



The Toronto Alumni Annual Dinner

on September 25, 2016

With many of our alumni going on trips or attending weddings, we only had an attendance of 58 at our Annual Dinner this year, a much smaller number than usual. Nonetheless, we had a very enjoyable evening filled with laughter and fun. Thanks to our Principal Mr Kwan's Powerpoint presentation, we were updated with the Redevelopment progress as well as the achievements of present students of our alma mater.

With everyone's support, we continued with the fundraising for the School Redevelopment Fund. Miss Kwan ('37), Miss Yau ('59) and other alumni donated prizes for lucky draw. In total we raised HKD\$6,000 from the raffle ticket sale. The alumni in Toronto fully supported Miss Yau's appeal to sponsor her on her 'Walk for Ying Wa' – a most meaningful way to celebrate her 75th birthday, by participating in the school's Annual Thanksgiving Sponsored Walk on November 26, 2016. Sponsorships for her 'Walk' were collected at the Dinner to be contributed to the Redevelopment Fund.

The highlight of the evening was celebration of various milestones. First, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. C.C. Lee, we designed and signed a card for her, and also had a cute looking Rev. Lee doll to be presented to her at the AA Thanksgiving Dinner in Hong Kong on November 19, 2016. Second was the 'Double Celebration Cake Cutting Ceremony' - to celebrate Miss Yau's 75th birthday, and the 45th anniversary for Class of 1971. We would like to make the anniversary celebration an on-going practice for classes celebrating their 5th, 10th, 15th..... anniversaries, to encourage graduates of these classes to attend our Annual Dinner. Miss Kwan presented a nice painting to Miss Yau on behalf of Monica Chan ('66) to celebrate Miss Yau's 75th birthday and her passion for Ying Wa. It was a very meaningful piece of art that Monica bought at Ying Wa's Fundraising Bazaar in March 2016, showing a mother and daughter with a frangipani flower 雞蛋花 pinned on her hair, outside the Robinson Block. This lovely flower is a fond collective memory of all Ying Wa girls.

We bid each other good night with a happy note after taking the group photo. Take care everyone, and see you all next year!

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