



WYKPSA Newsletter

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A Word from the Chairman

Dear fellow Wahyanites,

I feel greatly honoured to be elected as the Chairman of our Past Students' Association for the second term and continue to lead the PSA for another year.

Following our last year's effort to "reconnect" our alumni from different generations and countries, we have successfully re-established our regular communications with 28 out of the 43 Past Chairmen, with alumni from every decade starting from 1950s to 2000s, and 13 overseas chapters around the world. We continue to focus on preparing our 100th anniversary celebration and strengthen the communications with our alumni, in particular the younger generations as our core objectives this term. Similar to last term's arrangements, we have identified four focus tasks/initiatives based on these core objectives and each ExCo member is assigned to different task forces/projects with regular reporting in each monthly meeting to the ExCo.

Our four focused tasks/initiatives this term are as follows:

1. Young Member Committee

We have re-established our Young Members Committee last term to connect our younger generations and better prepare succession plans. However, we could not organize any activities due to the pandemic. We wanted to put a stronger focus and effort to connect with our young members and we started by inviting more newly graduated alumni to join our ExCo. As of today, we have 36 ExCo members across a spectrum of 41 years this term, out of which 8 ExCo members were graduated in or after 2019. We also expanded our workforce in the Mentorship Program this term. The Young Members Committee will work closely with the Mentorship Program team to refine the contents of the program in order to fit our students' needs.

2. Membership Database Management

This is the second step of enhancement following our reconnection effort last term. We have recruited more ExCo members with IT background this term to enhance the communications with our members. We will also resume our Class representative networks to expand our ways of broadcasting any PSA news and activities to our alumni in a timely manner.

3. WYKPSA Products & Sales

With the dedicated efforts from our ExCo members last term, we successfully launched our e-Shop earlier this month (<https://eshop.wykpsa.org.hk/>). We have formed a team this term to focus on revamping our product lines and offer more exclusive WYKPSA products to our Wah Yan community. Our priorities will focus on producing WYK face masks and some common clothing. Please follow our Facebook page for the latest updates of our launching of new products.

4. Movie Project

We spent a year to prepare for launching the movie project about our beloved Father Naylor under WYKPSA. We have formed an organising committee with representatives from every decade through 1950s to 1990s. Among our organising committee members, we have invited Mr. John Chan ('59), Mr. Stephen Ng ('69) and Mr. Richard Leung ('79) as our Honorary Advisors. Target budget of this project is around HKD8 million to HKD10 million. We secured the initial funding from an alumnus for writing the movie script and appointed Saville Chan ('91), Terence Sin ('90) and Anson Chung ('15) as the scriptwriters. We expect the first draft will be available in mid-November for the Society of Jesus to review and approve. Upon completion of the final draft before the end of this year, we will come up with the detailed plan to our alumni for more fundings.

In addition to the above focused tasks/initiatives, we will continue to publish our newsletters, targeting to release three issues this year with the first publication to be available in early October. In terms of activities, we will resume the gatherings of our fraternity groups. We also plan for an annual visit of the Jesuit fathers' graveyard in Happy Valley to pay our respect and share our memories with those Jesuit fathers with our younger generations during the visit.

Last but not least, I am very grateful for the help and support of our current ExCo members, each of them is very proactive in taking up specific roles and duties to fulfil our goals that we want to accomplish this term. We are very excited with our plans and initiatives and looking forward to serve our alma mater and alumni this year!

Warm regards,
Cedric Ko (Class of 1994)
Chairman

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Interview with Mr. Warren Chung, Emeritus Principal

In the last issue of the WYKPSA newsletter, the editors interviewed the Principal, Mr. Warren Chung (WYK 79'), in his last academic term. He shared about his school life in WYK, his observations about Wahyanites in the present and those in the past, the current development of WYK, as well as his plan after his retirement.

His School Life in WYK

Mr. Chung entered WYK in 1974. He was first profoundly impressed by the vast and verdant campus, and WYK was, and still is, his "dream school". Fr. Reid was the school principal then, and Fr. Deignan succeeded him in 1978 when Mr. Chung was in Form Four. Fr. Reid was a perfect administrator, as lauded by Mr. Francis Kwong, while Fr. Deignan was the quintessence of compassion.

"In the 70s, Wahyanites were simple and genuine, and they were gentlemanly." Under this atmosphere, most of his classmates, especially in the junior forms, advocated clean speech. Mr. Chung regarded that as an example of how one's life could influence others. He remembered that WYK gave many freedoms for students to have whole-person development, while Wahyanites treasured every opportunity to study, given that most families had very few resources for their children, and education was a means of climbing up the social ladder.

Observations on the Present-Day Wahyanites

"It is a different era now. This generation of students were born with computers." He notices that the current students are more creative and can easily master new technologies and multimedia. On the other hand, they are less committed and weaker in self-awareness. They feel good in the virtual world but might not find their purpose in life in reality. As educators, we need to give them more guidance and inspiration to unlock their potential through education and training so that they can have the competence to be Men for and with Others.



Mr. Chung tried to unleash Wahyanites' potential by promoting values education, the Examen and self-directed learning. The Jesuit core values are (i) love and care, (ii) striving for excellence, (iii) respect and justice, (iv) responsibility and (v) faith. With positive values in their hearts, they will be able to make better choices in the future. Every day, the class teachers spend 10 minutes with their classes to practise the Examen, mindful meditation, which is a tool for students to raise self-awareness, learn to be grateful, do reflection, and act out the spirit of Magis, doing better, in their daily lives. Wahyanites are also empowered with self-directed learning skills to set goals, learn for life and learn through life.

Reviewing His Tenure as the Principal of WYK

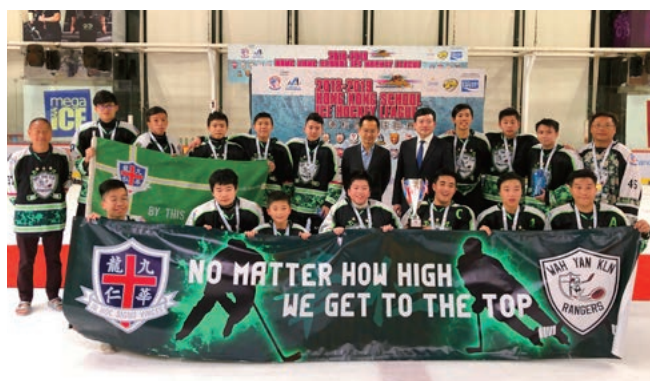
Before joining WYK, Mr. Chung was the principal of St. Bonaventure College & High School for five years (hereinafter St. Bonaventure). He shared the differences in his experience of being the principal of both schools. First of all, WYK is one of the city's prestigious schools, and there is a broader spectrum of stakeholders in the WYK community than those in St. Bonaventure. Hence, the expectations

and opinions of different parties could be diverse. No matter what, he hopes we treasure unity in diversity and our brotherhood can keep us as one. Besides, WYK emphasizes the holistic growth of students; hence, students have busy yet colourful school lives, ranging from entering different competitions, helping in Caritas Charity Bazaars, enjoying a variety of sports and performing in school concerts. Lastly, as WYK has a long history, it has many traditions that have come along. "We have to be cautious that while we cherish our traditions, we have to be aware that, as time goes by, some practices might gradually become traditionalism, and we should never be tied down by it," Mr. Chung said.

WYK began implementing small class teaching in 2008 with financial support from Wah Yan One Family Foundation. In each form, five classes were split into six classes. Mr. Chung observed that the smaller number of students in each class could help teachers take better care of individual needs. Besides, the students could concentrate better in class. Unfortunately, due to the limitation of funding, small class education was discontinued in 2019. He is grateful to all the donors, mainly alumni, for their continued support for WYK, which makes realizing the vision of our Jesuit education a much easier task.

Mr. Chung also talked about the different curricula in Hong Kong. Schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) charge school fees, so they have the resources to offer the IB Diploma Programme. The IB Programme is structured on project-based learning, which aims at training students to research, organize and present their work. Therefore, students under the IB Programme are better at oral presentations than their peers in schools under the HKDSE. Yet, university admissions officers should realize that students under the HKDSE are equally good as the HKDSEE is indeed a highly competitive

Companionship and Togetherness along the Journey



- 1 | Together with alumni at the Unveiling Ceremony of the revitalised Wall of Shields in 2018
- 2 | Together with Class 6C on the Last Day of School for S6 in 2019
- 3 | Together with the 4-time champion ice hockey team in the Inter-School Championships (2015-19)
- 4 | Together with the 3rd runner-up Swimming Team in the Inter-School Swimming Competition (Division 1) 2016-17
- 5 | Together with parents in a picnic organised by the Parents' Association in 2017

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examination. As an aided school, WYK could not offer the IB curriculum for students, but at the same time, the HKDSE caters better to the needs of students from underprivileged families, congruent with the Jesuit education vision to provide equal opportunities for all students.

During his tenure as the principal of WYK, Hong Kong experienced waves of political turmoil, including the Umbrella Movement in 2014 and the Anti-Extradition Law Amendment Bill Movement in 2019. How did WYK help Wahyanites get through those tough and critical moments? Mr. Chung stressed the importance of companionship and respect. Only when students' voices were heard and their opinions were valued could the tension ease and the students learn to be reflective and respectful. He appreciated how Wahyanites showed respect to one another and reflected on social issues from different perspectives.

Despite the difficulties described above, Mr. Chung was happy to see the progress in the academic and non-academic performance of Wahyanites. "Students' performance in the HKDSEE has been getting better and better. The rate of offers from local universities for admissions via JUPAS has been raised to 84%, almost twofold," Mr. Chung shared with the interviewer. Mr. Chung also reviewed the latest development in different areas and highlighted the awards won by Wahyanites in their extra-curricular activities, such as music, sports, STEM and debates, etc. As an educator, he feels the greatest satisfaction is to see that students can realize their potential, make history together for WYK and have the competence, commitment, compassion and conscience to make the world a better place.

Plan after Retirement

"Wherever I am needed, I am going there (original quotation in Chinese: 「哪裡有需要, 就往哪裡去。」). This quote has inspired me a lot." Mr. Chung read this quote in a book about Jesuit education. Indeed, St. Francis Xavier lived out this quote with his voyage across the oceans, reaching India and Japan and finally landing on Shangchuan Island of China. Many of his fellow Jesuits followed his path, including the Irish Jesuits serving in Wah Yan.

Although Mr. Chung received an offer from an international school in mainland China, he decided to continue to contribute to the education in Hong Kong, the home that needs him the most. He will stay in Hong Kong to accompany those who stay.

戴雯淇老師追思彌撒



我們敬愛的戴雯淇老師於2022年7月16日早上走畢了在世旅居的歲月, 安息主懷。

一眾戴老師的親友, 九龍華仁書院的教職員、舊生及學生參與了戴雯淇老師的追思彌撒, 一同悼念這位良師益友, 為她禱告。追思彌撒於8月13日下午在九龍華仁書院聖依納爵堂舉行, 由周守仁天主教主禮並由徐立人神父共祭。

周守仁主教在講道時分享戴老師非常愛錫華仁仔, 退休後都會經常和她的學生敘舊, 關心他們的近況。戴老師在耶穌會神父身上看見他們怎樣愛學生, 她也因著信仰以同樣的方式去愛她的學生。周主教說戴老師愛學生也被她的學生所愛, 至離世前都在愛的氛圍裏生活。

戴雯淇老師的學生Matthew Chu憶述戴老師對身邊的人非常有人情味, 她愛華仁、愛家人、愛學生。即使在身體軟弱時, 她仍惦記學生的景況。得知有學生受疫情所困, 便主動為該學生作出適切的安排, 舒其困苦。同樣, 戴老師患病時, 她的學生也會一齊唱歌為老師集氣, 為她打氣, 師生間那份真摯的關愛可見一斑。

戴雯淇老師1981年加入九龍華仁書院, 春風化雨超過三十載, 桃李滿門。戴老師用生命感染每位學生, 讓我們也一起傳承及延續戴老師活出的華仁精神。

Farewell Dinner of Mr. Warren Chung

The farewell dinner for Mr. Warren Chung was successfully held on 3rd August 2022 at Wilmer Lobby. Special guests including John Chan ('59), Stephen Ng ('69), Francis Yuen ('70), Monty Fong ('83), Father Tsui, the School Supervisor, and past chairmen of the Past Students' Association were cordially invited to attend the dinner.

The warm mingling between old boys and great delicacies have lived up the atmosphere of the night. The Past Students' Association has also presented a jersey to Mr. Chung as a farewell gift to appreciate his contribution to Wah Yan in his nine years of serving. The Past Students' Association would like to take this opportunity to express its appreciation to Mr. Chung for his unfaltering commitment with Wah Yan and wish Mr. Chung the very best in the future.



BROTHERHOOD WITHOUT BORDERS Wah Yan International Reunion 2022
無國界兄弟情

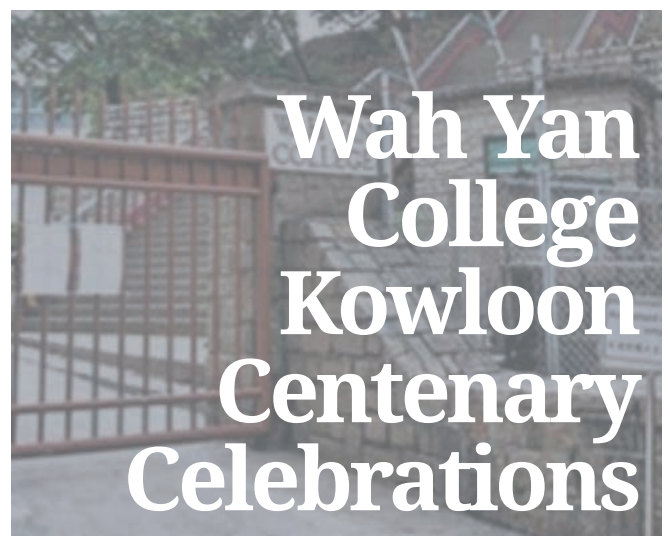
Save the WYIR dates: 10 & 11 December 2022

Wah Yan International Reunion (formerly known as IC or Wah Yan International Conference) is one of the important events for Wah Yan alumni across the globe to meet together.

We are pleased to announce that 17th WYIR will be held on 10 December 2022 and 11 December 2022 (HKT) and co-organised by the past student associations of both Wah Yan Hong Kong and Wah Yan Kowloon.

The theme of 17th WYIR is "Brotherhood without Borders" / 「無國界兄弟情」. Despite many of us may not be able to physically meet each other due to the pandemic, the bonding and brotherhood of Wahyanites still hold strongly between us.

No matter which part of the globe you are residing in now, you can participate in the WYIR, by either meeting up with others in person or joining us online. Save the dates and stay tuned for more details to be announced!



The WYK Centenary Celebrations Steering Committee has been formed by the School.

WYKPSA has appointed Cedric Ko (94) and Vincent Li (96) to be our PSA representatives in the committee.

We welcome our alumni to provide feedbacks to us. Please feel free to share your thoughts to our PSA representatives via email at enquiry@wykpsa.org.hk.

Alumnus' Football Program for the Next Generation of Wahyanites

Universe Soccer School is a soccer school which provides soccer training for youth aged 3-14. The founder of the Universe Soccer School is Mr. Poon Kwong Tak (WYK'92) who aims at utilizing such a platform to not only connect with all alumni of Wah Yan College, Kowloon (WYK), but also allow their children to develop an interest in soccer at the unique grass soccer field at WYK. By doing so, the next generation of Wahyanites will bring honour to WYK by winning trophies in soccer competitions.

Universe Soccer School has spared no effort in promoting soccer at WYK by providing free systematic soccer training for junior Wahyanites in order to increase the number of soccer players at WYK. Over the past few years, more than 100 students have benefitted from the training program.





As the proverb goes, “It takes ten years to nurture a tree, but a hundred years to train a man”, Wah Yan College Kowloon has evolved from the small Portland Street campus in 1924, into the 56 Waterloo Road campus as one of the most respected schools in the city after almost a century. It has nurtured generations of Wahyanites as Renaissance men and leaders with great vision.

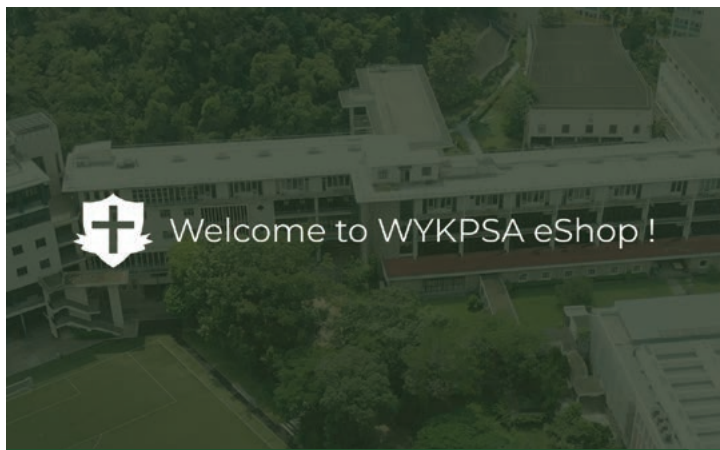
Year 2022 marks the platinum jubilee of our Wah Yan campus, and soon in year 2024, we will be embracing our Centenary. To pass on our legacy, the Fundraising Campaign 2022 aims to nurture the next generations of Wahyanites as Men of Human Excellence and Men for and with Others. Our total fundraising target for the campaign will be HKD25m including HKD10m on promoting whole-person-development related to music, sports, pilgrimage and STEM studies, and the rest HKD15m on hardware upgrades (including renovating of swimming pool into an indoor pool, new table tennis training centre, etc.). Please scan the QR code below to access the Fr. Kelly Educational Fund website to learn more details and how you can contribute to our campaign.

The Platinum Jubilee Cup marked the kick-off of the fund-raising campaign which was held on 7 August 2022. Adults, big boys, parents and their children enjoyed football games at the football pitch of our Wah Yan Campus.

Without the continuous support from our alumni through past fundraisings, we would not have been able to support WYK in its mission to groom the future leaders and Men for Others. We look forward to joining hands with you in conveying WYK to transcend the Centenary.



Jubilee Fund-Raising Campaign and Kickoff Event



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WYKPSA eShop is LIVE !

Our vintage products are now available online, and more to come soon. Stay tuned ! Visit WYKPSA eshop here now !



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