

Calgary Chapter

To The Organizer and Participants of the 4th Wah Yan International Conference:

On behalf of the Calgary Wah Yan College Alumni Association, I would like to congratulate the organizers in organizing such a successful conference. We wish the conference the very best in reaching solutions and mapping out the future movements for the Wah Yan Spirit.

Francis Chiu C. A.,
President
Calgary Wah Yan College Alumni Association

Ontario (HK) Chapter

On behalf of the Wah Yan Alumni Ontario Chapter, we wish the international conference at the San Francisco Bay Area a big success.

The Ontario Chapter, based in the Metropolitan Toronto Area, has now over 200 members in our database. In order to keep contact with our members, the membership list is updated annually and mailed to each member with the quarterly newsletter. The quarterly newsletter reports the upcoming events and the past activities.

Our activities include the joint Valentines' ball with about ten other catholic school's alumni held around the Valentines' day, ski trip in the February winter, annual bowling tournament around April and May, picnic on the Father's day, soccer matches and league with three other alumni and the biggest event: AGM at the end of October/November. We have also organized group to watch Blue Jays baseball in the fabulous Skydome at downtown Toronto. In this early October, we try to organize a fund-raising dinner for our mother school redevelopment. We try our best to organize worthwhile events. Of course. the bottom line is to recruit more past students to join our membership as many old boys are coming here.

Thank you.

Paul Au, International Convenor
Wah Yan (HK) Ontario Alumni Association

San Francisco Chapter

Dear Conference Attendees,

Welcome to San Francisco! We do not have any news on earthquake to report, but we certainly have been kept very busy by an earth-shaking event -- the 4th Wah Yan International Conference -- it is such a great honor for our chapter to be the host **of** this bi-annually held event. Members cheered as soon as they learned we won the bidding, just as exciting as winning the right to host the Olympic or the World Cup.

We started informally just like almost everyone else about 4 years ago. We had social gatherings like lunch, dinner, and picnic get together. Then, at the 3rd Wah Yah International Conference, the delegates of our chapter were inspired by other alumni met at the conference to set a goal to become official since many other chapter had already done so. After many months of hard working, we finally incorporated and started to pave the road for conference. We feel very fortunate to meet Ambrose Wong in early spring of 1994 and invited him to join us and become our Chapter's Advisor, who used to run a Wah Yan chapter in the Bay Area back in the late 1980's and early 1990's. Our chapter sailed smoothly with Ambrose experience and his mile long list of contacts. The rest of the committee members, with the majority in their 20's, are very energetic and willing to take challenge. The committee members communicate using E-mail, which provides us with the tool to resolve issues quickly, thus complementing regular meetings. Today, our time and effort have brought you this international conference.

Our busy conference preparation schedule did not implicate dropping our usual social events. We had a Chinese New Year BBQ picnic as well as a Mid-Summer Lunch get together in 1994. During the lunch get together, we asked all attendees to bring their collection of Wah Yan memorabilia to be exhibited -- our members had the chance to view the past from the exhibit -- year books ranged from the late 1950's to 1993!

We would like to suggest to all other chapters who have not incorporated to consider becoming official. With the completion of our 1995 project -- Global Wah Yan Communication Network, we hope we can provide the framework to truly forming a Global Wah Yan Community.

Hope you all enjoy the rest of your stay in the Bay Area.

Singapore Chapter

News from Singapore

We send our warmest greetings to fellow Wah Yanites on the 4th Wah Yan International conference.

The Wah Yan Chapter in Singapore is a small community of about 12 Wah Yanites from both Hong Kong and Kowloon Wah Yan. It started sometime in 1990 when more migrants came from Hong Kong to Singapore. Our activities mainly consist of functions for visiting Wah Yan Fathers/Teachers and visitors, notably, the Wah Yan Ambassadors and Fr. Deignan. Once again, congratulations to the San Francisco Chapter for hosting the event.

Alan Wong
Kowloon Wah Yan 1957-1964

Southern California Chapter

Wah Yan in the 1990's and Beyond Toward a Global Community

We, as Wahyanites based throughout the world, are a world community unto ourselves. It is quite amazing that we do share certain common values which is evidenced by the fact that we tend to stay in touch with each other wherever we go and that we are here together today.

This network of Wah Yan alumni can be a powerful system to enhance the economic well-being and political power of its members. If we function together as a cohesive unit, then we can empower its members and achieve our collective and individual goals.

Although many of us have thought of starting an alumni association, it was Gavin Lain, our past president, who formally started the Southern California chapter in early 1992. Since then, the chapter has been meeting regularly for dinners. Our membership now stands at around 100. In addition to the 2 of us, 8 other original members are also here among us today.

I am aware that many business referrals have occurred as a result of our chapter meetings. But of the most interesting projects that has emerged is the idea of a Wath Yan Foundation. The Wah Yan Foundation started out as a fund-raising project initiated by Professor James Tong, who chairs the UCLA scholarship fund committee, to solicit contributions to grant a scholarship to a Wahyanite who has demonstrated incredible academic achievement and superior leadership skill. To our surprise, our chapter raised, directly and indirectly, almost \$80,000. Some of us thought: how about a permanent foundation?

Upon meeting with our Wah Yan Kowloon principal, Mr. So, the idea has now broadened to encompass not just supporting Wahyanites who are planning to study in the U.S., but also to satisfy the needs of the two Wah Yan College in general and what happens to them after 1997! The idea then evolved into setting up a foundation where Wahyanites worldwide can contribute tax-free dollars on a continuing basis.

With a permanent mechanism in place, more sophisticated contributions can be structured and managed. For example, we can set up a charitable remainder trust and grant loans rather than outright donations. Contributors can direct how the foundation will spend the contributions, whether as scholarship, building projects, or general grants. In addition, the foundation can serve as a fail-safe device for 1997. Since the PRC has to say the least, not been very friendly towards Jesuits, we should seriously prepare a fail-safe plan for Wah Yan. Perhaps Wah Yan funds can be parked offshore and then funneled back to Hong Kong as needed. I heard that some Wahyanites are even talking about setting up a Wah Yan in Canada if anything happens to Wah Yan in Hong Kong.

To comply with the U.S. tax laws, U.S. residents might not be able to contribute directly to our Alma Mater. However, the foundation can certainly contribute to the Jesuit Society which can direct the funds to be applied to our Alma Mater. Thus, perhaps, we need foundations in the Bahamas and in the U.S., Canada, and perhaps even the U.K. The U.S. foundation will have as

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trustees the principals of the two Wah Yan and alumni in the U.S., and other U.S. residents. Other countries will have to structure their own to justify their own national laws, or, if there is no specific tax saving reason, make similar contributions to the U.S. or the offshore fund in the Bahamas.

Already, heavy donors such as Peter Fan, have pledged huge sums and have also volunteered to contribute their valuable time to getting this foundation going. Professor James Tong has also volunteered to provide information from UCLA and has volunteered his time as well. Two of our CPA members, Pats Lee and William Ying, have volunteered their time to get the foundation going. Patrick Lain has volunteered his public relations and advertising skills. I also have volunteered my law firm's legal talent to perform the necessary pro bono legal work as well. Students sponsored by the foundation will be expected to provide volunteer service as well. Contributing our time to the Wah Yan foundation can be much more rewarding than participating in other organizations.

We would like to form a committee to help organize the foundation and would welcome any volunteers who are willing to contribute their time. Anyone interested can contact Tom Chan by telephone: (213)-624-6560, or fax: (213)-622-1154, c/o Chan & Jodziewicz Law Corp., P. O. Box 17576, Los Angeles, CA 90017 or James Tong at...

We can also be reached in the hotel at room...

This concludes the Southern California Alumni chapter 's presentation. We very much hope that our chapter can serve as a catalyst to getting the foundation off the ground and would like to discuss our ideas with all of you during this conference. Thank you!

Thomas T. Chan, President
Gavin Lam, Past President, and
Delegates of Wah Yan (Southern California) Alumni Association

Sydney Chapter

Greetings From Down Under

It seems that despite of the fact that my connection with Australia is not so close, yet I was asked or indeed instructed to represent them. However, I take it as an honour.

The Australian Wah Yan Past Students' Association was formed in 1976 by our teacher. Mr. Robert Chung. I am sure many of the Wah Yan Boys remember him and I need not repeat his nickname here. Australia is very widely spread out hence it is not easy to get all of us together. Yet our committee manage to meet once every month in Sydney. The committee of 12 is made out of 6 from Hong Kong and 6 from Kowloon. And the AGM is held around early April each year. For those from Melbourne etc. we use Fax and telephone and whenever their members are in town in Sydney, we try to organize to get together.

We have about 270 members, about 180 are active with about 70% from Hong Kong Wah Yan and 30% from Kowloon Wah Yan. We hope to get a balance and appeal to those from Kowloon Wah Yan to contact their fellow classmate to join us. The present Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney, Mr. Tsang Shui Lung is in fact from Kowloon Wah Yan in the late 1940s.

During the year, we have organized bowling, basketball games, Family Day (This year is Family and Friends Day) and also we participated in the local charitable work especially for the Senior Chinese citizens and Charity Walk to show our concern to the community.

We understand that the Next Wah Yan International Conference will be held in 1996 and traditionally, it should be in Hong Kong on an alternative basis. However. 1996 is a special year for the Australia Chapter. it is 20th Anniversary. I am instructed to seek permission to hold the next International Conference in Sydney Australia to mark the occasion. May I ask the International Committee to consider our proposal.

Naturally without participants. the conference would not be successful and I would appeal all the delegates to convey our invitation to all their members to make an effort to attend. if it is agreed to be held in Sydney. It is far away but I promise you that Sydney is very beautiful.

Peter Wong

U.S. Eastern Chapter

Report from the U.S. Eastern Chapter

The Wah Yan College Alumni (US Eastern) was founded in New York City in January 1991. It started with less than handfuls of members and has since grown to over 40 members. The membership includes Wah Yan alumni from both Colleges in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Members of the US Eastern Chapter come from various graduation classes, spanning class years from as early as the 1940's to as recent as 1993.

We are lucky to have Mr. Geoffrey Leung, first as our Hon. Secretary and later as our Hon. Treasurer. He has shared with us many of his fond and interesting memories of Wah Yan dating from his student days and later as a lab. assistant in the school. He is now working for Hang Seng Bank in New York. It is interesting to know that he got his job because of the name Wah Yan in his resume. The resume got the attention of Mr. Patrick Leung, a graduate of '59 HK, who was more than delighted to hire a fellow alumni in New York.

In the last three and a half years our Chapter has been holding regular meetings once every three months. Besides dinner meetings we have also organized picnics, a trip to Toronto with a dinner meeting with the Toronto Chapter, and dinner dances that entertained spouses, families and friends.

Last year we were proud to host in New York the student ambassadors from Wah Yah Hong Kong and Kowloon. Our members were excited and delighted to entertain and meet with these two bright young men who brought with them the latest news and greetings from our alma mater.

We find it hard to recruit new members. But, it is even more difficult to maintain the interest of the current members in coming to meetings and other activities. We would love to learn more about membership involvement from other local Chapters in this Conference.

Vancouver Chapter

Dear honoured guests and fellow alumni:

I am pleased to see many familiar faces and also have the opportunity to make some new friends at the 4th International Conference.

For those of you who are not familiar with our chapter, it was formed by a group of enthusiastic Wah Yan alumni in Vancouver in the late seventies and early eighties. As the number of immigrants from Hong Kong to Vancouver has increased dramatically during the last decade, the size of our chapter has also grown substantially. Currently, we have over 250 members and are still trying to locate some of our "long lost" classmates, who have moved to Vancouver and have not found their way to our "big happy family".

Today, I am very pleased to be representing members of our chapter at the 4th International Conference. I know that many of our members wish to attend this conference. Unfortunately, they are unable to do so due to other business or family commitments. I have been asked to send their greetings to all of you at this special occasion and wish this conference a great success. Our fellow alumni in Vancouver have asked me to bring back to them and share with them all the news that I learn about during these two days of the conference.

Meanwhile, the Vancouver alumni would like me to share with you on some of the recent happenings over there. We are continuing to hold the "traditional" annual ball in the fall every year which has always been very well attended. This year, we will hold our ball on November 19, 1994. I would like to extend to all of you an open invitation to join us at this annual gala event if you happen to be in Vancouver at that time.

In about two weeks from now, we will hold our second annual karaoke contest. Incidentally, one of our young alumni was the first runner-up in an open karaoke competition recently held in Vancouver for the western provinces in Canada. With over one-quarter of our members are still students, our chapter has also decided to more activities that are more youth oriented. Karaoke contest and other sport events are just a few examples. We hope that our chapter will not only grow in its membership but will also have very active participation from our membership. After all, participation is what that counts.

Last summer, our chapter hosted the first Western Canada Regional Re-union in Vernon, B.C. About 130 people, all alumni and their family members attended this three-day event. I cannot wait to go to the next Regional Re-union.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you the San Francisco Chapter for hosting this International Conference. I know that their organizing committee has spent a lot of time and resources to make this conference possible. Congratulations on a great success at this tremendous task.

Patrick E. Lee, President

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Wah Yan College Alumni (Vancouver) Association

Hong Kong

FELICITATION

Dear Kelly,

Ever since the formation of the Wah Yan Past Students Association International Networking Committee, it had already held three International Conferences on a bi-annually basis, i.e. in the years 1988, 1990, and 1992 which proved very successful.

I am more than happy to note that the San Francisco Chapter, now registered as Wah Yan Alumni (San Francisco) Association, Inc. is hosting the 4th Wah Yan International Conference in the Bay Area to continue promoting the Wah Yan spirit.

To organise an International Conference is by no means an easy task and I salute all the organizers in arranging such a full programme for our meeting/ discussion plus exciting tours, boat cruise and entertainments. I am sure this wonderful arrangement will induce a large registration from the 15-Chapters in 7 different lands.

As chief delegate from the Hong Kong Chapter, I bring you warm greetings and good wishes from our chairman and council members of the Wah Yan (HK) Past Students Association Limited. Also a hearty congratulations for a most brilliant conference!

Let us all work together "TOWARDS A GLOBAL WAH YAN COMMUNITY" and at the same time renew our old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Hall

Kowloon

Towards a Global Wah Yan Community

We are very grateful to our hosts, the Wah Yan Alumni (San Francisco) Association for organizing this 4th Wah Yan International Conference and we wish them every success.

The theme of the Conference this year reminds us that many of the alumni of Wah Yan College are spread all over the world. During recent years a wonderful effort has been made to gather them together into chapters. Besides the two parent Associations in Hong Kong we have now thirteen chapters. This is a sign of the strength and unity of the alumni which is the envy of other alumni associations. The International Conference provides us with an opportunity to experience our unity, to share ideas and memories, and to plan ways in which we can go forward into the future.

The world is smaller now with all the very fast means of travel and communication. This makes a Global Community of Wah Yan Alumni possible. We can easily exchange news and information. We can easily keep in contact by newsletter, EMail, fax or telephone. We hope at the Conference we can think of ways of widening our contacts with the many Alumni who are living in more remote areas and are a bit out of the main stream of those Alumni in the big cities. Can we gradually build up a list of these Alumni and bring them back into contact with us?

We are glad that you have chosen two very meaningful sub themes. After our training in Wah Yan we can, as a group, be leaders and we can influence the Communities in which we live. One way of doing this is for each Chapter to choose a service project where there is most need in their area. Let the world see us as people of compassion and who care for one another. The second sub-theme is also very relevant. Like every organization, Wah Yan is changing. The changing environment means new need. There are new challenges for us. How can we Alumni help our Alma Mater to meet these challenges creatively?

We hope the delegates at the International Conference can share from the richness of their experiences and lead us with confidence into the future. Wishing you every blessing.

Wah Yan College Kowloon Past Students' Association Ltd.

International Networking Committee (INC)

INC Established in 1990 under a resolution of the International Conference of 1990 and based in Hong Kong

1. INC was set up after pursuant to a resolution of the 2nd International Conference held in Hong Kong in 1990.
2. Mr. Philip Ching (WYCHK) was the Chairman of INC until 27th April 1993.
3. Since 27th April 1993, the members of INC have been:

Chairman:	Mr. Ronaid Tse (WYK)
Vice Chairman:	Mr. Kenneth Chan (WYCHK)
Secretary:	Mr. Godfrey Lam (WYCHK)
International News Editor:	Mr. Peter Yeung (WYK)
Membership	Mr. Luke Wong (WYCHK)
Convenor Members:	Mr. Philip Ching (WYCHK)
	Mr. Peter Hall (WYCHK)
	Mr. Patrick Wu (WYCHK)
	Mr. Peter Ho (WYCHK)
	Mr. Hugo Hung (WYCHK)
	Mr. Sonny Sie (WYK)
	Mr. Eric Chow (WYK)

4. Between 27th April 1993 and 1st August 1994, the INC held four meetings.
5. The INC did the following work during 27th April 1993 to 1st August 1994:
 - a. INC produced two issues of International Newsletters: one in August 1993 and the other in April 1994. Mr. Peter Yeung was INC's editor. did a very good job. However the contribution to the Newsletter was quite slow and weak. The 4th International Conference should consider whether the International Newsletter should continue and how to improve it. The printing costs are being shared by the two Wah Yan PSAs in Hong Kong. The printing costs of the August 1993 issue was HK\$3,960.00 for 3600 copies. Each copy consisted of 3 sheets printed on both sides. The printing costs of the April 1994 issue was HK\$6,120.00 for 3600 copies. Each copy consisted of 5 sheets printed on both sides. Note that for the April 1994 issue for the registration kit of the 4th International Conference was excluded.
 - b. INC regularly updated the directory of international convenors and distributed it to all chapters. The latest directory as at 1st August 1994 is enclosed.

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- c. INC sent out newsletters and correspondences received from one chapter to all other chapters for information. Again the mailing costs were shared by the two Wah Yan PSAs in Hong Kong. In this respect, the 4th international conference would consider whether the post of communication convenor should be set up in INC to encourage inter-chapter communication unions and visits.
 - d. The INC also encouraged the incorporation of chapters overseas. The San Francisco Chapter was formally incorporated in December 1993. Further it was chosen as the host of the 4th International Conference pursuant to the resolution of the 3rd International Conference that approval of the host of the 4th International Conference was to be decided by INC. It was resolved at the 11th meeting of INC that incorporation of overseas chapters should be mentioned in the International Conference.
 - e. At its 10th meeting, the INC established the post of membership convenor to help overseas chapters to gather details of past students in their regions. Mr. Luke Wong is now the membership convenor. A notice to that effect was published in the April issue of the International Newsletter. Some responses were obtained.
6. Pursuant to the suggestion made in the 3rd International Conference, 2 plaques of 6" x 4" would be installed at the entrance of Wah Yan College Hong Kong exhibiting respectively the names of the past principals and overseas chapters on a world map.
 7. It was resolved at the 11th meeting of INC that overseas chapters should be encouraged to organize local activities to celebrate the 70th anniversary of WYCHK and the 70th anniversary of WYK.

Ronaid Tse
Chairman INC
1st August 1994