



Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association Limited

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Dear alumnae,



Please allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Frank Wan (S7, 71) (strangely enough, a boy in a girls' school), the President of the Ying Wa Girls' School Alumnae Association Ltd (YWGSAA). I am now a solicitor of Hong Kong. Before launching my legal career, I had received intensive training in cancer research at the University of Toronto under the supervision of Professor Tak Mak of Princess Margaret Hospital. My different career paths have shuttled me from Toronto to Hong Kong. I am no stranger to key Canadian cities such as Vancouver, Edmonton, Toronto and Ottawa; and also to key US cities such as New York, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego.

Having moved back to Hong Kong, I have once again appreciated the characters and ambience of all these cities that I have now missed most. I am not shy to admit that the fondest memory of my life comes from study and work abroad, not from Hong Kong (except my Ying Wa days). Sometimes, I wonder which city I should consider as my real hometown. I will have to implore God for divine guidance.

I am well aware that many alumnae living and working overseas joined together to network, share experience and learn about the progress of the redevelopment of Ying Wa Girls' School at Robinson Road to forge closer links with our *alma mater*.

Against this backdrop, it comes as no surprise for me to advocate the need for tighter bonding between YWGSAA and our overseas alumnae and in particular, the overseas chapters. I am pleased to announce that YWGSAA has now formed an Overseas Alumnae Liaison Group with a view to coordinating better communication and sharing between Hong Kong and overseas alumnae. The co-ordinator of the Group is Ms. FOK Oi Ying Alice who will be assisted by Ms Rosa Lai and Ms So Yuet Pui Polly (webmaster). Ms. Fok may be reached by email oiyingfok@yahoo.com or alumnae@ywgs.edu.hk.

As you may be aware, next year will mark the 115th anniversary celebration of Ying Wa Girls' School. I am pleased to inform you that the 115th Anniversary Celebration will be held at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre (same venue as in 100th, 105th and 110th) on 28 March 2015. Please make a note of it on your calendar.

Perhaps, it may be the right occasion and convenient time to celebrate your class anniversary as well and about time to gather old classmates from both Hong Kong and overseas for Sham Shui Po Campus tour, strolling down the streets in the old part of Hong Kong (get the feeling of the place that looks so familiar to you yet very strange), meeting old school teachers, tea gathering and attending the 115th Anniversary thanksgiving service and dinner; strengthening your bonds with your fellow classmates that go back a long way, sharing life experience together and future ahead. It is a celebration of life beyond Ying Wa days. Taking pictures to capture the golden moment of your class reunion; and even though the reunion may be brief, you will get fond memories that last a lifelong. We can help to make the necessary contacts of your class representatives and arrangements (such as table(s) reserved for your class at the 115th Anniversary Celebration dinner) for your class reunion here in Hong Kong.

You may wish to know that we have updated the section on overseas alumnae with more detail information on the activities of each of our overseas alumnae chapters. We encourage you to visit our website from time to time for up-to-date information on any new activity and programme on the 115th Anniversary Celebration of Ying Wa Girls' School and write to us if you have any query on it.

This is my first message addressed to overseas Ying Wa Girls' School alumnae and I am sure that this will not be the last one from the President of the YWGSAA. Please let me know if we can do better for our overseas alumnae.

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