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**Feasibility Study on  
Sport Development Master Plan at  
Wah Yan College, Kowloon**

Dear Wahyanites,

Many a time during recess, lunch time and after school we ran, played, tumbled and fell together on our school grass football pitch, where we breathed and embraced the freedom and care our alma mater tendered. At other times, many of our sports team members gave their best on the pasture during practices and plays. Most other times though, we were audience there to hail our schoolmates at match, say the school athletic meeting and house competition.

Whatever we did there, our grass football pitch cradled our boyhoods with our schoolmates and beloved teachers when we were students at Wah Yan Kowloon ("WYK"). The grassland gave us a fond memory of schooldays. It used to be the hub of our school life.

Our School has been doing its best to preserve this meadow for our young boys over the years. Unfortunately, since the last decade the physical condition of the pitch had deteriorated beyond repair. The uneven pitch surface had become so acute that even jogging is almost impossible these days. Our students can neither play proper football nor run at ease on the pitch during PE sessions. Sport development in our School has been hampered by this poor condition.

In recent years, the funding from the Wah Yan One Family Foundation has enabled our School to hire professional coaches to provide professional training programmes for our sports teams. As a result, our school teams made visible progress by winning awards in different sports activities such as track and field, tennis, swimming, table tennis and football. We saw boys running around the campus and chasing after several balls on the "sandy" pitch again. Many alumni returned to teach and practise with our students on the tennis and basketball courts over weekends. The spirit of sportsmanship has returned on our campus. We felt we should do something to help further nurture these passion and spirit, as our young boys deserved a better environment to develop their characters, values and physique.

As a group of dedicated alumni and sports and football lovers, we had gathered invaluable input from our schoolmates and put together our ideas in a proposal to redevelop the overall sports facilities in WYK. In November 2012, we discussed this plan with the School, the Past Students' Association (WYKPSA), alumni and other

stakeholders. Gracefully, our plan had been shared with and preferred by the School Management Committee ("SMC") of WYK, the WYKPSA, Rev. Stephen Chow SJ and Rev. Alfred Deignan SJ, our current and former School Supervisors. A Committee for Sports Development Project for Wah Yan ("the Committee") was subsequently formed to implement the plan. Since the government would not appropriate any funding to support redevelopment project of such scale, we are now setting out to appeal to discerning alumni like you and your classmates to support this very worthwhile initiative. . .

Our vision is to redevelop the overall sports facilities in WYK. First and foremost, our wish is to redevelop the grass football pitch by 2014, so that we could send this as a birthday gift to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WYK. In the long run, we sincerely hope that the new pitch could be open to students and alumni of both Wah Yan in Hong Kong and Kowloon, benefitting all members of the Wah Yan community. . .

Our target is to raise HKD12 million before the end of 2013, a high order task that needs the ardent support from a lot of WYK alumni and friends of Wah Yan. We have gratefully secured a pledged donation of HK\$1.5 million to start with. Thus we are appealing to you and your classmates to consider making a gift to support this very worthwhile project. Please disseminate this appeal letter to your classmates and all Wahyanites you know of. We will contact you soon to present our idea in detail. Please call any of our Committee Members if you need further information. The new football pitch will serve as a common ground to encourage the collaborations between the two Wah Yans. Let's join hands to work together for the betterment of our alma mater, where the spirit of "Men for and with others" beckons. . .

With very best wishes,

Rev Stephen Chow SJ, Supervisor.	Rev Alfred Deignan SJ, Former Supervisor.	Charles Tse (WYK85), Head, Committee for Sports Development Project for Wah Yan T: 9090 1325.	Raymond Siu (WYK96), Chairman, WYKPSA, T: 2526 4373.
Committee Members:	Sonny Leung (WYK78) , T: 9035 4502, Wallace Wong (WYK97), T: 9865 5598.	Eric Lee (WYK82) , T: 9452 3260.	Ernest Lau (WYK85), T: 9190 4343.

Reply Slip

I/We would like to donate HK\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be a Patron to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan (HK\$1,000,000 or above).

I/We would like to donate HK\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be a Sponsor to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan (HK\$500,000-\$999,999).

I/We would like to donate HK\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be a Patron Class to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan (HK\$200,000-\$499,999).

I/We would like to donate HK\$\_\_\_\_\_ to be a Supporter to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan (HK\$100,000-\$199,999).

I/We would like to donate HK\$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the Sports Development Project for Wah Yan.

Remarks 備註

Patron, Sponsor, Patron Class and Supporter will be entitled to display of name and logo in related communications and other channels of acknowledgement.

Please issue an official receipt for the name below and send it to the address provided (for donation of HK\$100 or above only).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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All cheques should be made payable to "Wah Yan One Family Foundation Limited" and returned to Wah Yan One Family Foundation Limited, 17/F Centre Point, 181 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong on or before 31 December 2013.

Name	_____	School and Class	_____
Email	_____	Telephone	_____
Signature	_____	Date	_____



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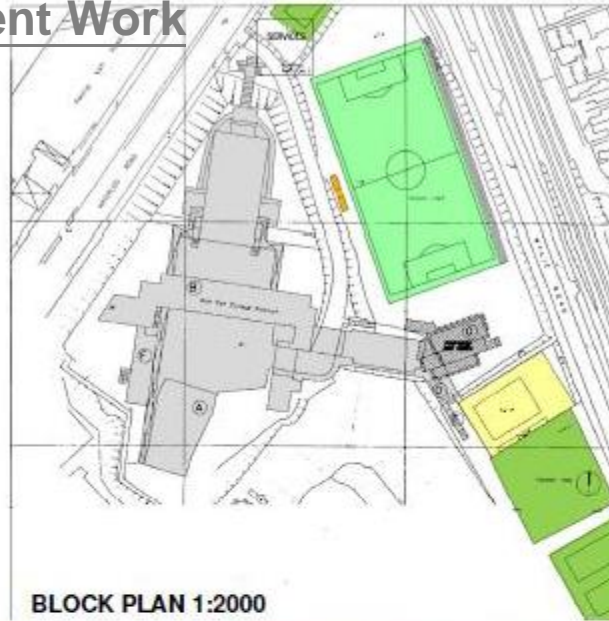
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# Proposed Improvement Work

## PHASE 1

-  PROPOSED NEW FOOTBALL FIELD
-  NEW SPORT PAVILION



BLOCK PLAN 1:2000



AERIAL VIEW



PROPOSED NEW FOOTBALL FIELD





# SPORT PAVILION (Reference Images)



PREVIOUS RELEVANT PROJECT



MULTIPLE STOREYS FOR BETTER VIEWING QUALITY



PROPOSED NEW FOOTBALL FIELD





Case Reference:  
The football field of La Salle College – (Old Model) Generation 4<sup>th</sup> Artificial Turf

# Project Data

- Estimated Cost – Turf system only
- Estimated Cost – Site Work
- (Excavation & sub-soil, underground drainage, asphalt sub-base, equipment & facilities etc.)
- Estimated Total Project Cost
- Maintenance Cost (covered by ground fees)

## New AstroTurf Football Field

- 4G Non-filled System for Soccer & Multi-Sport All Weather Use (newest model)
- 6,000sqm (about)
- \$7.2M (about)
- \$4.5M (about)
- \$0.3M (about) renovation of present changing room
  
- \$12M (about)
- Maintenance free for school normal use; Turf sweeping service by supplier ~\$25K@ 1 or 2 times per year (Optional)



# Timeline

2012

- Nov – Dec

2013

- Jan
- Feb – May
- March
  
- June – July

- Aug – Dec

2014

- Jan / Feb

## New Astroturf Football Field

- Committee Formed; Project Proposal
  
- Project Proposal accepted by School
- Fund Raising Campaign (in progress)
- Obtain Support by PSA & Wah Yan One Family
  
- Project Procurement
- Site Work
  
- Opening of New Football Field