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From the  
President,  
Joe Wong

"Thanks to the dedicated effort of many of you, Kowloon Wah Yan's 75th anniversary celebration was a tremendous success beyond belief. It was a joyous occasion, a time to remember and to treasure. This is truly the Wah Yan spirit at work. I wish I can thank everyone personally who had put in so much time and energy in the last few months to organize this truly wonderful event for all of us.

Mr. Anthony Ho had been instrumental in motivating us. Without his relentless effort and attention to details, we would not be able to organize a celebration in such a grand scale. Victor Tong was instrumental in securing the venue and producing the video. Sandy Ng had worked himself extremely hard, having meetings day in and day out. Samuel Lum has put in many sleepless nights reading the draft copies of the souvenir book. Gus Yeung, Patrick Lai and Simon Chau too had endured many last minute meetings to control the tickets and arrange the seating plan. Our able young member Tony Wan was present in many of the situations where a helping hand was needed. Chris Tam was running around all night long at the gala as the floor manager. Thanks to the

ability of David Hui and his friend Johnny Koo, we had a display that brought back much happy memories of the bygone years. Patsy Sie and her friends went through the evening without any food looking after the silent auction. Sonny Sie with his magnetic voice and talent was a great MC at the podium. Peter Au as a last minute draft, had the CFMT TV working for us, taping all our events. Let us not forget our soccer team with its coach Dermot Chan, captains Raymond Chan and Tim Kwan that won the Wah Yan Anniversary Cup for us. The golf tournament organized by Pat Lai was a great success and thanks to our participants, we won the trophy. We have to thank Angela Chan for her generosity for providing us with the production crew and sponsoring the decorations and table centre pieces. She not only spent many hours in creating the centre pieces and decoration, but she also contributed a lot of time planning for the gala and the souvenir book. Ms Gertrude Chan had also worked very hard behind our back, helping Mr. Ho in every possible way. We should also thank all the volunteers, my two sons included, for the labour they put in. To all the sponsors and donors, I want to give our deepest appreciation as well. Of course, all our performers should be thanked for without them, the gala would not be complete.

Nevertheless, it is you, our members, to whom we are indebted. Your enthusiastic support of all the functions has given the association strength and hope for the future. You have demonstrated the true

spirit of Wah Yan and that we Wahyanites from WYK are in for the stay and the association can count on you for support. So again, thanks everybody and may I wish you all a very pleasant summer."

## 80/75 Celebrations



Tim Kwan and Raymond Chan after receiving the Jubilee Trophy from Mr. George Tam, Principal of WYCHK. Raymond scored the winning goal.



The winning team members are: Bill Ip, Cedric Ko, David Lai, Steve Fung, Tim Kwan, Raymond Chan, Peter Au, Dermot Chan, Jim Fung, Anthony Chiu, Bosco Leung, Patrick Lai, Simon Ho, Kaiser Chan, Peter Chu, Joseph Wong, Albert Wong, Joseph Cheng

The first event started with the kick-off of the Jubilee Soccer Cup match between the two brother colleges. The WYK team with its players of average age of 42+ entertained the younger team of WYCHK of average age of 25+. Most of the actions was on the home side of WYK but Raymond Chan scored at one of the rare chances when the ball was played at the other end during the first half. Although there were many attempts at the goal, our goalkeeper, Peter Au, and the defense played an excellent tactical game.

The narrow lead was held on until the end of 90 minutes. Mr. Mui, our former PT teacher, said, "They (WYCHK) should use their outside players more and make us run for the ball until our players stopped gasping for breath." Luckily the advice was not heeded. An interesting point to note was that Fr. Coghlan was one of the very few people who stayed in the field for the entire duration of the match.



By comparison, the Golf Tournament was a far more relaxing event. We were again given the honour of keeping the Jubilee Trophy. Sonny and son, Patrick Lai and Samuel Lum formed our team. Thanks to Gus Yeung from Molson, there were prizes for most of the participants.



The evening of July 2, 1999 saw the arrival of two coaches from New York. One brought in the U.S. (Eastern) Chapter members and the other brought back the Vancouver/Calgary/Edmonton group. We all enjoyed a good Chinese dinner at New World Seafood Restaurant. The Wahyanites and their families met Fr. Coghlan, Fr. Farren and Fr. Zee from Hong Kong. There were 150 Wahyanites and their families.



The picnic on July 3, 1999 was organized by WYCHK. There were three full coaches going to pick cherries and to ride the Maid of the Mist. A lot of preparation was worked out. The chief organizers, Peter Yeung and KY Ng, were on top of things, attending to every detail during the whole trip. The packed lunch was appreciated by one and all.

"Despite of the unbearable heat, the boat ride at Niagara was an awesome experience. (It reminded us of the rain at home)," writes Larry Yip from Vancouver.

The evening ended with yet another beautiful dinner at Ruby Restaurant, hosted by WYCHK to celebrate their 80th Anniversary. There were again 15 tables of happy Wah Yan families.

Sunday Mass on July 4, 1999 was concelebrated by Fr. Zee, Fr. Coghlan and Fr. Farren at The Blessed Chinese Martyrs Catholic Church in Markham. The 8:30 AM mass was attended by many Wahyanites and their families together with the parishioners. The mass was in Cantonese and Fr. Zee preached. The homily was on good memories and parenting. The two themes were nicely woven together. The choir sang beautifully and the whole experience was memorable. The Fathers, to their pleasant surprise, met some of their former acquaintances after mass.

At the dim sum brunch that followed, there was plenty of food for the seventy people present.

### Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner

The event was well attended by 450 people who enjoyed a program meticulously planned and carried out by the chief



organizer,

Sandy Ng, and his team of workers.

The entry of the official party, voiced over by CFMT programme manager, Peter Au, started a memorable evening. Peter Leung led the singing of O Canada. Mr. Hsueh led the directors to sing the school hymn. Then the magnetic pair of MCs, Sonny Sie and Ali Yu, held the attention of the audience for the rest of the evening. Fr. Farren narrated his journey from Hong Kong to Toronto in his kindly voice and was impressed by the service he received. Fr. Zee told a beautiful story of two brothers who tried to help one another. (An elusion to the two Wah Yans?) Fr. Coghlan spoke of the humble start of the two Colleges eighty and seventy-five years ago. He reckoned that both schools have produced close to forty-two thousand responsible citizens. Speeches were short. Exchanges of gifts between the Chapters were neatly carried out. The video from alma maters with messages from Fr. Deignan, Fr. Coghlan, Fr. Farren, Fr. Zee, Mr. George Tam, Mr. Norman So, Mr. Francis Kong and Mr. Francis So brought back lots of fond memories. It was followed by the cutting of the 75th Anniversary Cake and the sweet music of *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* was floating in the air. The entertainment was a great success. The powerful and dynamic piano recital by Andrew Kwong, son of Raymond, captivated everyone's attention.



The impersonation of Elvis Presley by Larry Yip brought the house down. *It's Now or Never* had a few ladies jump up onto the stage to present him flowers. *The Wonder of You* charmed the whole audience. No wonder Mrs. Yip always attended his performance. After the King, there came the wizard of violin. Jonathan Der, son of Edmund of class 54, mesmerized all with his skillfully executed lovely melodies. His serenades at various tables related so well with his listeners that he endeared himself to all and was applauded loud and long. The air was now charged with the expectation of more exciting performance to come. *One Day When We Were Young* beautifully sung by Ms Winnie Wei brought back so much fond memories to so many that the banquet room was filled with tenderness and feeling. When Mr. Hsueh was escorted to the stage to join Ms Wei to sing the Chinese duets, his former students were looking forward to hearing their former music master sing for the first time. His rich and colourful baritone blended smoothly with the beautiful and crystal-clear soprano voice of Ms Wei in the two Chinese folk songs. They showed the Wahyanites and their guests what artists can do with their voices to capture the hearts of their listeners. The whole programme was rounded up with the singing of *Auld Lang Syne*. Those who enjoyed dancing stayed on till the early hours of the dawn.

#### Some comments:

"It brought back a lot of good old memories for us Wahyanites. My feeling can be expressed in my version of a credit card commercial:  
Plane tickets for Fr. Coghlan,  
Fr. Ferran approx. \$xxxx  
Expenses for events \$xxxx  
Jubilee Dinner pp \$38.00  
Reminiscence, Reunion with old friends and teachers;  
Meeting other alumni Priceless"  
~ Henry Yip

"I'm so happy to hear that the video was well received. I just wished I could be there with you all that evening. Please keep in touch."  
~ John Chu of Centro, Hong Kong.

"All our 61 grads who were present at the Gala Dinner last night appreciate your efforts"  
~ Wong Hin Shing.

"...We appreciate all that you have done to make the '80/75' celebrations so unforgettable for each one of us...You have shown us a fine example of what the Wah Yan Spirit is all about and WE THANK YOU! We look forward to seeing many of your happy faces at the 2000 International Conference in L.A." ~ Larry Yip of Vancouver.

"Sorry that I missed your function. Anyway, glad to hear that you had a successful dinner. Look forward to seeing you in the near future."  
~ Joe Chan of Fairchild, Vancouver.

"It was a great privilege and honour for me to be one of your guests. I was very moved by the warmth of your welcome and by all that you did to make me feel at home. Many happy memories came flooding into my heart (especially when refereeing the football match!), I was very happy to see so many united families and so many people who have settled down so well in a new land without forgetting their beloved Hong Kong. On Sunday morning,

July 4th, I was grateful to God that so many Wahyanites had not forgotten Him away from the protecting walls of their old school."  
~ Fr. Coghlan.

"Please accept our sincere appreciation for inviting us to your Diamond Jubilee Celebrations which were both fantastic and memorable. Congratulations." ~ Fen & Helen Lee (Former teacher of WYCHK)  
Larry Yip summed up the 80/75 celebrations: "One for all, and all for one --In Hoc Signo Vincens -- we are one family"

**We acknowledge** the following for their contributions to make the celebrations a success:

Francis Kwong, Kester Kong, Chris Tam, Wong Hing Shing and Joseph C. Wong for their generous donations;

Angela Chan for designing and making centre pieces for 44 tables, for providing decorations, light and sound production for the gala dinner; Frank Chau for sponsoring ticket printing;

John Chu Ka Yan for producing the 80/75 video;

Peter Au and Jimmy Wong (US) for media coverage;

Francis Kwong for producing the Diamond Jubilee Souvenir Book; Ho Paklee and his son, Eric, for designing the cover of the book.

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- Margaret Hui
- Victor Tong
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**Mr. Francis Kong's visit to Toronto**

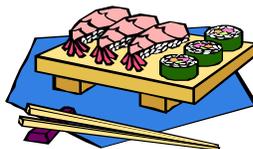
**Thursday, July 15, 1999**

Arrived at Pearson International Airport from Vancouver at 11:30 PM. Met by Anthony Ho and Joseph C. Wong.  
Stayed at Crown Plaza Hotel, venue of Diamond Jubilee Gala Dinner.  
C Courteous service.  
C Request for a fridge.

**Friday, July 16, 1999**

6:00 AM call from Housekeeper, "Sir, is it you who want a fridge? We'll get you one today. Have a nice day."  
Breakfast at hotel.  
Lunch at CN Tower revolving restaurant. Sunny day and clear view.  
Reading at hotel in the afternoon.  
Fridge arrived in room, in working

condition.  
Attended a dinner at Kikuri Sushi Japanese Cuisine, meeting over 30 former students and former



colleague, Mr. Vincent Lo. Reminiscing his 30+ years at school;

detailing his future plans at length. Will teach English part-time at school on a voluntary basis, spend the rest of his time handicapping horses at the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

**Saturday, July 17, 1999**

Tour of Niagara Falls with Joseph Wong and Fred Yip. Lunch at Skylon revolving restaurant. Spent the rest of the day at hotel, reading a very interesting Japanese novel.

**Sunday, July 18, 1999**

Spent an enjoyable afternoon at the Woodbine Race Track. Did not make any money but had a lot of fun cashing some winning tickets. Spent the evening in hotel reading the book started the day before.

**Monday, July 19, 1999**

Toured downtown book stores with Fred Yip. Bought some English translation of Japanese novels. Lunch with Fred and Mr. Wilson Hsueh. Dinner with Vincent Lo. Non-stop telephone conversation with former students.

**Tuesday, July 20, 1999**

Breakfast at Terminal 3 with Fred and Anthony Ho, recounting stories at school until time to leave for Vancouver for two days and then on to Tokyo for a month. Looking forward to returning next summer to spend more time doing some serious reading at the cottage

of a friend.

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**Souvenirs**

To commemorate the 80/75 anniversaries, your association has prepared the following items: (Not exactly as shown)  
Diamond Jubilee



Souvenir Book	\$5.00
WYK T-Shirt	\$8.00
Coffee mug	\$4.00
(while quantities last)	

Please order by phone, fax or email.

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**Congratulations to:**

David Hui, Owner/Operator of Mail Boxes Etc. Centre #251 at 165 University Ave., Toronto, started his business this month.

Eric Yung opened another branch of Fine Gold Jewellers in Markville Mall, Unionville.

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**Hike Schedule**

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Please contact Ambrose Leung for details.

**Condolences to:**

Anthony and Jacob Chow whose mother passed away in June.

Chan Yiu Kwok whose mother also passed away in June.

