

# *The Principal's Report* 2015-2016

Ever since its founding in 1900 by Miss Helen Davies of the former London Missionary Society, Ying Wa has been providing students from all strata of society with a holistic education. We have been steadfast in fulfilling the noble aim of our Founder: to nurture responsible and confident leaders with the humility to serve.

With nearly 27 years of working experience in Ying Wa, half of which as vice-principal, I have the honour and privilege to be appointed as the 8th principal of the School from 1st September 2015. My gratitude goes to Mrs Ruth Lee for her superb and visionary leadership from 2001 to 2015. She has laid a strong foundation and shaped Ying Wa into a loving and growing community. Congratulations to Ruth also for being appointed Justice of the Peace (JP) by the Hong Kong Government in recognition of her outstanding service to society. I would like to invite you to join me in keeping her and her family in our prayers, wishing them joy and good health!

The united effort of our School in 2015-2016 is memorable and commendable, both for the drive shown by our teachers and students, and for the achievements that we have made together. I have faith this report will be the first of many more to come on the fascinating work that is being done at Ying Wa.

## **The Incorporated Management Committee**

My heartfelt thanks go to all IMC managers who have worked together throughout the year to ensure the betterment of the school. Thanks to one and all for the generous giving of time and advice, and most of all for the faith in our shared mission.

In September 2015, we welcomed Mr Lau Kwok Hing who took the place of outgoing Mr Mui Ho Chow Eddie as Independent Manager. Ms Yeung Ming Wai Pauline (Teacher Manager), Mr Cheung Kwok Cheung (Alternate Teacher Manager), Ms Kuan Wai Fan (Parent Manager) and Ms Lam Shun Wah Rosa (Alternate Parent Manager) also joined us in the IMC this year.





The terms of office of Rev. Prof. Lee Chi Chung Archie (Sponsoring Body Manager) will expire at the end of August. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Prof. Lee for his valuable advice and inspiring commitment all these years.

### Staff

There were altogether 94 on the staff roll, with 71 teachers (including the Principal), 3 Laboratory Technicians, 2 IT Staff, 1 Project Coordinator, 1 Executive Assistant, 6 Clerical Staff and 10 Janitors.

### New Appointments

In this school year, we welcomed new members to our teaching force as follows:

#### *Miss Ho Chung Sang*

- Bachelor of Business in Accountancy, Queensland University of Technology, Australia
- Certificate in Secondary Education (Chinese), The Hong Kong Institute of Education

#### *Miss Natalie Leung*

- Bachelor of Arts in English Language and Literature, Hong Kong Baptist University
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education, The University of Hong Kong

#### *Miss Lo Ka Yin*

- Bachelor of Business Administration in Professional Accounting and Information Systems, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

#### *Miss Tory Leigh Mainey*

- Bachelor of Journalism, The University of Queensland, Australia
- Graduate Diploma of Education, Griffith University, Australia

#### *Miss Wong Chung Yan Joycelyn*

- Bachelor of Arts, The University of Hong Kong

#### *Miss Wong Man*

- Bachelor of Arts in Translation, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Postgraduate Diploma in Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

#### *Mr. Yuan Tzu Hsien*

- Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Postgraduate Diploma of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Master of Arts in English Language Arts, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Master of Arts in Chinese Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong



### Voluntary Helper

We were fortunate to have Mr. Yu Chin Tung Ricky who came weekly to teach Religious Education to S2 classes.

### Farewell

At the end of the School year, we will honor a longtime retiring Chinese Language and Chinese History teacher. Ms Wong Hang Yue will be retiring after 20 years with Ying Wa. We are much grateful for her teaching and her help as advisor of the Interact Club. We wish her good health and happiness to enjoy life after retirement.



### **Staff Development**

The Staff Development Committee (SDC) continued to provide support and organize training for professional enhancement of staff over the year. At the end of August 2015, guest speaker Mr Ng Si Yuen shared with us some of his most insightful observations in a talk entitled *The Self Perception and Professional Role of Teachers*. In March, all teaching staff went on a relaxing outing to Ngong Ping and Tai O for team-building. In May, the SDC organized a workshop on *Career Planning for Secondary School Students* delivered by the Hong Kong Youth Federation. Mr Tsang Chi To, Chairperson of the Hong Kong Association of Careers Masters and Guidance Masters who is also Vice-Principal of Ying Wa College, was invited to share with us his ideas and skills in facilitating students' life planning from classroom to the workplace.

We congratulate the following teachers on their successful completion of in-service courses:

Miss Cheung Ka Yuk

- Master of Arts in English Language Teaching, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Miss Lim Hong Yee

- Advanced Course on Catering for Diverse Learning Needs, The Hong Kong Institute of Education

Miss Tory Leigh Mainey

- Graduate Certificate in Education, The Queensland University of Technology

Miss Wong Wai Fong

- Certificate in Professional Development Programme on New Paradigm of Learning and Teaching in Physical Education, The Hong Kong Institute of Education

### **Student Enrolment and Class Structure**

A total of 159 new students were admitted to Secondary 1 (S1) this year. The total school enrolment is 998 in the 30 classes from S1 to S6, 5 classes in each level.

## 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Musical *The Nightingale* staged at the end of July 2015 was an unforgettable evening and a proud occasion for all of us. The great success was the result of months of hard work of practices and rehearsals as well as promotion, involving more than 200 students and staff. DVD copies of the performance were sold to the Ying Wa family to keep as memorable recollection of the meaningful event. The Anniversary School Magazine

distributed in November 2015 marked the close of the 115<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Within the covers are the hopes, aspirations and blessings of the Ying Wa family.

## School Goal of the Year

The five-year School Development Plan for 2012-2017, *Space for Transformation*, has been running smoothly and generating encouraging results. We have entered the penultimate year in the 5-year cycle and the major focus over this past year was *Building on Strengths*. With the smooth transition of principalship and the Senior Management Team, the School has benefitted from the strong and solid foundation laid by our previous principal to move ahead, and the results were promising.

Split-class teaching for core subjects in the junior forms continued to help students with diverse entry competences. Remedial classes in Chinese, English and Mathematics were run in S1, S2, S5 and S6 to help students with lower academic performance to improve.

A more coordinated approach was adopted to support students with Special Education Needs (SEN) and Non-Chinese Speaking (NCS) students. A special taskforce has been set up to formulate plans to better integrate SEN and NCS students in the mainstream education.

For the high achievers, we have organized various programmes and school teams to help them stretch their potentials. One of these programmes is the Toastmasters Leadership Programme. Students in the English Debate Team, Mathematics Team, Computer Programming Team and Physics Team contested in local and international competitions and obtained remarkable results. Students with outstanding sporting talents participated in international competitions, including the Asian Cycling Competition in Japan, the Schools Interport Basketball Competition in Macau, the Hong Kong Basketball Jing Ying Basketball Competition in Taiwan, and the 1st National Youth Football Games in China.





This year, we have made focused attempts in tackling learner diversity. A questionnaire was designed and distributed to collect staff's views on possible ways to handle learner diversity, followed by thorough discussion in the Panel Chairperson Meetings and Full Staff Meetings. The Academic Committee will continue to deliberate on the suggestions collected and follow up with appropriate measures in the coming year.

In line with the core spirit of Ying Wa, we have organized programmes for students to serve within and outside the school community. Through the *Learning Ambassadors Programme*, students were engaged to help their juniors who have problems with studies. Through the *Volunteer Training Programme* jointly organised with Sham Shui Po YWCA, S2 students stepped out of their comfort zone to serve and care for others in real life situations by visiting the elderly and low income families. Through the *333 Learning Companion Leadership Programme*, S3 students became "learning tutors" to primary school students in Sham Shui Po. Through a number of other community projects, members of the Interact Club and Red Cross have served people of the ethnic minorities, the elderly, and children from low income families.

A good example of joint department effort is the year-long programme, *Brainstorm*, initiated by the Mathematics Department, with the aim to promote fun in learning and volunteering. 73 students were selected from the Mathematics Team, Guidance Team and Interact Club to be volunteers to organize activities for S1 students and residents of an elderly home to share the joy of playing educational games.

With the preservation of the Heritage Block in the new campus, the School Archives Team have explored ways to preserve our tangible and intangible cultural heritage for future generations. The team plans to provide opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of the school heritage.

## Language Learning

To better prepare S6 students for the DSE, the Chinese Department invited fresh graduates who just started university to share with their juniors study skills and tips on examinations. In October, on the invitation of the Diocesan Girls' School, our girls joined their peers of the host school as well as Pui Ching Middle School and Ho Fung College in a joint school oral practice. In the second term, a special tutorial class for examination skills enhancement was arranged for S5 students.

Various programmes were held to complement the syllabus in laying more solid foundation of Chinese language competency for junior forms, for instance, online reading scheme for S1, creative writing for S3, as well as training sessions for students taking choral speaking contests.

For the promotion of Putonghua learning, a Putonghua Day and a GAPSK examination for our students were arranged in school. In addition, students were encouraged to take part in various kinds of contests outside school.

The English Department aims to enrich students' exposure to the language through various activities and programmes.

Many students have benefitted from the public speaking training of the International Toastmaster Youth Leadership programme. Our Debating Team members had ample opportunities to practise their skills in various inter-school matches and received pleasing results. This year, the S5 Team was the champion in the Term 1 Division I Regional Finals (Standard Format) while the S4 Team was 1st runner -up in the Term 2 Division I Regional Finals (Standard Format) in the Hong Kong Secondary Schools Debating Competition. An intensive debating workshop was run for prospective debaters in S3 after the final examination.

Class 3D represented the School to take part in the 67<sup>th</sup> Choral Speaking Competition in the Hong Kong Speech Festival and won the champion. In the same competition, a number of students also achieved good results in various categories. Giselle Lo Wing Chi of 2C won the 2nd prize of the HK Young Talent Creative Writing Challenge 2015.

English drama is much valued here as an effective means of language learning. All S4 classes participated in the *From Page to Page* programme in which they attended workshops and watched the drama *Les Misérables*. Our students were awarded Outstanding Performance in the Shakespeare Drama category in the *Drama Fest 2016* hosted by the Association of English Medium Schools.



### Project-based Learning

The Self-Access Centre (SAC) and the Project-based Learning Centre (PBLC) continued to provide learning support to students.

This year SAC has deployed Campus TV to promote the centre's collection of audio-visual learning materials and other new resources and activities while the PBLC has organized a total of 9 projects to enhance learning of students. These projects included *The Chinese Culture Quiz*, *Wonders of Mathematics*, *Reading is Fun* and *Ying Wa Good Show*, in addition to writing competitions and publication of students' essays.

### The School Library

The library continued to promote reading across the campus through various activities. Apart from the online *Reading Award Scheme*, book fairs were held to offer students opportunities to buy books at a discount. Books sharing and a quiz were organized in support of the 423 *World Book Day*.

## Examination Results

### Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2015

1.	No. of candidates	:	159
	No. of students awarded the minimum entrance requirement for local degree courses, <i>i.e. Level 3 in Chinese and English, Level 2 in Mathematics and Liberal Studies, and Level 2 in one of the electives.</i>	:	140
			(88.1%)
	Level (5**)	:	41
	Level (5* or 5)	:	390
2.	Admission to tertiary institutes and other courses		
	Local tertiary and post-secondary institutions		87.4%
	Overseas studies		10.7%
	Retake HKDSE		1.3%
	Others		0.6%
	Total		<u>100.0%</u>
3.	Best result		
	Yen Ngan Hei (6D)	Level	<u>Subjects</u>
		5**	Chinese Language
			Economics
			English Language
			Business, Accounting and Financial Studies
		5*	Mathematics (Compulsory Part)
			Mathematics (Extended Part)
			Liberal Studies
			Chemistry

## Religious Activities

Special services were held at Thanksgiving, Christmas, the Founder's Day and Easter. The services were conducted twice on each occasion to cater for the junior and senior forms. The Rev. Lam Shun Chi, Dr Kwong Yuk Ting, Ms Cheung Si Man and Mr Yu Chin Tung were guest speakers at the respective occasions.



We continued to cultivate students' spiritual life through learning from the Bible verses. Six selected verses on the theme of "Faith" presented at the Christmas and Easter services.

Our partnerships with churches of former and present neighbourhood continued. Mr Yu Chin Tung (China Congregation Church Bridges Street) and Rev. Wong Chun Ting (China Congregation Church Leighton Road) taught Religious Education to S2 classes. Mr Yu was also adviser to the Senior Christian Fellowship. Mr Kenny Kwok and Ms Cindy Wong of Kau Yan Church rendered support to both the senior and junior Christian fellowships. Several alumnae, Ms Yeung Tsz Hei, Ms Lolita Law and Ms Annie Lau have assisted the work of the two fellowships. We are grateful for their support to our pastoral care for the students.

### Student Support

The Guidance Committee, comprising 6 Guidance Teachers, 2 school social workers from the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society and an educational psychologist from the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China continued its mission to foster holistic growth of our students. Alongside counseling services, programmes to facilitate students' development of positivity and life skills were organized.



This year, all S1 students joined the High Event supported by the Hong Kong Police Rope Course Club and various guest speakers who shared their life experiences. S3 students continued to participate in the *Learning Companion Leadership Program* organized by the We R Family Foundation by being tutors to needy primary school pupils in Sham Shui Po. Fifteen S4 students volunteered in the *Health in Minds* programme co-organized by the Hospital Authority, Kwai Chung Hospital and MINDSET of the Jardine Matheson Group. Under the programme, the students attended workshops conducted by medical professionals to learn about psychological health and participated in services for ex-patients of mental illness.

The *Guidance Assistants Scheme* continued to give support to S1 newcomers while the Guidance Assistants had the opportunity of expending their potentials by organizing activities for their fellow schoolmates to show their love and concern.

The Discipline Committee, assisted by the Prefect Board, is responsible for monitoring school discipline. This year, the *Good Class Scheme* continued to reinforce students' awareness of self discipline and respect for others. Adjustment programmes and a talk on anti-bullying were organized for S1 students to help them cope with the new school life in Ying Wa. The programmes also aimed to help students understand their role in building a caring and harmonious school community. In addition, the committee joined hands with other organizations such as the ICAC and LEAP to arrange education programmes for S1 to S4 students on such topics as anti-corruption, the harm of smoking and drug abuse. In June, a leadership training camp was organized for the prefects, who are role models, to build up their self confidence and ability.

The Careers Committee provides the latest information on higher education and post-secondary pathways through handouts, board displays, and eClass where relevant information was also made accessible to parents. Careers conferences, talks and workshops are organized for S3 to S6 students to help them make informed academic



and career choices. Individual guidance on JUPAS is specially provided for S6, and assistance was given to students in their scholarship applications and enrolment to study programmes organized by external bodies.

With the funds available from EDB's Career and Life Planning Grant (CLP) introduced two years ago, we have been able to enhance our careers programmes. Mock university interview workshops were organized for S6, while S5 students experienced choice-making on further studies at the Mock DSE Day. The *Junior Form Life Planning Programme* was in full swing this year, with workshops organized for S1, S2 and S3, thanks to the invaluable assistance of Class Teachers. The committee has also drawn up benchmarks showing life planning accomplishments for different forms as clear direction to guide our work.

During the year, the committee continued to work with the Alumnae Association in the Mentorship Programme that aims to broaden students' exposure to various professions and the workplace. Senior form students have the opportunity to take part in several business partnership programmes and work-related activities, such as job shadowing.

In support of the School Goal, the Life Education Committee continued to run the school-wide programme, *Your Say*, to foster students' commitment to society and confidence in expressing personal views. Each class chose a current social topic to study and express their opinions. This year S3 classes were arranged to speak freely in the assembly on 'education'. The initiative aimed to better prepare them to meet the challenges as they move on to senior secondary school. Besides, various support groups continued to organize activities in the *Life is a Marathon* programme for students of different levels with the purpose of inculcating in them the spirit of positivity and resilience.

### Global Exposure

The Global Exposure Committee saw another year of pleasing progress. A total of 120 students took part in 4 exchange programmes subsidized by the Mrs. Li Chong Yuet Ming Student Development Fund (The Fund). Grants from the Fund were also given to students who took initiative to enrol in external programmes enabling them to have global exposure.

A project aiming to widen students' perspective as they mature to be global citizens was organized. Assisted by the CEDAR Fund, two workshops, respectively on 'Refugees and asylum seekers' and 'Hong Kong-China conflicts', were held. Besides the workshops, students took part in a summer project to interview refugees in Hong Kong. It was an eye-opening opportunity for students to learn and reflect on such social and global issues and to encounter people of different cultures.

The Fund continued to support various school-based exchange programmes, including study trips to Guangzhou and Shandong. The Guangzhou trip was guided by renowned local historian Dr. Joseph Ting Sun Pao who is also our Honorary Advisor in History and Heritage Education. Students were blessed with the opportunity to listen to the inspiring and fascinating stories of important historical figures of China and to connect to the cultural values embedded through visiting the monuments.



## Civic and Moral Education

The Civic Education Committee (CEC) continued its pursuit in enhancing students' social awareness and sense of national identity by collaborating with different subject departments and committees in running civic education programmes. As in previous years, the CEC joined hands with the Chinese Language Department, the Chinese History Department and the SAC to organize a Chinese Culture Quiz for junior forms. In two assembly sessions in November and April, some students prepared two talks on 'Politeness and Manner' and 'Qualities of Ying Wa girls'. A two-day Guangzhou study tour and a five-day Shandong exchange tour were organized in November and June respectively for S3 to S5 students.



With the support of UNICEF Hong Kong and the joint efforts of the Civic Education Committee and the Interact Club, a school-based UNICEF Club was established in the beginning of this school year. Club members were encouraged and empowered to organize different programmes promoting global citizenship and the rights of children.

## Extra-curricular Activities

The 67<sup>th</sup> Student Association (SA) was inaugurated in October 2016. Two cabinets, namely 'Canvas' and 'Vega', competed in an open and fair election for the official posts of the Executive Committee of SA. Electorates actively participated in the Q&A session to exercise their rights, and 70% of the eligible voters casted their votes.

The winning cabinet *Canvas* used an unbounded rectangular frame to symbolize its role as a platform for students to explore their unlimited potentials. Their slogan, 'Paint the Unexplored', stands for a mission to encourage students to think out of the box and step out of their comfort zone. Putting their belief in action, *Canvas* organized the first ever Internal Talent Quest as one of the term-end activities. Fellow schoolmates were given the chance to perform in any way they chose.



The annual Thanksgiving Week in November continued to be a time for students to pay tribute to distinguish people and their works. The highlight was the annual Sponsored Walk, a longstanding noble tradition in Ying Wa. A total of HK\$310,588.5 was raised, of which 90% was donated to 20 charity organizations. The remainder went to the School Redevelopment Fund.

The SA and the UNICEF Club under the Civic Education Committee took part in managing two game stalls in the Spring Bazaar in March organized by the Fundraising Subcommittee of the School Redevelopment Project. The former introduced the school history and the SA, and the latter one aimed at arousing public awareness on the rights of children. Some arts students showed their talents in managing a fun face-painting stall which was welcomed by all guests at the open-house fun fair.

Students continued to benefit from the subsidies of the Alumnae Association Charity Trust Fund that have enabled them to participate in performing arts and cultural activities such as the School Cultural Day Scheme of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Young Friends Scheme of the Hong Kong Arts Festival.

### Social and Charity Services

The Interact Club recruited some 150 interactors from S3 to S6 this year. This year, two new service projects were introduced. One of them was jointly held with Little Green Feet Parent-Child Reading Club and Pat Heung Central Primary school to help South Asia children learn Chinese. The other one was jointly organized by the Unicef Club and the Civic Education Committee. Upon receiving training, club members held a hall assembly and a stall game in the Spring Bazaar to promote and advocate the rights of children.

Some 60 interactors joined the 333 *Leaning Companion Leadership Program* while another group of interactors took part in visiting solitary seniors once a month over a period of 6 months, a project initiated by social enterprises *Happy Grannies*.

Joint service projects were held with other schools, including Ebenezer School, Ying Wa College, King's College and St. Paul's College. During the Easter holiday, our girls joined their peers in Ying Wa College in a project for the homeless people in Sham Shui Po. During the summer vacation, students of both schools will run a service programme for orphans in Cambodia.

### The Parent-Teacher Association

Led by new Chairperson Ms Rosalina Lam, the Executive Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) made progressive development with the support of a team of 100-strong parent volunteers. The PTA continued to contribute to school affairs, in particular the daily assistance in the library. The school uniform collection and donation, and the student photo-taking activity continued to benefit students. Aiming to show care, love and encouragement to our graduates, the PTA organized a lunch party for all S6 students who were also given a small farewell gift.

In the *Fun-filled Family Activities Series* jointly organized with the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society, parents had an enjoyable outing with their daughters to the Hoi Ha Wan Marine Life Protected Areas in Sai Kung West Country Park. For promoting good parenting skills and attitudes, family groups were formed for parents to share their views and experience on parenting. Two talks, respectively given by Mr. Ng Sze Yuen, founder of Soul-Mate Company Limited for the ministries of life education, training and publication, and Ms Annie N.C. Ho, an experienced clinical psychologist in Hong Kong, were held during the year.

This year, two joint-school PTA functions were held with the PTA of Ying Wa College and the PTA of Belilios Public School. With good sharing of resources and interaction between parents of different schools, the event was a success.

The PTA also took part in the Spring Bazaar, managing two stalls to sell mesh flowers and hand-made eco-products.

## The Alumnae Association

The Alumnae Association (AA) continued its mission to foster the spirit and heritage of Ying Wa under the leadership of chairperson Ms Josephine Yau and the Council.

The AA made stronger connection with alumnae residing overseas by posting two issues of online newsletters, one in November 2015 and one in February 2016. The newsletters featured sharing from all overseas chapters of the AA, and reported the birth of the Northern California Chapter based in San Francisco Bay Area.

The Alumnae Association Charity Trust Fund continued to subsidize student development programmes. Regular assistance went to the Mentorship Scheme, Bible Giving for S1, Outward Bound training for S4, and various post-examination exposure programmes.

Financial support for the filming of the redevelopment documentary continued for its fifth year. The documentary features the growth of a group of Ying Wa students throughout their period of study in Ying Wa, and provides precious opportunities to explore how education in Ying Wa edifies the girls about the Ying Wa spirit. The filming crew took its first overseas move to film one of our students representing Hong Kong in the 2016 Asian Cycling Championships in Japan.



## School Redevelopment Project



Led by Professor Rebecca Chiu, Chairperson of the Redevelopment Steering Committee, the School's redevelopment project made another pleasing year of progress. The building site met with unforeseen obstacles during the land formation stage. Nonetheless, we are grateful for the dedicated and united team of professionals comprising alumnae in the Building Subcommittee, the consultants and contractor, for taking the project through rough seas. Now, mustering our full efforts, we are working towards the finishing line in mid-2018, by that time we should be preparing for a new school year in the brand new Robinson Road Campus.

As far as fundraising is concerned, the highlight of the year was no doubt the unprecedented Spring Bazaar organized by the Fund-raising Subcommittee. It proved to be an excellent opportunity for alumnae to develop friendship and experience synergized collaboration with other members of the Ying Wa community such as teachers, parents and students. Over \$1.7 million in revenues was collected to support the redevelopment project. From inception to realization, the Spring Bazaar was not only a dream come true but also a one-of-a-kind project that has helped cement the bond of the Ying Wa family.



As of June 2016, the total sum raised has amounted to \$96 million. We believe the funds would allow us to build above-standard facilities that will include an enlarged school hall for the whole school, an amphitheatre, an auditorium and additional basketball courts.

On 23 April 2016 an open prayer meeting organized by the Prayer Subcommittee was held in the school hall where staff, students, parents and alumnae joined hands in prayers for the smoothness and success of the entire project. Under the guidance and care of God and the untiring and dedicated support of the prayer warriors, we have surmounted many hurdles. I can see that there is always bright light shining on every corner of Ying Wa.

### Appreciation

My first year as principal was full of excitement and joy. I am much blessed with the strong endorsement of various stakeholders.

I would like to express my gratitude for the support of the School Development Officers of the Regional Education Office, namely Ms Cynthia Chan, Ms Emilie Tong, Ms Elbe Ma and Ms May Lau. They have generously made available to us their expertise and good counsel. I am indebted to the IMC members for their assistance, advice and encouragement. To our parents and alumnae, I am grateful for their unwavering trust.

My appreciation also goes to my students. They have been true to the spirit of Ying Wa in their pursuit of excellence and in their service to the community. They have upheld the high standard of their alma mater. The smooth running of the school cannot be possible without the strong network of colleagues and the two vice-principals, Mr Cho Kong Sang and Miss Chow Siu Fung.

On behalf of the Ying Wa family, I would like to thank Ruth again for her devoted service to the School. She has been an inspiration in our lives as a principal and motivated us to perform our best. With the Lord's guidance and protection, I humbly accept the baton to carry on nurturing our young generation with those time-honoured values that have come to define our identity as a School. With courage and faith in God, we, together, will build on strengths to move our school forward.

