



YWGSAA General Meeting 2023

Annex B

# President's Report

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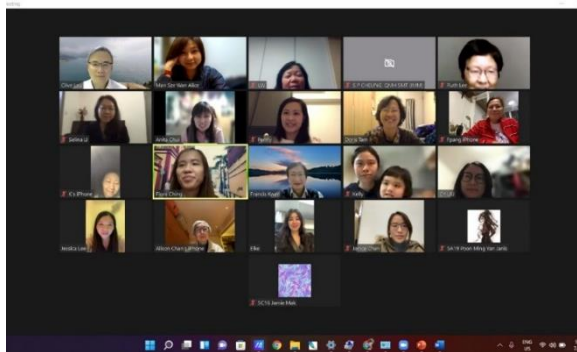
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## Council Meetings (2022~2023)



Despite of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Alumnae Association (AA) still managed to convene 2 council meetings since the last AGM held on 26 March 2022. The precautionary measures such as social distancing and face mask wearing did not diminish our eagerness to come to an assembly to encourage one another and to develop plans to promote AA activities. The meetings mainly focused on cooperating functions with school like AGM, Founder's Day service, appointment of YWGSAA Charity Trust Fund trustees and other administrative matters.



Council meetings in 2022-2023

We are honoured to have Mr. Francis KWAN, the current School Principal, as the Designated Honorary Adviser of the Council and four respectful alumnae, namely, Dr. Alison LAM, Mrs. Katherine CHAU, Ms. CHAN Kwok Ying and Mrs. Ruth LEE, serving as our Honorary Advisers. School students were also invited to join our council meetings as alumnae assistants.

## Interaction with YWGS

### 1. Bible Giving

At the beginning of the school year, the AA sent each S1 student a Bible as a welcoming gift. The names of the students were hand-written by council members to add a personal touch. Bibles were given to S1 students in September 2021.



### 2. S6 Orientation

The S6 orientation was satisfactorily carried out on the Speech Day on 6 July 2021. Together with four Council members, the President presented the AA to new graduates. Packed cookies, and drinks were sent to the graduating classes to welcome them to join as our new members.



### 3. Thanksgiving Sponsored Walk

Arranging a sponsored walk (SW) to raise fund for local charities is always a Ying Wa traditional event held during the Thanksgiving period since the 60's. The traditional route is from the Robinson Road campus to the Victoria Peak. The sponsored walk tradition was kept even during the period where Ying Wa was temporarily relocated to a decanting campus in Shamshuipo (2012-2019), although the route was altered. Because of the special need of school redevelopment, a special fund raising walk (重建路·

赤足行) on bare feet was arranged in 2014. Covid-19 hit Hong Kong when Ying Wa returned to the Mid-Levels in 2019. The school sponsored walks thus took the form of walking within the campus since 2020.



When Hong Kong was gradually recovered from the pandemic, the AA Council decided at its 75th meeting held on 16 September 2022 that a sponsored walk for alumnae could be resumed. In order to meet the public gathering restrictions, we wrote to various government agencies to consult their views. The outcome was



that the SW was extended over a period of 4 weeks beginning on 19 November 2022 after a Start-off ceremony held in the High West Park. The route chosen was from the Peak to School. Alumnae who

took part in the SW would be given a specially designed metal pin showing a pretty frangipani to set off the abbreviation of AA.

Ying Wa also held her Annual Sponsored Walk within the school campus during the Thanksgiving Week on 25 November 2022. This meaningful tradition reminds us of Ying Wa's core value of "to serve but

not to be served". The joint efforts of AA and the school had raised a \$359K to be donated to 21 charitable organizations under the school's patronage. A small percentage was allocated to YWGS for campus redevelopment.

**Allocation of Sponsored Walk Donation 2022-2023**

Donation received	School (\$)	YWGSAA (\$)	Total (\$)
1 Watoto	40,000	10,000	50,000
2 同路舍 ImpactHK	40,000	10,000	50,000
3 聖巴拿巴會之家 St. Barnabas Society and Home	40,000	10,000	50,000
4 中華基督教會香港區會	40,000	10,000	50,000
5 CareER	6,000	2,000	8,000
6 心靈維揚兒童基金會	6,000	2,000	8,000
7 聯合國兒童基金會	6,000	2,000	8,000
8 國際小母牛香港分會	6,000	2,000	8,000
9 樂施會	6,000	2,000	8,000
10 巴拿巴愛心服務團	6,000	2,000	8,000
11 施濟基金會	6,000	2,000	8,000
12 無疆界醫生	6,000	2,000	8,000
13 奧比斯	6,000	2,000	8,000
14 中國福音事工促進會	6,000	2,000	8,000
15 基督教協進會	6,000	2,000	8,000
16 中華基督教會基順愛的家	6,000	2,000	8,000
17 突破	6,000	2,000	8,000
18 心光盲人院暨學校	6,000	2,000	8,000
19 香港盲人輔導會	6,000	2,000	8,000
20 香港家庭福利會	6,000	2,000	8,000
21 香港拯救貓狗協會	6,000	2,000	8,000
22 英華女校校舍重建計劃	19,824	3,250	23,074
	\$ 281,824	\$ 77,250	359,074

# Liaison

## 4. Newsletters

Two issues of the Alumnae Newsletter were produced and dispatched to members by post and by email since the last AGM. The October 2022 issue focused on our life in the COVID-19 pandemic. Also we have the obituary and memories of Miss KWAN Yeuk Laan. The Spring issue (March 2023) contains interviews about our alumnae Archival Miss LO Yan Yan, as well as our Archival Repository, the thanksgiving sponsored walk etc. And we have the obituary and memories of Mrs. CHE LEUNG Ching Yee. Approximately 1600 paper copies of the newsletters were distributed.



Two issues of the Overseas Alumnae Newsletter, the 15th edition (October 2022) and 16th edition (March 2023) were also published in the past 12 months to report on the news and activities of overseas alumnae groups. Only electronic copies were produced and posted on the AA website.

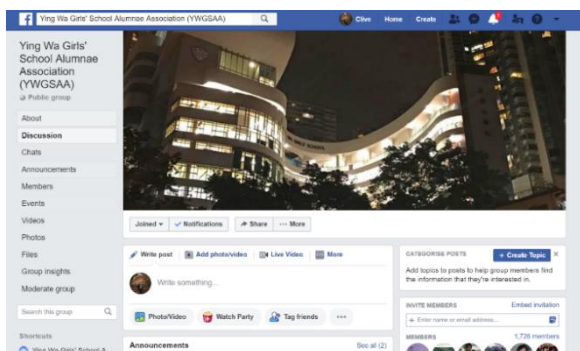




Background



Our association was founded in 1922 by Miss M.M. Hogben, the Principal serving Ying Wa from 1920 to 1925. On 1 March 2006, it was incorporated as a limited company.



5. Homepage

The new AA mobile-friendly homepage was launched on 29 August 2018. Data migration process is now completed. The update and maintenance is supported by an AA Management Team comprised of school staff, alumnae and Council members.

6. Facebook Group and Instagram

To maintain the connection with alumnae beyond the boundary of physical engagement, we have continued to enhance our online presence. The rise of a pandemic had boosted our engagement via social media. We had explored different optimal means to reach out to alumnae of different ages.

Facebook group is well-maintained to distribute official announcement, news & initiatives from both school and AA. Members are also encouraged to leverage the platform to post their sharing and connect with different alumnae from all over the world. Majority of the members aged from 25-44, mainly from Hong Kong, followed by UK and Canada.



We have also launched our Instagram in January 2020, trying to connect with



current students and younger alumnae. Over 1,600 followers were acquired in 3 years with on average each post reached >5,000 accounts. Content and interactions, for example polling and quiz stickers in Instagram stories, are more tailored to meet the interest of young alumnae, receiving good engagement. Alumnae also reached out via direct message for getting quicker access of assistance needed. Majority of the followers aged from 18-34, also mainly from Hong Kong, followed by UK and Canada.

Moving forward, the social media channels will continue to serve as an open platform to provide updates and connect alumnae from all over the world.

### **7. Caring Team**

The Caring Team aims to provide mutual support and strengthen bonding among alumnae and teaching staff. During the year, we maintained close contact with some overseas alumnae, former school teachers and former principals.



A birthday cake was sent to our beloved Rev. Lee to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



To express our gratitude to serving teachers, AA committee members have made a small donation to treat them cakes and cookies. The funds saved will be used for future treatment when teachers return to school in good time.

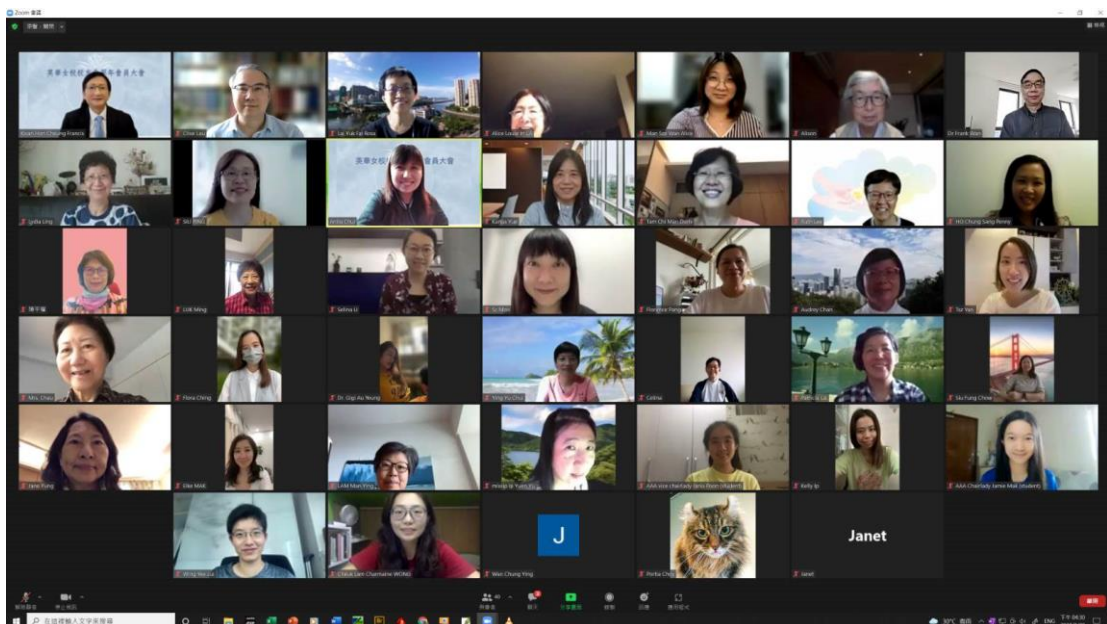
### 8. Alumnae Database & Membership

The database aims to keep up-to-date information of our alumnae and facilitate communication between the AA and our fellow schoolmates. The database is regularly updated. By February 2023, the alumnae database contained about 6 900 member records. Alumnae are encouraged to email [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk) to update their contact information and opt for e-newsletters.

## 9. Overseas Chapters

The Council is pleased to connect with various overseas chapters spread around the world. We feel indebted to the committed contact persons for their efforts made in reuniting the YW community in Toronto, Vancouver, Southern & Northern California, Boston, London, Sydney and Melbourne. They continue to support the overseas edition of the Alumnae Newsletter by contributing articles about their latest news, which remind us that our hearts are tied despite of our physical distance.

Last but not least, overseas chapters welcome visits from teachers, alumnae, and students who come to study aboard. For contact information, please send your message to [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk).



## Interest Groups

### 10. Alumnae Choir

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Ying Wa Girls' Alumnae Choir practices have been suspended since 2020.

The only event organized was the Memorial Ceremony for Ms KWAN Yeuk Laan on 18 June 2022. There were 13 choir members attended the ceremony.

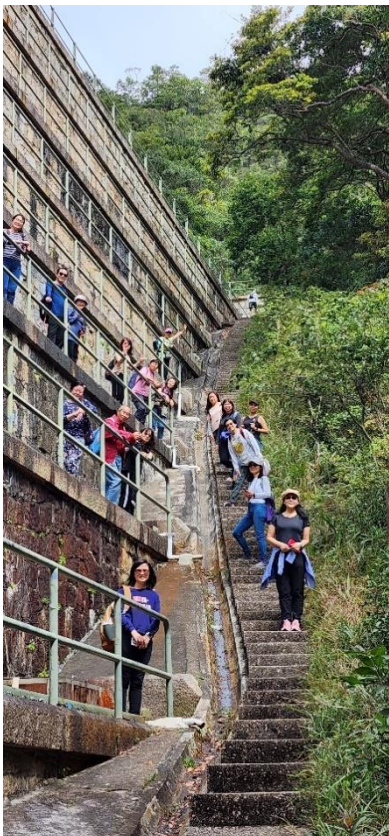


### 11. Outing Group



On 18 February 2023, the Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association organized a short hike in the Tai Tam Country Park. The hike began at the Tai Tam Tuk entrance of the country park and passed through the lush vegetation, giving participants a taste of the nature that Hong Kong has to offer. The path was easy to follow. We stopped often to take group photos and take in the beauty of the area. We had the chance to spot some of the local wildlife, including a wild boar and plenty of birds.

Along the way, the group stopped to admire the scenic



views of the reservoir and the surrounding landscape. The hike was absolutely stunning, with lush vegetation and spectacular views of the surrounding hills and coastline. The three and half an hour hike was a great opportunity for alumnae to reconnect with each other and experience the beauty of Hong Kong's nature.



The hike was a great success, with participants thoroughly enjoying the fresh air and peaceful atmosphere. After the hike, a few gathered at a nearby café, where they exchanged stories and planned for the next trip scheduled two weeks away.

Overall, it was an enjoyable and memorable experience. The AA would like to thank all who participated and look forward to organizing more hikes in the future.



## Projects

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### 12. School Archives Collection

The Archives Team works hard on the safekeeping of school archives and collection items of historical values. We are currently working intensively on the setting up of the Archival Repository in the new campus.



### 13. Mentorship Programme

Recruitment of mentees was carried out in September 2022. Most of our experienced mentors remained in service this year. With a good response from students and alumnae, we have 60 mentors and 60 mentees joining the programme this year.

An orientation was organized on 12 November 2022 at Silcocks' Hall. Career Expo was held on 14 January 2023 in the school campus with an attendance of 101 S3-S5 students. A Closing Event is scheduled on 24 June 2023.



### **YWGSAA Ltd. Charity Trust Fund**

We are grateful to have

- Dr. WAN Charn Wing Frank
- Ms. CHUNG Wai Chi, Janet
- Ms. YU Kit Man Kanus
- Ms. LUI Wing Yee
- Ms. CHUI Wai Shan Anita
- Ms. CHEUNG Siu Ping
- Ms. LEE Suet Yee Jessica

serving as Trustees of the CTF for a term that lasts until 31 May 2023.

Thanks to their continuous efforts and funding support to the School over the past year.



## **Acknowledgements**

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the Principal and other advisors, Vice-Principals, teachers and school staff, Council members, year coordinators and alumnae assistants who contributed their time and efforts over the past year. With their assistance and hard work, the operation of the AA proceeded smoothly and efficiently. I would also like to thank every alumna who gave us continuous support by giving your valuable views and participating in the alumnae functions and contributing in many other meaningful ways.

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