

## President's Report on 2016

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### Overview

Since we are entering the eighth year of DragoNation, the Alumni of The Dragon Foundation Programme, we shall continue to promote DragoNation and The Dragon Foundation and preserve our values. DragoNation and The Dragon Foundation work along the common theme to serve the best interest of young people, community, and Chinese descendants. Our members include past delegates from Go Go West, “Dragon 100” Young Chinese Leaders Forum and Global Citizens Programme.

### Our Objectives

Tagging along the theme of last year “**Dragons Inspire dragons**”, the theme of this year is to connect and reconnect in the **Global Talent Network**. Many members are looking for breakthroughs in different aspects, and we as the alumni association serve as an important platform for connections and exchange of ideas through fostering interactions between old and new Dragons.

### Our Event Programmes

#### **1. Officiating Dinner in Singapore**

In December, the very first overseas official re-union trip for the Dragon Foundation was organized for the visit of our overseas Dragons! A record number of 30 Dragons from year 2004-2015 were in attendance to meet our founding director Ms. Shelley Lee for a remarkable officiating dinner in Singapore.

#### **2. Mentorship program**

Our first and foremost mentorship program was launched in December 2015 with the support from 7 experts from different fields as mentors! The goal of the program is to foster relationships between ‘Mentors’, recognized Industry Leaders, DragoNation Directors and Senior DragoNation members, and Mentees, who are at a critical juncture in their careers and in need of guidance. Our mentorship program facilitates knowledge exchange, and extends personal connection between mentors and mentees. It is also a channel for meeting up of potential business partners.

We are honoured to have the following mentors for last year’s mentorship program:

- **Mr Shannon CHEUNG** (Director of The Dragon Foundation) - CEO and founder at Zennon Capital Advisors (HK)
- **Ms Junia HO, JP** (Vice-chairperson, Fund-raising Committee, The Dragon Foundation) - Managing Partner of Relybase Consultant Limited
- **Mr Tony IP** (Dragon 100-2011) - Deputy Director, Sustainable Design, Ronald Lu & Partners
- **Mr Clive Ka-Lun LEE** (Dragon 100-2005) - CEO, Chen Yidan Foundation
- **Mr Kingsley NG** (Dragon 100-2011) - Assistant Professor, Academy of Arts, Hong Kong Baptist University

### **3. DragoNation day 2016 – From Passion to Action: Entrepreneurship with Mission**

We are honoured to have Sir TL Yang, Ms. Shelley Lee and Ms. Junia Ho joining the DragoNation day in May 2016. We also have **Mr. Francis Ngai Wah-sing, Founder and CEO of Social Ventures Hong Kong**, to be our keynote speaker of the event and deliver the inspiring "Inconvenient Truth of Dream". Social Ventures Hong Kong, founded in 2007, is a venturesome philanthropic organization that supports and promotes social entrepreneurship development.

In the event, we have also introduced our first-ever launched DragoNation Human Library with successful alumni from diverse fields sharing their expertise and professions. This Human Library is an innovative, interactive and mind-provoking activity for Dragon Alumni and participants to connect and share thoughts through the theme of DragoNation Day - **from passion to action: entrepreneurship with mission**, which concerns the underlying entrepreneurial spirit than business itself, encouraging participants to step out of comfort zone and make a difference.

Achieving 3Es in this forum:

A. **Empowerment** – Letting participants feel empowered after this forum with inspirational stories and encouraging the transformation of passion into action.

B. **Experience** – Having absolutely different and valuable experience – 1<sup>st</sup> hand information extracted from the human library. As always said, focusing on

entrepreneurship with a clear mission is the key to developing sustainable businesses. Having Mr. Francis Ngai as our keynote speaker of the event, participants could fully experience the power of “entrepreneurship with a clear mission”.

**C. Engagement** –Through engaging in conversations and collaborations, ties with pivotal and critical stakeholders across industries, geography, and professional associations are developed. The versatility of the human library encouraged participants to know more about creation and pursuit of entrepreneurial opportunities.

With the success of the DragoNation Day 2015 and 2016, we have harnessed curiosity of social innovation and connected dragons across the years. We hope that this annual event will allow our alumni to mingle and discover new possibilities.

#### **4. Diversity Chamber**

Diversity Chamber is a platform for Dragon Alumni and potential youth leaders to meet and get connected and inspired from the sharing of our prestige speakers. Through a high-level dialogue in the themed-Chamber, Dragons can have a closer look at the perspicacity and worldview of our pioneer guests, and hence gain inspiration in their ambition of change-making.

This year we had visited:

- **Leading Changes - Alvin Lam** (CEO of PacificLink iMedia group and Managing Partner of T12M Ventures Ltd.)
- **Redesigning Lifestyle - Mazing and Connie Lee** (Contact Store)
- **Private tour at F11 Photographic museum - Mr. Douglas So** (Vice-president and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of The University of Hong Kong, the founder of F11)

#### **Epilogue**

Being the President of DragoNation for 22 months, I am thankful that the executive committee has a common goal to work towards. Together we explored the mission and vision of the group and the ways to serve the best interests of young people, the community, and Chinese descendants. Proudly presenting Shelley’s acronyms, may I remind all that Dragon is an identity which we should try our best to protect and reinforce.



The DRAGON qualities:

Dedicated

Resilience

Ambitious

Generous

Omnipotent

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I am very proud of being a member of the family. Happy 8th anniversary,  
DragoNation!

Best Regards,  
Sindy Leung