



## 1. Development of the Society

### 1.1. Membership

We are delighted to welcome 55 new members (8 Life Members, 8 Regular Members, 3 Affiliated Members, and 36 Student Members) who joined the Society this year and very pleased to see the rapid growth of the Society's membership. We have totally 101 new members in these two years.

## 2. New Features

### 2.1. LSHK server accessible to the mainland

Thanks to the contributions made by our Vice-President Vicky MAN and her helper Joyce LEUNG of HKBU, our website is now accessible to people in the mainland of China. We hope that our website can become a more reliable source to our local members, the linguists in the mainland of China, and the international linguistics community for information exchange purposes.

### 2.2. E-newsletters

To facilitate effective academic discussions among our members over the internet, we published two issues of the e-newsletter in February and October, respectively, and posted them on our website.

## 3. Activities

### 3.1. LSHK Workshop on Cantonese

We had two WOCs in 2009. The 8th LSHK Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-8) was organized on March 28 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the theme was 'Grammar of Hong Kong *Ciu4jyu5*'. Selected papers from WOC-8 will be published in *Chinese Language Studies* (《中國語文研究》). The 9th LSHK Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-9) was organized on November 14 at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the theme was 'Representation and Standardization of Cantonese Sounds: Romanization and Standard Pronunciations'. The WOC-9 was co-sponsored by the Center of Chinese Linguistics at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and LangComp.

### 3.2. Cantonese romanization

#### 3.2.1. *Jyutping promotion group*

Members of the Jyutping promotion group had a meeting with Mr. Dean Head, the author of *Fonetic Cantonese*, on the promotion of Jyutping on October 29 at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University to talk about the possibility of incorporating Jyutping and input from academics into Mr. Head's teaching materials.

### 3.2.2. *Roundtable discussion on Jyutping promotion*

A roundtable discussion on Jyutping promotion was organized during the 9th LSHK Workshop on Cantonese on November 14 at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

### 3.3. Awards

#### 3.3.1. *LSHK Outstanding Thesis Awards*

I would like to congratulate the two winners of this year's award, Donald Timothy WHITE (CUHK MA thesis titled 'Speech Rhythm Development in a Balanced Cantonese-English Child') and Aijun HUANG (CUHK MPhil thesis titled 'Count-mass Distinction and the Acquisition of Classifiers in Mandarin-Speaking Children'). On behalf of the ExCom I would like to express our appreciation to the anonymous reviewers for their professional and fair judgments on the nominated theses and their time, and to Peppina LEE and Bit-chee KWOK for coordinating the job.

#### 3.3.2. *LSHK Award for Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics*

The paper titled '勾漏片粵語的兩字連讀變調' by Mr. Xingquan HOU (侯興泉) (Peking University) won the second LSHK Award for Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics (香港語言學學會 粵語語言學 學生傑出論文獎). The award was presented to the winner at the opening ceremony of the 14th International Conference on Cantonese and Yue Dialects held in Guilin, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on December 7. Please join me in congratulating Mr. HOU on winning this competitive award. I would also like to express our appreciation to the anonymous reviewers and to Bit-chee KWOK and Peppina LEE for coordinating the award.

### 3.4. The 6th LSHK Postgraduate Research Forum on Linguistics

The Society initiated and organized the '6th LSHK Postgraduate Research Forum on Linguistics' (PRFL-6) held at The Hong Kong Polytechnic University on March 14-15, in conjunction with the 'Second PolyU Faculty of Humanities Postgraduate Research Symposium'. The theme of the PRFL-6 was 'East Asian Languages: Theory and Application'. The event began with a keynote speech from Prof. Chu-Ren HUANG titled 'From Lexical Semantics to Knowledge Systems: How to Infer Cognitive Systems from Corpus Data.' A total of 37 presentations were given by the presenters, who were from Hong Kong, the mainland of China, Taiwan, Korea, and Thailand.

## 4. Sponsorship

### 4.1. 2009 Seoul International Conference on Linguistic Interfaces

The Society co-sponsored the 2009 Seoul International Conference on Linguistic Interfaces held on June 24-26 at the Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea. Some members of the Society submitted a paper and attended the three day conference.

## 5. Financial Situation

### 5.1. This is a healthy year for the Society's financial status.

## **6. Plans for the future**

### **6.1. Conferences on Cantonese linguistics**

We plan to organize the 10th LSHK Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-10) in 2010 to mark the tenth anniversary of WOC. It is also expected that the Society will be involved actively in the International Conference on Cantonese and Yue Dialects and will play a leading role in organizing the conference when it is held in Hong Kong. It is highly likely that the conference will be held in Hong Kong in 2011.

### **6.2. LSHK Award for Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics**

We plan to organize the third LSHK Award for Outstanding Student Paper on Cantonese Linguistics. It is hoped that this award will become a trademark of the Society.

### **6.3. The 7th LSHK Postgraduate Research Forum on Linguistics**

It is hoped that the Society will organize the 7th LSHK Postgraduate Research Forum on Linguistics (PRFL-7) in 2010 or in 2011.

## **7. Acknowledgments**

### **7.1. To the host of LSHK-ARF 2009**

Many thanks go to the Research Centre into Language Education and Acquisition in Multilingual Societies (RCLEAMS) and the Department of Early Childhood Education at the Hong Kong Institute of Education, the host and the co-sponsors of the ARF this year, and particularly to Dr. Sam LEUNG, Head of the Department, and Prof. David Li of the RCLEAMS for their help and generous support.

### **7.2. To other ExCom members**

As President of the outgoing ExCom, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to the other committee members for their assistance and contribution: Vicky MAN (Vice-President), Peppina LEE (Secretary), John WAKEFIELD (Treasurer), Peggy MOK (Communications Coordinator), Bit-chee KWOK (Editor), Virginia YIP and Sam LEUNG (members-at-large). It has been a great privilege being able to work with them with great enthusiasm and harmony for these two years.

### **7.3. To all members**

On behalf of the ExCom, I would like to express our thanks to all our members for their trust, support, and active participation in our activities in the past two years. Thank you!

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