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Dear All:

The 1999~2000 session, WYKAAO's 17th year, is fast coming to a close. After serving the association as President for two years, it is time for me to pass the baton to the capable hands of a new president. To all those who have contributed their time, effort and monetary support, I salute you. And to all of you who so enthusiastically attended our functions, I say thank you. I have been privileged to get to know and work with so many of you for the common good of our members. It is this strong team effort that has made our work successful and meaningful, definitely true to the Wah Yan's teaching of "Men for Others."

After the spectacular 80/75 celebrations in 1999, year 2000 saw further strengthening of the association. Our functions have been quite well attended. We have strengthened our ties with other chapters through our attendance of the 7th Wah Yan International Conference in Los Angeles. Our finance is in positive territory. And I am delighted to let you know that membership fee, donations, revenues from Joint Ball tickets and advertisement have enabled us to fund our Scholastic Achievement Award, maintain our website, publish our newsletters and subsidize a number of activities for all of you.

However, we should not rest on our laurels. Instead, we should continue to build on the strength of our vigorous present. Much remains to be done. The establishment of a class representative system is a long awaited but no less welcomed task. Closer co-operation with our alma mater and the Past Students' Association in Hong Kong should also be on the agenda. As we have strengthened ourselves, we shall look into extending our involvement in the community at large. For our association to keep on growing, we require transfusion of new blood and new ideas. Especially important is to recruit the younger generation. This is where our future lies. We missed a couple able young members who have chosen to return to Hong Kong. To make up for the loss, we need to enlist new graduates who are equally fervent and competent in working towards a promising future for our association.

Here again I like to thank you all, especially Mr. Anthony Ho, who has worked so hard for us over the last two years. Please be sure to give your very own association and the new Board of Directors your continued support.

Our 2000 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 25th. We are indeed honoured to be able to recognize the achievement of our distinguished alumnus Dr. Edward Mak (1962) for his contribution to immunology and his investiture as an Officer of the Order of Canada. He will be there to speak to us. Our first Scholastic Achievement Award will be given out to two qualified recipients. At the same time, we like to honour the classes graduating in the years ending with a zero: 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980 and 1990. To be specially recognized is the Silver Anniversary class of 1975. The members of these classes will be receiving souvenirs from the Association. Please mark your calendar and be sure to seek out your classmates to attend this once a year gathering.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our Annual General Meeting.

Joseph C. Wong President 1998~2000



Gus the Chef (1966) fed the families attending the picnic at Presqu'ile Park on Sunday, August 20, 2000



After the paint ball game on Saturday, August 26, Alan Leong (2000) said, "I enjoyed the war game." Joseph Wong (1967) sighed, "This is not for me!" Age gap?



Peter Wong (1962) played the perfect host at directors' meeting with Fr. Zee on Wednesday, October 4th. Is Wah Yan College Kowloon going to have a primary school?



HK Joint School Alumni Valentine Ball - 2001 Ticket: \$80.00 per person Advertisement: \$300 - full page \$150 - half page

News & Visits:

Fr. Deignan is now happily attending a Jesuit conference in Spain. He can move around with a stick now.

When Carmelo Leung (1961) was in town for a short visit, he found himself on September 11th in the company of his pals at a dinner in the New World Seafood Restaurant. There were Stephen Lam, Michael Chan, Sonny Sie, Jacob Chow, Harry Wang, Martin Lee and Wong Hin Shing. Their reunion tradition includes the presence of teachers. Mr. Hsueh, Mr. Tam and Mr. Ho were there to share their pleasant memories of the good old school days. They also found the evening educational in the stories bv pharmacist Harry in the use of some new drugs. There was also talk of holding a world-wide reunion of the class of 61 next year. At the end, every one thanked Wong Hin Shing for arranging the gathering.

Fr. George Zee (1958) spent four days in Toronto in October. He met the directors at a dinner meeting on 4th at a dinner in the New World Seafood Restaurant to talk about the 2002 Wah Yan International Conference to be held in Toronto. Then, he updated them on the redevelopment of the cement playground along Wylie Road. In the developer's blue-print, an 18classroom primary school will be Fr. Zee expected the built. government's decision early next month. If things work out accordingly, we will see a Wah Yan College Kowloon Primary School running in 2002.

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Wu, Sung-Hon, son of Andrew (67) Wong, Ernest, son of Joseph (67) **Condolences** to the Kam brothers, Philip (57), Eddie (60) and Iggy (64). Their father passed away in August.

Chu Chi Keung, Stephen (1952) R.I.P.

Chi Keung, as most wahyanites in Kowloon called him, died on October 01, 2000 in York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill at the age of 72. He was admitted after a severe stroke last October and remained there ever since. Chi Keung left school in Nelson Street. He then joined his father's custodian staff at Waterloo Road campus. His father came from the same village as the Founder of Wah Yan, Mr. Tsui Yan Sau. When his father retired, he was in charge of the general maintenance of the school buildings and grounds. His duties included driving the school car. He chauffeured our athletes to various school meets and competitions. They all found him most helpful and friendly. His son also worked in the Fathers' Quarter for a few years. Thus, the Chu family had served Wah Yan for three generations. When Chi Keung retired from school, he spent his time in Hong Kong, the States and Canada with his children and grand children.

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See you at our Annual General Meeting on Sat., Nov. 25, 2000.