

## Annual Gathering on September 24

We had a wonderful gathering on September 24, 2019 with 7 tables and a total of 71 attendees. It was definitely an honour to have Mrs Katherine Chau ('53), our former Principal (1972-2001), visiting from Hong Kong and attending the dinner. Former teachers of Ying Wa, Miss Winnie Yau ('59), Mrs Allie Ho and Miss Lily Chow, together with Mr Yeung Po-kwan, former Principal of Ying Wa College, and 5 Ying Wa boys joined us this year as well.

During dinner we celebrated the reunion of classes of '54, '59, '69, '79 and '89. The highlight of the evening was watching the video from Mr Francis Kwan Hon-

cheung, our Principal. All of us were so excited to learn the latest update on the new campus. Special thanks went to the husband of Eva Yung ('03) who saved the day with his audio and video support.

We would also like to express our sincerest thanks to Emily Mo ('95) who donated souvenirs to all those who joined this dinner, and all the other alumnae who donated gifts for the raffle draw. We had a good sale and generated Can \$710, which will go into the reserve to support our school's 120th anniversary next year!

Yolanda Shin ('77)

▲ From left to right: Emily Mo ('95), Yolanda Shin ('77), Lydia Ling('61), Miss Yau Ping Wai ('59) and Uson Chung ('70)



▲ Group photo



▲ Presentation of Thank-you gift to Uson

## Presentation on the New Campus by Uson Chung



On July 6, 2019, a sunny Saturday, a group of over 35 Ying Wa girls and guests gathered together in Gibson Centre in Markham to attend a presentation given by Uson Chung ('70). Uson is the Chairperson of the Building Subcommittee of the School Redevelopment Steering Committee.

We are so honoured to have Uson spending two hours with us during her visit to Toronto from Hong Kong. She did an amazing presentation on the development of our school campus and its buildings throughout our history with a lot of interesting facts, which brought back many fond memories. Uson's knowledge and explanation of all the design concepts and challenges during the construction

process of the new campus was an eye opener for all of us.

We are so grateful for the chance to meet Uson and attend her sharing. Some of us may not have a chance to visit the new campus, but through the presentation, we can feel the pride and joy of being part of the whole redevelopment project.

Congratulations on the moving back to the new campus, which is outstandingly beautiful and looks like a piece of art work. At the same time, it efficiently provides better learning environment for the younger generations to come.

Yolanda Shin ('77)



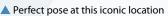
# WHAT A GREAT VISIT!

Sharing after a school visit on 19 November 2019

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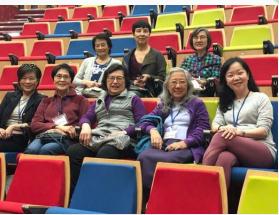
Happily posing in front of the vintage doors Left to right: Chan Seung Yan ('71), Wong Yuen Yee, Chan Man Kin, Chan Lai On, Pang On Chuen, Wan Ho Shuen, Chan Shun Kit, Chow Siu Fung ('82)







Attentive students in the 1960s



▲ Enjoying the ever awesome auditorium

## Chan Lai On

On a nice, sunny November afternoon, six of us from the Class of 1965 - including two visiting from Toronto - had a great opportunity to visit the new Ying Wa campus. Chan Seung Yan ('71) kindly made arrangement with the school, and Vice Principal Ms. Chow Siu Fung ('82), graciously took us on the tour.

As soon as we met up at the front lobby, we instantly felt as if we were brought back to our school days over a half century ago! Standing in front of those vintage brown wood/glass-panelled doors recycled from the former campus, the conversation quickly turned into an animated discussion of what the shade of brown was when those doors were guarding the entrance to the 'new wing' in our days! And as we walked out to the patio, everyone was awed by the stunning view! What an amazing design job the architects had done for the new campus!

Sitting down at desks salvaged from the former campus and refurbished, we were soon happily chatting about our classes and teachers we had in the various subjects back in our days, what fun we had, even how we had to creatively hide our sleepiness, sometimes, during class......

Seeing the many old entities brought back fond memories, but it was incredibly exciting to see the new facilities - Silcocks Hall, library, auditorium, ball courts, modern technologies... all so impressive! How blessed today's students are to have access to such facilities!

Those were splendid two hours we all cherished. We truly had a great time reminiscing the past and admiring the present.

## Pang On Chuen

It was a long-awaited opportunity to return, after over half a century, to the Ying Wa school premises which had just been purposely designed and rebuilt to meet the challenges of the present and future education needs.

The tour around the campus brought back all the fond memories of my 12 years' study at Ying Wa. I am indebted to our school, especially to Miss Silcocks, for bestowing upon me a sound and solid education background. Her dedication in educating the young minds had benefitted me tremendously throughout my whole lifetime. It is indeed my sincere wish that the present and future Ying Wa students can enjoy the facilities and good learning environment the school provides. They should always bear in mind the school motto 寸陰是惜, that time is precious and should not be wasted. Everyone should aim at learning assiduously to equip oneself to become a constructive, successful and law-abiding member of our community.

## Chan Shun Kit

So grateful for God's Blessings that we could meet at our new YW School campus. We really treasure the time when we were studying in YW. The visit brought back so much fun and memories that we shared together in YW.