

Wah Yanites



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

45th Annual General Meeting

Date : Monday, 30 June 2014

Time : 6:30 pm

Venue : The Chinese Club, 14th Floor, 21
Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong

A dinner reception will be held after the Annual General Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at HK\$350 per head. Please reserve your seat with Mr. Felix Wai on 9888-3112 or felixwai.wai@gmail.com



The meaning of 'Fighting Spirit' and 'Competitiveness' at Wah Yan

The school has circulated a position paper entitled "The meaning of 'Fighting Spirit' and 'Competitiveness' at Wah Yan". Prepared by Fr Chow and the principals of two Wah Yans, the paper highlights the spirit of generosity (Magis) in Jesuit Education, and it has been discussed at the Jesuit Education Board and endorsed by the School Management Committees of the two Wah Yans. The full paper is available here:

<http://www.wahyan-psa.org/messages/The%20Meaning%20of%20'Fighting%20Spirit'%20and%20'Competitiveness'%20at%20Wah%20Yan.pdf>

Report on School Development Project

Currently, the redevelopment of the School Hall is coming to its final stage and we have worked very hard to minimize the disturbance to our school life. According to the contract, the project should be completed by 14 December 2013 and then the school would invite the Building Department (BD) to conduct a site inspection before formally forwarding the application for the "Occupation Permit" (OP). Due to the delay of the approval from BD on some amended construction, including the widening of the stairs of the SIP building and the approval of the fire system in the new building from Fire Service Department, the application for OP may have to be postponed until mid-January 2014. Depending on the application progress, the target date of using the new school hall would be between early May and later July, 2014.

In terms of financial situation, the total contract cost was HKD120 million, of which HKD64.23 million had been settled by November 2013, i.e. the amount to be settled is HKD55.77 million. The School has received an income of HKD3.87 million through the fund-raising raffle ticket and the appeal letter for donation since September 2013, netting a balance of HKD44.85 million by the end of November 2013. In addition, the WYOFF promised to allocate HKD5 million to the project and thus the School has to raise HKD10.92 million, including HKD5 million being set aside for maintenance purposes, to settle the entire project cost. I am looking forward to the completion of the new school hall as it will provide a state of the art environment for learning and teaching in the future.

Notice to Donors of "Wall of Stars"

by George Tam

As the area of the designated wall for the "Wall of Stars" will be inadequate to accommodate the original design of 1,000 star-plates, the School Development Project (SDP) Board resolved to reduce the number of star-plates to 800 by removing the bottom five rows (Rows U to Y) of plates. Dimensions of the Star-plates will also be changed from 20cm x 10cm (200 sq. cm) to 23.4cm x 8.5cm (198.9 sq. cm). Donors who have selected any star plates falling into these five rows (Rows U to Y) will have to relocate their plates to other available locations. For further information, please contact Mr. George Tam, Asst. Supervisor and Convener of SDP Board or Mr. Patrick Wong at 2572-2251.



(Photos courtesy of Gary Ching)

Fr Joseph Mallin SJ's 100th Birthday Dinner

by Gary Ching

On Friday, September 13, 2013, over 900 guests (77 tables) attended Fr. Joseph Mallin's 100th Birthday Dinner held at Metropal Restaurant, Admiralty, Hong Kong. In attendance were Fr's relatives from all over the world, Jesuits, former colleagues, as well as current and former students, parents from Wah Yan College Hong Kong, Wah Yan College Kowloon and Pun U Association Wah Yan Primary School, whose lives have been touched by Fr. Mallin.

Profits from the dinner (HK\$182,063) and donations (HK\$90,000) totaling HK\$272,063 will go to Fr. Mallin, and he would spend them at his own discretion.

Thanks should go to Mrs. Sarah Chan (PUAWYPSPTA), Mr. Raymond Yu (WYHK83) and Mr. Julian Leung (WYHK91) who helped made the event a success.



Announcement of Principal Appointment to the School Community of WYHK

Fr Stephen Chow, S.J., Supervisor and Chairman of the School Management Committee of Wah Yan College Hong Kong, announced the appointment of Dr Ying-lun So to the office of Principal succeeding Mr George Tam with EDB's approval on 28 August 2013.

Dr So was a graduate of the 1977 cohort. He was also a teacher of the school from 1982-1988 and 1994-1995. Dr So received his BSocSc, CertEd, AdvDipEd as well as PhD from The University of Hong Kong and his MBA from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the Hong Kong Institute of CPAs.

Before joining the School, Dr So was Deputy Director and Principal Lecturer of Hong Kong Community College (HKCC), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). He also served as Head of the Division of Business of HKCC.

Dr So reported for duty on 18 October 2013.

(Extracted from the letter written by Fr Stephen Chow dated 28 August 2013)

Happy Birthday Fr. Coghlan!

by Silas Chan

It is always better late than never. Our PSA finally celebrated Fr. John Coghlan's 80th birthday on Monday, 11 November 2013 at The Chinese Club. Over 20 PSA members and students were at the celebration dinner and we all wish you Happy Birthday Fr. Coghlan!



\$500,000 Donation by Class of '63

by Albert Poon

The Class of '63 recently donated HK\$500,000 to the School Development Project (SDP) at their 50th Anniversary Dinner held on 15th November 2013.

(From left: Anthony Cham '63, Dr. Ying-lun So (Principal), Fr. Stephen Chow (Supervisor), Fong Hup '63, Anthony Fong '63 and Wilson Wong '63)



New PSA Council Members 2013-2014

A new 2013-14 PSA Council was elected at the AGM on 28 June 2013.



(Back row from left) Johnson Lam, Brian Tsui, YL Cheung, Ashley Cheng, Raphael Chu, Arthur Cheung, Andrew Chan, Albert Poon, Chiwi Lai, Leo Yu, Julian Leung, Peter Chan, Peter Tang, Gary Ching, Raymond Yu, Simon Cheng, Kenneth Lau, Silas Chan, Sung Nee, Andrew Tam, John Tan, Thomas Tsang, Willie Cheng, Felix Wai, Adrian Hon, Danny Chan, Ivan Hau
(Front row from left) Derek Lee, Lui Tai Lok (Hon Advisor), Fr Stephen Tong, Fr Coghlan, Fr Deignan, Fr Russell, Fr Chow, George Tam, Anthony Ip

President

Yu Man Wai Raymond 于文偉 (83)

Vice Presidents

Cheng Kat Hong Simon 鄭吉康 (72)

Tam Siu Ping George 譚兆炳助理校監

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Chan Hin Cheung Silas 陳衍彰 (85)

Vice Chairman

Ip Fuk Wah Anthony 葉福華 (71)

Honorary Secretary

Tang Kwok Hong Peter 鄧國康 (78)

Honorary Treasurer

Gary Ching 程瀚陞 (86)

Council Members

So Ying Lun 蘇英麟校長 (77)

Nee Sung 孫靦 (72)

Fong Cheung Fat 方長發 (74)

Cheng Wai Hung Willie 鄭偉雄 (80)

Cheung Yuk Lam 張玉林 (80)

Choy Ming Fai Ryan 蔡明暉 (80)

Cheng Chi Kin Ashley 鄭志堅 (80)

Tan Kang John 陳岡 (81)

Chan Yun Fai Andrew 陳潤輝 (82)

Chan Kong Yiu Peter 陳光耀 (83)

Tsang Ho Fai Thomas 曾浩輝 (83)

Tam Wai Kit Andrew 譚偉傑 (84)

Hau Ka Pun Ivan 侯加彬 (88)

Chu Ho Kwan Raphael 朱皓琨 (90)

Cheung Ngah Tak Arthur 張雅德 (90)

Leung Yip Wang Julian 梁業宏 (91)

Yu Kam Hung Leo 余鑑洪 (91)

Poon Kam Lun Albert 潘錦崙 (92)

Li Tze Tsun Craig 李子駿 (92)

Tsui Chi Hin Brian 徐子軒 (92)

Chan Wai Yip Danny 陳偉業 (95)

Lai Cheuk Wai Chiwi 黎卓威 (97)

Lam Chung Shun Johnson 林鍾遜 (97)

Lau Chun Kit Kenneth 劉俊傑 (00)

Hon Ki Adrian 韓琦 (01)

Lee Ho Yin Derek 李浩然 (01)

Wai Chi Yeung 韋智揚 (01)

Wong Kwok Lun Collin 黃國綸 (02)

Others

Council Chaplain: Rev. Fr. John C. Coghlan S.J.

International Network Convener (INC): Michael Au 區世澤 (69)

Membership Registrar: Yu Kam Hung Leo 余鑑洪 (91)

Webmaster: Poon Kam Lun Albert 潘錦崙 (92)

Junior Alumni Council Chairman (JAC): Peter Ho Ying Kit (09)

School Management Committee Representative (SMC): Gary Ching 程瀚陞 (86)

School Advisory Committee Representative (SAC): Leung Yip Wang Julian 梁業宏 (91)

School Development Project Board Representative (SDP): Choy Ming Fai Ryan 蔡明暉 (80)

Wah Yan One Family Foundation Representative: Kwan Ping Yiu Martin 關平耀 (80)

Present

Time flies! This is my turn to write this Chairman's report. It seems that I have just finished reading the previous one.

This Year was a special year to me. Looking backward to the scenes of the last AGM in June 2013, my heart was being filled up with both happiness and pressure while receiving applauses from Jesuit Fathers, Past Presidents (PP), council members and alumni to my chairmanship. Lucky me! Thanks for the strong brotherhood within the Wah Yan community. This was, once again, another in-depth feeling after my graduation in 1985. I felt much stronger this time.

We have 35 members in the Council this year. In addition to the guidance of PPs, Advisors, and contribution of Student Association, there were not only activities which you might have been familiar with but also some new events. Below are the highlights.

Fr Mallin's 100th Birthday Party:

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Student of the Year (SOY) & Student Ambassador:

Cheung Tat Yiu, Spencer, Ching Wai Sing, Winston and Koo Yue Kwan, Stanley were the SOY this year and Cheung Tat Yiu, Spencer was elected Student Ambassador in Dec 2013. The panel consisting of the Principal, teacher, PPs and council members of the PSA made the final decision after the candidates had gone through the selection process including an oral presentation, an interview and a group discussion. Spencer is going to visit the Vancouver Chapter together with the Student Ambassador of WYK in July 2014.

Speech Day cum Reunion Dinner:

Since the construction work of the New School Hall had not yet completed, the Speech Day cum Reunion Dinner this year was held in the school playground. There were around 230 participants including Jesuit Fathers, the Principal, teachers, staff, the alumni who graduated in years ending with the digit "3" and, of course the Form 6 graduates.

Something new

In complying with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, a position of Data Protection Officer has been assigned. He can be contacted by email: dpo@wahyan-psa.org.

One of the goals of the PSA Interest Groups is to connect Wahyanites of all ages through social, recreational or educational activities. As Chinese Opera is one of the traditional cultures here in HK and is well received by some of the alumni, a new Interest Group has been set up under the auspices of the PSA.

For trial purpose, to extend one of the goals of the PSA Interest Groups (Men For and With Others) to not only the Wahyanites but also their 2nd or 3rd generations (whoever ladies or gentlemen), the PSA is looking into a project named "Generation Young" which is coordinated by one of our Council members. Several gatherings like after-work drinks and BBQ have been organized.

In order to well facilitate the PSA website, online payment will be introduced soon. Apart from selling souvenirs of the PSA, enrolment of activities and donation can be done online.

Pursuant to the Education Ordinance and requirements from the EDB, the School has planned to change its administration from SMC (School Management Committee) to IMC (Incorporated Management Committee) in 2014. Since the PSA is a long established alumni association and has a history of strong and good relationship with the School, we are pleased to be the Recognized Alumni Association to take the responsibility to nominate an Alumni Manager by election for the IMC.

Silas Chan

Chairman

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Wah Yan International Conference (IC 2014)

by Silas Chan

The Wah Yan International Conference is an important event which provides an opportunity to bring together the Wah Yan Alumni all over the world and keeps a strong global networking. It will be held in Hong Kong in Dec 2014. The content this year is totally different from that in the past. A lot more outdoor activities will be scheduled. This is a rather innovative way to share our experiences in the Jesuit atmosphere. Don't miss it!

95/90 Anniversaries

by Silas Chan

Next Year (2014-15) is the 95th and 90th Anniversaries of both WYHK and WYK. Several activities, such as Walkathon, Anniversaries Gratitude Dinner, Educational Forum and Concert, will be organized. Let's join together and celebrate.

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