

13th December, 2017

Dear parents, alumnae and friends of Ying Wa,

It's Christmas Time and we take great joy in proclaiming the good news about our Lord Jesus Christ who came to earth in human flesh. We hope our annual Christmas letter finds you well and we have some good news about our school to share with you.

School News

Many of our school teams have been busy with tournaments this term and two sets of results have just come in. Our Volleyball Team entered the Inter-school Volleyball Competition (Division 1, A Grade) and emerged as the new Champion.



Our Basketball Team has also done us proud as the

1st runner up in the Inter-school Basketball Competition (Division 1, A Grade).



You may also be pleased to hear that Bene, our Guide Dog, is adapting well in his second year, helping our visually impaired student, Sharon, at school and around the Sham Shui Po district. The inseparable pair has been winning new supporters for the service dog programme and for an inclusive learning environment. Bene even flew

with 23 members of the School Choir to two musically important cities, Vienna and Salzburg in July 2017.



This term we continue with our review of the curriculum to unleash the potential of our students, focusing in particular on Values Education and STEM Education, besides other Key Learning Areas.



As part of our goal 'to revisit the past and connect to the future', we recently invited the erudite Professor Joseph Ting to enlighten us on aspects of Chinese History not often covered in textbooks, in particular, the contributions of ethnic minorities to Hong Kong's development, and we have also laid the groundwork for e-Learning to take off when we move into our new state-of-the-art campus.

Progress of Redevelopment Project

Thanks be to the Lord for the pleasant weather and support for our annual Sponsored Walk. We raised over \$385,000, with the first \$280,000 pledged to various local and international charities, in keeping with our tradition. The remaining donations would go into our redevelopment project. As a result of your generous donations, the Redevelopment Fund now stands at \$110.75 million.



We are deeply grateful for your continued prayers and support. Despite the difficult site conditions, the Lord's blessing does not cease to manifest itself in the untiring efforts and stamina of those on the frontline of our school re-building. All involved are putting their hearts and minds into meeting each challenge with the best considered solution.



You will be heartened to know that all piling work is now completed, and the superstructure works in Breezy Path Campus (Site B) are done whereas the superstructure works in Robinson Road Campus (Sits A) have already reached the sixth floor.

With the grace of God, we expect to make the Big Move back to the Mid-levels this time next year. We are now in the last leg of our journey home. We expect all superstructure works to be completed by March 2018.

Following that are:

- Interior Fitting Out works
- Application for Occupation Permit
- Purchase and Installation of Furniture and Equipment

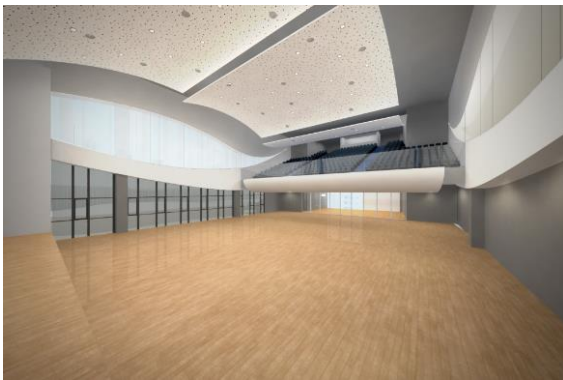
We believe we will be able to have the Grand Opening of our new campus after Christmas 2018.

Upcoming Events



Our redevelopment project has been a lesson in patience and faith and we are grateful for your backing. As our well-wishers who have shared this dream, you are cordially invited to these upcoming events:

- Topping Out Ceremony to be held by the end of March 2018 (by invitation)
- Fund-raising Concert in the New Campus in April 2019 (ALL are welcome)



With new facilities, we will have additional space for transformation and innovation. We aim to launch a new mode of education for future generations while retaining the best teachings of past generations. The core value of Ying Wa remains: *To serve but not to be served*. Our mission is, and has always been, to build a community exemplifying Christian values, to build a school worthy of our Founder's vision, and to build character in our students all parents can be proud of.

For this purpose, we rally all of you to continue to support us in your prayer, as we renew our pledge to follow in the footsteps of our London Missionary fore-founders to provide quality education to nurture the young generation.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Francis Kwan

Principal

Ying Wa Girls' School