



## YWGS Re-development – Communications Sub-Committee (CSC)

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As humans we all need to communicate - to convey ideas, to express feelings, to get things done. Almost everything we do has an element of communication. So what is the role of the Communications Sub-Committee (CSC)? Or with our limited capacity, what contribution could we make toward this humongous re-development project?

Chaired by Principal Mrs. Lee, the CSC is a team of 10, comprising current teachers and administrative staff, as well as Ying Wa girls of various generations and different background. We are all volunteers, all part-time, yet we get together and contribute to this project out of love for the school.

When we first got together and explored what the CSC could contribute for the redevelopment project, we really had a hard time defining our role and our scope of work! We had some good reflection and discussion as we embarked on this journey of communications.

From time to time, we have provided input on the communications strategy of events and activities related to the re-development project. In 2010, we came up with a theme

for the school redevelopment project to shape the focus of the redevelopment work and rally support from various stakeholders. The theme 'Space for Transformation' not only refers to the quest for more physical space for our students due to the changing education needs, it also reminds us to allow space for personal and spiritual growth, as well as space for academic, creative and spiritual freedom so desperately needed among our young generation. It was a wonderful journey as we developed the theme through exploring the meaning of education and remembering what we received from Ying Wa all these years!

The CSC also supported the public consultation seminars hosted for the various key stakeholders from 2009 to 2012. With ample preparation, the consultation works targeting students, parents, alumnae, neighbors, District Councilors and legislators went very smoothly. Other works we have undertaken included advising on media opportunity, publication of the redevelopment pamphlet and the regular e-bulletin, as well as creating and maintaining the Redevelopment website. Lately we have been planning for the publication of a Redevelopment album to capture the memorable moments of the redevelopment process, and the memorable corners of the old Ying Wa campus.

A building is but a building, no matter how grand or how humble. It's the people who help build the building, the people who plan the building, and the people who will eventually inhabit the building that makes the entire building process fascinating.

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This is a long journey, and we won't see the publication of the Redevelopment album until we move back to Robinson Road. However, we all learn as we contribute our efforts, and we all enjoy the friendship and the fun time together. As one of our members heartily shared:

*I left YW more than half a century ago. I sometimes can't believe that I am still being intellectually tested by the same school that had taught me to feel, to respond and to see the world always with new eyes, new language, new thoughts. Membership of the CSC is made up of different generations of Ying Wa girls and teachers. Getting to know them – and know them well – has been fun and something totally unexpected. So, if ever I say my Alma Mater has kept me young, perhaps now you would understand why! I am now no longer just a voice from the dead past. Being part of the CSC, I am now a voice of the living present.*

We love the school - we love the people related to it, and the teachers and students in it!