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The new design is the official Diamond Jubilee Logo of our school. It carries the phrases "Men for Others", "75th Anniversary" and "In Hoc Signo Vincens".

Valentine Ball, Saturday, February 12, 2000

This annual Joint Schools' Event will be held at Metro Convention Centre. The Paulinians will host the event while the two Wah Yan Alumni Associations will be in charge of the production of the programme book. Advertising rates are \$150 for half page and \$300 for full page. Tickets are \$75.00 each. Last year we sold 12 tables of tickets. This year we have been allotted 10 tables. So, order your tickets early. Cut-off date for placing advertisement is end of November. Revenue from programme book advertisement provides a good source of income for our Association. Please help to help the Association.

Introducing International Networking Committee

"We are a big world wide Wah Yan family. And it was on this premise that INC was formed. INC has a mission ---- to link all functioning chapters together, to help new start-up chapters, and to rehabilitate ailing chapters ---- under the fraternal Wah Yan Spirit that was so preciously instilled in us while we were nourished by the Irish Jesuits at Wah Yan College. We at Los Angeles were happy to take the responsibility to manage INC for the coming 2-year term." (The present Chairman is Gavin Lam of WYCHK.)~ Albert Wai-Chow Young of WYK

Plan your 2000 summer holiday in Los Angeles

"Since the Calgary International Conference in 1998, the Southern California Chapter has been working diligently to make this coming YEAR 2000 conference a success. It falls on **August 4-6, 2000**. The conference will be at Universal Hilton, close to the Universal Studios and the City Walk. And we have tentative responses from all four of our speaker invitees. They are: Sir Donald Tsang, Sir Gordon Wu, Martin Lee, QC and Wayne Wang, movie director. We plan on some groups to have mini-reunions. We even solicit donations from different chapters to sponsor retired teachers and Jesuit priests to the conference and so far we have over 20 people committed and funded.

As the chairman of the chapter, I extend our warmest welcome to all the members of Wah Yan chapters and their friends for the Y2K meeting. We feel that LA has a lot of attractions to offer our visitors besides the conference during the summer of year 2000--- sightseeing, California Cuisine, Rodeo Drive, Universal, Paramount and MGM Studios, Getty's Museum, the new aquarium, and the original Disneyland. Some can even take mini cruises as a class reunion down the Mexican coast or to the Las Vegas Casinos and try their luck. Please feel free to contact us for any information you may need and to send us suggestions that we can make the meeting more enjoyable." ~ Albert Wai-Chow Young of WYK

A Big Thank You from our President, Joseph C. Wong:

"It was just like yesterday when I wrote my first message in the December 1998 newsletter and here I am today, writing the last one of the year. It goes without saying that it has been my privilege and honour to serve our Association and to get to know and to work with so many of you.

As president, there are the seemingly myriad of issues, endless meetings, long discussions, telephone calls, e-mail, etc. There are quarrels and arguments of course. However, consensus always arrive at and accords always reach. Over the past year, there have been many events and functions and I am sure it would not be necessary for me to go back in time to describe and recapitulate all of them in detail. Perhaps, I can say that the whole experience has been a 'highlight' and indeed, there was no lack of excitements.

For a voluntary organization like ours, the success we had in the past year was exceptional. We are fortunate indeed to have an exciting Board of Directors and many members, families and friends volunteer so much of their valuable time, energy, skills and financial support. In addition, there were those who attended our functions with great enthusiasm. To all of you, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude. Surely, I am glad I have been part of such a great team.

This Association belongs to our members and it is important for us to realize that we are all in fact 'owners' and not just 'customers.' As such, every member should have a voice and the officers should be accountable for their decisions; and in turn, the Association should be able to count on our members for their support. Within our membership, there is a marvelous diversity of age, needs, talents and interests and it is necessary that we recognize and respond to them if we are going to accomplish our goal of moving towards building a meaningful organization for all of us. We should be able to say we belong to our own WYKAAO with justifiable pride.

When I took office, I had a vision of a revitalized, well-structured and vibrant organization that can meet the needs of all our members. I am happy to say that with the hard work you have put in, we are well positioned to make that vision come true. With the 1999 ~ 2000 Annual General Meeting coming up and a new Board of Directors taking office, I am confident that with your dedication and support, the continue success of our Association in the new millennium will be a certainty. May I again thank all of you and wish you good luck and good health."

Come to the *last Annual General Meeting of this century* on Saturday, November 27, 1999. Witness the historical moment of passing *the first by-laws* of your Association. Organize your class reunion on this very meaning occasion. Bring your families along to enjoy good time and dinner at the newly decorated restaurant. Hope to see you all.