

President's Report (2014 – 2015)

Three Council meetings were held since the last AGM to discuss the Association's plans and activities. It is our great honour to have the current principal, five advisors and some former council members to sit in our meetings to provide invaluable feedback. Alumnae assistants were also invited to join our council meetings.

(I) Activities

1. Founder's Day Service and Dinner

Founder's Day Service and Dinner were held on 21 March 2014 at CESSOM (香港海關高級官員會所). It was well attended by alumnae and other members of the Ying Wa community. The participants had a wonderful evening meeting former teachers and classmates. The programme included the performances by the AA choir and the school Dance Team, and updates on the Redevelopment Project. It was on the same occasion that the signing ceremony of the main contract of the new campus was held.

2. Ambassadors Scheme Tea Reception

A tea reception in honour of the Teacher and Alumnae Ambassadors was held 6 September, 2014 at the Garden Café. It was attended by a total of 62 ambassadors and guests. The ambassadors were updated on the School Redevelopment Project, the upcoming 115th anniversary celebrations, as well as presented with a preview of the souvenirs.

3. Preparation for the 115th Anniversary Dinner

A Dinner Organizing Committee was set up to see to the hosting of the dinner at the HKCEC on 28 March, 2015. Alumnae with relevant expertise were invited to join the committee to make the event a most memorable one.

4. Support for the School Redevelopment Project

An important direction of the work of the A.A. is to help with the Redevelopment Project in whatever way we can. In the past year, the A.A. helped to promote the following fundraising activities:

- 「師姐你好嘢」 *Cross Generation Matching Scheme* (initiated by Classes of 1983 and 2003)
- 「蘇太私房菜」 *Mrs. So's Private Kitchen*
- 「私房菜烹飪示範」 *Mrs. So's Private Kitchen Cooking Demonstration*
- 「重建路·赤足行」 *Walk an Extra Mile for Ying Wa*

The AA will continue with this good effort and is fully committed to supporting the School Redevelopment Project.

(II) Liaison

1. YWGSAA Newsletter

The spring issued was published in October 2014, which covered an interview with Miss Wong Yung Sze, the teacher of school Dance Team who shared with readers how she inspired students to appreciate and fall in love with dancing.

The spring issue was published and distributed in early March 2015, covering a special feature on Mrs Ruth Lee, the Principal who is retiring in the summer of 2015. The Editorial Board has specially invited a few of Mrs Lee's YW friends to share with readers the fond memories they had in school.

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 to keep in touch with the Association. Photos and video clips of past alumnae activities were uploaded to the Web for browsing. A new section on overseas alumnae had been added to strengthen the linkage with the Ying Wa family overseas.

(III) Interest Groups

1. AA Choir

The choir focused on learning new songs and vocal training this year.

It performed at Founder's Day service and led hymn-singing on Prayer Day. Two birthday celebrations for members were also held.

10 new members joined the choir this year, making a total of 40 members.

The choir would like to give special thanks to Ms Wong Ka Po who served as our Trainer and Advisor until May 2014.

We are very pleased to have Ms Ho Lo Tak to be our Advisor starting from June 2014.

2. Caring Team

The team visited former teachers Mr Wong Kuen, Mrs Fong Law Sau Chun and Mrs Lai Ng Chi Sung. Members enjoyed sharing life experiences with our former teachers. Mrs Lai, who is now a Holistic Therapist, held an educational workshop and demonstration for us, arousing our attention towards healthy life.

IV Projects

1. School Archives Collection

The AA Archives Team continued with the work of safekeeping the school archives and collecting items of historical interest. Professional advice was sought from an alumna who is an Archivist in the public service on preservation of materials stored in the archives room in the decanting campus. The AA Archives Team will liaise closely with the School Archives Task Force set up by the IMC on direction and actual work of setting up a school archive in the new campus.

2. Mentorship Programme

The year 2014 marked the 10th Anniversary of the Programme. 20 mentors and 20 mentees attended the talk "Essential communication skills" on 21 June 2014. Most of the girls found it enjoyable and useful for their betterment in interpersonal relationship. It was followed by an afternoon tea.

A promotion talk was held on 26 September 2014 to recruit mentees in the new academic year. 45 students registered as mentees and 38 alumnae volunteered their service as mentors. An orientation session was held on 15 November 2014.

Mentees and some mentors enjoyed a morning walk on 13 December 2014.

The second group activity "Career Expo 2014-15" was conducted on 17 January 2015. There were about 100 mentees and non-mentees attending it. After the keynote speech,

27 alumnae from twelve different professions shared their working experiences in classrooms, while participating girls joined these brief talks according to their career interests. The event received very positive feedbacks from all the student participants.

3. 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 handwritten on the Bible to add a personal touch.

4. Alumnae Database

Working closely with the Ambassador Scheme, great efforts were made to upkeep and update the alumnae records in our database. The total record in our database as at 1 March, 2015 was 2704 Ordinary members and 2958 Life members.



YWGSAA Ltd. Charity Trust Fund

Activities supported by Charity Trust Fund

Case-based applications in Spring 2014

| | Sponsored Activities | Objectives | Actual Amount | No. of participants |
|---------------|---|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. | The Alumnae Association Scholarship, Miss Silcocks Scholarship, Miss Chan Man Hing Memorial Scholarship, Miss Lee Lai Ting Memorial Scholarship | To recognize students of good academic performance and conduct, good work in Chinese, English, Chinese History and Visual Arts | \$7,300.00 | S.1 – S.6 14 students |
| 2. | S.1 Bible Giving | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To show the care of the Alumnae Association towards spiritual developments of students. 2. To create a sense of belonging of S1 students towards the Ying Wa family. | \$11,220.00 | 167 S.1 students |
| 3. | End-term Activities 2014 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To offer foreign language courses to enhance students' capability in exploring foreign cultures. 2. To provide further support for students by enhancing their foundation in Chinese, Mathematics and study motivation. | \$3628.90 | S.1-S.2; S.4-S.5 521 students |
| TOTAL: | | | \$22,148.90 | 702 students |



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Approved running programmes or activities to be held in the coming months

| Sponsored Activities | Objectives | Actual Endorsed | No. of participants |
|--|---|------------------------------|---|
| 1. YWGS Mentorship Programme | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To help facilitate the all-round development of Ying Wa girls; To strengthen the bonding between our alumnae and students | \$22,950.00 | 45 S3-5 students 30 alumnae |
| 2. S4 Outward Bound Course | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance students' self-understanding and exploration and to foster inter-personal communication and team-spirit. | \$55,440.00 | 50 S.4 students |
| 3. Production of Video Documentary on Transformation of Ying Wa Girls through the Redevelopment Period - 2015 Year IV | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To capture the transformation of S1 students (2011-2012) as they adapt to secondary school life in backdrop of changing campus locations. To let these students provide eye-witness account of this epic period of Ying Wa history. To provide account for future generations based on individual stories exploring how education at Ying Wa is moving through the 2 locations and the 3 school campuses shaping the lives of these adolescent girls. It will explore also how education at Ying Wa edifies them into testimonies of the Ying Wa spirit. The interplay between individual development and the school, in the 2 different locations, will provide an understanding of the developmental transformation of Ying Wa. | \$455,000.00 (\$227,500)* | 10 2011-12 S.1 students and other students at the background |
| * Actual amount of subsidy from The Trust Fund is \$227,500 or 50% of the project sum, whichever is lower. The rest will be supported by the school. | | | |
| TOTAL: | | \$305,890.00 | 105 students 30 alumnae |

(V) Vote of thanks

I wish to express my sincerest gratitude to the Principal, Mrs. Ruth Lee, the advisors, the AA assistants and all council members for their invaluable advice and unfailing support. A heartfelt thank you also goes to the 115th Anniversary Dinner Organizing Committee, who have been so generous with their time and expertise in the preparation for this much anticipated event on 28 March, 2015. I am sure it will be a very enjoyable and memorable evening for all.

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