

# WYKPSA CIRCULAR



*by Wah Yan College Kowloon Past Students' Association Limited*

## Message from the Chairman

Dear WYK Past Students,

It is my honor and pleasure to be elected as the Chairman of Wah Yan College Kowloon Past Students Association Limited ("WYKPSA") again after 15 years when I first became the Chairman. One may question why I want to be the Chairman again as I have been involved in WYKPSA's affairs anyway in the past 15 years. Thus, perhaps I can share my visions with you.

First, 2014-2015 will be Wah Yan College Kowloon ("WYK")'s 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary and similar to five years before, there will be a series of celebration events to be organized. WYKPSA will be the main sponsoring body to organize the Celebration Dinner in addition to the involvement at the Walkathon, Jesuit Educational Forum and Concert. For those who participated in the celebration events 5 years ago, you would know the workload and commitments required to make all events successful. As a result, I simply hope based upon my previous experience in joining the Steering Committee in 2008-2009, I would be able to contribute what I learned and applied. Furthermore, hope such experience and knowledge will be passed onwards to the younger generations so when we celebrate WYK's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, I can be a simple participant/audience!

Second, as one would agree, sustainability is one of the key factors for WYKPSA to grow. Therefore, I hope my deep involvement will make those who have been joining the Executive Committee ("Exco") but not active and those who have not joined the Exco be influenced to become more active in participating in WYKPSA's affairs. WYKPSA's membership is much bigger than the time when I was the Chairman first time and hence, we require more intelligent and capable resources to build WYKPSA better and stronger. We are all proud of our Alma Mater and so, we should do whatever we are required to carry on our tradition, i.e., brotherhood bonding from generations to generations.

Last but not least, in order to make WYK's unique small class teaching successful, I hereby pledge you all to do your part in soliciting donations from our peer groups, i.e., families, friends and classmates, to support our Anniversaries Celebration events. Our current students and teaching staff require suitable and reasonable facilities and assistance to continue the small class teaching characteristics. I deeply trust that our current students will benefit from such teaching approach and methodology and will perform well and excel academically and intelligently.

Looking forward to working with you closely this year and your unreserved support and help are much demanded and appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Sam Yu  
Chairman 1998-1999 and 2014-2015

## WYKPSA Executive Committee 2014-2015

Honorary President: Chung Wai Leung, Warren 1979  
Immediate Past President: Chung Yuet Kan, Cecil 1983  
President: Ho Siu Tong, Tom 1981  
Vice-President: Siu Chun Pong, Raymond 1996  
Chairman: Yu Chun Sing, Sam 1983  
Vice Chairman: Chow Yiu Ming, Raymond 1988  
Vice Chairman: Fong Wing Hong, Monty 1983  
Vice Chairman: Cheung Yin Cheong, Stanley 1997  
Hon. Secretary: Li Yin Pok, Chris 2007  
Hon. Treasurer: Chow Kwong Chuen, Kent 2008



The first executive committee meeting of year 2014-2015 was held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at Lingnan Club, Central.

The meeting was attended by more than 30 exco members and was followed by dinner.

### Members:

Chan Hing Yau, Philip 1975 Lau Wai Hung 1975 Cheung Kin Kwong 1981 Chui Man Lung, Everett 1981 Lam Ching Wan 1984 Ho Yiu Cheung, Gareth 1984 Cho Chun Lung, Jack 1985 Chan Chi Ming, Alvin 1986 Chan Tze Tung, Anthony 1989 Wong Kam Ming, Clement 1989 Wong Ho Lung, Billy 1992 Hui Cheuk Kit, Frederick 1996 Ng Fei Yeung, Miro 1996 Leung Mang Hong, Calvin 1997 Lai Chun Yue, Eric 1997 Leung Kui Kei, Bennett 1997 Law Wai Kei, Ernest 1997 Chan Shing Kin, Ken 1997 Cheung Yiu Cheung, Stanley 1997 Chan Yuk Lung, Bryan 2000 Tong Pak Kin, Simon 2001 Keung Man Yin, Anthony 2001 Wong Shun Kin 2001 Chan Pak Woon, Victor 2003 Chow Yau Sing, Laurence 2003 Poon Cheuk Bun, Benny 2004 Chan Chi Kan, Paul 2007 Chiu Yu Kiu, Gabriel 2008 Leung Ho Wai, John 2008 Ho Kwong Hei, Kenneth 2009 Seto King Fung, Jericho 2010 Fung Kwun Yan, alex 2012 Ho Kwong Chun, Victor 2013

## Football Interest Group

The Group is convened by three PSA Exco members, including Tom Ho, Stanley Cheung and John Leung. Since inception in early March 2014, a total of 51 old boys have registered as our Group numbers. The coverage is so extensive that the Group consists of old boys graduated between 1972 and 2013. Four friendly matches have been arranged as of end May 2014, with increasing number of active participants.



## Coming function

Date : 24/6 (Tue)

Time : 21:30-23:00

(followed by World Cup 意大利 vs 烏拉圭 at 24:00)

Venue : Happy Valley Pitch No. 6, 11-a-side 衷真草

Jersey : White

Vs : HKICPA Football Representative Team

Fee : \$50@ (Free for Students)

**Cheering team also welcome !**



## Old Boys' Choir

Formally established as an interest group in 2008 in the wake of the first Homecoming Concert organised by the Past Students' Association, the Old Boys' Choir (OBC) reunites choral lovers of Wah Yan across many generations. There are more than 80 members registered, ranging from the classes of 1970s to 2010s. Fun is shared and brotherhood is bolstered through a series of on- and offstage activities every year.



A number of ceremonial events with the OBC's performance will come up this year, in particular for the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WYK and a planned Christmas concert with a host school. The OBC welcomes any brothers of WYK who like to sing songs aloud and to enjoy moments of togetherness.

For more details of the choir, please access <http://josephng.hk/WYKChoir/> or contact Albert Tsui (1988, [albert.tsui@rogers.com](mailto:albert.tsui@rogers.com)) / Javier Yip (2001, email: [javieryip@gmail.com](mailto:javieryip@gmail.com)).

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## Special Article

# How I Learned English in Wah Yan College Kowloon

Yu Fong-ying (class of 1961)

---- *anecdotes from a diminishing memory trove*

### 1. Preamble

Tens of thousands of students have learned the subject English and graduated from Wah Yan College Kowloon in its 85 and counting years of existence. What is the merit of one student writing about his individual, and more likely than not, idiosyncratic, experience in learning English over 50 years ago? The learners, the teachers, the teaching methods – they are all different today, and will be different tomorrow. What useful purposes would such an account serve other than indulgence towards the nostalgic reminiscences of a senior and maybe his peers?

In reply, I would say first that recounting my learning experience more than half a century ago, from 1955 to 1963 to be exact, would add a little to the informal folk history of Wah Yan College Kowloon and of education during that time in Hong Kong. There is a stronger, personal reason. Under the influence of Mr. Patrick O'Flanagan, my English Literature teacher in Lower and Upper 6 Arts, I studied English in the University of Hong Kong and took up teaching English as a career from 1966 on. Been at it for 46 years and counting, though after about 30 years of

class teaching and one immigration, I turned to tutoring students one on one. (In this way, I cannot hope to emulate the record of Mr. Francis Kong who taught English classes in WYK for some 45 years, 35 as a teacher, 1960-1995, then as a volunteer teacher after his retirement. He passed away in 2005.) I want to see the learning of English from the perspective, if not vantage point, of some knowledge of teaching it. I want to connect the past with the present, or make sense of the past in the light of the present, thereby gaining a deeper understanding of my experiences.

I hope to be as close to what happened, or my memories of what happened, as the reminiscences of an elderly man can allow, and to separate re-construction from construction as far as possible.

Editor's note:

*This is only the first page to whet your appetite, for those who are interested in reading the full article, please follow this link -*

<http://www.wykontario.org/index.php/featured-articles/851-how-i-learned-english-in-wah-yan-college-kowloon-yu-fong-ying>

## [喜樂人生] 同學會

### The First Sharing session

Date : 5 - July - 2014 (Sat)

Place : Room 126, Wah Yan College, Kowloon

Time : 3: 15 pm

Fee : \$20 per person

Content:

\* 韓劇景點留影 - Patrick Yung    \* 香港地道遊踪 - Jacky Lee    \* 氣功與我 - Billy Leung

(With snacks and drinks)

Registration / Contact : Billy Leung at [leungbilly5@gmail.com](mailto:leungbilly5@gmail.com) / 9389-0294

## Alumni News

Choi Kwan Yeung, Brian, who completed Form 1-3 at WYK between 2006 -2009, is recently organizing a fund-raising recital to support his living expenses at the reputed New England Conservatory, Massachusetts - the oldest independent music school in the United States. He comes from a moderate family whose parents are so dedicated to their child's musical development. Brian left WYK for the HK Academy for Performing Arts after his completion of junior secondary. After three years of study there, he has been admitted to the NEC and studied violin performance with Paul Biss. His outstanding academic and musical performance enable him to receive full scholarships of tuition fees for the coming year of study at NEC. However, he needs to fund-raise for the monthly living expenses of US 1700 as well as air passage.

If you are interested to attend the concert and support Brian, please email him at [cky\\_brian@yahoo.com.hk](mailto:cky_brian@yahoo.com.hk).

Date of concert: 3pm-4pm, North Point Methodist Church (北角衛理堂) , Sunday, 6th July 2014

Programme: Works by Kreisler, Wieniawski and Paganini

## Condolences

**Mr. Poon Siu Kow (潘紹裘 class of 1975) passed away on 14 May 2014 because of carcinoma of pancreas. His funeral took place on 14 June 2014.**

**The wife of Joseph Ho (何志健) (class of 1989), Rosa Tang, passed away on 29 May 2014. The funeral was held on 15 June 2014. A memorial mass will be held at the St. Ignatius Chapel of the school on 29 June Sunday starting at 1 pm.**