



Appendix A

President's Report

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Council Meetings (2018~2019)

Three Alumnae Association (AA) Council meetings were conducted since the last AGM held on 24 March 2018. We are honoured to have the incumbent School Principal, Mr. Francis KWAN, and five respectful alumnae, namely, Dr. Alison LAM, Mrs. Katherine CHAU, Ms. CHAN Kwok Ying, Ms. KWAN Yeuk Lan, Ms. Winnie YAU and Mrs. Ruth LEE, serving as our Honorary Advisers. School students were also invited to join our council meetings as alumnae assistants.



Council meeting held on 18 May 2018 in Sham Shui Po Decanting Campus

Interaction with YWGS

1. Attending the Topping Out Ceremony



Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain (Psalm 127:1). Since the Campus Farewell Day held on 14 July 2012, six years had lapsed for the demolition and redevelopment of the school campus. The AA Council felt very excited and deeply honoured to be invited by the school to the Topping Out Ceremony held on 24 March 2018. Distinguished guests including representatives from the Education Bureau, School Council, School

Redevelopment Committee, parents and alumnae joined the principal, teachers and students in witnessing a milestone in the history of Ying Wa Girls' School. Professor CHIU Lai-har Rebecca, Chairlady of the School Redevelopment Steering Committee, spoke about the grace of God steering them through many an unforeseen challenge.



2. Wooden Furniture Conservation Project

The Wooden Furniture Conservation Project was an activity dedicated to the restoration for reuse of YWGS's wooden furniture which were of high historical and school sentimental values. On 28 and



29 July 2018, teachers, students, alumnae, parents and friends of Ying Wa took part in a two-day furniture restoration workshop led by Miss WONG Wai King. Everyone spared no effort in a determined manner in refurnishing antique desk-chair sets so that future Ying Wa generations may still enjoy using them.



3. Farewell Shamshuipo

Since the Spring Bazaar in 2016, Ying Wa once again opened its door to the public on 14 July 2018. This time the school was bidding farewell to the community of Sham Shui Po, at her Sixth and final year of stay at this decanting campus.



AA took part in the event in setting up a souvenir sales booth. There were other interesting counters run by the PTA, students and teachers. The memorable day also filled in with variety show performed by students, teachers, neighbouring schools and individuals from the local community.



4. 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.



5. S6 Orientation

The S6 orientation was satisfactorily carried out on the Speech Day on 10 July 2018. Together with three Council Members, the President introduced the AA to the fresh graduates. Cupcakes were sent as gifts to the graduating classes. A total of 126 new members joined YWGSAAAL which represented a sign-up rate of about 85%.

Liaison

6. Newsletters



Two issues of Alumnae Newsletter were produced and dispatched to members by post and by email since the last AGM. The cover story of the fall issue (October 2018) featured the Farewell Day held on 14 July, 2018 at the Sham Shui Po decanting campus. The spring issue (February 2019) interviewed alumnae who were newly appointed as Honorary Managers of the Incorporated Management Committee (IMC) of YWGS. About 1 600 hard copies of newsletters were sent out.



Two issues of the Overseas Alumnae Newsletter were also published in the past 12 months to report the current news and activities of overseas alumnae groups. Only e-copies were produced and posted on-line. The cover stories of the 7th Issue (October 2018) and 8th Issue (February, 2019) were "Winners of MTR STEM competitions touring Sweden MTR" and "New IMC Honorary Managers" respectively.

Special thanks are due to the devoted newsletter editorial team who worked laboriously on producing

the newsletters which strengthen the ties between alumnae and the school.



7. Homepage

The plan to develop an “app” for quick access to AA web pages was dropped because of the high cost of setting up and subsequent maintenance. Gratitude was owed to YWGS's teachers and alumnae who rendered great effort in revamping the old AA website to serve in a mobile-friendly environment. The new AA Homepage was launched on 29 August 2018. Most of original contents were migrated to the new domain. Updating and maintenance is taken up by a new AA Management Team composed of school staff, alumnae and Council members.

8. Facebook Group



The “Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association” Facebook Group was set up to share the alumnae news and activities. Alumnae, students and parents, teachers, school staff, and honorary members recommended by the AA Council are all welcome to join the Group and share their messages. Since its launch in July 2017, the number

of members had grown to 1 673 towards the end of December 2018.

9. Caring Team

The Caring Team aims to provide mutual support and strengthen bonding among alumnae and teaching staff. During the year, the Caring Team had paid a few visits to Rev. LEE Ching Chee after her hospitalization in July 2018 due to minor illness. Get-well messages were sent to our previous teachers, Ms KWAN Yeuk Laan and Mrs. Lindy MOGFORD to wish them a speedy recovery from ill health. The Team also maintained close contact with some overseas alumnae, ex-school teachers and ex-principals.



To express our gratitude to Ying Wa teachers, we have invited a number of ex-teachers to join the AA outing trip in December 2018. We are so pleased to have Mrs Ruth LEE, Mrs FONG LO Sau Chun, Ms Anna



LAM Yee Lai, Mrs HO WONG Pui Yin and Dr YEUNG Kwok Bill joining our excursion to the Hong Kong Geopark on 1 December 2018 and enjoying the joyful moments with some other 100 alumnae.

Sadly, in 2018, two of our Council Members had lost their beloved fathers and a retired teacher had lost her beloved husband. Wreaths were sent to the families to express AA's care and support and the Caring Team had attended the respective funeral services.



The Caring Team also reported on three alumnae who took part in the 2018 Djarkata Asia Game through Facebook. The three Ying Wa sport ladies are Carmen HONG who was the gatekeeper in hockey match, LEE Ka Yi who played squash in Women's team and MA Wing Yu who is a cyclist in the Women's team sprint.

To express our gratitude to serving teachers, friends of the President have made a small donation to treat them congee and Chinese fried churros. Spared funding will be used for second round treatment in due course.



10. 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. As at 28 February 2019, the alumnae database contained 6 303 records of Ordinary Members (3 457) and Associated Members (2 846). Alumnae are encouraged to send emails to alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk to update their contact details.

Interest Groups

11. Alumnae Choir



The Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Choir usually has biweekly practice on Saturday afternoon. The Choir performed in different school occasions such as the Prayer Day at the Church of Christ in China Hop Yat Church on 19 May 2018, and the Farewell Day on 14 July 2018.



Some coming performance includes singing in the AA Annual Dinner on 29 March 2019 and leading the prayer in the Open Prayer Meeting in our new campus on 13 April 2019.



12. Outing Group

A Geo Boat Tour of Sai Kung Islands and Cultural visit to Yim Tin Tsai was organized on 1 December 2018. 93 alumnae and guests attended the event. The weather was gloomy and windy in the morning, yet it turned sunny in the afternoon. On the whole, the event ran smoothly and all participants enjoyed the trip very much.



In the morning, we took a boat to Sai Kung to watch the spectacular hexagonal volcanic columns, diverse morphology of sea caves, sea stacks and sea arches, as well as depositional landforms such as beaches and special geological features such as a tombolo around the region.



The afternoon session was a cultural visit to Yim Tin Tsai. Originally the home of salt farmers, the island's village was abandoned in the '90s when the industry began to decline. Although Yim Tin Tsai's residents have moved away, they have left behind their fish ponds and village houses, most of them still filled with personal belongings. A



short walk around the island gives us a glimpse of the lives of the villagers in the '90s. Standing in the village was the beautiful and Romanesque building of St Joseph's Chapel, a Grade III historic building in Hong Kong.

Activities organized by the outing group are summarized below.

Date	Activity	Target Group	No of Participants
28.1.2018	Tsuen King Circuit > Sham Tseng via Shek Lung Kung (11km)	Outing Group	7
19.2.2018	Shek Pik > Kau Ling Chung > Fan Lau > Yi O > Tai O (15km)	Outing Group	6
17.3.2018	High Junk Peak Country Trail (6.4km) + Seafood Lunch at Po Toi O	All Alumnae	15
5.5.2018	Chuen Long > Kap Lung Ancient Trail > Lui Kung Tin (7.5km) + Visit to Farm Milk Co. Ltd and LKT Ecological Garden	Outing Group	10
1.12.2018	Geo Boat Tour of Sai Kung Islands and Cultural visit to Yim Tin Tsai	All Alumnae	93

Projects

13. School Archives Collection

The Archives Team works hard on the safekeeping of school archives and collection items of historical values. We are now working intensively on the setting-up of the Archive Room in the new campus.

14. Mentorship Programme

During this year, we welcome Dr CHEUNG Ho Yan, Yannie, (S5 graduate of 1989) to join the Mentorship Programme Committee. Recruitment of Mentors was completed by 15 October 2018. With a good response from students and alumnae we have 52 mentors and 59 mentees this year.

An orientation was organized on 17 November 2018 in the school hall. Careers Expo was held on 12 January 2019 in the school campus with an attendance of 112 S3-S5 students. The programme included Keynote Speech – “超級阿四與職場殺手 - 創業者入門淺談” by Ms Mona CHU Fook Pui (Founder and Director of Sense Connect Ltd.) and sharings by 54 speakers in 19 professional disciplines.

15. Video Documentary - "Transformation"

A few shootings were made in the 2018 semester, including local shooting in the United States for a girl who left school in S3. The major shooting is now completed, but a few supplementary shots of the school moving back to the Robinson Campus will be made. Film editing began in January 2019 and the team was working intensively.

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- Ms. LEE Sai Fung Odetta

serving as Trustees of the CTF for a term that lasts until 31 May 2019.

Thanks to their continuous efforts, the CTF ran smoothly in this year.

Acknowledgement

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 in the past year. Their assistance and hard work have made the running of the AA smooth and efficient. 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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President

Council of YWGSAAAL

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