

WYK65ers Report #2 by Francis CHOI

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Subject: [WYK1965] 50th Reunion Programme Planning #1 2015 01 18 [2 Attachments]

[Attachment(s) from MinKang Cai included below]

Dear Classmates,

My objective is to finalize programme details for our 50th Reunion by mid June 2015. To make steady progress from here, I plan to do an update on a monthly basis and **your contributions are urgently requested.**

One important input is a firm count on numbers attending since the cost per head for tours and dinners depends on it. By twisting 李國璋 KC oldman's arm almost fully, I was only able to squeeze out a "maybe" from him! To help us here in Hong Kong to get a firm quote for those who need to know costs as close as possible to the actual figures, it may be beneficial to ask you to make a deposit on specific events. Leslie Chang 张叔千 has kindly agreed to be the treasurer. What do you think of setting 2015 06 15 as a deadline for deposits?

Dennis Hui 许耀君 has secured a good rate on a blocked booked basis for 20 rooms at the Cityview Hotel across from WYK. The details are:

Hotel block-booked: <http://www.thecityview.com.hk/>

Rates: HK\$950 (17, 18, 23 Oct), HK\$1,200 (19, 20, 21, 22 Oct) plus 10% service
(Room only)

Special price of Buffet Breakfast can be arranged at HK\$82 plus 10% service
per person per day

Please book rooms directly with the hotel under this block booking for account of WYK made by Dennis. To help overall planning, kindly advise me whether you need a hotel booking along with the relevant details. The hotel appreciates getting a list of potential

bookings well before your arrival as October is high season for tourism in Hong Kong. The estimate of 20 rooms is looking quite optimistic since we only have 14 from overseas including "maybe's" so far.

One or two of you have already told me that you could not attend. For those not coming, it would be wonderful if you could share some of your personal tit-bits with us. Ernest Yao 邱清安 has graciously offered some thoughts for our reunion even though he will not be able to come to Hong Kong. Could those others who do not plan to attend send me whatever they wish to share with us? We could do a slide show with your recent pictures and shared thoughts during our reunion.

Not many have signed up since my last report. The current count is: 35 classmates attending (at least one function) with 14 from overseas and 21 from Hong Kong; 21 spouses are also expected making a total of 56. There are still quite a few prospects and hopefully we can get at least 60 for our reunion dinners and 30 for the China trip. Vincent 梁子正, Joe 彭振聲 and CK 陳中健, as you guys are well connected with our classmates, could you make some phone calls to solicit more participation for our reunion?

Our programme is still quite poorly defined. The outline proposed in my last email was repeated here in blue. The following paragraphs discuss progress to date and an overall summary is contained in the accompanying Excel spreadsheet. For comparison, I have also included what the 64 class did for their 50th reunion last year.

Saturday 2015 10 17 at WYK

16:00 - 18:00 Kick off of our 50th Reunion followed by casual activities on campus; dinner at YMCA across the street 18:00 - 22:00. Prior to 16:00 some of you may wish to be there earlier, especially those who have not been back for quite some time. I am happy to arrive around 14:00 to welcome you and your family. I shall work with Norman So 苏中平 regarding specific details and would like to ask Vincent Leung 梁子正 to book the dinner venue.

I went to WYK on Tuesday 2015 01 06 and met with Stanislaus Keung 姜耀明, the WYK Vice Principal for Alumni Affairs regarding our reunion. The date of Sat 2015 10 17 was booked with the school and Stanislaus offered to help us on our activity requirements. I am to send him a list of activities proposed for that day. We could initially meet in the common room at 16:00; this room is at the parking lot level in the "new" building extending from our Form 5 classrooms. Stanislaus told me that we could also use the music room if James Tong 汤维强 would do a sing-song show. The canteen could also be a meeting place. If we wish to have a school tour, a student guide would be arranged.

On the welcome dinner, Dennis has been working with the Cityview hotel manager; Dennis also arranged a meeting with some of us to discuss what is best. Eventually, we settled on having a buffet dinner as this would allow us to move around and not be fixed at the table speaking only to those seated at the same table. The budget is set at HK\$400 per head.

We also thought that it would be good if we invited teachers to our welcome dinner. Norman has been "volunteered" to look into this and let us know what he thinks should be done.

Please comment on the above or offer other ideas. James, are you coming to lead our sing-song session?

Sunday 2015 10 18 in Hong Kong

Many ideas were proposed but no single one dominated. Leslie Chang 张叔千 has agreed to take the lead to work with many classmates who are experts in local attractions - Regis Lo 罗烈光, Hugh Choy 蔡洪卿, Ling Shin Poe 林鑫宝 and Tam Wing Biu 谭永彪 to name a few.

Leslie, Helena, Lydia and I went on a scouting trip to Lantau on Sunday 2015 01 11. We took the cable car to the Big Buddha and had lunch at 宝莲寺。 For those holding HK ID cards over 65, the one way trip to the top was HK\$80 each. We took the MTR to 东涌 and walked to the cable car station, about 5 minutes away. Just off the cable car station at the terminus, there was a tourist area featuring shops and eateries. The setting was quite pleasant, a bit like Bicester Village in the UK to the north west of Oxford but much smaller in scale. After that we went to 宝莲寺 for a vegetarian lunch which was not very good; the cost per head was HK\$98 per person. The temple itself is in pristine shape and I have to say that it is the best temple I have seen in terms of upkeep. We then took the bus to Long Coast beach 长沙 and had tea. The setting there again was good, a sort of mini-Waikiki feel without the "hang-loose" culture. Long Coast beach is midway along the bus route and it was quite difficult to get back on a bus. We had to take a taxi to 东涌 and the taxi fare was HK\$80. An interesting anecdote was that the taxi driver was commenting very favorably on Hong Kong and complained that Occupy Central was totally unacceptable!

In summary, I can endorse this tour as a half day activity on Sunday 2015 10 18. I look forward to other suggestions especially from Hugh Choy 蔡洪卿 and Adrian Leung 梁文华 who are experts on local trips here in Hong Kong. Leslie, could you please coordinate?

Monday 2015 10 19 for Zhuhai/Macau

There are many developments in HengQin Zhuhai 珠海横琴 and a trip would offer insights to the pace of change in the area. Edmund Kwok 郭少棠 has agreed to work out a schedule for sights in the area ending at 16:00 in Macau. Joe Pang 彭振声 shall take over in Macau with help from Regis with the aim of having dinner at a suitable time so that the return trip to Hong Kong shall not be too late.

Not much to report here as details are still to come from Edmund 郭少棠 and Joe 彭振聲 . Stephen 李定贻 , happy 67th birthday! You are now in Zhuhai, is there anything you can suggest as possible activities there?

Tuesday 2015 10 20 to Saturday 2015 10 24 Trip to China

One of the key factors for China's rapid economic development is the comprehensive implementation of her infrastructure. A ride on the high-speed train is a must. John Shek 石如鹏 has agreed to take the lead, with help from other classmates who have done many trips before, to work out some options for a suitable 3+2 (optional extension) day trip to China.

John 石如鹏 has conducted some discussions about what to do for the China trip and came up with a 3-Day tour to 潮州. The brochure for this tour is attached here. If we are happy with this, we need to decide what to do with the 2 remaining days. This tour has the advantage of being relatively low cost and may allow us to experience 和谐号, the next highest speed train in China (I need to verify this). I know that some of you are very keen to see 福建土楼, including myself. However, I was told that the journey there was quite long and mainly by bus; also there was much around the area. Would someone be interested in checking out a logical trip including 福建土楼 while minimizing the bus journeys?

The fastest train in China 高铁 only goes from 深圳北 to 湖南长沙. This may be the reason why our class 64 schoolmates travelled there as one of their reunion activities. If time permits, I may do a scouting trip there to check things out. Stay tuned.

Leslie suggested a tour to 广西南宁. I await further details from him.

China is in the midst of great changes. For those residing overseas and have not been back for a long time, it is definitely worth visiting China. If you have some specific sights you wish to see, please let me know.

A fairwell dinner is planned. Depending on the travel plans for overseas classmates and attendance of the China trip, the specific day shall be determined nearer the time of

our Reunion.

Our farewell dinner is proposed to be the last evening on Sat 2015 10 24. As this is a weekend, hopefully many of the Hong Kong classmates can show up. Details to come in due course.

I have drawn up a framework for planning our various activities in the attached Excel file. Please participate actively to make suggestions for what we could do. 2015 is starting off with a bang as the Swiss removed their peg to the Euro. Asia should fare relatively better and I urge those of you who are overseas to come back and take a look. Send in your ideas, please!

Francis 敏康

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[Chiuchow Itineraries.pdf](#)

[50th Reunion Attendees List.xlsx](#)

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