

# Purpose of the Loong Kong Youth Group

*“We three, Liu Pei, Kuan Yu, and Chang Fei, though separate at birth, now bind ourselves to brotherhood, combining our strength and purpose to relieve the present crisis. Thus we may fulfil our duty to home and country and defend the common folk of the land. We could not help our separate births, but on the self-same day we mean to die! Shining imperial Heaven, fruitful Queen Earth, witness our determination, and may God and man jointly scourge whichever of us fails his duty or forgets his obligation.”*

-English Translation of the Peach Garden Oath

The purpose of the Loong Kong Youth Group is to foster the sense of brotherhood (and sisterhood) among members of the Four Families (Liu, Kwan, Jung, Chiu) and that the three noble warriors Liu Pei, Kwan Yu, and Chang Fei swore to in the famous Peach Garden Oath in the Ming Dynasty novel, Three Kingdoms. By sponsoring social activities for members of the Four families, the Youth Group attempts to rekindle the spirit of the brotherhood that the four heroic ancestors formed during the fall of the Han Dynasty. Members not only make many new friends in participating in the club activities but also learn more about their Chinese heritage, history, and culture.

## **Officers of the Youth Group**

### **President:**

The President calls all meetings to order and presides over them. He announces all business in its proper order, calls for committee reports, and ensures that the meeting runs smoothly and that all ideas, concerns, and objections of those attending are heard. The president is responsible for bringing club matters up for a vote by the executive committee and for ensuring that all club decisions are arrived at democratically.

He is also responsible for assigning committees and committee chairpersons to deal with business at hand. The president delegates responsibilities to the chairpersons of committees and to club officers and works in concert with them in order to fulfill club objectives. Specific responsibilities include planning the annual proposed budget in collaboration with the treasure, submitting monthly budget reports at the executive meetings, attending Scholarship meetings of the Lung Kong Tien Yee Association, and representing the LKYG at the Executive Council Meetings. He/ she will attend a majority of club functions, or appoint an officer to attend in his/her absence.

### **Secretary:**

The Secretary keeps the minutes of all meetings, updates mailing and phone lists, handles club correspondence, and sends written notices when necessary. The secretary and or a designated back-up is responsible for updating the LKYG website, and sending updates to members on the email distribution list.

**Treasurer:**

The treasurer helps plan the club budget, issues reimbursement checks to club members for expenses incurred during club functions, and keeps records for all money collected and spent, submits budget updates to the President. All payments made by the Loong Kong Youth Group Treasurer to members or to businesses must be pre-approved by the YG President. YG checks signed by the Treasurer must be co-signed by either the President, Secretary, or alternate officer with check-writing privileges.

**Lau, Kwan Jung and Chiu Chairpersons**

The Chairpersons are responsible for informing club members and prospective members with their same surname of upcoming YG events by email/ phone, recruiting members and coordinating events assigned to them. They should attend a majority of events.

**Procedures for obtaining reimbursements:**

Members will receive compensation for expenses incurred for the purpose of the Youth Group. These include, but are not limited to, purchases of food, activities (i.e. movie tickets, bowling shoe rental, etc.), parking /transportation, Please submit a Reimbursement Form to the President and/or Treasurer with the specified proof of purchase.