

TWGHs S.C. Gaw Memorial College

**Opening Remarks by Mr SZE Wing Hang, Ivan,
Chairman, 2014/15 Tung Wah Board of Directors
at the 29th Graduation Ceremony cum 30th Anniversary V-Show**

Friday, 23rd May 2014

Today is the debut of our extravaganza “Value Education Show” which aims to demonstrate to every one of us here our students’ dedication and persistence through their superb performance on stage. As the Chinese saying goes, “Every minute of performance on stage requires ten years of practice off stage.” When we see them performing on stage, please appreciate their devotion to the show and diligence in their practice. Whatever artistic opinion we may have about the show, I sincerely hope that we will applaud the effort of our students.

This show is treated as a way to perpetuate the theme of “Value Education and Tung Wah Spirit” in the TW Teacher Seminar last year, which explored how to incorporate value education into the Moral Education Curriculum. Our V-Show takes a step forward and aims to disseminate humanistic values, positive life messages and correct value systems to students and parents with the hope to build up a moral society filled with justice, trust, care and respect.

Moral education means the cultivation of one’s moral characters, which is the most essential part of the Five Domains of All-round Education. It is of paramount importance that we can nurture ourselves in society with good moral characters. We can win the respect and support of others only if we are upright and good-natured.

Intellectual education should not be limited to the grasp of basic discipline knowledge. It is crucial for students to acquire the ability of solving problems through critical thinking, rational analysis and inquisitive exploration. It will be of great help to students’ future pursuits if they can keep themselves abreast of times and broaden their horizons by learning more about the mainland and the wider world.

Physical education should be the combination of the mind and the body, as the saying goes: a sound mind lives in a sound body, made by a famous Greek philosopher. It should also include the essence of sportsmanship, namely cooperation, discipline and perseverance. Naturally, there are ups and downs in our life, and we can be less vulnerable to adversities if we can remain modest in victory and unbending in defeat, learn from our failure, and improve ourselves in adversity.

Social education, in essence, enables students to learn to build up genuine friendships with schoolmates of the same mind and interests. It also teaches students how to treat others with care and respect.

Aesthetics education has been making great strides during the past few years in S.C. Gaw. We have achieved excellent results in Visual Arts, Music, Drama and Dancing. Students have been given more chances to realize their potentials. When they are studying arts, they learn how to discern beauty, how to admire themselves, how to value the others and how to respect the world. Through these avenues they do build up positive life values.

My fellow students and graduates, please treasure what your school and your teachers have sown and harvested in your all-round development and healthy growth. I hope you will be able to discipline yourself, be ready to shoulder responsibilities and be enthusiastic in upholding moral values. I desire that you will lead a vibrant and rich life, and contribute the best of your ability to our society.

Finally I would like to thank all the guests again for your presence. I wish you all good health and happiness and S.C. Gaw every success in the years to come.

Thank you.