

Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association Limited

President's Report (2011-2012)



Six Council meetings were held since the last AGM to discuss the Association's plans and activities. It is our great honour to have the current principal, five advisors and some former council members to sit in our meetings to provide invaluable feedback. Alumnae assistants were also invited to join our council meetings.

(I) Activities

1. Homecoming Day and Founder's Day Dinner

The Homecoming Day, the AGM, the Founder's Day Service and Dinner were held on the same day – 26 March 2011 in school. The Homecoming Day was highlighted by a tea party attended by over 30 former teachers. A total of 324 people (26 tables) joined a buffet dinner in Silcocks Hall. 68 teddy bears in school uniforms were made for sale on that day. They were extremely popular and were all sold out within a short time.

2. S5 Welcoming Party

There were no S5 graduates last year as they will be studying for 6 years under the new HKDSE system. Therefore, neither welcoming party nor orientation day was held in July 2011.

3. Photo-taking Day

Over 300 alumnae participated in this function on 10 December 2011 from 2.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. Alumnae arrived in groups with their classmates while some came with their spouse and children. Highlights of the event included hymn singing led by our alumnae choir in Silcocks Hall and a first of the kind 'Master Chef' Competition held in the Home Economics Room. The next photo-taking days will be held on 31 March and 14 July 2011.

4. Election of alumni managers to the school's Incorporated Management Committee (IMC)

To pave the way for the election, an EGM was held on 23 July 2011. The purpose was for considering and if thought fit, passing by special resolution the amendment of articles 22 & 51 of the M&A. There were 35 members present and 37 by proxy at the EGM. It was unanimously resolved that articles 22 & 51 be amended. (Please refer to M & A of YWGSAA)

In the election process which followed, three nominations were received. They were Professor Rebecca CHIU Lai Har, Dr Alison LAM Lai Bing and Ms Celina YUEN Wah Chu. As the number of candidates was equal to three, they were declared as designated nominees of YWGSAA, without going through further election, for the purpose of registration as alumni manager of IMC on 21 August, the day after the close of nomination.

The above three alumnae were formally nominated as Alumni Managers of IMC in the 4th council meeting held on 20 September 2011.

(II) Liaison

1. YWGSAA Newsletter

The fall issue (October 2011) was published and distributed to members either online or by post. The content covered a wide range of topics such as school redevelopment, fundraising stories, interview of Scholarship winners, homecoming day on 26 March 2011, alumnae news and school news etc.

The spring issue was published and distributed in early March 2012. The theme for this issue was "Farewell to old campus". Ying Wa teachers, alumnae and students were invited to write a poem or a message to bid farewell to Ying Wa campus.

2. YWGSAA Homepage (<http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk>)

The YWGSAA homepage is an effective channel for local and overseas alumnae to obtain the latest news and to keep in touch with the Association. Photos and video clips of past alumnae activities were uploaded to the Web for browsing.

(III) Interest Groups

1. Alumnae Choir

This year, around 18 members joined the regular choir practices held in the school's music room on alternative Saturday afternoon. They performed in the Founder's Day Dinner 2011 and led the hymn singing session - 「那些年我們一起唱聖詩的日子」 in the Photo-taking day on 10 December 2011.

2. Caring Team

Visits were paid to three senior Ying Wa alumnae, Ms SUEN Kin Tao (former teacher & staff), Ms HO Suk Chun and Ms SO Yan Kwok respectively during 2011-2012. We shared the fond memories of Ying Wa, life experiences and caught up on others' news.

(IV) Projects

1. Mentorship Programme

The year 2011 marked the 7th Anniversary of the Programme. 33 mentors and 52 mentees attended the talk "A Glimpse at the Professions" on 24 June 2011. Alumnae from three different professions shared their working experiences, including the nature of their jobs, entry requirements and career paths. It was followed by a buffet dinner. A promotion talk was held on 7 October 2011 to recruit mentees in the new academic year. 21 students registered as mentees and 21 alumnae volunteered their service as mentors. An orientation session was held on 19 November 2011. The first group activity was a visit to the Cathay City on 11 February 2012.

2. Bible Giving

At the beginning of the school year, each S1 student received a Bible as a welcoming gift from the Association with the name of the student handwritten on the Bible to add a personal touch.

3. Alumnae Database

Working closely with the Ambassador Scheme, great efforts were made to upkeep and update the alumnae records in our database. Clearance of duplicated or outdated data was carried out throughout the year. There were altogether 5,148 records of alumnae and friends in our database (as at 10 January 2012). Alumnae were encouraged to send emails to alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk to revise their information in our database whenever necessary.

4. School Archives Collection

Under the supervision of Ms LEUNG Wai Kuen, the students continued with the on-going task of scanning the old photos, which were then classified by the archives team. We hope to finish the work on the photos before the school moves to the decanting site.

5. 'The New Era Ying Wa' DVD Project

The school has initiated a new video project which aims to capture the growth of the current S1 students as they move from the current school building, through the temporary building until they move back, in their final year at school, to the new building. The video recordings will be edited into a documentary to celebrate the opening of the new school building and to commemorate this very unique period of our school history.

This 6-year tracking project is being supported by YWGSAA and is underway. The first filming was conducted on 21st December 2011. A total of ten teams will be set up. Recruitment of team members (camera-man, "big

sister", and transcriber) is now open. Interested alumnae can contact Miss Eunice WONG (adaroza2@gmail.com).

(V) Charity Fund Activities

	Sponsored Activities	Objectives	Amount endorsed	No. of participants
1.	Junior Assistants Training April 2011	The training of junior form students as leaders. A platform for senior leaders to guide and coach junior form students.	\$7,290.00	30 S.2 & S.3 6 S.6 leaders 1 teacher
2.	End-term Activities 2011 June 2011	To offer a great varieties of cultural and sports experience for students. To encourage students exposure.	\$86,970.00	Whole school 500 students
3.	The Alumnae Association Scholarship July 2011	To recognize students of good academic performance and conduct.	\$6,000.00	S.1 – S.6 11 students
4.	英華女籃東莞集訓之旅 Aug 2011	希望學生透過這次計劃能夠 1. 增加個人的籃球技術及球隊對籃球戰術的認識 2. 體驗東莞市的籃球隊訓練的方法及作技術的交流 3. 認識東莞近年的發展	\$33,000.00	15-20 (team members, 3 coaches and 1 teacher)
5.	S1 Bible Giving Sep 2011	To show our care towards spiritual developments of students. To create the sense of belongings of S1 students towards the Ying Wa family.	\$10,936.00	170 S.1 students
6.	「愛，分享，感恩」之 「祝福英華大行動」 (1 st term of school year 2010 – 2011)	To spread Christian values through actions of love	\$3,175.00	All students and staff ~ 1300
7.	YWGS Mentorship Programme Oct 2011 – Sep 2012	1. To help facilitate the all-round development of Ying Wa girls; 2. To strengthen the bond between our alumnae and students.	\$13,700.00	21 S4-5 students and 21 alumnae
8.	Survey on students' involvement in ECA (Phase 2) Jun 2012	1. To understand the students' involvement in and the aspiration of ECA; 2. To give insights for future planning of ECA in school.	\$5,000.00	400 students
9.	英華女排澳門交流集訓 Jan 2012	希望學生能夠參加澳門培正中學舉辦的比賽，增加球隊比賽的經驗，準備學界的精英賽	\$7,300.00	14 (include 2 coaches and teacher)
10.	冬令退修營會 Mar 2012	To experience unity and share of love and to raise up potential leaders.	\$6,270.00	~ 66 (8 advisors and 58 students)

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11.	S4 Outward Bound Course Mid May 2012	To enhance self-understanding and exploration and to foster inter-personal communication and team-spirit.	\$69,620.00	60 S4 students
12.	Farewell Dance Event End Aug 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create a lively and dynamic event to celebrate the transformation of our space. 2. Enhance a sense of community and strengthen the bond among alumni from different generations. 3. To make the last visit to the soon-to-be transformed school campus truly memorable. 	\$23,000.00	At least hundreds
13.	Global Cultural Exposure Scheme for Gifted Students End Aug 2012	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To widen the learning experience of outstanding students in school; 2. To encourage students to excel. 	\$45,000	15- 45 High Achievers

(VI) Membership

As at 31 December 2011, the association has 2682 non-life members and 2444 life members.

(VII) Others

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all the advisors, teachers and school staff, council members, year coordinators and alumnae assistants who contributed their time and effort in the past year. I would like to thank every alumnus who gave us your feedback, participated in the alumnae functions and supported us in many other ways.

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