

## President's Report (2010-2011)



Four Council meetings were held since the last AGM to discuss the Association's plans and activities. We are very grateful to have the current principal, five advisors and former council members to sit in our meetings. Alumnae assistants were also invited to join our council meetings.

### (I) Activities

#### 1. 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

We had 137 tables with a total of 1,649 alumnae and guests joining the dinner at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on 27 March 2010. The event was well received by all. To the alumnae, it was an occasion for pictures with their former teachers and classmates, especially at the "MY FAVOURITE CORNER IN YING WA". Each participant took home a complimentary YW Heritage DVD.

#### 2. Photo Taking Day

About 730 participants joined the Photo Taking Day on 19 June 2010. The event was very popular, and the promotion through emails and Facebook was found to be highly effective.

#### 3. S5 Welcoming Party

The party was held for this last batch of HKCEE students in Silcocks Hall on 7 July 2010. Alumnae speakers included Ms CHAN Ping Kuen, Ms CHEUNG Ming Yee Joyce, PANG Hoi Kei (S7B, 2009/10) and LI Hoi Ping (S6S, 2009/10). 123 S5 students enrolled as life members of AA on that day (total number of S5 enrollment this year: 168).

#### 4. Sponsored Walk

150 alumnae participated in this school event held on 27 November 2010 (Saturday). The event raised a total of \$1,311,226, of which \$354,030 was raised by alumnae.

#### 5. Homecoming Day and Founder's Day Dinner

The Homecoming Day, the Founder's Day Service, AGM and Dinner will be held on 26 March 2011 (Saturday) in school. Over 30 former teachers will join the tea gathering in the Gymnasium from 4pm to 5pm on that day.

### (II) Liaison

#### 1. YWGSAA Newsletter

Two issues (October 2010 & Feb 2011) were published and distributed to members online or by post. Online version of past issues is also available from the Association's homepage. The content covered a wide range of topics such as school redevelopment, interview of Student Association Chairladies in the 1990s and 2000s, thanksgiving lunch on 13 November 2010, fund-raising activities including the sponsored walk on 27 November 2010, Caring Team's visits, alumnae news and school news.

#### 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 keep in touch with the Association. Photos and video clips of alumnae activities were uploaded to the Web for browsing.

### 3. Ambassador Scheme

The project is co-organized by the Fund-raising sub-committee under the School Redevelopment Steering Committee and YWGSAA. The alumnae ambassadors and teacher advisors helped promote the fund-raising performance — ‘Alice’. They will also assist in selling the “brick coupons” and future fund-raising activities. Constructive feedback was collected through ambassadors.

## (III) Interest Groups

### 1. Alumnae Choir

Over ten Alumnae Choir members attended and sang at the funeral service of Ms LEE Lai Ting (former teacher) on 7 Aug 2010. The Alumnae Choir had regular practices in the school’s Music Room on Saturday afternoons except the summer break. They will perform in the forthcoming Founder’s Day Dinner. We are most happy to have Ms LAU Suk Yan Ruth as the new conductor and Ms WONG Yuen Yee as the pianist.

### 2. Caring Team

Three visits were organized on 5 June 2010, 18 September 2010 and 19 February 2011. Groups of alumnae visited Ms LAM Yee Lai Anna (former teacher), Mrs CHAU MA Pui Kin Katherine (former principal) and Ms LEE Fai Wing (former teacher) respectively to share the fond memories of Ying Wa and to exchange the latest news.

## (IV) Projects

### 1. Mentorship Programme

The year 2010 marked the 6th Anniversary of the Programme. 29 mentors and 69 mentees attended the talk “A Glimpse at the Professions” on 25 June 2010. Alumnae from five 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 8 October 2010 to recruit mentees in the new academic year. 53 students registered as mentees and 42 alumnae volunteered their service as mentors. An orientation session was held on 20 November 2010. The first group activity was a visit to the Legislative Council on 15 January 2011.

### 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 hand-written 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. There were altogether 5,244 records of alumnae and friends in our database (as at 10 January 2011). Significant update on information of alumnae in Canada was carried out during the summer of 2010. Alumnae could send emails to [alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk](mailto:alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk) for change of record information.

#### 4. School Archives Collection

The major task of the year was the digitalization of old photos. The scanning and classification of photos up to the 1970s was completed. An appeal was made through the AA Newsletter for items of historical interest, and some kindergarten photos and missing school magazines were collected from alumnae. We are most grateful to Ms Margaret MOORE (former teacher), who furnished us with a large number of valuable photos of YW in the 1960s and 70s. Efforts to procure the earliest issues of “Clarion” were in progress, and again, our heartfelt gratitude goes to Ms Moore for donating 39 issues that were not in our archives.

Our school also provided the Hong Kong Museum of History with the materials/information needed for their exhibition “The Evergreen Classic – Transformation of Qipao” (June–September 2010).

#### (V) Charity Trust Fund Activities

	<b>Sponsored Activities</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Amount endorsed</b>	<b>No. of participants</b>
1.	Alpha Course – Christian Fellowship Sept 2009–April 2010	To let students learn the basic belief of Christianity, and to build up good relationships in Christ among them	\$6,275	80 members of Christian Fellowship
2.	Outward Bound course April 2010	To enhance self-understanding and interpersonal communication skills	\$67,820	60 S.4 students
3.	Junior assistant team April 2010	To nurture future leaders in the junior form; as the training platform for senior leaders in coaching junior students	\$7,488	30 S.2 – S.3, 6 S.6 leaders and 2 teachers
4.	Expo 2010 in Shanghai July 2010	To expose students to multi-cultural perspectives/ values while exploring various global issues; to witness the economic development of modern China by visiting the most prosperous city of China; to know more about the future generation of China by interacting with their counterparts in Shanghai.	\$67,080	30 students and 3 teachers
5.	Mentorship program Oct 2009–Sept 2010	To help facilitate all-round development of students; to strengthen the bond between alumnae and students	\$11,000	74 S4 and S6 students and 59 alumnae
6.	Alumnae Association scholarship July 2010	To recognize students of good academic performance and conduct	\$6,000	11 S.1 – S.6 students
7.	End-term activities July 2010	To offer a great variety of cultural and sports experience for students	\$64,026	Whole school, 400 students

8.	International Gateway for Gifted Youth July 2010	To nurture students with academic potential; to breed future leaders with global perspectives and values; to provide incentive for students to excel	\$15,000	5 S.3 top students
9.	Bible giving to S1 students Sep 2010	To express love and care for S.1 students and to meet their Gospel needs	\$10,500	180 S.1 students
10.	Retreat Camp of Christian Fellowship Jan 2011	To love and support each other through camp activities; to develop the aspiration to spread the Gospel	\$7,600	135 Christian Fellowship members and advisors

(VI) Members enrollment

Number of new members enrolled from 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 was 296.

(VII) Others

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincerest gratitude to all the advisors, teachers and school staff, council members, year coordinators, ambassadors and alumnae assistants who contributed their time and effort in the past year. I would also 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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