

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 Sportsperson 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.