

# *The Principal's Report* 2016-2017

The 2016-2017 school year has been another fruitful one for Ying Wa and we are deeply grateful for the blessings we have received and the encouraging support for our initiatives to raise the bar in education.



As Christian educators, it is our mission to nurture the mind, the body and the spirit of our students, and we are pleased to see the outstanding results achieved through their hard work mentored by our teachers, both in the academic and extracurricular spheres. Our students, your daughters, have made Ying Wa proud.

Not only have they grown in confidence as individuals, but they have also learned to be inclusive as a community. Our students warmly welcomed the guide dog of their visually impaired schoolmate into our campus, and Bene has become a much loved member of the family.

The Thanksgiving Dinner 2016 stood out in our memory this year as it celebrated the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Reverend C.C. Lee. This eminent alumna's pioneering achievements in Christian good works and education are an inspiration to our students, and her principles – "give up not, refuse not, fear not and have hope" – are of even greater relevance today. The commemoration of her service to Hong Kong turned into a bonus for her alma mater as around 200 well-wishers toasted her at the Thanksgiving Dinner and \$2.8 million was raised by many more of her supporters for the School Redevelopment Fund in one evening alone in November.

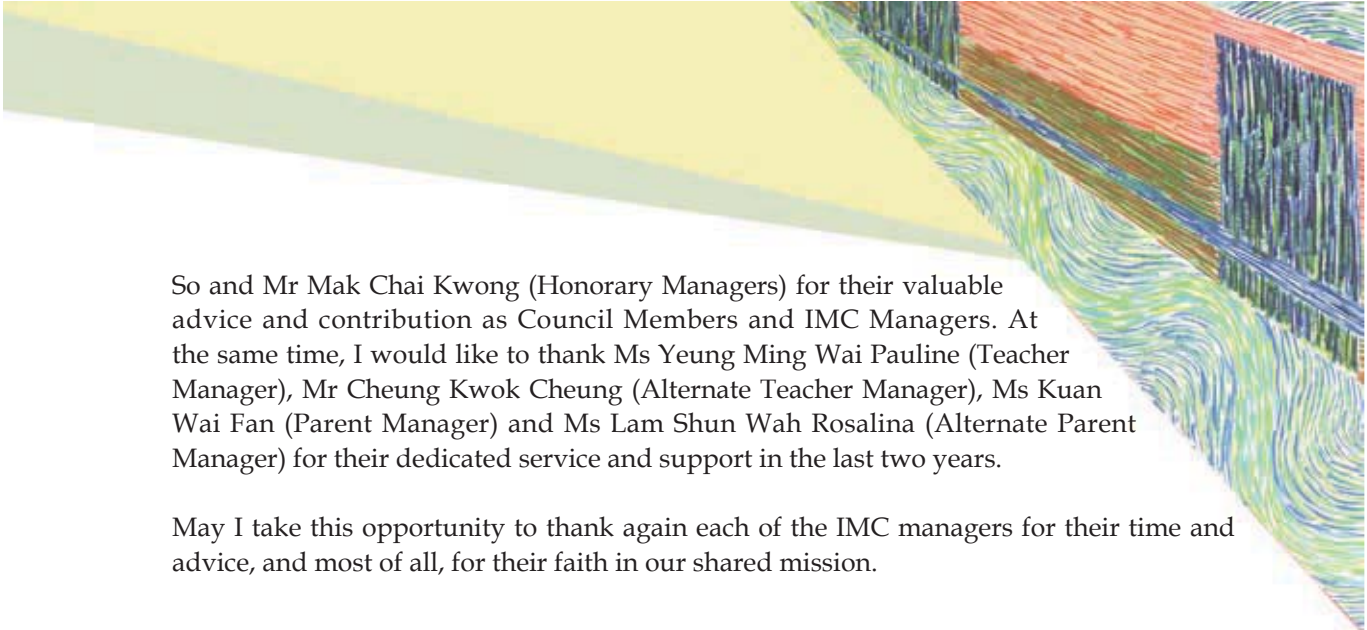


## **The Incorporated Management Committee**

My gratitude goes to all IMC managers who have worked together throughout the year to ensure the betterment of the School.

In September 2016, we welcomed Rev. Wong Kai Fai as one of the School Sponsoring Body (SSB) Managers and Mr Cheng Kwun Kit Allan as the Alternate SSB Manager. Both of them have in fact been serving in the IMC, previously as Alternate SSB Manager and Honorary Manager respectively.

By the end of the school year, some of our existing managers will retire from their current terms of office. On behalf of the School, I would like to thank Ms Patsy



So and Mr Mak Chai Kwong (Honorary Managers) for their valuable advice and contribution as Council Members and IMC Managers. At the same time, I would like to thank 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 Rosalina (Alternate Parent Manager) for their dedicated service and support in the last two years.

May I take this opportunity to thank again each of the IMC managers for their time and advice, and most of all, for their faith in our shared mission.

### **Staff**

There were altogether 95 on the staff roll, with 72 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 and non-teaching force as follows:

Teacher

*Ms Yeung Yau Yan*

- Bachelor of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong
- Master of Social Sciences, The University of Hong Kong
- Postgraduate Certificate in Education, The University of Hong Kong

Janitor

*Ms Cheung Chui Ping*

#### 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 term, it would be hard for us to bid farewell to two of our most long serving teachers, Ms Wong Yung Sze and Ms Wan Hung Koo Amy.

Ms Wong will be retiring after 21 years with Ying Wa as a Chinese Language and Chinese History teacher. We are most grateful for her teaching and her help as advisor of the Dance Team and Choral Speaking Team. Her dedication in the Chinese Relay Writing Scheme has nurtured many aspiring writers for more than 11 years.

Ms Wan, first joined Ying Wa in 1997. She left in 2010 and returned in 2011 to serve as a part-time teacher. Over her years of service in the separate spans of time with the School, Ms Wan has contributed immensely as a teacher in History and Liberal Studies.

We wish both of them happiness, good health and joyful new ventures in their retirement life.



Other teachers who will be leaving us on completion of their contracts include Ms Natalie Leung, Mr Wong Yun Shun Matthias and Ms Wong Chung Yan Joycelyn. We are grateful for their dedicated care and guidance to the students. We wish them success in their future endeavours.

### Staff Development

The Staff Development Committee (SDC) continued to provide support and organize training for professional enhancement of staff over the years. At the end of August, guest speaker Ms Prudence Mak, founder of *Chocolate Rain*, came to share with us about 'developing creativity in face of challenges'. Much of her sharing was down-to-earth experiences drawn from her entrepreneurial venture that were equally inspiring for teachers.



In April, teachers split into two groups. One group went on a relaxing eco tour in the New Territories while the other group attended a coffee and cake making class. The fun and educational experience was welcomed by colleagues.

In May, physiotherapist Ms Chan Hon Yan and psychologist Dr Leung Tin Ming were invited to come and talk on stress management. By learning how to take care of our body and mind, we will be able to offer better understanding and assistance to our students.

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

Ms Wong Wai Fong

- Professional Diploma Programme in Management of Student Activities in Primary and Secondary Schools, The Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Extra-curricular Activities Masters' Association

Ms Chan Hin Sin Cindy

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

Mr Lam Wai Lok Anthony

- Master of Science in Mathematics, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Ms Chau Chui Shan

- Certificate Course on Student Guidance and Discipline for Teachers of Secondary Schools

### Student Enrolment and Class Structure

A total of 160 new students were admitted to Secondary 1 (S1) this year. The total school enrolment is 941 in the 30 classes from S1 to S6, 5 classes in each level.



### School Goal of the Year

We have entered the final year of the five-year School Development Plan for 2012-2017, *Space for Transformation*, the major focus this past year being *Learning and Growing Together*.

To build on our strength to help diverse learners, a new teacher group was formed to focus on the support to SEN and NCS students. A number of measures have been employed to facilitate NCS students' effective learning of Chinese and Chinese related subjects. Parents and students all appreciated the efforts from school.

A new Art Therapy Programme was held. Coached by social workers from HK Family Welfare Society, participants learned to embrace their talents and also appreciate the help from others.

An Etiquette course by Ms. Mary Cheung was conducted to teach social manners to S6 students. Mr. Desmond So of the East-West Institute of Applied Etiquette came and trained student leaders on public speaking. Students appreciated the format of the training which was interactive, educational and useful in their ECA duties and daily lives.

The "Global Awareness Week" in January has achieved the event's aim of raising students' global awareness and boosting students' confidence. Guests from different nationalities came and shared their cultural backgrounds with the junior forms.



The School Goal Committee acted as a hub to coordinate efforts by various departments and committees, to nurture students to become better learners.

### Language Learning

To better prepare S6 students for the DSE, the Chinese Department invited fresh graduates who have just started university to share with their juniors study skills and tips on examinations. A special class conducted by our Chinese Language teachers was arranged for the S5 students to further improve their reading and writing. Tutors were hired to coach S5 students to enhance their examination skills. A joint school oral practice was organised with Ming Yin College to prepare our S6 students for the DSE.

Training sessions on choral speaking were conducted for students, and online reading schemes were run to consolidate the language foundation of students in junior forms. This year, an online reading programme on Classical Chinese for S3 was introduced.

To promote Putonghua learning, the annual *Putonghua Day* and weekend Putonghua classes were held. Students were encouraged to take part in external contests. Students took a GAPSK in school to gain recognised qualification in Putonghua.

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

A new batch of students have benefitted from the public speaking training of the International Toastmasters 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 first runner-up in the Term 1 Division I Regional Finals (Standard Format) in the Hong Kong Secondary Schools Debating Competition and the Champion in Term 2. An intensive debating workshop was run for prospective debaters in S3.

Class 3E represented the School to take part in the 68<sup>th</sup> Choral Speaking Competition in the Hong Kong Speech Festival and won the third prize. In the same competition, a number of students also achieved good results in various categories.



English drama is much valued as an effective means of language learning. On 28 October 2016, Ying Wa was transported to Shakespeare's Italy when 18 students, including cast and managers, put on a performance of 'The Taming of the Shrew' for an enthralled audience. It was a great opportunity for both the performers and the audience to appreciate the Bard's relevance to the 21st century. A spin-off from this drama was a series of sharing on Shakespearean English in the morning assemblies.

All S4 classes participated in the *From Page to Stage* programme in which they attended workshops and watched the drama *Franky*. Our students were awarded *Best Directing Prize* in the Shakespeare Drama category in the *Drama Fest 2017* hosted by The Association of English Medium Secondary Schools.

### Project-based Learning

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

While the SAC focused on sourcing good audio-visual materials to supplement students' learning, the PBLC organized projects to enhance the learning process of students. Over the year, a total of 10 projects were run, including the Chinese Culture Quiz, Wonders of Mathematics and The little scientist STEM learning scheme, alongside regular programmes such as *Ying Wa Good Show* and *Film AppreciAction*. The centre continued to promote reading by holding writing competition and publishing outstanding works of students.



### The School Library

The library continued to implement various attempts to help promote and arouse students' interest in reading and writing. Regular activities included the annual *On-line Reading Award Scheme*, *Thematic Book Games* and *Parents' Day Book Fair*. For the first time, we introduced *Mobile Library*, *Book Crossing*, and *The Best Book Comments* competition. To keep abreast of the latest technology, *Kindle*, a popular e-book reader, can now be borrowed in the school library.

### Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education Examination 2016

1.	No. of candidates	:	160
	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>	:	146
			(91.3%)
	Level (5**)	:	40
	Level (5* or 5)	:	341
2.	Admission to tertiary institutes and other courses		
	Local tertiary and post-secondary institutions		84.3%
	Overseas studies		13.8%
	Retake HKDSE		1.3%
	Others		0.6%
	Total		<u>100.0%</u>
3.	Best result		
	Yau Tsz Ching Dorothy (6D)	<u>Level</u> 5**	<u>Subjects</u> Chinese Language Mathematics (Compulsory Part) Mathematics (Extended Part) Liberal Studies Physics English Language Biology Chemistry
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### **Religious Activities**

Special services were held at Christmas, the Founder's Day and Easter. Mr Cheng Wan Ka, Ms Ng Sin Yee and Rev. Kan Kei Piu were guest speakers at the respective occasions.

To commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Lee Ching Chee, we invited Rev. Lee to speak at the Thanksgiving Service. Students from the Christian Fellowships visited and interviewed Rev. Lee. They were all enlightened and touched by her life stories. The interview was later broadcast via the Campus TV to all students.

14 stories from *The Gospel According to Peanuts* adorned the walls of the classroom corridors. At Christmas and Easter time to teach the gospels with a twist.

Our partnerships with churches of former and present neighbourhood continued. Mr Yu Chin Tung (China Congregation Church Bridges Street) taught Religious Education and also helped as adviser in the Senior Christian Fellowship. Mr Kenneth Ho, Mr Yip Hei Leung and Ms Cheng Ling Ling of Kau Yan Church rendered support to both the senior and junior Christian fellowships. This year we started our partnership with North Point Methodist Church, with Ms Carina Siu joining us to care for our students. Furthermore, we are grateful for the support of several alumnae, namely, Ms Yeung Tsz Hei, Ms Lee Ling Kak, Ms Ho Hiu Yee, Ms Li Yu Ching and Ms Ching Ka Man, for their pastoral care to students.



## Student Support

The Guidance Committee provides counseling services and organizes activities which equip our students with the necessary skills and knowledge in the pursuit of a happy and fulfilled life.

This year, we have invited Dr Ko Wing Man, Secretary for Food and Health of the HKSAR and Mr Chau Kin Ming to share their personal stories with our students. Their experiences in facing adversities have taught students to rise over challenges in life.

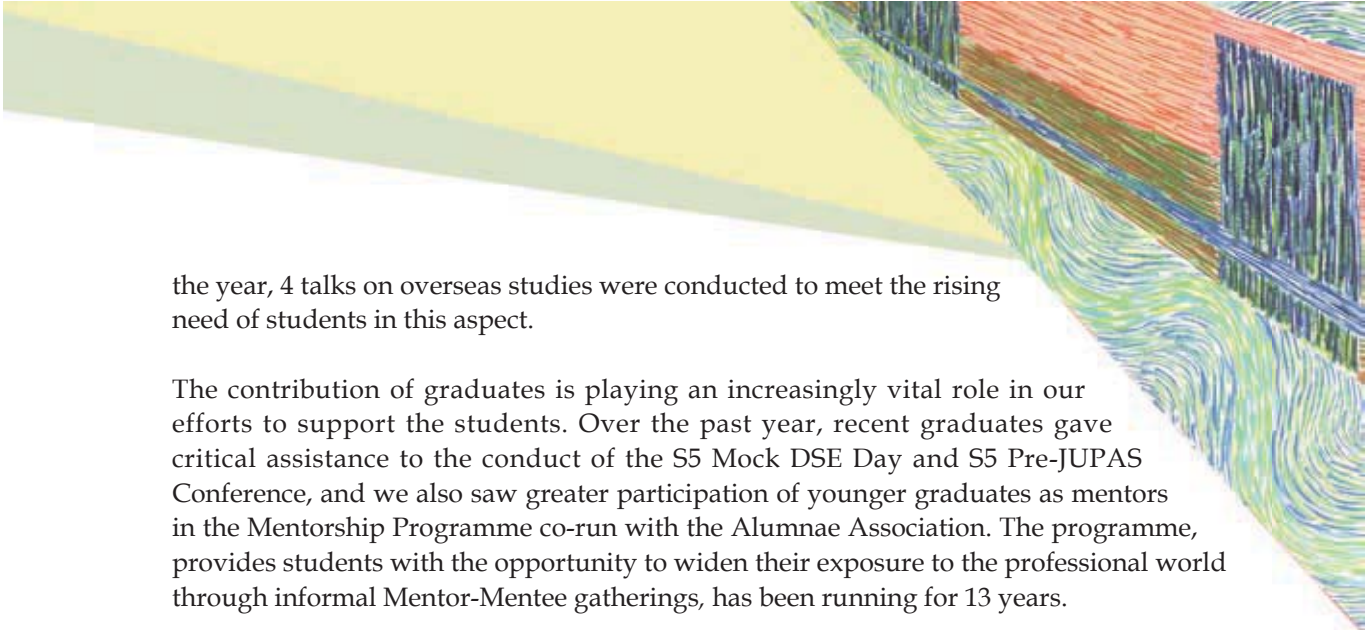


All S1 students learnt to be courageous and persevere in the High Event supported by the Hong Kong Police Rope Course Club. Meanwhile, 15 senior form students completed the 2-year *Health in Minds* programme co-organized by the Hospital Authority, Kwai Chung Hospital and MINDSET of the Jardine Matheson Group. They have learnt the importance of mental health and about accepting people with diverse needs in our community. To live up to the spirit of *'To serve but not to be served'*, activities were organised for ex-patients of mental illness. In line with the same spirit, fellow students in S3 tutored needy primary school pupils in Sham Shui Po in the *Learning Companion Leadership Program* of the We R Family Foundation while some senior form students joined the Guidance Assistants Scheme to support fellow S1 newcomers.

The Discipline Committee, assisted by the Prefect Board, is responsible for monitoring school discipline. This year, Student Discipline Assistants were elected in S1 and S2 classes to promote and develop positive beliefs and values in junior students. 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.

The Careers Committee provides the latest information on higher education and post-secondary pathways through handouts and board displays, and lately, via the electronic platform of *eClass*, to which all students and parents have access. In addition, we organized careers conferences, talks and workshops for S3-6 students to help them make informed academic choices; and provide individual guidance on JUPAS for S6, and assist students to apply for scholarships and programmes run by external institutions.

The EDB's Career and Life Planning (CLP) Grant continued to fund programmes such as the HYC Mock Interview Workshop for S6 and S5 Mock DSE Day. Two additional talks on NAS subject choices and multiple academic pathways were held for S3 & S4-S6 parents. The Junior Life Planning Programme for S1-S3 has been fine-tuned. Thanks to the Class Teachers who have helped implement it largely. During



the year, 4 talks on overseas studies were conducted to meet the rising need of students in this aspect.

The contribution of graduates is playing an increasingly vital role in our efforts to support the students. Over the past year, recent graduates gave critical assistance to the conduct of the S5 Mock DSE Day and S5 Pre-JUPAS Conference, and we also saw greater participation of younger graduates as mentors in the Mentorship Programme co-run with the Alumnae Association. The programme, provides students with the opportunity to widen their exposure to the professional world through informal Mentor-Mentee gatherings, has been running for 13 years.

To tie in with the School Goal, the Life Education Committee introduced a new programme, *Fit-to-Learn*, to boost learning efficiency and the sense of belonging in class. Each class of students designed a set of exercises that they would do together in class and during the interval of lessons. These brain-boosting routines were video taped and broadcast on Campus TV. The *Life is a Marathon* programme continued to inculcate positive thinking and resilience among our students.

### Global Exposure

The Global Exposure Committee (GEC) saw another year of pleasing progress. Over 150 students took part in 6 overseas exchange programmes subsidized by the Mrs Li Chong Yuet Ming Student Development Fund (the Student Development Fund) and various other funds, including a music tour to Austria initiated by the Music Department and a study tour to Singapore for the Aerial Photography & Technology Team to learn about robotics and other scientific explorations. The Student Development Fund also disperses grants to students who enrol in external programmes for global exposure.



A new attempt of the GEC this year was the *Global Awareness Week* held during the week of 19 to 23 January, and it was warmly received by students. Throughout the week, over 30 guests from 23 countries came to share with S2 and S3 students their cultures and ideas on specific topics. Two additional programmes, namely *Global Village* and *Global Picnic*, were organized for all students in school to enable further interaction among the students and the foreign guests. Our students were fascinated by the

diverse experiences shared by the guests and this were given a valuable opportunity to develop intercultural competencies.

This year marked the 7<sup>th</sup> year of the immersion programme with students from CHIJ, Singapore. Ten CHIJ students joined lessons and activities with their Ying Wa counterparts in S3. Besides, a hospitality programme was jointly organized with The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups (HKFYG) and our brother school, Ying Wa College, in receiving 20 Korean students.

To deepen students' understanding of global issues, 2 workshops for senior form students were jointly organized with the CEDAR Fund. One was on 'Human Trafficking' and the other one, on 'Hong Kong-China Conflicts'. Following the workshops, some students took part in a summer project to deepen their understanding of human trafficking victims in Hong Kong. It was an eye-opening experience.





The Student Development Fund continued to support school-based exchange programmes, including a study trip to Guangzhou. The trip was guided by renowned local historian Dr Ting Sun Pao Joseph, our Honorary Advisor in History and Heritage Education. Students were inspired by stories of important Chinese historical figures and to the cultural values embedded in the visit.

### Civic and Moral Education

The Civic Education Committee (CEC) continued its effort to enhance 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. Another joint project with the Chinese Language Department was a speech contest for senior forms held in March. A two-day Guangzhou study tour and a five-day exchange tour to Okinawa of Japan were organized in June and July respectively for S3 to S5 students.



The UNICEF Club ran for the second year. Joining efforts with the Interact Club under the auspice of the UNICEF Hong Kong, club members were encouraged and empowered to organize programmes to promote global citizenship and the rights of children.

### Extra-curricular Activities

School life was much enriched by an interesting variety of extra-curricular activities arranged by the School and the student bodies.

The 68<sup>th</sup> Student Association was formally inaugurated in October 2016. The cabinet, 'Orenda', pledged to empower their schoolmates to unearth and develop their potential.

The annual Sponsored Walk has been a much cherished tradition of Ying Wa since the 1960s. This year, Miss Yau Ping Wai, a beloved teacher to many and former colleague, came all the way from Toronto to join the walk to the peak with her classmates, including Ms Lam Lai Bing and Ms Siu Yau Miu. We succeeded in raising HK\$344,865.30 which was donated to 20 local charities and the School Redevelopment Fund.

To deepen students' understanding of our local neighbourhood, the Interact Club joined hands with students of Ying Wa College to organize a programme aiming to explore various aspects of life in Sham Shui Po. Under the guidance of social workers, students participated in a 4-day voluntary service in the district.

With the subsidies of the Alumnae Association Charity Trust Fund, programmes 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. Continued to sponsor students interested in performing arts and cultural activities.



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### Social and Charity Services

The Interact Club has recruited over 200 interactors from S3 to S6 this year. A new service project was jointly held with the *New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association* to promote mental health to the residents in our neighbourhood. Other joint projects were held with Ebenezer School, Ying Wa College, King's College and St. Louis School. This summer, members will join a service project to serve the underprivileged and orphaned children in

Our S1 students continued to serve senior citizens in an elderly centre through the *Brainstorm Service Programme*. Around 60 interactors took part in the *333 Learning Companion Leadership Programme* while another group of interactors visited solitary seniors over a period of 6 months in the *Happy Grannies Project*.

Supported by the *Chan Chi Man Loving Heart Memorial Fund*, S2 students received volunteer training, learned to organize and carry out service programmes for the elderly and the disadvantaged.

### The Parent-Teacher Association

Led by new Chairperson Mr. Tse Ming Wai, the Executive Committee of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) continued to assist in school affairs supported by a team of 100-strong parent volunteers. Apart from the daily help in the library, other regular activities included the annual uniform collection and donation, and photo-taking for students. A farewell lunch party was hosted for the S6 students as an act of encouragement. This year, graduation gown rental was arranged for S6 students to take photos in school.



Though the *Fun-filled Family Activities Series* jointly organized with the Hong Kong Family Welfare Society, parents had an enjoyable outing with their daughters to *Shek Kong Military Campsite* and *Tin Shui Wai Green Field*. To raise parenting skills and promote positive attitudes, family groups were formed to let participants share their views and experiences in parenting.

A new service programme was jointly held with *Mission to New Arrivals Limited*, aiming to let participating parents and students understand more about poverty in our neighbourhood. To let parents build their social network, 2 workshops on making mesh flowers and dried flowers were held for those interested in handicrafts.

Two talks were held during the year. Our two speakers were Ms Cheung Siu Yung, a media veteran known for her passion for good parenting, and Mr Edmond Lee, experienced in educating children on wealth management.

### **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.

In November 2016, over 200 people comprising alumnae, teachers, students and special guests attended the Thanksgiving Dinner held in the School Hall of the Sham Shui Po campus. The memorable event was held to celebrate the 50 years of blessed ministry of our beloved Rev. C. C. Lee.



Two issues of AA Newsletter (November 2016 and February 2017) were posted online as the continued tie with the overseas chapters of AA. The readership included alumnae residing in 10 cities across the globe.

The Caring Team has arranged 5 field trips (heritage walks and island excursion) for alumnae and former teachers. The outings have not only brought fun and laughter, but also helped forge the bond of the Ying Wa family.

The AA Charity Trust Fund continued to subsidize student development programmes. Assistance went to the Mentorship Scheme, Bible Giving for S1, Outward Bound training for S4, and various post-examination exposure programmes. The School is indebted for the generous support by the AA.

### **School Redevelopment Project**



Led by Professor Chiu Lai Har Rebecca, Chairperson of the Redevelopment Steering Committee, the School's redevelopment project has made another big stride over the year showered with blessings. There have been considerable obstacles beyond planning underground. Yet, we are glad to report that the superstructure works are now underway in full swing as we anticipate the home-return in 2018.

Two fundraising campaigns were held successfully and heartwarming. Our teacher-initiated first ever Fundraising Concert in April has assembled Ying Wa musical talents of all ages to contribute to a new Robinson Road campus. Around 150 students and 80 alumnae performed a repertoire of over 20 works of varied genres and in different languages. The concert garnered overwhelming support from students, alumnae, parents, teachers and philanthropists, and added HK\$781,000 to the Redevelopment Fund.



Another initiative was the Crossover Souvenir Design Project with Chocolate Rain. Our Visual Arts students guided by local entrepreneur and artist, Ms Prudence Mak, brought out a new range of collectibles for sale and added \$323,000 to the Redevelopment Project. With the above initiatives and other smaller scale fundraisers by our supporters, I am delighted and gratified to announce that the total donations now stand at HK\$107 million.



On 23 April 2017 an open prayer meeting was held in the school hall where staff, students, parents and alumnae joined hands in prayers for the success of the entire project. Under the guidance and care of God and the untiring and dedicated support of various stakeholders, I can see that there is always a bright light shining on every corner of Ying Wa.

### Appreciation

The new school grounds, expected to complete by 2018, will provide us with the necessary space, environment and facilities to nurture our students to meet challenges of future. It will offer innovative educational opportunities while upholding our honoured traditions.

I would like to express my gratitude for the support of the School Development Officers of the Regional Education Office, namely Ms Emilie Tong, Mr. Yan Ming Leong and Ms Olivia Hung. 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. Our parents and alumnae have been amazing in their trust in the School to further enrich the lives of our students.

The smooth running of the School is not possible without a strong and supportive staff force. We will hold on to our firm values to provide girls from all strata of society with a holistic education. It is also our school's long-term commitment to develop students' full potentials. Together, we will continue to serve the world and the people around us with confidence and humility.

