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Announcement

Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 25 June 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Venue: Conference Room, Wah Yan College Hong Kong

A dinner reception will be held after AGM at 7:30pm at the School Hall. The cost for the dinner is HK\$250 per head. For details and reservations, please contact Peter Tang ('78) at 9031-6304 or peter@miller.com.hk

"Dream of Wah Yan" Fund-Raising Drive

Wah Yan One Family Foundation is launching its ever biggest fund raising exercise in the history of the Wah Yan Colleges, with the aim of pursuing centres of excellence in developing students' knowledge, and of excellence in developing students' character and values, in both Wah Yan schools. To achieve this, firstly, professional development programs should be given to teachers. It is believed that by selecting some teachers to enroll on educational training courses and attend workshops, either locally or overseas, teachers will in turn enrich the students, who are under their care and guidance. Secondly, additional good teachers need to be recruited to put forward the idea of split class education. Finally, not only have we been educated in the academic field, Wah Yan Colleges have guided us over our formation years through the values and character instilled in us by the teachers, the schools, and our involvement in extra-curricular activities.

To realize our dream for Wah Yan's future, the schools have worked out an annual budget of approximately HK\$6.8 million for all the programs to be implemented. Various exercises to raise funds annually to meet these expenses have been considered but what concerns us most is what if donations and the fund dwindle. This may result in an undesirable scenario for us to launch these programs for a few years, but let all the efforts and good work go to waste at last. One sensible solution will be that enough funds be raised and set aside for safe and secure investments, whereby the returns from these investments will be utilized for the continuous pursuit of our dreams for Wah Yan's Future.

A fund raising committee has been formed, which is chaired by Rev. Fr. Deignan. The committee plans to organize a series of fund raising events, including concerts, walkathon, grand dinner ball, movie gala premiere, golf day, and credit card affiliations, to achieve their HK\$100 million target. All avenues for sourcing money for our Alma Mater are considered. In fact, many alumni are now working feverishly on various campaigns to raise fund.

We need your help, we need your donation. In fact we are counting on it! It is time for us to stand up and be counted. And it is a golden opportunity for us to say "Thank you, Wah Yan, for what you have done for me."

For details of this project, please visit the official website of the Foundation at <http://www.wahyan.edu.hk/onefamily/>



Wahyanites Overseas Study Scheme! (WOSS!)

Overseas Study Coordinators of each overseas chapter and Overseas Study Councilors of the two Wah Yan Colleges are listed below. Wahyanites intending to study abroad can contact the respective OSCs for assistance in searching for colleges/universities and study-related matters.

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SA wins Grand Prize in New Year Stall Competition

The Lunar New Year Fair Stall Organizing Committee, comprising members of the Student Association 2006-2007, Resurgence, and 10 other Form 4 and Form 6 students, finally set up a booth to run their own business at the Victoria Park Lunar New Year Fair from 12 Feb to 17 Feb. In addition to making a net profit of some HK\$20,000, the team, as the recipient of the Grand Prize (Secondary School sector) 「營『宵』有道獎勵計劃」 in the New Year Stall Competition, 'earned' another HK\$10,000 from the organizers, Shell and Hong Kong Youth Federation. Congratulations! For details, please read a newspaper cutting at <http://hk.news.yahoo.com/070318/12/23vru.html> or watch a video clip from RTHK Video Podcast - Hong Kong 300 at http://www.rthk.org.hk/podcast/media/hk300/hk300_17.asx



Happy Birthday - Fr Deignan

We, as the past students of Wah Yan, are all indebted to the assiduous guidance and encouragement of the Jesuit priests. Here comes the opportunity to show our appreciation - celebrating Dr Rev Fr Alfred Deignan's 80th Birthday on 26 Feb at The Police Officer's Club at Causeway Bay.



Reports

Spring Dinner 2007 Receives Well Attendance

The PSA Spring Dinner was held successfully in the evening of 16 March at King's Palace Restaurant at Wanchai. Thanks for those who had joined us to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



WYHK Boys Finish 8th Wah Yan League Cup Football Tournament 2006-07 With Flying Color

While the WYK teams had been putting up their efforts to collect points in their last few matches, the WYHK boys managed to win the top prizes. The well-deserved champion team MILLENNIUM kept their heads high after having drawn their last game with a clean sheet for not losing a single match in all 11 league matches. Philip Cheuk once again proved himself a legend of the tournament being the top scorer in 7 out of 8 seasons. As a tribute to the organizers from both WYK and WYHK, the winners witnessed their seniors taking part in a friendly match applauded by WYK Principal So before the prize presentation. Co-incidentally, the WYHK oldies showed no fear and demonstrated to all of us that they still know how to win. Well done!



Chairman's Report

The year 2007 is a busy year for the PSA as well as the School.

Building on the momentum of last year, the "Let's Fly Higher" program continued in a different form this year. The online English learning program was launched to allow all F1-F6 students to gain greater exposure to English. Also, debate training was organized by the Chinese Debate Team.

The celebration of the Society of Jesuits jubilee year reached the climax as a contingent of 48 delegates visited the Shang Chuan Island (上川島) to witness the newly renovated St. Francis Xavier's tomb monument on 30 Nov. Over HK\$800,000 was raised for the renovation by the Good Shepard Club. This was preceded by an Ignatian Conference, the first of its kind in HK, in which the PSA offered our sponsorship and support.

Besides the traditional activities like the retreat, the reunion dinner, the football tournament and the Christmas Gala Dinner (previously the Ball), a couple of programs such as the Wahyanites Overseas Study Scheme (WOSS! in short) and the PSA Mentorship Program, were introduced to strengthen timeless bonding of Wahyanites.

The WOSS! was launched in January 2007 to connect our young Wahyanites intending to study abroad with our overseas Wahyanites so that the latter was able to provide them with assistance in their early settlement abroad and in their search for colleges/universities. This has leveraged our extensive overseas Wahyanites network to meet the growing need of the young Wahyanites, which is welcomed by both the students and their parents.

The highlight program this year was taking place in Hong Kong. With an aim to cultivate the next generation of Wahyanites leaders for the PSA and the community at large, the PSA Mentorship program has helped those young Wahyanites enter the early part of their working life with guidance and support from their bigger brothers. The selection process of mentees was conducted on 10 Feb. The opening ceremony was held on 3 Mar at the School Integrated Humanity Centre with more than 60 mentees and mentors attended. In addition to some regular mentee-mentor interactions, activities will be organized by each mentee group on a quarterly basis to strengthen their relationships in the future.

We invited the teachers to a lunch party on the second academic school day to show our support and appreciation of their work. What's more, the following events were organized in the year:

Jun 06 - **Annual General Meeting** together with the celebration of Father's Day with Rev. Fathers.

Aug 06 - **Wah Yan International Conference (IC) 2006** was held successfully for the 10th time in Vancouver, Canada. The theme of the IC is "Unforgettable Link" with 20 delegates from HK. The climax of the IC was the Gala Dinner attended by 600 people. The report, photos and videos of the IC can be found at <http://www.wycaa.com/IC2006/>. The next IC will be held in Hong Kong in 2008.

Sep 06 - **Appreciation lunch party** with Wah Yan teachers

Oct 06 - Election of **Students of the Year** (SOYs) for the academic year 06-07

Nov 06 - **Reunion dinner** for those graduated in '66, '76, '86, '96 and '06 was held on 16 Nov after the Speech Day.

- **Retreat** led by Fr. Sean Coghlan in Xavier House, Cheung Chau

- Kick-off of the **8th Wah Yan League Cup Football Tournament**

Dec 06 - **Christmas Gala Dinner** was held on 17 Dec 06 at the Aberdeen Marina Club. With 13 tables, it was a cozy and enjoyable evening and over HK\$80,000 was raised for the School General Fund and over \$30,000 for the Association.

Jan 07 - Launch of **Wahyanites Overseas Study Scheme**

Feb 07 - **Cantonese Opera in English** performance by Wah Yan Dramatic Society raised nearly HK\$5 millions to support our alma mater School Development Project and celebrated their 60th anniversary. We sincerely thank our old boys and teacher Mr. Wong Chin Wah, OC Chairman Mr. Daniel Ng, SDP Chairman Dr. Patrick Wu, and the last but not the least, Mr. Philip Ching for organizing this meaningful event. Check it out at <http://www.wahyan-psa.org/pigs/WahYanDramaticSociety/>.

Mar 07 - **Spring dinner** was held with 17 tables of Wahyanites, teachers and parents.

Apr 07 - **Shanghai pilgrimage** with Fr. Deignan

May 07 - Final match of the **8th Wah Yan League Cup Football Tournament**

We have to thank Dr. Patrick Wu (58) and Mr. Peter Lai (74) for representing the PSA at the School Management Committee and the School Advisory Committee respectively. Lastly, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the School and their staff members, advisors, past presidents, council members, the conveners of the interest clubs and societies for their devotion and support to the Association and Wah Yan.

Simon Chan ('75)
Council Chairman 2006-07

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