

Opening Remarks by Mr Ivan Sze, School Supervisor  
at the 28th Graduation Ceremony of TWGHs S.C. Gaw Memorial College  
Friday, 24th May 2013

Mr. Irons Sze, Mrs. Rossana Gaw, School Managers, Principal Tang, Honourable Guests, Parents, Teachers and Students,

On behalf of the School, I would like to extend my sincerest gratitude to Mr. Irons Sze, the President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong, for officiating at the 28th Graduation Ceremony, the graduation of our second cohort of New Senior Secondary S6 students, and for addressing at the gathering.

Mr. Sze has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong for ten years. As a board member of the Association, he has been serving our community actively. Under his guidance and direction, the CMA Exhibition Services Ltd has turned the "Brands & Products Expo" into a stunning success, with the number of visitors hitting new records each year. The CMA Exhibition Services Ltd has extended this success across the border and has organized the Expo in major cities of the Mainland to help local businesses tap into China's huge domestic market. Mr. Sze is not only a seasoned industrialist, retailer, and entrepreneur but also an active participant in social services. He is truly a great role model for our graduates. I must thank Mr. Sze again for taking time out of his busy schedule to grace our Graduation Ceremony with his presence.

I warmly congratulate today's graduates. All of you here are our second batch of NSS students who have recently completed the NSS curriculum and have just sat for the HKDSE. As the HKDSE is still at its early years, it is still subject to on-going modifications. It is therefore understandable that you are facing substantial pressure from your current studies and future academic pursuits. Over the past few years you have been busy preparing for the public examination and planning your further studies. With the completion of the HKDSE, you can now focus on planning your academic or career path. You are going to embark on a new journey with endless possibilities ahead. May the Tung Wah Motto – "Diligence, Frugality, Loyalty & Faithfulness" – continue to guide and inspire you in your incessant quest for knowledge and excellence, and your striving for the betterment of our society.

Just as the Secondary Six graduates are now beginning a new chapter of their lives, so is our school. We have entered upon new phases in our school development in different areas. To meet the needs brought by the social changes of the 21st Century, instead of "spoon-fed" education, our students need to be more active in their pursuit of knowledge as they navigate their way through our increasingly digital and fast-paced 'global' society. Therefore, we have been creating opportunities for our students to learn outside school campus, beyond the border, and even across the world. I now challenge all our students to capitalise on this hard-earned opportunity by giving it your best effort. To establish a solid foundation and better equip yourself for the future, you must strive for the best in both your academic studies and extra-curricular activities. You must have faith in yourself; as the saying goes, "where there is a will, there is a way." To assist you in achieving your goals, we have been securing resources to promote a reading culture and to create an authentic English learning environment. To keep abreast of the latest developments in E-reading, we purchased tablet PCs to raise our students' interest and participation in reading, which resulted in our winning "The Most Enthusiastic School Award" in the 'Ten Good Readers Programme' organized by Hong Kong Education City. We were then invited to join the activity of reading Shakespearean works, organized by "English Alliance 2012/2013 – Create Our Own Reading Records". In English activities, two of our students won prizes in the "4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition in 2013". One of our S3 students was shortlisted in the "Hong Kong Young Writers Award 2013" and was awarded a Certificate of Merit. This proves that hard work really pays. In Mathematics and Science, we won a total of eleven prizes in the "Hong Kong and Macau Mathematics Olympiad Open Contest", "Hua Xia Cup Mathematics Olympiad Contest 2013" and "Hong Kong Young Mathematics High Achievers Selection Contest". We also got the Bronze Award in the final of the "Twelfth Pui Ching Invitational Mathematics Competition". We achieved another nineteen awards in the "Secondary School Junior Science Competition (English Section)" organized by the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. In extra-curricular activities, our students fared even better and won numerous awards in various fields in a broad range of international, territory-wide competitions and community services. In terms of quality and quantity, our students have proven themselves to be potential teenagers. So, my advice to you is to just keep forging ahead and you will find that your world will be more vibrant and school life will be more fulfilling.

S. C. Gaw Memorial College is the thirteenth secondary school of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals. Ever since its foundation, we adhere to the school mission of the School Sponsoring Body in the quest for quality education. We uphold Tung Wah's belief in an all-round education and strive to nurture young talents. This year we have one hundred and forty-seven S6 graduates. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Principal Tang and all the teachers for their hard work. May I wish all our S6 graduates every success in their further pursuits.

Finally, I would like to thank all the guests for your presence today. May I also wish all our S6 graduates a bright and prosperous future. I hope you will continue to support the school --- you always come back and join the alumni activities. Thank you.