

TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College
Outstanding Student Attainment Ceremony
Welcoming Speech by Mr. Sze Wing Hang, School Supervisor
1st Vice-chairman 2013/14 TWGHs. Board of Directors

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Dear Honourable Guests, Principal Tang, Parents, Teachers and Fellow Students,

It is my great honor to extend my sincerest gratitude to welcome you all to the Outstanding Student Attainment Ceremony on behalf of our teachers and students and I would like to share the happiness of the award winners of S. C. Gaw with all of you in this memorable occasion.

In a blink of an eye, I have served as School Supervisor of S. C. Gaw for nearly five years, having witnessed a breakthrough in the school development to success from raising the students' English proficiency to gaining numerous awards and prizes in different competitions. All these have disclosed an undeniable fact that our principal has attached the greatest importance to all-round education policy with the aim to enhance the standard of our students in all perspectives. Simultaneously, with the efforts and sacrifices of our teachers, our students have made progress marvelously and brilliantly.

For Tung Wah schools, emphases are placed on raising students' language proficiency and S. C. Gaw has followed this policy closely and aspires to become a quality EMI school in the near future. To achieve our goals, an authentic English learning environment is created for our students. For example, we have incorporated Life-wide English into our curriculum together with After-school English Movie Show for each form. We have also encouraged our students to participate in different English activities to achieve excellent results. Last year, our students won prizes in the '4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition in 2013' and 'Battle of the Books'. One of our students was shortlisted in the 'Hong Kong Young Writers Award 2013' and was awarded a Certificate of Merit. This has justified one important bicultural saying --- "Hard work really pays", and our teachers and students are all dedicated to the betterment of the students in language proficiency.

Apart from English activities, our students also won various awards in a broad range of international and territory-wide academic competitions, such as the University Literature Competition, China Secondary School Essay Contest, Hong Kong Schools Music and Speech Festival, Hong Kong Problem-solving Olympiad, Hong Kong and Macau Mathematics Olympiad Open Contest, Australian National Chemistry Quiz, Secondary School Junior Science Competition and so on.

As for the artistic realm, our students have also made considerable and marked improvements in Music and Visual Arts. One of the obvious examples is our renowned Marching Band attaining the Gold Medal in the Hong Kong Marching Band Open Contest for two consecutive years together with countless awards in the School Music Festival. What is more, our students have unleashed their potentials in different aspects and their talents can be clearly observed in the fields like Visual Arts and Photography.

In sports, our students have made significant improvements in various competitions. For example, our Girls' Volleyball Team entered the Semi-final in the HKSSF All Hong Kong Schools Volleyball Jing Ying Tournaments and outperformed other strong teams. Another good news is that one of our volleyball team members was chosen as a member of the "Star" Team. Meanwhile, our elite swimmers representing the Hong Kong's Junior Team and our school have won a series of prizes and awards in different international swimming competitions. For instance, our student KWOK Ka Fai is awarded the Merit in the Category of Sports person in the Student of the Year organised by South China Morning Post.

In dance sports, our Latin Dance Team, Chinese Dance Team and Modern Dance Team also keep winning prizes in competitions and have brought glory and pride to our school. Our Latin Dance Team even represented Hong Kong to compete with different international teams in England, Italy and Malaysia. Their outstanding performance has attracted the media coverage since our experienced dancers have been awarded two first-ever Champions of Hong Kong in Team Standard and Team Latin Formation Dance Competitions in International Open Dance championships.

From the highlights mentioned above, our students have proven themselves to be potential, creative and energetic teenagers who have participated in a wide range of territory-wide and international competitions and have raised the reputation of Hong Kong. Undoubtedly, their achievements are definitely conducive to the positive development of Hong Kong and S.C. Gaw. Their remarkable attainments in the international competitions have recognized the students' efforts and teachers' commitments. In fact, we do not focus on the number of awards obtained by the students only. By taking part in the course of competitions, all the students are expected to broaden their horizons and learn outside school campus which helps cultivate students' personal development. For example, our student LEE Cheong Wai is selected as the ambassador of UNICEF and he will represent Hong Kong to visit Laos. As I have said before, in this era of information explosion, not only do the students need to have a good academic performance, but they are also required to have grasped a number of generic skills for their career path. Therefore, we equip our students with different skills through extra-curricular activities, arts appreciation, physique training and community services. Our school, under the support of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals, will continue to allocate

plenty of resources to strengthen our students' abilities in various activities and competitions. It is hoped that our students will be more resourceful, knowledgeable and responsive to challenges in the future.

It is so sad to have noticed that I will have to leave the post as School Supervisor for T.W.G.Hs. S. C. Gaw Memorial College in the near future and am loath to part with everybody in this school. However, I solemnly announce that I am proud of the growth and excellence of our students on the whole. The achievements of the students have definitely and deeply impressed me. I will keep all the good memories about S.C. Gaw such as all the surprises prepared by our students, and the principal's and teachers' selfless devotion. I will stay in touch with all of you and continue to support every S.C. Gawer in future.

Students, you should be grateful to have such a good and comfortable learning environment because not everybody has this hard-earned opportunity. It is still a long way to explore in your lifetime. You may encounter ups and downs in your life, full of roses and thorns. My advice is that you should accept life in a positive manner even if you are confronted with hard times and difficulties. As long as you can find your own Northern Star with the help of your life compass, you will be guided by it in your search for success. I would like to end my speech by a quote from Barack Obama, the 44th U.S. President, 'If you're walking down the right path and you're willing to keep walking, eventually you'll make progress'. As the Chinese saying goes, 'A sword will not be sharp unless it has been honed and tempered; a plum blossom will not smell sweet unless it has endured the chilling winter'. Students, please bear in mind that the principal, teachers and parents have high expectations on your performance. Thus, you should strive for excellence in your studies and feel proud of being one of the members of S.C. Gaw.

Finally, I wish all the guests, the principal, parents and teachers every success in your work and the very best of health. Also, may all of our students excel at your studies. I am sure S. C. Gaw will be even better and continue to nurture hundreds of thousands of outstanding students in future. Thank you.

東華三院吳祥川紀念中學

傑出學生成就頒獎典禮

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各位嘉賓、校長、各位家長、各位老師、各位同學：

首先多謝各位嘉賓撥冗出席本校一年一度傑出學生成就頒獎典禮，我謹代表全體師生向各位致以衷心的謝意。

彈指之間，我擔任吳祥川中學校監一職已達五年，見證着學校這五年來走過不平凡的路，又看到大家所創造的輝煌成績。從英語水平的提升，到各類比賽的累累碩果，無一不閃現著校長對教育的高度重視，學校的正確決策，當中亦無一不浸透著老師們辛勤的汗水。

東華屬校一貫重視提高學生的語文能力，吳祥川中學未來更以發展成為一所優質英文中學為願景。因此學校努力營造促進學習的環境，提升同學的英語水平。例如設有嶄新的校本全方位英語課程(Life-wide English)、課後觀看英語電影等，又鼓勵同學參加不同的英語活動，並取得佳績，如去年參加4·23世界閱讀日創作比賽、香港青年作家獎、書戰大賽(Battle of the Books)都證明學校、老師及同學努力的成果。

除英語外，同學在其他學術方面也獲獎無數，如大學文學獎、中國中學生作文大賽、英文寫作、朗誦節、香港「解難奧林匹克」、港澳數學奧林匹克公開賽、澳洲化學測試、初中科學比賽等。

在藝術方面，本校同學在音樂、視覺藝術這兩個範疇中都有長足發展，去年及今年本校的步操樂團連續兩年奪得公開賽金獎，在音樂節中取得多個獎項；在繪畫比賽、攝影比賽均獲不少獎項。

在體育方面，同學在不同類別的比賽中均有顯著的進步，就如本校的女子排球隊本年進入了全港學界排球精英賽的最後四強，其中有隊員更獲選為明星隊的成員；同時，本校除了有香港游泳代表隊成員外，各隊員在游泳比賽獲獎無數，還包括一些國際獎項，郭家輝同學更剛剛獲得本年度南華早報最佳運動員優異獎。

在舞蹈方面，無論是拉丁舞、中國舞、當代舞亦屢獲殊榮，其中拉丁舞隊更有機會遠赴英國、意大利及馬來西亞參加大型國際公開大賽，獲取國際比賽的經驗及獎項，揚威海外，為香港首奪國際團體隊際賽標準及拉丁舞雙項冠軍。

從以上簡略的回顧，大家都看到我們吳祥川的學生是潛能無限、創意無限、活力無限。同學參加比賽的類型多不勝數，由區際賽、全港賽、港澳賽、全國賽，最後更衝出香港，參加國際賽事，為港爭光。同學獲獎當然是對大家努力的肯定，對老師付出的回報，但更重要的是讓同學有機會擴闊眼界、學習書本以外的知識，對個人成長方面有很大的幫助，當中李暢淮同學更獲聯合國兒童基金會選為聯合國青少年大使。記得我曾經在此說過，二十一世紀、知識爆炸的年代，學生不只要讀好書，還要有各式各樣的共通能力，所以學校除了課堂教學外，還通過課外活動、藝術欣賞、體育鍛鍊、服務學習等機會，讓同學培養多種不同能力，還有人際技巧、專題探究、與職業相關的知識等等，以提高個人的識見、擴闊視野。因此東華三院及學校會繼續投放大量資源、人力物力，支持同學參加不同的活動、比賽，以培養大家各方面的能力，為未來裝備好自己。

五年過去，雖然本人即將卸任校監一職，看到各位同學的成長，心中著實非常欣慰，另一方面又因要離任而感到不捨。不過，我會記着大家每次給我帶來的驚喜，記着大家為目標奮進的堅毅精神，記着校長老師無私的奉獻。我的離任不代表我們的關係就此終結，我會繼續在背後支持大家、看守大家。

各位同學，你們要謹記能在這樣舒適、有活力的環境中學習的機會是來之不易的，因此應該懂得珍惜與感恩。大家未來的路還很長，路上有鮮花，也有荊棘，一時的成功並不能代表永遠的成功，一時的失敗也不能代表永遠的失敗。只要抓緊自己心中的北斗星，向目標進發，一定有成功的一天。美國現任總統奧巴馬先生說過「如果你走在正確的道路上，而且你願意繼續走下去，你終會進步。」所謂「寶劍鋒從磨礪出，梅花香自苦寒來」，讓我們牢記校長、老師和父母的深切期望，在未來的學習生活中，更加發奮圖強，共同為我們的學校美好的明天而努力奮鬥。

最後，我衷心祝願各位嘉賓、校長、各位家長、各位老師工作順利，身體健康，祝全體同學學業進步。我相信吳祥川紀念中學明天一定更輝煌，桃李滿天下。