



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy Hour

Change of venue to  
welcome  
the Year of the Dragon

Starting on 25 February 2000, our happy hour will be held every Friday from 6.00 to 8.00 pm at 10/F Chinese Club, Chinese Club Building, 21-22 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong. With a more centrally located venue we look forward to an even better turn out.

Happy Hours on  
25 February 2000 for  
Legal Fraternity

For the Happy Hours to be held on 25 February 2000, we are specially inviting lawyers and law students to attend.



Come and  
join us  
for a nice  
chat!

### Annual Spring Dinner

by Tommy Lai

The annual Spring Dinner will be held on 18 February (Friday) at the Hopewell City Restaurant. A small happy hour (commencing 6 p.m.) will precede the dinner starting around 8 p.m. Dinner will be charged at HK\$350 per person. For registration, please contact Tommy Lai (at 94569770 or [tommylai@trade.gov.hk](mailto:tommylai@trade.gov.hk))"

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

3rd January, 2000

Dear Friends of Wah Yan,

## 80th Anniversary - (Summary of the Celebrations)

Another 12 months have passed since I wrote to you asking for your support for what would be a year of celebrations to mark the school's 80th Anniversary. Now that the year is successfully behind us and I would like to summarise for the record the main events which were staged and mention a few of the chief organisers and participants. This is therefore intended to help clarify our main objective which was to mark the school's 80th year and illustrate how important the links are between the PSA and the school.

A wide variety of events were held during the year in numerous venues in Hong Kong and abroad.

## Launching Ceremony - 22nd December 1998

Under the supervision of Mr. W.S. Lo, we launched the celebrations in the school playground just before the new year and we were honoured to have Mr. Michael Suen as our guest. At that time we also re-opened and blessed the 6 new classrooms, which had to be demolished in 1992 due to the threat of landslide.

## 80th Anniversary Concert - 6th January 1999

In early January Mr. J.B. Lam successfully masterminded Wah Yan Hong Kong's and Wah Yan Kowloon's first combined concert in the City Hall.

## Seminar entitled "Wah Yan will be better tomorrow" - 17th April 1999

In mid-April Mr. Stephen Tse arranged for Fr. Deignan, Raymond Tsang, Stephen Lam and Yuen Ming Fai to speak at a very well attended seminar in the Convention Centre. These four speakers shared with us their vision for the future of Hong Kong. The seminar had set the tone for the year's theme "Wah Yan moving to the next millennium".

## Chinese Opera in English - 1st June 1999

The Chinese Opera in English was staged in the City Hall in early June after many months of rehearsal under the guidance of Mr. Daniel So and Mr. Philip Ching. This event raised over HK\$2 million from a variety of benefactors who included Mr. William Kwan and Mr. Eric Ko.

## Gala Show - 20th July 1999

The Gala Show was held the following month in the Convention Centre. Mr. Peter Tam and Mr. Desmond Lee organised this well attended event and some HK\$800,000 was raised for the school.

## Sports Competitions and Golf Gatherings - Between May and October 1999

Throughout the summer and early autumn Mr. Anthony Ip and Mr. Fong Hup arranged a variety of sports competitions and golf gatherings thus allowing past students to get their revenge on each other for past grievances! (My apologies here for the heading which implies that golf is not a sport!)

## Anniversary Dinner - 11th November 1999

Many will remember the huge dinner which was held in the Convention Centre in mid November. Mr. Toby Lo managed to muster some 1500 Wahyanites under one roof. (These included old boys from as far as back as 1935.)

## Closing Ceremony & Fun Day - 16th December 1999

Mr. K.C. Kwok ensured that the arrangements of the Closing Ceremony held on 16th December ran smoothly and effectively. On this day, to show our appreciation, the school presented souvenirs to all the chief organisers of the 80th Anniversary Celebration. A school Fun Day followed the ceremony.

In addition to these events several publications were put together to mark this special year.

## Press Supplement - 11th November 1999

To coincide with the Anniversary Dinner Mr. Peter Lam ensured that Wah Yan's Celebrations were suitably broadcast throughout Hong Kong by publishing a Press Supplement in Ming Pao.

## Anniversary Album

Many PSA members will have already received their copy of the Anniversary Album which was put together under the careful eye of its editor Mr. Cheung Yuk Lam.

## Who's Who Directory

PSA members should also have their Who's Who Directory of Wah Yan students stretching back to the school's formation in 1919. Mr. Christopher Kho and his team amassed the data for this publication and ensured that it was put together in a usable format.

## The Star on CD ROM

For those members who want to look up their past articles and photographs in the previous issues of the STAR, Dr. Chung Ka Leung put all volumes of the school album (from 1919 to 1998) on CD ROM for instant access - that is if you can get your offsprings off the computer!

As I glanced over this summary, I was surprised by the variety and number of activities that the PSA were able to conduct. Obviously I have not been able to include everyone's name here. There are many more individuals who were beavering away in the background who also deserve praise and thanks for their hard work and efforts.

Naturally we have been keen to raise funds for a variety of essential projects that have demanded urgent attention around the school. The classroom beside the library has recently been converted into a room which houses our Internet-based Self Access Learning Centre which is now up and running. The classrooms and laboratories are now all fully air-conditioned. This was an important development since Wah Yan is now squarely in the centre of a concrete jungle and has lost its view of the sea and its sea breezes which you may recall from your time at 281 Queen's Road East. These developments are largely thanks to the generosity of the PSA.

Fund raising was an important dimension of this year's celebrations but there are some other aspects of this year which are just as important. I feel that this year has helped strengthen the Wah Yan family bonds bringing the Wah Yan family and the PSA closer together. This is most important since this is the essence of Wah Yan's primary mission, namely, to provide the best possible learning environment for young men to grow up in and develop themselves fully.

I hope that in the immediate future at least I will be able to limit fund raising and requests for financial assistance from our friends. We are now focusing on the long term where very real challenges do exist. In the education field we need to be ever vigilant that we are indeed in step with real long term trends and not just with passing fashions. With the way technology is moving this is very difficult indeed. We also need to ensure that our buildings stay upright and are in a good state of repair. A quick walk around the campus will show how decrepit some areas of the school have become over the years.

On behalf of the school I would like to thank every member of the PSA for helping to ensure that our 80th Anniversary has been a success on all fronts. We are moving to a new millennium with renewed vigour, hope, confidence and anticipation largely thanks to your support.

Thank you.



Tam Siu Ping, George  
Principal

## The 14th Student Members Committee (SMC) Basketball and Football Competitions

by Kevin Mo

The 14th Student Members Committee (SMC) Basketball and Football Competitions were held on three consecutive Sundays (19th, 26th December 1999 and 2nd January 2000) at our alma mater. There were five basketball teams and eight football teams formed by graduates from 1995 to 1999 this year. After keen competition, with both solid defense and powerful offence, the team of 1996 went straight through to the final and won their second championship of the football competition while for the basketball competition, the champion was 1997.

For enquiries about the upcoming events of the SMC, feel free to contact Kevin Mo (1995) at 9072 0136 or Mario Wong (1996) at 9700 9959.



It was not just a time for playing football, but also a time for gathering.



The referee (left) was briefing the captains.



"OoSSssshhh!" Stephen (1995) was about to score his first goal.

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