

Bangkok Chapter

I, Dr. Francis Wu, as International Coordinator for the Bangkok Chapter of the WYPSA Alumni Association, have the following things to say in answer to your request to contribute a brief account on any of our recent outstanding Chapter activities in the past two years, or to outline any main ideas or thoughts I would like to say or share with other members at the conference. They can be summed up roughly in line with what I wrote for presentation to the last International Conference held at the Convention Hall in H.K. Wah Yah a couple of years back. These may read as follows:

A) Outstanding Chapter activities in the past two years - Absolutely nothing at all to speak of as a rule, and especially ever since my last participation in the 5th International Conference which took place on December 28th - 29th, 1996, in Hong Kong. Chapter members, mostly Wah Yan graduates of the era before World War II, are septuagenarians with delicate health and minimum social contact. For this reason, I, as Chapter coordinator, often acted in a liaison capacity to play host to occasional WYPSA visitors from H.K., giving rise to the mistaken notion that I am the only Wahyanite in Bangkok

B) Problems Plaguing the Normal Functioning of the Chapter - Lack of normal forms of contact among Chapter members make it difficult, if not at all absolutely impossible, to find out the exact number of Chapter members who intend, or are highly likely, to attend the forthcoming 6th International Conference in Calgary, creating formidable inconvenience and difficulties especially for the Calgary Chapter hosting the bi-annual international function now only a matter of months away. As for me myself personal attendance would be highly unlikely on account of the distance and time in travelling all the way to the conference site half a world away.

C) Light at the End of the Tunnel o Philip Ching, a well-known WYPSA personality and one of your Honorary advisors, hinted in the course of our 5th International Conference in Hong Kong at the possibility of his paying a personal visit to Bangkok in the not-too-distant future, with the obvious intention of seeing what he could do to put our local chapter on a more solid functioning footing. That has yet to materialize.

Before closing, I have one personal suggestion to make. Could all WYSA international Conferences be held in Hong Kong every time instead of being moved from place to place every other year? The reason is clear: H.K. is the birth-place of all Wahyanites where we were all brought up to become what we are, and shall always be. It is just like going home to visit our parents to whom we owe our entire working life and being. The place is so familiar that no time will be wasted in familiarizing ourselves with a place where we could only be considered as complete strangers.

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Calgary Chapter

1997-98 Organizing Committee:

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Secretary: Peter Tsang
Treasurer: Ronan Chow
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The Wah Yan College Alumni Association Calgary Chapter was started in 1990 with an initial membership of 16. We had a great spectrum of alumni with graduation years ranging from 1929 to 1982. Our membership has close to fifty this year, some three fold increase in seven years. Through the great enthusiasm of the organizing committees and our members and especially with the most needed support from our spouses, we have had many successful and enjoyable functions. We have also participated in a number of fund raising and charity events in Calgary.

We have built on our acquaintances from our Chapter and developed into close friends and business associates. In the past five years, we have met Wah Yan Alumni, Ambassadors and teaching and administrative staff from Hong Kong, Vancouver and Edmonton. We will continue to demonstrate the spirit of Wahyanites.

Highlights of Activities To-Date

- Our inaugural AGM was held on June 15, 1991.
- Hosted a luncheon for Mr. John Chan, the Secretary of Education and Manpower of the HK Government during his visit to Calgary for the Hong Kong Festival in October 1992
- Father Deignan visited Calgary in January, 1993. Father Deignan thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Banff and Lake Louise in the Canadian Rockies.
- Attended the Western Canada Wah Yan Alumni Conference in July 1993, hosted by the Vancouver Chapter held in Vernon, B.C. for the Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary Chapters.
- Hosted the visit of Li Cheuk Lun and Goh Yau Hang, the 1994 student ambassadors in April 1994.
- Sponsorship of the Wah Yan College 75th Anniversary Album in 1994.
- Tony Wong and Francis Lee represented the Calgary Chapter in the 1994 Wah Yan Alumni Association's International Conference held in San Francisco.
- Have had two Calgary/Edmonton Chapters joint functions in September 1994 and February 1995.
- Co-hosted with the Edmonton Chapter, the Western Canada Wah Yan Alumni Conference in July 1995 held in Calgary for the Vancouver, Edmonton and Calgary Chapters.
- Organized the 1996 AGM to coincide with the International Rotarian Conference being held in Calgary in July. We invited the Wah Yan Alumni/Rotarians, families and friends from Hong Kong to attend our AGM and dinner.
- Father Coghlan visited Calgary in August 1996. Father Coghlan updated us on the reconstruction of the Hong Kong campus and the promising outlook of HK after July 1997.
- Dominic Hon and four other members represented the Calgary Chapter in the Vancouver

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Chapter 15th Anniversary Dinner in October 1996. Our Chapter was honoured to have won the bid to host the Six International Conference of the Wah Yah Alumni Associations in 1998.

- A strong contingent of Calgary alumni joined in the hugely successful Western Canada Wah Yan Alumni Conference at Penticton, B.C. in August 1997, hosted by the Vancouver Chapter.

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June 1998

Please contact Mr. Patrick Lai directly for a full membership list and information, thank you.

Edmonton Chapter

Chapter History

- Founded in the spring of 1987.
Aim: To promote friendship and support social, educational, cultural and charitable activities among members in a non-political environment.
- Established two scholarships "Edmonton Award" in 1989, for Form 3 students - one from each college. The scholarships are administered by the Principals of both colleges.
- Networking with other Chapters established in the Summer of 1990 (2nd International Conference in Vancouver, B.C., Canada).
- Take pride to host our honor guests and student ambassadors whenever possible.

Chapter Activities: 1996 - 1998

Monthly Dim Sum lunch gathering:

Members and families are welcome to this monthly gathering.
Updates on current activities at an informal setting.

Annual BBQ and evening events:

One of the most participated events during the year.
Lots of food and fun.
Followed by an evening of Karaoke or Mahjong at various private homes.

Annual Soccer match with La Salle Old Boys:

The soccer team members are mostly made up of recent graduates from both colleges.
Weekly soccer practice during the summer months.
Team members' uniform colors: Yellow and black.
La Salle usually takes home the trophy after the match.

Scholarship Fundraising:

Through the sales of annual Entertainment Coupon Booklets, generous cash donation from members, and a small part of membership fee.

Our Chapter currently has 30-35 members as of 1998.

Derek Tung Chao (Class of 84)
Vice-President

Melbourne Chapter

Melbourne in Australia is the most livable city in the world. Still the city does not attract too many Wahyanites to live here.

Up to the present stage, there will be no delegates to attend the 6th International Conference in Calgary. We do have a bi-monthly dinner meeting and attendance may be 12.

Enclosed herewith a list of members as recorded with some useful details. I hope to raise some interest if circulated.

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Ontario (HK) Chapter

Brief History of Our Chapter

The Wah Yah (H.K.) Ontario Alumni Association was founded in 1982 and has been growing ever since. Of the 330 members, some graduated in as early as the 1930s to as recent as 1998. Monthly meetings are held in Toronto and are actively participated by Executive Council (Exco.) members, past presidents and many alumni. A unique characteristic of the association is that the Exco. is mostly made up of youngsters. who are actively supported and mentored by many past presidents, who in our minds, never retire. Apart from participating in the Annual Joint Alumni Valentine's Ball, other major events organized by the alumni association include annual picnics, soccer tournaments in the summer, curling and bowling in the winter and the Annual General Meeting in November. Last November, we held a Career Planning seminar with the help of several seasoned alumni for our younger members. Finally, with the help of several hard working members, we have revised our membership profile with the use of a database. With this enhancement, we completed and distributed a yearbook to our members.

The highlights of some of our activities in the past include a visit by our former Principal, Fr. John Coghlan S.J. in the Fall of 1996, and in the Spring of the same year, we hosted the two Student Ambassadors, Derek Cheung and Sunnie Kwong. In 1995, the Association assisted the Wah Yan Dramatic Society Ltd. from Hong Kong in presenting a Chinese Opera in English "A Tale of Two Kingdoms" to raise funds for the Chinese Cultural Center of Greater Toronto.

Past Presidents of our Association are (in reverse chronological order): KY Ng, Eric Chan, Matthew San, Kumert Chow, Peter Young, Martin Li, Stephen Ng, Thomas U and Raymond Chan. We thank their on-going and generous support through their advice and active participation.

Former teachers of Wah Yah residing in Ontario (in alphabetical order) are: William Chin, Cissy Lau, Helen Lee, Anthony Wong and Stella Wong (primary school).

Some of our current/upcoming activities

Web Page Project

- This will be a web page describing our chapter, outlining our goals, our past and current events and contact information.
- With the rapid growth of the use of Internet, we are no longer bound to the traditional way of communicating with our members. This will allow us to allocate our resources more effectively.
- This means that we are able to reach a vast number of our members without resorting to the slow and unreliable means of the past. Furthermore, this facilitates two way communication between our members and us.
- We expect that this will bring us closer to our members which in terms will encourage them to be more active in participating in our events.

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Valentine Ball 1999

- When the VB was first held in 1987, it was the largest social event in the Chinese community of Toronto. Since then, it has become a mainstay in the Chinese community.
- The key feature of the event is ballroom dancing with live band.
- Each participating alumni association takes turn in hosting the event. In 1998, the VB began a new cycle with St. Joseph College being the first school to repeat as host.
- In 1999, we will be hosting the Valentines Ball with W.Y.C.K. for a second time in the 11 years of its history. As host school, we are committed to the success of the event and we would like to extend an invitation to all Wahyanites around the world to participate in this great event.

Mark Tsui Shing-Cheung Memorial Scholarship

- This is a scholarship generously donated by Mrs. Angela Chan, granddaughter of Mr. Peter Tsui Yan-Sau (founder of Wah Yan College) in memory of her father, the late Mr. Mark Tsui Shing-Cheung who was also a Wah Yan old boy (class of 36).
- The motivation behind this scholarship is to recognize the academic excellence among young Wahyanites or their children at the post-secondary level.
- This Award will be shared by any Wah Yan alumni or their children who have achieved the status of "Ontario Scholar" in the current academic year.
- The winners will be announced and the Awards presented at our Annual General Meeting in November, 1998.

Visit By Fr. Deignan, Mr. Tam and Mr. Yu

- Fr. Deignan, Mr. Tam and Mr. Yu are the current or past principals of WYCHK. Every several years, the principal will visit some overseas Wahyanites to see how they are doing.
- We will be hosting a welcome dinner for them on August 5, 1998. All members are invited to participate.

Wah Yan College (H.K.) Ontario Alumni Association Executive Committee 1997-1998

<i>Position</i>	<i>Name</i>
President	Patrick Lau (86)
Vice President	Ambrose Fung (52) Kelvin Tsang (91) Nelson Ho (86)
Treasurer	Joseph Lee (91)
Secretary	Nelson Wong (91)
Membership Director	Kenneth Lo (86)
Social Convenors	Benson Lain (77) David Ip (91) Ricky Yip (91)
Student Representative	Sunny So (95)
International Convenor	Tony Tang (85)
Immediate Past President	K.Y. Ng (72)

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Calendar of Events

Month, Year	Events
February, 98	Valentine Ball '98
April, 98	Curling
June, 98	Annual Father's Day Picnic Deadline for Scholarship Application
August, 98	Calgary International Conference Visit by Fr. Deignan, Mr. Tam and Mr. Raymond Yu from WYCHK
October, 98	Deadline for Scholarship applicants to submit their transcript
November, 98	AGM Scholarship presentation Year Book publication
February, 99	Valentine Ball '99

Ontario (KLN) Chapter

The Ontario Chapter of the Wah Yan Kowloon Past Students Association was rounded in 1983. We have a membership of around 200 alumni.

Over the years, we have held ninny different kinds of functions for our members. Last year, we had a very memorable lake Ontario cruise in May and a special luncheon to watch the Hong Kong Handover ceremonies of life television. Back m 1995, we assisted the Wah Yan Dramatic Society in presenting a fund-raising Chinese Opera in English, "A Tale of Two Kingdoms," for the Chinese Cultural Center of greater Toronto. Every year for the last twelve years, we have participated in the Joint Alumni Valentine Ball. Next year, we shall be co-hosting the event with the Wah Yan Hong Kong Alumni. We are working in close cooperation with them in many different occasions. The executives of the two associations are in constant touch and attend each other's meetings and various joint functions have been held over the years.

We have not been particularly active this year. However, in the near future, major changes will be implemented to revitalize the association.

President: Victor Tong ('68)
Vice President: Joseph C. Wong ('67)
Committee Members: Dermot Chan ('65)
Patrick C. K. Lai ('72)
Gabriel Wong ('85)

Singapore Chapter

The Singapore Chapter of Wah Yanite offers their heartiest congratulations on the occasion of the 6th International Conference in Calgary. The activities of Wah Yanites in Singapore are muted in view of the small numbers and frequent absence due to work commitments. I do not know why but Wah Yanites in Singapore travel a lot. We might as well have our own frequent flyer programme. That being the case, we do not have any outstanding activity save and except the rare social gatherings. It is also a great pity that none (as of this date) I know are attending the 6th Conference to support this gala international event. There is one subject close to my heart. We are grateful for the Jesuits who braved the elements to come to China and to establish the various learning institutions. Without them, there would be no Wah Yanites. We should attribute the worldwide success of the Wah Yanites to their teachings and principle. If I am not wrong, their emphasis is on converting the heart and mind to a closer following of Christ as well as virtues of obedience, education, care of the young and missionary work. I would urge all participants to meditate on the Bible, the teachings of Jesus Christ, our foundation. To this end, I can only quote John 14 verse 6 Jesus said "I am the Way the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me." I would urge the conference to be opened with a prayer in the name of Jesus Christ and ask for His blessings, guidance and wisdom to be on all the participants of the 6th

International Conference of all Wah Yan Alumni Associations.

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Southern California Chapter

President's Message by Albert Young, M.D.

Dear Fellow Wahyanites,

It gives me great pleasure to report to you that the future of the Alumni Association is as bright and shiny as our Golden State. I must attribute our success to the dedicated Board members and past Presidents of this Association.

Since the beginning of the year, we've had a number of wonderful gatherings connecting our past to the present and bringing us to our future. The invitation of the two former Assistant Principals of Hong Kong and Kowloon Wah Yah, Mr. Anthony Ho and Mr. Raymond Yu, highlighted our first annual function at the Universal Hilton with some 90 attendees. Two other guests made this meeting even more meaningful, Mr. W.C. Hsueh of Toronto and Mr. Philip Ching of Hong Kong (see Plus Lee's article and Mr. Anthony Ho's story for more details.)

I must say that the night was full of Wah Yah spirit and everybody was very generous. Emulating the Jesuit way, many donations and pledges were made and received. This opened a new chapter in our Southern California organization.

With these pledges, we will be able to continue our student scholarship program, start a teacher exchange for excellence and to have a permanent Internet location for our Association's members- past, present, and future.

The Board is currently looking at possibilities of setting up a permanently staffed Alumni Association in Southern California. Conceptually, this could become the hub for all the alumni associations in the entire Western United States. Philip Ching also discussed the possibility/feasibility of bringing his Wah Yan-style Chinese Opera to Los Angeles for a performance in the coming year. This is exciting! Anybody interested in performing? Ideas and suggestions are needed!

Last month our Board played host to one of our renowned Wahyanites, Sir Gordon Wu. He was passing through Los Angeles after representing Hong Kong in the South American Economic Congress meeting in Brazil together with Donald Tseng, another distinguished Wah Yan alumni. Gordon, in his relaxed and insightful way, discussed many topics including Hongkong's legislative Council, Asia's economic crisis, Hong Kong Wah Yan's rebuilding issues and education and scientific achievements in general. He is indeed a man of all seasons.

The sixth International Conference of the WYCAA will be held in Calgary, Alberta on August 1, 1998. Dunson Cheng and Dr. Peter Sien have invited Father O'Neal from Singapore to fly to Los Angeles on July 24 before continuing on to Calgary. Father O'Neal will be our guest at our next Alumni meeting scheduled for Saturday, July 25. Our Chapter will have great representation at the Calgary meeting. At last count, we have over ten members attending!

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The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank every member for their enthusiasm and support of the Association. Together we will make this organization grow and flourish. I welcome all your suggestions and ideas.

Let us march in Y2K and stay connected!

United Kingdom Chapter

Ever since its establishment in 1989, WYPSA(UK) has undergone various changes, both in terms of its membership size and "activeness." Undoubtedly, it is a relatively small-sized overseas alumnus chapter. Previous experience has shown that large-scale gathering activities are difficult to organize particularly when the members are so diffusely distributed across the UK.

Bearing this in mind, we, the committee members, clearly understand the challenges of our tasks at hand. What we aim to achieve is to establish a broader membership base of the association, so that the newsletter can enjoy a wider readership among the members. On top of that, we can understand better our members' expectation of the role of the association, with the aim of planning any future activities according to their need and preferences.

The following is a brief account of what we have done over the past year.

1. Recruitment of members.

Every year there are Wahyan boys leaving Hong Kong to continue their education in the UK. In the past, the practice of recruiting these students as members is through a personal referral system. However, this method has a drawback in that not all these students will be invited to join the Past Students' Association. In the light of this, an official link with the administrative authorities of both Wah Yan colleges has been established, whom we believe are at a better position to know which students are going to pursue their education in the UK. An application form has been specially designed, and this will be delivered to the potential members by the principals of both Wah Yah colleges. We hope by doing this the membership size of the UK chapter can be kept more stable.

2. Attempt to expand the contents of the newsletter.

Basically, the main function of the newsletters is to keep our members informed of the latest news from the alma mater. In addition, we have the ambition of adding some "local colour" to the newsletter by including news of some Wahyan old boys in the UK. For example, we have interviewed Dr. da Roza, a "veteran" WYPSA(UK) member earlier this year, and the conversation is planned to be included in the next issue of the newsletter.

3. Gathering dinner in Hong Kong.

Considering the fact that there might be a significant portion of the UK members returning to Hong Kong during the summer holidays, a gathering dinner was proposed to be held in August 97. Although not many HK phone numbers of the members were known, we did finally managed to organize the dinner successfully in Maxim, Restaurant on 20th August. A reasonable number of members turned up, including some past presidents who are now working in Hong Kong.

4. Questionnaires.

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For a long time, the decisions concerning the activities of the PSA have been made by the small central committee. We, the present executive committee, hoped we could have a better grasp of our members' preference towards any kind of activities. Therefore, a questionnaire was designed, and nearly one third of the members responded, among whom some provided some very constructive opinions concerning our running of the association.

5. Cooperation with the INC Chairman.

One of the goals we hope to achieve is to establish a closer link with the other overseas chapters. With respect to this, we visited the incumbent chairman of the International Networking Committee (INC), Mr. Joseph Leung, in mid-July 97. Mr. Leung has kindly agreed to forward our newsletters (the UK version) to each of these chapters. We are grateful to Mr. Leung for his generous help, as this helped us tremendously in relieving the financial burden of posting the newsletters abroad.

6. Conclusion.

Above mentioned are the few revolutionized changes that have been introduced to the running of the association since we took office in May 97. We hope they are beneficial to the development of the association as an organization belonging to the Wah Yan boys in the UK.

Regrettably, we do foresee a further drop in the membership size of the UK chapter in the near future, as the number of students pursuing education in the UK continues to decrease. It may be overconfident to claim that WYPSA(UK) will last forever. However, we do expect its presence to be maintained for at least another four or five years by our future generations of Wah Yan old boys.

Goh Yau Hang, Terence (WYCHK '93) Chairman, WYPSA(UK)

PS. Being one of the student ambassadors visiting the Calgary and Edmonton chapters in 1994, I would like to express my heartiest gratitude to all the Wah Yah old boys and their families for their warmest welcome and hospitalities during my stay there. I sincerely wish you all peace or' mind and all the best!

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U.S. Eastern Chapter

A Brief History of Wah Yan College Alumni (US Eastern)

The Wah Yan College Alumni (US Eastern) was founded in New York City in January 1991. Our first major gathering was in December 1992 when Fr. Deignan visited the Big Apple. Starting with less than a dozen people the U.S. Eastern Chapter has grown since to over 60 members. The membership includes Wah Yan alumni from both schools in Hong Kong and Kowloon. Our members come from various graduation classes, spanning class years from as early as the 1930's to as recent as 1995. With the help of Lau Man-Wai, the Chapter was granted tax-exempt status by the US Internal Revenue Service in December 1993. In December 1995, the Chapter celebrated its 5th anniversary at the home of Wilson Shum. In December 1997 the Chapter began its presence in cyber space with a web site sponsored by James Wong. The address of our home page is HYPERLINK <http://www.ezpages.com/wahyan> and news on past and future events. We are slowly building up a digital album of pictures from past activities.

Our Chapter generally meets about once every three months. Besides dinner parties, we also had picnics, a trip to Toronto with a dinner meeting with the Toronto Chapter, a free trip to the Foxwood Casino arranged by Howard Chan, and outings to the Pocono Mountains. We had guest speakers at some of our dinner meetings. Our overseas guests included Mr. Philip Ching and Mr. Luke Wong. The Chapter used to hold its annual ball after the Chinese New Year. This year instead we had our first Mah Jong tournament and Leo Wan was the champion.

The US Eastern Chapter had delegates to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th and the present Wah Yan Alumni International Conference. It is through these International Conferences that we overseas Wahyanites can come together and share our common heritage. We are most grateful to the Calgary Organizing Committee for staging such a magnificent gathering

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Vancouver Chapter

The Wah Yah College Alumni (Vancouver) Association has established for 16 years. With a membership of over 400, we are one of the most popular Hong Kong high school alumni associations in Vancouver. Each of our Wahyanite brothers carried their kindred spirit from Hong Kong to Vancouver and every activity supported by them was a success.

In 1997, we had three major events: Annual General meeting Dinner, Regional Re-Union for Western Canada and the Annual Ball, Members, families, and guests were actively participated in these functions.

Same as in the previous years, our 1997 AGM was held in conjunction with the Chinese New Year Dinner. There was Family Bingo for the members' family and guests while the members attended the meeting to elect the new Board of Directors. Moreover, we were happy to see that different generations of Wahyanites were unionized together.

The 3rd Western Regional Re-Union for Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton was held in Penticton, BC, Canada in August. A specially designed Re-Union T-shirt was a souvenir to every Wahyanite. The design of the T-shirt was incorporated a theme that depicted strong ties among Wahyanites in Western Canada. The activities of the Re-Union included tug-of-war, soccer match, treasure hunt, wine tour and orchard tour. Members and families enjoyed a wonderful weekend there.

The theme of the annual ball 1997 was "Nostalgia of the Hong Kong High schools -the golden days." Over 450 members and guests attended and ten other alumni associations participated in this function. There was an Inter-Alumni Karaoke Contest and representatives from different alumni associations participated in this contest. Our representative from the Vancouver Chapter won the second place. Followed by the singing contest, an Italian Band rocked up the dancing floor and dancers were packed up throughout that night. The annual ball was a great success and everybody enjoyed a marvelous evening.

We look forward to participating in the 1998 International Conference which will be held in Calgary, Canada and have a reunion of all Wahyanites from different comers of the world.

Dr. Joseph Hui, PhD
President

Hong Kong

One Big Family

Upon being requested to write this piece for the year's major event where I anticipate a wonderful turn out from all comers of the world as well as from all ages of our oldboys network, I began reading my Chairman's Column in the year's first Wahyanite published in August 1997. Much thought evolved therefrom not least the economic downturn initiated around the same time. Much has happened to Hong Kong as well as the region but i cannot help feeling Hong Kong is still the same old Hong Kong and we at the PSA have not paused to take in the view. Instead, the PSA has progressed and went through as very vibrant year.

I note that the main theme from my Column was" ... to unite and re-unit ... "Towards this end, we have poured in considerable effort and are proud to say we have covered much ground. Work that hopefully with compliment-lug plans and effort will progress towards a Global Wah Yan Family in the true sense of the word.

The PSA Council is not a governing body. We are here to serve. We serve the interest of our members, the school and most of all the Family. By a strange twist, I tend to akin our organization to the Italian Mafia. We are here to harness and distribute potential mighty strength and resources embedded within the network. We also serve those who wish to help do help in the best possible way.

The year began interestingly with the twin Knighthood of Sir Donald ala bow-tic and Sir Gordon ala power plant. The Council had two pleasant dinners with them where the two distinguished guests shared with us much wisdom and foresight: a view from the top so to speak. They both reflected their true love towards the school as a valuable source of their virtues equipped with which they have both got to where they are. A Younger generation of recent graduates ran a series of talks for the upper forms sharing with students what life in the tertiary campus is like. Both the organizers and the teaching staff were pleasantly surprised by the mature and sophisticated response from the floor when questions were raised. Gone were the "what subjects I should take?" questions but more like "what qualities do you seek as an employer?" type enquiries. Oldboys from all years turned out en mass to assist and result in great success in a series of events including the Annual Ball, the Spring Dinner, the Graduation Dinner, the Retreat and a Seafood Boat trip. The Eighties, a group of graduates from 1980-89 have organized many dinners, happy hours and tea parties to raise not only money but also awareness of the Schools needs from oldboys. Professional help ranging from computer technology assistance, legal advice, architectural consultations to medical treatments were procured. What is encouraging to see is that all of us are beginning to realize what the PSA is about.

In turn that realizes what the PSA ought to be. In short, the Big Family! Participation comes from a greater spectrum of age, occupation and social background. A good amount of oldboys are coming forward to offer their expertise. One of the highlights was an unprecedented EQ Talk given by prominent Hong Kong EQ consultant Mr. Raymond Tsang ('74) who not only gave up one afternoon for 300 students, teachers and parents but also paid for the venue at the HK

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Convention center. For the first time, Wah Yan students took a leap and receive professional training at a level given to staff of major banks, insurance companies and large retail chain stores. The Principals office has since received uncountable enquiries from parents urging for more of these activities. Speaking of parents, they too have staffed playing a more important role in the Big Family, a Walkathon was organized by the newly formed Parents & teachers Association raising over \$300,000 for the Schools equipment fund. Don't get us wrong, we are not saying financial help is not important but one will soon realize, once we have the participation from all quarters, money becomes a lesser object and itself becomes a lesser obstacle to the School's success.

On the administration side, the Council has more sub-committees than ever with a view to delegate more of its role to those who wish to help. This we view as an investment rather than diversification, an investment in fresh blood. The secretariat is beefed up both technologically and in human power in the form of a full time secretary and a new computer system sorting members' mailing by a bar-code system.

in the year to come, we anticipate great challenges for the school, which the PSA wishes to confront hand in hand with the school. The changes in Hong Kong represents tests for the present schooling system which the School will have to address. The physical needs of the school calls for financial help as well as expertise in the form I mentioned above. The School premises calls for attention on a daily basis, the Principal's energy is consumed regularly on the upkeep of the school site, its ancillary facilities and in entertaining numerous supervisory attention from various government bodies.

Alone to the Principal, those challenges are surmountable, time consuming and often frustrating. With your help, our participation and the backup of the Big Family, those challenges can almost be interesting and most certainly rewarding. Let's look forward to a new year, a new Council and a greater Wah Yan future.

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Kowloon

26th Session (1996-1997)

The Annual Ball was held on December 31, 1996 at the Regent Hotel. There were more than 700 members, Fathers and teachers and guests attending the function. On that night, a mini-buzzar was organized and there were six booths set up at the hotel to show different student clubs and societies. it gave a great and fantastic memory for all Wahyanites. Lots of past years' Shields were displayed and student activities were introduced and displayed to all attending people.

Henry Tang, Student Ambassador, left Hong Kong to Sydney on March 28, 1997 for his ambassador trip. He went there with our counterpart from Wah Yan Hong Kong.

A horse named "Star of Wah Yan" which was purchased by a group of past students participated in the first race at the Hong Kong Jockey Club on April 23, 1997. It came in seventh at that time but it won the first championship on May 3 I, 1997. On that night, a "Teacher's Night" was organized and a number of teachers attended the event. It was prepared as a leisure function for our teachers and past students.

27th Session (1997-1998)

On May 4, 1997, the 27th annual general meeting of the Past Students' Association was held in the Club House of the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley. There were more than 100 members and friends and relatives attended the fellowship dinner after the annual general meeting. At the annual general meeting, Ronald Tse, Chairman, reported the activities organized by the PSA during the past year. Terence Leung, Hon. Treasurer, reported the financial status of the PSA and it was considered healthy. Then, Ronald Tse reported that a group of new Exec members had been nominated for the forthcoming year and it was passed unanimously at the meeting.

Subsequently, a new executive council was elected Wilfred Lam, Sam Yu, Terence Leung and Anthony Chan were elected as the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for the forthcoming year respectively.

In the summer of 1997, a boat trip was held at the seaside of Sai Kung and many of members and current students attended. The responses received were all positive and similar functions were recommended to be held in the future.

Communication with all members had been a problem to the Past Students Association for a long time. Wilfred Lam, Chairman, suggested that a mailing system should be developed and updated regularly, hence our messages would be easily communicated to past students more efficiently through a networking system. As a result, a number of students were recruited to assist the Past Students' Association to input our current members information into a database system. More than 1,200 members' information were primarily inputted in the summer of 1997.

Bi-monthly luncheon meetings were regularly held and a number of past students came as guest

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speakers to give their expert opinions in certain topics including Hong Kong securities industry, property markets and current economic situations. There were more than 23 tables of members attending each time.

Mr. Mansion Ng was selected to be this year's student ambassador by the selection panel members including Wilfred Lam, Peter Lai and Joseph Leung. He and the counterpart of Wah Yan Hong Kong will visit Calgary, Canada in August 1998 during the International Conference.

On May 2, 1998, an annual general meeting was held at the Hong Kong Jockey Club at Happy Valley to elect the new executive committee. There were more than 45 members attending the meeting. First, Wilfred Lam reported the activities and events held during the year and then Terence Leung reported the financial situation of Past Students' Association. Following the annual general meeting, there was a fellowship dinner with 10 tables of members and guests. There was a new executive committee elected. Sam Yu is the new Chairman for the forthcoming year, Ronnie Kung is the Vice Chairman, Richard Leung is the Honorary Treasurer and Pervical Ho is the Honorary Secretary. We invited a honorary speaker, Mr. Andrew Tang (1965), Project Manager of New T&T, to give a talk in the history and future outlook of communication and it was very informative.

International Networking Committee (INC)

Conference Chairman, Jesuit Fathers, Principal, Fellow Wahyanites, Ladies and Gentleman.

It gives me great pleasure to give you a brief report of the work of the INC for the session 1996-1998 at this Conference. I am delighted to see so many Wahyanites from all over the world attending this bi-annual gathering which is probably the last Conference in the 20th Century.

The INC

First of all, I would like to say a few words on the nature and functions of the INC. As you aware, it is neither a corporation nor an association. It is a Joint-Association committee established under a resolution unanimously passed at the 2nd International Conference held in Vancouver in 1990. Its functions include promoting communication among all overseas Chapters, assisting in the formation of new Chapters and publishing International Newsletter. It is not necessarily located in Hong Kong, but to be decided by the conclusion of each Conference.

Assumption of Office

Vivid scenes still appear in my mind when I recall the moment I was appointed INC Chairman by the two PSAs. I consider it a great honour. To fulfill the trust and responsibility placed on me, I have applied my best endeavours to enhance the liaison between the two PSAs, as well as all the overseas Chapters. It is my privilege to have my three predecessors, namely Mr. Philip Ching (WYCHKPSA 54'), Mr. Ronald Tse (WYKPSA 75'), and Mr. Patrick Wu (WYCHKPSA 58'), to serve as advisers. I have benefitted greatly from their invaluable advice without which I may not be able to perform my duties competently.

A Review of 1996-1998

1. INC Meetings

During the session, six general meetings were held. Attendance rate of the fellow members was very high. We exchanged our views freely under a friendly atmosphere and the INC was therefore run very efficiently. I have sent a copy of the minutes of all the meetings to the Conference Chairman. A close reading of them will surely give you a better understanding of the INC.

2. International Gathering

A fellowship gathering was organized at the Lingnan Club on 18th December 1997, aiming to enhance the friendship and communication amongst our fellow Wahyanites. Jesuit Fathers, School Principals, PSA's Council Members, returned offices-bearers of the overseas chapters, former Student Ambassadors and current students were invited to attend. It was a very successful event with more than 50 Wahyanites participated and all of them enjoyed the function very much. I wish to thank Mr. Peter Wong and Mr. Philip Ching again for their efforts in arranging the event.

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3. International Newsletter

Two issues of the International Newsletter were published. The quality was improved significantly when compared with the previous ones. I hope that you all like it

4. Financial Situation

The INC is financed by the two PSAs. In 1994, each PSA contributed HK\$15,000 for the INC's running expenses. In fact, the INC is in good financial situation. As of the end of June 1998, there was a credit balance of over HK\$30,000 in our bank account.

5. The 10th Anniversary of the International Conference

1998 marks the 10th anniversary of the International Conference which was initiated and promoted by the three "wise" men, namely Mr. Philip Ching, Mr. Raymond Yu, and Mr. Mason Lob. Today, we are very honoured to have them attending this Conference. In order to thank them for their great ideas, the INC have decided to award them medals. The presentation ceremony will take place during the Conference. Here, I would like to give all of them a very very big "Thank You".

6. The Future

Looking into the future, I would strongly recommend the overseas chapters to consider the following measures so as to foster closer link of the Wah Yan Community:

- It is hoped that the overseas Chapters could place their own web-sites under a single "Wah Yan" web page. I will talk about this in details during the second part of my presentation.
- I would strongly encourage the Chapters to incorporate under their local law. Of course, this may not be practical for some of the Chapters, like Singapore and Thailand. However, I must stress that it will be a great advantage to your Chapter to hold function if the Chapter is a legal entity. More inter-region gathering should be organized. I remember several years ago, our New York Chapter members have visited the Ontario Chapter. A regional conference was also organized. The INC feels that such reunions are to be strongly recommended.
- It will surely be of our great assistance if the overseas Chapters could send us their newsletters or activities reports regularly so that we can extract them in our International Newsletter.

Conclusion

The success of the INC depends not only on the enthusiasm and efforts of the members, but also on the extent of your participation, co-operation and support. Everyone can help to shape the Wah Yan Alumni community and make it more efficiently in promoting friendship and communication amongst the Wahyanites. This is the only way to run the INC function successfully.

May Wah Yan and the INC go forever strengths to strengths!!!

Thank you very much!!!

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List of Attendees:

Chan Sau-Pok, Kelly Chang, Cheng Lap-Yan, Dunson Cheng, George Cheng, William Cheuk, Cheung Yuk-Tong, Douglas Cheung, Philip Ching, Francis Chiu, Paul K.C. Chow, Ronan K.H. Chow, Philip Choy, Michael Chu, Andrew Chu, Ft. Deignan S.J., Dominic Eng, Kenneth Fung, Chris Gee, Peter Hat, Francis Ho, Percival Ho, Rufus Ho, Dominic Hon, Joseph Hui, Alphonsus Z. Hui, David C.C. Koo, Anthony Kung, Dominic Suen Kwok, Eugene Lai, Bernie Lam, Herbert Lain, Anthony K.S. Lam, Patrick Lau, Patrick E. Lee, Gabriel Hon-Kwong Lee, Peter Shui-Cheung Lee, Daniel Lee, Joseph Wai-Fung Leung, Patrick Lo, Mason Lob, Stephen Luk, Clement Kin-Man Luk, Andrew Yip-Shing Mak, Michael Ng, Danny Ngan (Houston), Danny Ngan (Edmonton), Ft. Tom O'Neill S.J., Simon Pang, Sonny Sic, Peter Sien, Mark Siu, Kenneth Suen, George Siu Ping Tam, Tony Tang, Peter Tsang, Kelvin J. Tsang, William Tsang, Stephen Tse, Peter Wong, Mathew Wong, James Ho-Ming Wong, Tony Wong, Joseph C. Wong, Edward Woo, King Yau, Donald Yau, William C.W. Yeung, Peter Yeung, William K.K. Yeung, Yip Wah-Ying, Lawrence Yip, Albert Young, Raymond Yu, Fr. George Zee S.J.