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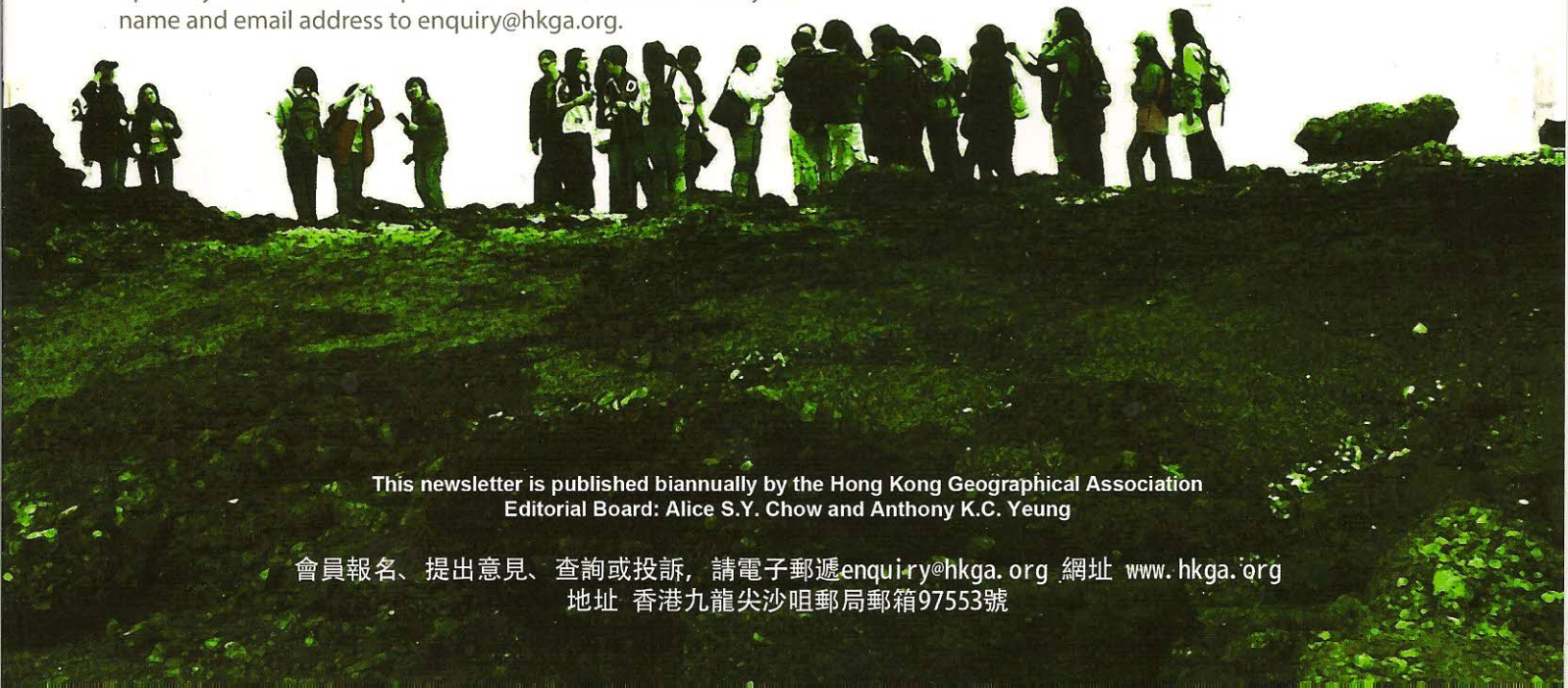
In this issue, we introduce you the new Executive Committee chaired by Prof. Donggen Wang (HKBU) and the new Secondary Education Committee. Articles covered include the 40th Anniversary Sharing Session report, the PRD field trip report, local field site recommendation and a teacher's article on agricultural practice in the PRD.

The next issue of Hong Kong Geographer will be available in April 2010 (in a printed format). That is a Special Issue on School Based Assessment under the NSS curriculum. We have invited some Geography educators to share their views on SBA or on the new curriculum. We hope the coming Special Issue can help teachers attain a better understanding of the new curriculum.

In the near future, the Hong Kong Geographer will be published in an electronic version. Thus, it is time for members to provide us / update your emails to keep our interactions. You can send your name and email address to enquiry@hkga.org.

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Message from the Chairman

Since its foundation in 1969, HKGA has in the past forty years made great contributions to geography education and geography studies in Hong Kong. The association has been providing important professional supports to geography teachers through workshops, lectures, field trips, etc. HKGA has been working closely with government departments including the Education Bureau and Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority on curriculum reform and the introduction of the 3-3-4 education system. Jointly with the departments of geography of the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University and the Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Association has since 1981 been organizing the biennial event of 'Hong Kong Geography Day', which incorporates talks for secondary students, field trips for geography teachers, research seminars for intellectual exchange between academics, forums, exhibitions, etc. In the past three decades, 'Hong Kong Geography Day' has become a focal event of geography in Hong Kong. The association publishes a newsletter twice a year, the Hong Kong Geographer, which reports activities of the association and exchange views and experiences in teaching geography. In 1981, HKGA launched a scholarly journal in English: Asian Geographer. The journal focuses on geographical issues in Asia and the Pacific Rim.

All these achievements would not have been possible without the dedication, hard working and creative minds of the previous Executive Committees of HKGA. The 2009-2011 Executive Committee deeply cherish these achievements and will carry on the good traditions and practices of the past. At the same time, we will explore ways to further develop HKGA. We will further enhance the professional services to geographer teachers through organizing seminars, field trips and other activities. Competitions and learning activities will be organized to promote the interests of secondary school students in geography. Efforts will be spent to enhance HKGA's role in promoting academic development. A major task will be to revitalize Asian Geographer to be an important geographical journal on Asia and the Pacific Rim. In addition, HKGA will be more involved in the organization of academic conferences, workshops and seminars.

I am confident that with the supports of HKGA members and the efforts of colleagues in the Executive Committee, HKGA will be developed to a new height.

Prof. Donggen Wang

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