKSA, TWSA and SSA co-organized a two-day-one-night ski trip for ski-lovers and beginners on Jan 13 and 14. It was an exciting short trip because more than 200 students at the U of M from three cultural groups gathered to have fun together! We took a long ride from Central campus to the Treetops Resort at Gaylord for almost four hours, and luckily movies were shown. Yet, as we arrived, we immediately knew the it was worth the wait. The resort consisted of lodges and cabins that were laden with a thin layer of shimmering white silk...giving us a feel of "village life" and a break from the "city life" of Ann Arbor. Treetops featured an outdoor hot tub, game rooms (X 360!), saunas, pool, and of course cross-country and skiing routes. Some snowboarded, and some skied; but all of us definitely enjoyed the short and sweet trip – that is of course, partially thanks to our joint-SAice-breaking gathering on Saturday evening.

All in all, this thrilling getaway has marked a bright beginning for the year 2007 for all of us!
LUNAR BALL

新年快樂, 恭喜發財! Chinese New Year is here again, which means time for the traditional Lunar Ball. This year, HKSA joined with CSA and AAA in creating the biggest and best Lunar ball. More than two hundred people, all from different nationalities such as VSA, SSA and even foreigners gathered at St John's Inn to celebrate this wonderful event. The performances, Chinese New Year Trivia, as well as the time to spend time with your friends made this night an enjoyable and unforgettable new year gathering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HEAT MUSIC
The largest event of the school year 2006-2007

Date: March 31st
Time: 7:00 - 10:30 pm
Venue: MLB Aud 3

Please RSVP on
http://umich.edu/~hksa/reg_HeatMusic.html

Be ready to perform and enjoy!

Admission: $3