



Sing Yin Alumni Association

NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Sing Yin Alumni Association ("the Association") will be held at the Language Theatre, Sing Yin Secondary School, 38 New Clear Water Bay Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong on Wednesday, 20 June 2018 at 6:30 pm for the following purposes:-

1. To receive and adopt the minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting;
2. To receive and adopt the Treasurer's report;
3. To receive and adopt the annual report of the Chairman;
4. To resolve and adopt the amendments to be made on the Constitution of the Association; and
5. To consider and resolve such matters incidental to the adoption of the new Constitution of the Association and any other business.

By Order of the Executive Committee

Bruce W.W. LAM

General Secretary

29th May 2018

Explanatory Notes

The amended Constitution to be tabled to the meeting is available [here](#). The salient parts of the changes needed to be made are as follows:-

- (a) To set up an official website of the Association for purposes including giving of notices to the Members. That helps facilitate the Members to have clear access to such necessary information as may be given by the Association from time to time. Relevant contents can be found in Article 5;
- (b) The object clause is altered to better define its scope having regard to the activities carried out in the past by the Association and those activities which may be beneficial to the Members to be carried out in future. It is now in Article 6;
- (c) The Honorary positions are now regulated in a clearer manner. A new position to be called the Honorary School Representative is added to strengthen the tie between the Association and the School. Please refer to Articles 9, 10 and 11;
- (d) There are a number of provisions added to regulate the Membership, mainly on the application and the renewal process. In a nutshell, a Relevant Period (for 5 years) is adopted to synchronize the expiry. A Membership once admitted during a Relevant Period will last until the expiry of the next Relevant Period; thus, the first term of a Membership will last for not less than 5 years and not more than 10 years, depending on the actual time the Member is admitted during a Relevant period. Membership Fee, used to be HK\$50.00 per ONE year is substantially reduced to HK\$50.00 for the first term (which, as said above, can be 5 to 10 years!) and HK\$50.00 for the renewed term of 5 years. Those provisions can be found in Articles 15 to 18.
- (e) Another significant alteration is to hold a Biennial General Meeting once every two years instead of an Annual General Meeting once every year. That not only saves all the Members' time and effort in attending the Members' meeting once every year but also will have the effect of extending the office of the Executive Committee from one year to two years. It will be beneficial to the Association as most affairs of the Association are best organized and handled by the same officials with a well planning made for a considerable length of time not limited by the one-year office. Article 42 speaks in this context.
- (f) The use of proxy is now regulated in a clearer manner, whether it is for the Biennial General Meeting (Articles 56 to 58) or for the election of the Alumni Manager (Rules 8.2 to 8.4 in Schedule 1). The idea is to cater for better administration and most importantly, a fair system of voting.
- (g) Schedule 1 refers to the provisions for the election of the Alumni Manager. Apart from the rules relating to the proxy as said above, there are also major changes in rule 1 (on what an Alumni Manager may be expected to be), rule 7 (on the election process).

The above points are of course not exhaustive. Members are urged to study the Constitution and it is hoped that under the new Constitution to be adopted if resolved, the Association's affairs would be better managed to serve the best interest of all the Members.

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