

TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College
2014/15 School Re-opening Ceremony
Address by Ms Agnes Tang, School Principal
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Words from the Principal

The year 2014 marks the thirtieth anniversary of TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College and I would like to take this opportune time to thank all of you, my fellow students and teachers, for your contributions to scaffold the solid foundation of the school for the challenges in the future. The school has striven very hard to provide an educational venue which values and promotes academic excellence, encourages students to develop their talents and potential to the fullest.

Given that our school has been dedicated to the provision of resources for academic and non-academic excellence, our students are able to transcend, improve, and enhance themselves to be more independent, visionary and determined. In non-academic areas, it is my pride to announce that our Latin Dance team members have proven themselves to be more professional, confident and capable in different kinds of international competitions. In addition to their stunning and extraordinary successes in Italy, Britain and Malaysia, they have attained the remarkable and marvelous result sustainably in “2014 IDA Korea Open & 14th Seoulcup International Superstar Dancesport Championships” which includes 33 Champions, 26 Second & 26 Second Prizes, 19 Third Prizes, 10 Fourth Prizes, 4 Fifth Prizes and 6 Sixth Prizes. Our acclaimed Latin dancers deserve to have received more encouragement, praise and applause, and their hard work should be highly commended. What is more, our Chinese Dance Team got Gold Award in the 9th China Youth Arts Festival co-organized by the China Artist Association and the HKSAR Secretariat during the Summer Vacation in Beijing. Their capabilities and talents have been fully consolidated since they have outperformed other young dancers in various provinces, autonomous regions, municipalities and Macau. As for sports achievements, our student Liu Hoi Yan, Ivy, took part in Tainan Cup 2014 Rhythmic Gymnastics Invitational Tournament and she has been given awards including Team – the 4th place, Hoop – the 7th place, Ball, Clubs, Ribbon and Individual all round – the 8th place respectively.

Although Summer Vacation is the period for the students to take a short break for more challenges in the future, most of our students are autonomous learners who choose to surpass themselves continuously. For instance, our student Lee Cheong Wai has taken every golden chance to raise his leadership skills by taking part in “We Love China --- Train Mission 2014” organized by the Hong Kong Youth Exchange Limited and he has taken every opportunity to interact with more than three hundred youngsters from Mainland China, Taiwan, Macau and Hong Kong for cultural exchanges. What is more, he was even invited to visit Mr Hu Chun Hua, Secretary of the Guangdong CPC Committee and he has been exposed to a deeper understanding of the development of China. These valuable experiences can help him develop a strong sense of independence, determination and maturity.

Our teachers are working so hard to equip our students with knowledge and skills to encounter more challenges in the ever-changing and increasingly competitive world. It is my vision and mission, my responsibility and conscience to take every step to extend the boundaries of learning within and beyond the classrooms, and to help our schoolmates gain more life experience, and broaden their minds in and outside Hong Kong. E-learning has been the indispensable part of the learning of students. Apart from the installation of e-whiteboards in every classroom and laboratory to upgrade and enhance interactive learning and teaching, with the financial support of the government, we have successfully set up the whole school Wifi solution so that all teachers and students can benefit from learning in every corner of the school campus. By establishing close connections with different organizations, we have been supplied with more and more i-pads for enhancing teaching effectiveness. Learning is not limited to classrooms only and mobile learning is the answer to promote independent and autonomous learning. More than that, we have been putting more emphases on the importance of Service Learning as it is the platform to stimulate the students to develop a sense of care and concern, and mutual understanding, which have been the important values and attitudes shared by useful citizens nowadays. As our school aims at nurturing each of the students to be more caring for the needy, we have decided to encourage our students to do more volunteering work for the disadvantaged and the aged starting from this academic year.

We believe in bringing out the best in every student, which is the impetus to motivate our teachers to get involved in a variety of projects, to name a few, such as the Young Achievers' Gallery, the Nature Education Trail, Green Kitchen, Mosaic Painting for promoting Arts Education, Little District Counsellors, HSBC and Trading Fair, Visual Arts Showcasing Room and the establishment of Lecture Theatre and the multipurpose room with the aim to offer our students more ample opportunities to grow and excel as competent adolescents. It is hoped that the year 2014 is not only the symbol of the thirtieth anniversary of TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College, but it is also another starting line for the teachers and students to utilize and develop their potentials and talents under the supportive all-round and life-wide environment.

At last, it is my belief that the 30th Anniversary Celebration is to verify and substantiate the close connection and collaboration among students, teachers, parents, IMC managers and School supervisors and it is also the year to let you know how much we have achieved and earned in our harvest time. Thank you very much.

2014 年 --- 新學年祝願

我們懷著興奮的心情，站在新學年的門檻，
回到東華三院吳祥川紀念中學的美麗校園。

在此，我們可以呼吸新鮮的空氣，
聞到鳥語花香，遠眺村屋山林，白雲藍天。

常存感激心及新鮮感，讓每天成為新的一天，
邁向新的開始，展示新的希望與機會。

面對浩瀚知識汪洋，我們要懂得掌握航道，找到方向，穩步向前。
增廣見識之餘，我們要明白所知，牢記所學，發揮所能，貢獻所長。

處世待人，擇善求真，溫柔謙遜；
追求真理，努力不懈；明辨是非，慎言敏行。

讓同學能愛惜師生的相交，建立同儕情誼，
尊重包容，互相學習，彼此砥礪。

在新的一年希望同學要忘記背後，努力面前，
向著東華「勤儉忠信」的標桿直跑，願共勉之！