



# Wah Yanites



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 51st Annual General Meeting

By Ashley Cheng

You are cordially invited to the 51st Annual General Meeting of the Wah Yan (Hong Kong) Past Students Association, which will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, 27 June 2020 at the Rooftop Classroom of the School Hall, Wah Yan College, Hong Kong. Please note that there will be no formal lunch gathering after the Annual General Meeting.



## Message from Wah Yan One Family Foundation

24th April 2020

Facing a difficult social environment and a declining economy since Q2 2019, our fundraising events were postponed and around \$2.3 million was raised in 2019 to support the Dream Campaign initiatives in the Schools.

By August 2019, donations received for the Dream Campaign had reached \$155 million. The generosity of our donors had enabled us to appropriate \$10.3 million in 2019 to sustain small class teaching, teacher formation and provision of more subjects and extra-curriculum activities for students in the two Wah Yans. Together with this subsidy, the total funding allocated to the two Schools for the same purpose has amounted to over \$130 million since 2008.

What's the most encouraging, our Principals said that our subsidy had enabled our students to do well in their studies, personal development activities and inter-school contests and events. Wah Yans' DSE and other open examination results saw impressive improvement while the quality of S1 intake has reached a new height. Taking this opportunity, may we extend our great gratitude to all our donors, the two Schools and teachers and parents, the two PSAs, WYHKPTA, WYKPA and friends of Wah Yan for their selfless support and guidance.

In the next 2 years we will appropriate around HK\$10-15 million to our Schools to continue the programmes above. Nonetheless, this is not enough as our Schools would require more funding for other learning experience activities, additional NET teachers and STEAM programmes for our students in the years ahead. Around HK\$11-12 million is required to sustain these initiatives each year.

Our funding reserve is draining up and given the prevailing coronavirus pandemic, fundraising will be very difficult. We have already set out to meet prospective donors and alumni classes online to galvanise support for the two Schools during this critical period. When condition permits again, we will launch our planned events like the Guinness Record Creation, Legacy for Wah Yan and WY Lego Campus to gather funding from a larger crowd of alumni and friends. Eventually setting up an endowment may be the way to provide a sustainable support to the Schools.

We invite more alumni and friends to help us work towards preserving our dream of fostering a better education for our young Wahyanites.

With gratitude and very best wishes,

**Wah Yan One Family Foundation**



# Principal's Column

Dear Wahyanites,

I hope you are all staying well and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It has been almost nine months since I joined Wah Yan College, Hong Kong as the principal, in September 2019. I have had the privilege of attending the PSA Council meeting, and getting to know some of you on various occasions, including the international reunion on 29th November 2019. I had even played football with some Wahyanites before I took office. I have heard numerous stories from current and past students, ranging from memories of playing table tennis in the school basement, taking graduation photos under the Plumeria tree, and picking up the lost football on the slope, to individual recollections of learning English and receiving advice on how to become a better person from the Jesuit Fathers. Through these shared stories, I have gained a deeper appreciation of why every Wahyanite says that Wah Yan is a very “human” place, full of dynamic personal interactions between students, Jesuit Fathers, and Ignatian Educators.

Originally, I should have had the chance to meet many of you at the anniversary gala dinner. Unfortunately, it was eventually cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I know that many Wahyanites who had paid and committed to join the gala dinner decided to donate part or the entire fee for the event to the school, to cover the deposit and to support the school if there was a surplus. Thank you very much for your generosity. I am looking forward to hearing more reminiscences about Wah Yan when we meet after the pandemic is over. I always believe that learning about the past enables us to understand the present, and paves the way for us towards a brighter future.

Although we are temporarily physically isolated, the Wah Yan community is united with the ideal to become “men for and with others”. In the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, when masks began to be in high demand and it became challenging for those from disadvantaged communities to find a mask to protect themselves from the virus, we launched a Masks Donation Campaign, together with Wah Yan College, Kowloon. Since 31st January 2020, we have collected more than 20,000 masks from current students, parents, staff members, local and overseas alumni, and distributed them to people in need via different NGOs.

While we consider the Masks Donation Campaign a unique way of celebrating our centenary, clearly demonstrating our school motto, our team has also been considering how education should be, and how our school should move forward. I would like to take this opportunity to give you some information about our next steps. Firstly, to enhance Innovation and STEAM education in our school, we are developing an initiative called IDEEA (Innovation, Design, Engineer, Entrepreneurship, Arts). This scheme will involve cross-subject collaboration between L & S, VA and ICT in junior forms, and will apply the ideas from Design Thinking and Project-Based Learning (PBL) to the learning process. In addition, our school has been accepted to participate in the Envisioning Innovation in Education project, which is a prospective inquiry in collaboration with Catalyst Education Lab and researchers at Project Zero, a research centre at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. We are also preparing to carry out a comprehensive review of the spatial usage on our campus. Our aim is to try to raise funds for engaging professionals to conduct a study and make proposals for enhancing our campus for the IMC and SSB to consider. In order for this project to be successful, we do need Wahyanites' help. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you are willing to assist with this venture.

Once again, it is a true blessing for me to be among you to build on the success of Wah Yan and to bring to fruition our school's vision, for the greater glory of God.

**Dr. Davis Chan**

**Principal**

**Wah Yan College, Hong Kong**

# Chairman's Report 2019-2020

Dear Wahyanites,

Greetings and blessings to you!

The school year 2019-2020 is not only a year of centennial celebration but also a year with many unforgettable milestones for the whole Wahyanite Family.

We firstly welcome the new Principal, Dr. Davis Chan, to Wah Yan family while we all shared the same excitement and disappointment about the Gala Dinner. We also stood up with elate and animated faces and tears in the Anniversary Musical Drama (*Legacy: A Celebration of a Century*). Now we and the temporarily closed school are fighting together with one of the deadliest epidemics in last one hundred years.

Despite having so many unpredictable changes, PSA is still standing firm with our Alma Mater undoubtedly. Therefore, I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our honorary advisors, past presidents and council members for all the support to PSA and myself. It is impossible for us to achieve so much without your countless efforts and valuable encouragement. Below were some of the highlighted events and initiatives over the past 12 months:

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- Wah Yan International Reunion 2019, with the theme “Brotherhood Beyond Time”, was held on 29-30 November. Numerous old boys from overseas gathered joyfully with indescribably priceless memory sharing.
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- PSA Mentorship Program team successfully arranged a couple of well-organised events with MSS Alumnae including a very informative interview workshop.
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- Wah Yan Real Estate Fraternity, co-organised by alumni from both WYHK and WYK, was successfully formed and started having gatherings since July 2019.
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- PSA Online Shop ran smoothly and supported PSA and WYHK for souvenir sales. In order to widen the product range, a set of two newly designed Wah Yan Polo Shirts was launched in Fall 2019.
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Whilst we are still facing innumerable challenges, I strongly believe our Wah Yan Spirit, *Men for and with Others*, is the strongest shield against infirmities and unsettled situations. I wish all alumni can continue to support the work of PSA and share our Spirit to everyone in the world!

May God bless you all.

Yours,  
**TSUI Chi Hin Brian (92)**  
Chairman, WYHKPSA (2019-20)

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