

St. Paul's College Alumni Association 2007-08

After the hectic work in celebrating the 155th Anniversary of our Alma Mater, the Alumni Association has made new attempts and progressed well on all fronts, and our relationship with our Alma Mater has risen to a new, unprecedented level.

Normal Social Activities

We have been maintaining normal monthly activities including happy hour gatherings at the Fringe Club in Central on the second Tuesday of every month and dinner meetings were held once a quarter at the last Thursday of the month. The response is very good and all these events attracted many alumni, teachers and even current students to join. We are most grateful to Dr. John Kennard, Mr. Cheong Chee-lup, Mr. Ching Cheong (1968) and Mr. Chang Ka-mun (1978) who kindly joined our dinners as guest speakers.

We also participated in the annual Principal's Cup Basketball match in December 2007. We beat the school team this year.

Breaking New Grounds

1. The Watermelon Cup

The first ever Watermelon Cup Plastic Football Tournament was successfully held in May 2007. An unprecedented 200 alumni, teachers and family members came back to school to enjoy the fun and excitement of plastic football. After 15 matches, the class of 1998 won the champion while the class of 1978 became the first runner up. In view of the huge success, the second Watermelon Cup was held in May 2008. The response was even better - 19 classes ranged from 1970s to 21st Century 'young old boys' enrolled and we had to organize, like World Cup, preliminary rounds to satisfy the huge demand. After two days of keen but friendly competition, the class of 1991 won and the class of 1992 went 1st runner-up. Many thanks to Committee member Chan Man-chun (1981), Vice-Chairman Anthony Chiu (1971), Honorary Secretary Francis Hon (1992), Committee member Ranson Lai (1986), Simon Lee, Vice-principal CH Mak, Mr. HP Chow, Mr. WL Tang, the school Football

Club and the Junior Red Cross who helped to make this event such an overwhelming success.

2. The AGM and the Poolside Party

In December 2007, we organized our AGM at the new South Wing of SPC. With the special permission of the principal, we enjoyed the new facilities there and organized the first ever poolside party in the school. Over 150 alumni and their families enjoyed this happy gathering where there are good food, good wine and plenty of open space for playing around, such as night football and night basketball!!

3. Special Reception for Senior Alumni

Through exceptional efforts, we have 'reconnected' 8 pre-war graduates (all in their 80s or 90s!!) to come back to SPC on 1 December 2007 to pay a visit to the new buildings and have a 'yum cha' gathering in the new Common Room of the school. Dr. Kennard, Archbishop Peter KK Kwong and core alumni members were also present. In view of the success, we plan to do an even bigger event with the school for senior alumni again in December 2008.

4. The Spring Dinner

This is another event which the level of success is far better than what we could think of. With the assistance of our former chairman Dr. Ian Chan (1967), we organized a Spring Dinner in February 2008. The response was so good that over 200 teachers and alumni turned up, jammed the entire hall of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce and we had to turn away late comers. Thanks also to Alan Chiu (1996), Norman Hau (1996), Hugo Ngaw (1993), Sarah Kwok (1997), Simon Lee (1998) and all those who have donated lucky draw gifts that night.

The Mentorship Scheme

This is the fourth year of our mentorship scheme. Many groups had been formed for alumni to meet F.6 boys and share their life experience with them. The inauguration was held in November 2007 with Mr. Dane Cheng (1981), General Manager Corporate Communications of Cathay

Pacific, as our guest of honour. The annual mentorship high table dinner was held on 26 April 2008 at Cosmopolitan Hotel, Happy Valley. The guest of honour that night was Sean Lin from the class of 1989, who is currently Chairman of HKUST Alumni Association and winner of Ten Most Outstanding Young Persons 2006. I am most grateful to Committee member Alan Chiu (1996) and his team who organised this annual programme so smoothly.

The New Alumni Room and New Communication Channels

Following the completion of the new South Wing in SPC, we are finally able to secure a permanent home for the alumni association on the 8/F of this new building. The formal opening ceremony was held on 2 December 2007. Now the alumni have a place to do our work and we have employed a part-time assistant, Ms. Priscilla Fan, to handle daily affairs of the association. In addition, with the help of Simon Lee, we have set up a group in Facebook so that alumni news and announcements could be distributed promptly.

If you wish to know more about the alumni association or wish to update your contact, please feel free to visit our webpage www.alumni.org.hk, our Facebook group or send a fax to 2546 2248. We shall endeavour to keep you posted on all latest development of our beloved Alma Mater.

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