



**CIS**  
**Alumni**

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Dear Alumni,

We are excited and honored to present to you our first Annual Letter.

The CIS Alumni Board (“CISAB”) was formed in 2016 with the goal of strengthening pride, participation and commitment amongst alumni, this spirit encapsulated in our de facto motto “Connect, Inspire & Serve”. CIS Alumni seeks to connect our community, inspire each other and serve ourselves and those around us.

Over the years, we have grown from strength to strength and the current CISAB comprises twelve volunteer members drawn from seven CIS graduating classes organised around five committees, each representing a core pillar of our mission:

- (1) Career Development Committee chaired by Dallas McAfee '98
- (2) Sports and Social Committee chaired by Sylvia Au '02
- (3) Community Service Committee chaired by Raymond Kwok '97
- (4) Governance and Nominating Committee chaired by Yang-Wahn Hew '97
- (5) Digital and Communications Committee chaired by Jason Cheung '00

We are grateful to each of our committees (and its members Lily Cheng '97, Anca Chung '00, Robin Hwang '00, Joseph Luk '00 and Ben Teo '10) whom despite the challenges in the past few years, have implemented the following flagship alumni initiatives:

### **Connect**

- Enhanced engagement with Class Ambassadors who in turn are better motivated and empowered to lead and promote alumni initiatives within their year groups, beginning with easy identification (Class Ambassadors are now searchable on CIS Alumni Connect), improved communication (Class Ambassadors whatsapp groups) and exclusive Class Ambassadors gathering.

### **Inspire**

- Built the Career Development Program which, through industry forums, skills workshops and networking events, leverages CIS alumni’s substantial network in Hong Kong and internationally to assist alumni in advancing and developing their careers. We strive to be relevant and timely, for example organizing talks on “Building a Resilient Career” and “Job Search in a Pandemic” in the past year.

## Serve

- Served our community by educating and highlighting social issues and needs - Housing Shortage in Hong Kong, Mental Health Crisis, Social Enterprises and Development.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled to share a few upcoming initiatives and we invite anyone feeling inspired to jump on the bandwagon:

- Develop CIS Alumni branded merchandise, specifically in this first run, pullovers created from upcycled CIS uniforms promoting sustainability, design and innovation. Proceeds from the sale of these products will be reinvested into CIS Alumni and other suitable CIS student projects.
- Create and appoint of Alumni Board Associates to extend the reach and enhance the effectiveness of the CISAB. Alumni Board Associates are also encouraged to lead bespoke projects benefiting smaller segments of our community.
- Supporting and working alongside CIS with Vision '33.

CIS is a special place for many of us. At CIS, we have met and been inspired by great teachers, mentors and friends - some have even found their life partners. We encourage you to take a more active role in giving back to this special place which unites us. We hope there is something for everyone. If something does not exist yet, why not work with us to create it?

Please get in touch at [cisalumniboard@cis.edu.hk](mailto:cisalumniboard@cis.edu.hk) to share your ideas, suggestions or feedback. We are only as strong as the community we represent.

Finally, our gratitude and appreciation to everyone who has loved and participated in CIS Alumni and brought us to where we are today. It has been a difficult few years, especially for younger members of our community who have had their lives and studies severely disrupted. Let's rally the troops and look forward to brighter days ahead together.

Take care and stay in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Rita Chan '96 and Martin Ma '99  
Co-Chairs, CIS Alumni Board