

The Student Ambassador Hosting Programme of Wah Yan Colleges Ontario Chapters:

The two SAs selected each year, one from WYHK & another from WYK, is a spin-off of the Student of the Year (SoY) programme of Wah Yan Colleges – Hong Kong & Kowloon. Each of the schools selects a number of students for SoY Awards based on their academic attainment, personal conduct, services to others as well as presentability. From amongst the SoY, the WY-PSAs SA-Committee selects one from each school to be SAs of the year, as well as sponsor a tour overseas to visit the Alumni. The SAs are selected based on their ability to perform the ambassadorial roles including: ability to relate to Old Boys overseas, as well as make presentations regarding the school when they are visiting them.

The SA Programme creates a platform for tripartite interactions between the Students, the Old Boys and the Schools. The Schools are supported in its SoY Programme with interests as well as participation of the Old Boys in HK as well as overseas. The Old Boys have a role to play in contributing in a solid way to the educational efforts rendered by the old schools. The Old Boys networks, especially Past-student Associations, would benefit from students soon graduating to become Alumni.

The role & selection process of the SAs renders an additional incentive for students to strive for the SoY Programme. The SAs benefit from the on-the-job training; the sightseeing tours & visits; the learning experience from interactions with the Old Boys; as well as personal development training from performing the SA roles. They have a chance to present themselves & the schools. They would also have an opportunity to network with Old Boys that may be helpful if they should choose to study overseas at the cities visited. Ultimately, the bonding of the three parties – the Schools, the Students & the Old Boys is enhanced.

The SA programme is made more cost-efficient & cost-effective by the roles performed by the hosting Old Boys including: accommodations & tour guiding & programmes.

For the SA programme to succeed, the following criteria should be taken into consideration:

- The selected SoY personally benefit from the sponsored programme, especially with regards to the touring & role-playing experiences;
- The SA Committee discern their interests & desires for the programme and the Old Boys briefed in good time with their profiles for better planning;
- The hosting Old Boys Networks endeavour to render a unique touring / visitation experience;
- The hosting Old Boys are hospitable, nurturing & motivated; and their families accommodating;
- The SA Program adds incentives to the other students with respect to the SoY programme of the school;
- The participation & interests of the Old Boys enhance the dedication of the schools;
- Graduating students of the programmes become active members of the PSAs and Old Boys Network;
- WYHK & WYK Old Boys networks become closer through co-operations.