



Wah Yan College Hong Kong
School Development Project

SDP

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NEWS



Why are we rebuilding our school now?

"There are three reasons. Firstly, more space is needed to cater for today's educational needs and to bring the school up to Y2K standards. Secondly, the ageing school premises have become increasingly difficult and expensive to repair and maintain. For these same reasons, the Government has granted us a fund under the School Improvement Programme to build Phase I.

The third reason is a longer term one. In order to gain better control over our Form 1 intake, it is beneficial for Wah Yan to adopt the "through-train" mode which calls for five, as opposed to the present four, classes for each secondary year. Thus at least five extra classrooms and the space needed to accommodate the increased number of students in all other supporting facilities will be required. The School Management Committee feels that it is appropriate and timely to maximize on the building programme of Phase I and extend it to include Phases II and III, aiming at providing new generations of Wah Yan boys with decent facilities that they all so well deserve."

- *Rev. Fr. A.J. Deignan, S.J.*

School Supervisor and Co-chairman of the School Development Project Board

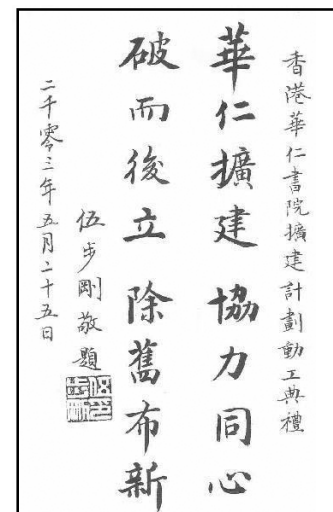
How are we financing the project?

"The total cost of the project is estimated to be HK\$99,800,000. The Government is providing HK\$38,990,000 to fund Phase I. The remaining HK\$60.8M of Phases II & III will be funded by donations. We have received close to HK\$18M since January this year.

Another HK\$42M has yet to be secured. We plan on making personal contacts with well-to-do old boys over the next few months. Despite of the prevailing weak economy, we believe that they have a heart for their alma mater and will give generously to this worthy cause."

- *Dr. Patrick P.K. Wu, J.P.*

Co-chairman of the School Development Project Board



Q & A (continued)

What exactly are we building?

"Phases I and II include the entrance hall, the staff room, a library, a classroom, a computer assisted learning room, a student activity centre, a multi-purpose room, a store room and an open air multi-purpose area. They occupy the greater part of the upper car-park and the music room/Fathers' Chapel wing.

Phase III converts the existing school hall into a much larger one in which the students of the whole school can assemble for the first time in many years. It also doubles up as an indoor sports and multi-purpose centre large enough for a standard size basketball court. Below the new school hall is a spacious and airy multi-purpose covered area that can come in handy on rainy days. On the two floors above the school hall are ten classrooms with windows on both sides and overlooking a roof garden."

- Mr. George S.P. Tam

School Principal and Convener of the School Development Project Board

Who are some of the old boys involved in the project?

"I am proud to say that we have a wealth of talents among our old boys. Already working hands-on are our co-chairman Dr. Patrick Wu; Mr. Michael Tsang, our project architect; Mr. Lo Wing Sun and Mr. Stephen Lam of our technical committee; Mr. Toby Lo, our PSA chairman; Mr. Nicholas Tsui and his brother Lawrence, grandsons of Mr. Peter Tsui, the founder of our school; and Mr. Simon Chan and Mr. Alex Mak, both active members of the PSA.

Past presidents of the PSA who are regulars at our SDP meetings include Mr. Michael Au, Dr. Chung Ka Leung and Mr. Andrew Mak. We are still enticing more old boys to join our team.

It is our great honour that celebrities like Mr. Donald Tsang, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr. Hugo Hung and Mr. William Kwan have become our patrons. Their leadership and inspiration will make a tremendous impact on our fund raising scheme."

- Mr. Peter K.H. Tam

President of the Wah Yan (Hong Kong) Past Students Association

When will the children be able to use the new facilities?

"Facilities of Phases I and II will be completed in the autumn of 2004. The outlook of the approach to the school premises will look very different and our children will be using some of the wonderful new facilities by then. We are also aiming at completing Phase III by 2006. The fulfilment of this will, of course, depend on the availability of fund. That's why I would like to ask all parents to dig into their pockets and donate generously without terry."

- Mrs. Susana Lai

Chairperson of the Wah Yan Hong Kong Parent Teacher Association

SDP EVENTS



Jan 28, 2003 SDP Launch Day:
 Attended by hundreds of old boys and parents.
 Substantial donation by **Mr. Stephen Yow**
 (front row 5th from left).



Feb 17, 2003 PSA Council Meeting:
 Substantial donations by
Dr. Patrick Wu (4th from left)
Dr. Chung Ka Leung (3rd from left)
 and the **Class of '75**.



1953: Ground Breaking Ceremony on Mount Parish



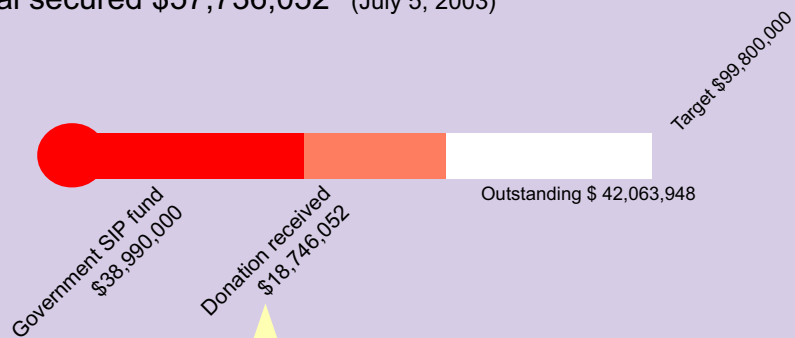
2003: Project Commencement Ceremony on 25 May



Progress photo - 2 Jul 2003:
Gone is the music room!

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www.wahyan.edu.hk
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Past Students Association website at
www.wahyan-psa.org

Total secured \$57,736,052 (July 5, 2003)



This is a good start, but we still have a long way to go!

We need your **ADVICE and **SUPPORT!****

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