

Annual Report 2007

Linguistic Society of Hong Kong (LSHK)

The 11th exe com (2006-2007) was elected by LSHK members in the AGM of 2005. The present report covers the second year of the term of this exe com.

Colleen Wong, President

Foong Ha Yap, Vice President

Benjamin Au Yeung, Secretary

Sun Jingtao, Treasurer

Vicky Man, Communications Officer

Alex Chengyu Fang, Website co-ordinator

Caesar Lun Suen, Member-at-large

(1) In 2006-2007, the LSHK members total to 78, broken down as follows:

Life	34	Regular	12
Affiliated	5	Student	27

(2) The exe com in its second year of office had held six meetings.

(3) LSHK Publications

- A Proficiency Course in Zhuang: Fieldwork Documentation and Revitalization of a Language and Culture of Southwestern China *by* Adams Bodomo and Pan Yanqin (This is a course book of the Zhuang language.)
- Studies in Cantonese Linguistics 2 *edited by* Sze-wing Tang and Joanna Ut-seong Sio (This is a collection of papers covering areas such as syntax, semantics, historical linguistics as well as socio-linguistics.)
- (in press) Annual Research Forum (ARF) Proceedings 2006 *edited by* Colleen Wong (Twelve refereed papers will be included.)

(4) Activities organized by LSHK members and co-sponsored by LSHK

- a. Peppina Lee and Kwok Bit-chee were organizers of the Sixth Workshop on Cantonese (WOC-6). WOC-6 was held at the City University of Hong Kong on April 1, 2007. The theme of the Workshop was: "Adverbs in Cantonese grammar: from synchronic and diachronic perspectives". There were six presentations. Kwok Bit-chee would ask Professor Zhang Shuang Qing of the Chinese Department of CUHK to publish selected papers from WOC-6 in *Chinese Language Studies* 《中國語文研究》 published by the Institute of Chinese Studies of The Chinese University of Hong Kong

- b. Yap Foong Ha organized for the Department of Linguistics & Modern Languages, CUHK with LSHK co-sponsoring, a special Workshop on Nominalizers and Copulas in East Asian and Neighboring Languages from January 8-12, 2007. The workshop explored the intimate relationship between nominalizers and copulas in a number of languages, and discussed issues such as 'Nominalization With and Without Copulas'. Additional themes in the workshop included the relationship between nominalization and stance marking (or speaker mood). Workshop discussions focused on typological and formal syntactic approaches to account for grammaticalization phenomena.

(5) Communication

The Communication Officer, Vicky Man, took up the task of giving the LSHK webpage a facelift and updating the page. This enabled the registration for ARF 2007 to be carried out electronically. Paid part-time technical help was secured for Vicky. Here we wish to thank Vicky and her helper for a wonderful job done.

(6) Leave of absence taken by the President, from September to November, 2007

Colleen Wong took a leave of absence, from September to November, 2007, in order to pursue a study overseas. Yap Foong Ha, Vice-President, acted as President during the period. Colleen wishes to thank Foong Ha for holding the fort especially at a busy time when the ARF2007 was being planned. She also thanks all the exe committee members for their effort in preparing the event.

(7) LSHK's ARF 2007 is being held on 8-9 December. The English Language Centre of the Baptist University is the co-sponsor. Here we wish to thank the Baptist University and Vicky Man for the organizational work put into supporting the event.

A vote of thanks

As our term has come to an end, I wish to thank my exe com members for their hard work and understanding. And on behalf of the exe com, I thank LSHK's members for their unfailing support to us.

Colleen Wong
President

8 December 2007