

The 2nd Wah Yan International Conference – Minutes

Date: 24 August 1990
Place: Vancouver, B.C. Canada
Present:

Officials: Francis Yeung, Chairman
William Yeung, Registrar
Wilkie Kam, Secretary

Principals: Fr. J.C. Coghlan, S.J. and Fr. A.J. Deigan, S.J.

Advisers: Philip Ching, Peter Ho and Fr. Robert Ng, S.J.

Delegates: Luke Wong and Raymond Yu (Hong Kong); Raymond Lau (Kowloon); Peter Wong (Australia); Ron Lau and Michael Lee (Edmonton); Gavin Lam (Los Angeles); Matthew San and Peter Yeung (Ontario - HK); Sonny Sie (Ontario - Kln); Albert Lo and Ambrose Wong (San Francisco); Peter Yim (Singapore); Godfrey Lam (United Kingdom); Ken Suen and Matthew Wong (Vancouver).

Observers: Ernest Chan, Joseph Chan, Mario Chan, Victor Chan, Antonio Cheng, Fook Choy Cheng, Anthony Cheung, Gary Ching, Howard Chu, Leo Chu, Hup Fong, Wayne Fong, David Ho, Dominic Ho, Ming Sun Ho, Ambrose Hong, Berry Hsu, Roy Kan, Edward Kwan, Eric Lam, Daniel Lee, David Lee, James Lee, John Lee, Raymond Lee of Edm., Raymond Lee of Van., Ting Fan Lee, Edmund Leung, Tozen Leung, Wilfred Leung, Andrew Li, David Lo, Mason Loh, David Man, Wilfred Ng, Dominic Ngai, George Pang, Larry Pun, Wing Luk Sin, Simon Sinn, Shiu Kwan So, Anthony Tai, John Tai, Ben Tam, Dick Tam, John Tan, Bernard Tse, Andrew Tsui, Francis Tsui, Paul Tsui, Stephen Wai, Wilfred Wan, Chin Wah Wong, Harry Wong, Paul Wong, Teddy Wood, Francis Wu, Louis Wu, Hin-Fong Yip, Gregory Yu.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9.00 a.m. by the Conference Chairman, Francis Yeung. In his opening remarks, the Chairman commented briefly on the theme of the Conference: Unity Is Strength, Strength Unity. As the agenda had been circulated to the delegates prior to the meeting, it was adopted without further amendments.

2. Fr. J.C. Coghlan led the gathering in a short invocation.

3. Introduction of WYPSA chapters:

Delegates gave short introductions of their respective WYPSA chapters. While some chapters were well established and organized, others required more developmental effort in the years to come.

4. Unity among past students of the two schools:

The delegates discussed the common interest and sense of unity among past students of the two schools. Although in a number of locations there were separate associations, cooperation existed and joint activities were being organized. In many overseas locations joint associations meant pooling the resources to strengthen the organization. It was clear that the Wah Yan spirit always existed in joint or separate associations and that the future would see more sharing among alumni of the two schools.

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5. International network of WYPSA's:

The delegates recognized the need to increase communications and liaison with the WYPSA chapters and to strengthen the tie among them. After some discussion re: the establishment of a central location for the WYPSA international network, Luke Wong proposed that:-

* An international secretariat be set up in Hong Kong to handle networking among WYPSA's, with the following responsibilities:

- (a) publishing and distributing a newsletter to chapters;
- (b) setting up a database of information of all chapters.

* Each chapter appoint a coordinator to liaise with the secretariat; and

* The initial cost of the secretariat for the first two years be shared by the Hong Kong and Kowloon chapters, and thereafter the cost be shared by all chapters.

6. 1992 International Conference:

After some discussion it was agreed that the 1992 International Conference should be held in Hong Kong, to be hosted by WYPSA-HK and WYPSA-KLN. It was further agreed that San Francisco will host the 1994 International Conference.

7. Programmes for young members:

Many young alumni spoke on the need for special programmes, which are of interest to them, and these programmes should be organized by and for the young members. It was decided that a sub-committee should be set up to look after student affairs in Hong Kong and that each chapter should appoint a coordinator to organize youth programmes and to provide help for young alumni.

8. Student ambassador programme:

There was consensus that the student ambassador programme had far-reaching benefits and should be continued with more international involvement.

9. Any other business:

The Fourth Congress of the World Union of Jesuit Alumni will be held in Loyola, Spain, July 18-21, 1991 and it was hoped that some Wah Yan alumni will be able to participate in this meaningful event.

10. Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3.00 p.m.