

## *Session 2020-2022*

### **Welcome!**

A warm welcome to our new members! Here, we hope to create a hub where previous UNVs from Hong Kong can gather and continue to promote volunteerism and UN values for peace and development.

This is the first issue of our quarterly newsletter that provides updates about the Alumni Society and shares opportunities relating to volunteering, leadership, and skill development.

### **Our team**

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Society (2020-22) was elected on 17 May 2020 and we are delighted to introduce the following members of the Committee:

Sandy Leung	Chairperson
Tim Cheng	Vice Chairperson
Emily Cheung	Vice Chairperson
Suzanne Wong	Secretary
Anson Leung	Treasurer
Yui Chiu	Membership Liaison Officer
Suki Tong	Programme Officer
Henry Liu	Programme Officer
Doris Leung	Communications Officer
YC Wong	Communications Officer
Likie Lee	Ex-officio Member



*Executive Committee members with staff representatives from Agency for Volunteer Service (AVS).*

### **What's New - Year Plan**

Our team is actively working on providing networking opportunities for members and supporting volunteers who are due to begin their UNV assignments, as well as providing platforms that allow previous volunteers to share their valuable experience and promote the SDGs and volunteerism.

### **Your opinion matters!**

If there is anything you would like us to include in our future newsletters or if you have any suggestions on the work of the Alumni Society, please feel free to let us know!

## For Your Action

**Take 5-10 min to fill out Annual Member Survey by Sep 7!**

In order to gather members' updates, stories, and suggestions on the Alumni Society's activities, you are invited to complete our annual member survey.

This survey is designed to help us understand your needs and expectations and collect information for our **member directory** to help you find out more about each other. We hope this can create more **meaningful connections** which will help you grow professionally and personally.

We would be grateful if you could submit this **by September 7 (Monday)**. Please click [HERE](#) to begin the survey.

## Featured Event - Together We Plant

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of AVS, "Together We Plant" Volunteer Greening Day was organized in June to raise public awareness on how volunteers can help preserve our environment and respond to climate change.

Members of the Alumni Society, volunteers from various sectors and guests attended the launching ceremony and took part in the transplantation of seedlings in Shing Mun Country Park.

## External Opportunity\*

"Humans locked down, NATURE UNLOCKED: A global photo contest on flora and fauna in the time of COVID-19

in support of the restoration of ecosystems" by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

This photography contest aims to raise awareness of the alarming speed at which species' natural habitats are disappearing worldwide and promote the preservation of ecosystems and biodiversity. Submission deadline: 15 Sept.

More information at <https://natureunlocked.unece.org/>

\*The information about this opportunity was sourced from UNECE; please refer to the official website for the most updated information. This is an external opportunity and is not endorsed by the Alumni Society.

