

Dear friends of Ying Wa,

Rejoice! Rejoice! Christmas is a time to love; it is a time to celebrate the good news of the birth of Jesus, who was God in flesh, coming to forgive our sins and give us eternal life. We hope our annual Christmas letter finds you well and we have some good news about our School Redevelopment Project to share with you.

Progress of the Redevelopment Project

I take great pride and pleasure in announcing that our long-awaited moment has finally come. All superstructure works in the Robinson Road campus and the main building of the extended campus on Breezy Path have been completed. With the removal of scaffolding, the new look of our campus has been unveiled. We are so heartened by the guidance of our Lord who has led us overcome so many hurdles in this endeavour. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the Redevelopment Steering Committee, headed by Prof. Chiu Lai Har Rebecca, for guiding us through.



The School is currently working on the interior fitting out works and the application for Occupation Permit. Meanwhile, much work has to be done, ranging from tendering, the purchase and installation of furniture and equipment to the planning of the use of new campus. I sincerely thank our staff for their dedication and commitment in walking



an extra mile to prepare for the journey home. With the grace of God, we expect to make the Big Move back to our home site in March 2019. For this purpose, we rally your support by keeping our needs in prayer.



We have been staying in our Sham Shui Po decanting site for more than six years. We are truly blessed that Precious Blood Sisters have kindly lent us a temporary home over the past few years. This community has enabled our students to continue to cultivate a serving spirit and a thankful heart. During the Thanksgiving Week in November, our student leaders were excited to visit the

sisters living in the Precious Blood Convent and express their gratitude to them. I am also touched when hearing that our students feel the privilege to study in this temporary campus, not just because of the great variety of the sumptuous food and nice people in Sham Shui Po, but also because they can witness a new foundation being laid for future generations of Ying Wa girls and see history in the making.



With a bigger campus, we will have more space to build other above-standard provisions in the near future so as to unearth students' potentials. At present, the ultimate cost of the delay of the redevelopment project has yet to be confirmed. We also expect that the management fee of the larger campus will be higher. Therefore, your generous support will certainly help the School meet the financial needs. Any small contribution to the School Redevelopment Fund will go a long way to ensure we provide the best possible education to young women.



Our new campus provides state-of-the-art technologies and an ideal spacious learning environment. We will certainly use them to the best advantage. Yet, what we treasure most is not the glamorous campus, but the all-round, Christian education that we provide – nurture the young minds our inherited core values and equip them to transform, to reach new heights and to meet the challenges of the contemporary society.

Upcoming events

Our in-situ redevelopment project has been a lesson in patience and faith and we are grateful for your unwavering support, let alone your prayers. You are cordially invited to join our Open Prayer Meeting held at 3pm on 13 April 2019 (Saturday) in our new campus. Let's gather together to give glory to our Lord for His protection and guidance in this unprecedented scale of campus redevelopment throughout these years.

During the Christmas season, while we spend our joyful time with our family and friends, do remember those who are in need and share whenever we can. Live out Ying Wa's motto: *To serve and not to be served.*

It is Jesus's birth that gives the true meaning to Christmas. Let's keep our eyes above, 'cause Christmas is a time to love.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Francis Kwan