

TWGHs S. C. Gaw Memorial College

School Report by Ms TANG Wai Chun, Agnes, the Principal at the 29th Graduation Ceremony cum 30th Anniversary V-Show

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It is indeed our great honor today to have invited our new TW Chairman, Mr Ivan Sze, our new School Supervisor, Mr Sunny Tan, and our officiating guest, Father Deignan to officiate at our 29th Graduation Ceremony. Your presence has extended great encouragement to our graduates and students since you spare your valuable time to share their happiness and cherishing moment. This graduation ceremony will be one of the most memorable episodes of each of the graduates in their lifetime.

Graduation has marked the end of secondary schooling life, but it has also paved the way for the graduates to step on the starting line of another career path. To be frank, I do not know how tough your life will be, how challenging your adversities will be, and how astonishing our world will change to be. However, I can assure that what I can help is enhance your competitive edge by enriching the bilingual and trilliterate whole-school language environment, catering for diverse abilities and promoting multi-intelligences in our formal and informal curriculum. This holistic and all-round education is believed to be the impetus to stimulate our graduates to be competent, flexible and versatile and our graduates will be the generation who will not be bound to limitations. S. C. Gawers are able to look for opportunities to widen their horizons and develop their potentials to the fullest. My fellow students and graduates, do not give up because of the short-term failures. You ought to know that you have to upgrade yourselves sustainably with your inner drive. Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to share with you lines, ‘*A Soldier’s Prayer*’ written by General Douglas MacArthur.

***Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak,
and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and
unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.***

***Build me a son** whose wishbone will not be where his backbone should be
a son who will know Thee... Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort,
but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to
stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail.*

***Build me a son** whose heart will be clean, whose goal will be high;
a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men;
one who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep;
one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.*

*And after all these things are his, add, I pray, enough of a sense of humor,
So that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously.
Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of greatness,
The open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength.*

*Then I, his father (all of us, the supervisor, principal and teachers), will dare to whisper,
“I (We) have not lived in vain.”*

I am proud of my students who dare to unleash their potentials and take adventures to challenges. In the field of aesthetic development, our effort and the hard work of students has been well-recognized in the Award for Arts Education (School Division) entitled Using Arts Education to Enhance Positive Traits, to Cultivate Potentials and to Appreciate Life given by Hong Kong Arts Development Council. It is observed that our students have participated widely in Latin Dance, Western and Oriental Dance, Drama Performance, Martial Arts, Music Appreciation, Musical Instrument Performance and Mosaic Paintings. As for sports development, our students have been making progress in different sports competitions. To provide a healthy, caring and pleasurable learning community for our students, our teachers have been working to improve the well-being of the students. For example, our school has been honored with the 'Caring School Award', the "SportAct Active School Award", and has broadened the horizons of the students in numerous visits and workshops. In addition, the school has paid much effort in promoting healthy and environmental school for the benefit of the students as global citizens. Our school has developed a solid scaffolding since our students have gained a wide recognition in different competitions and activities like Sportsman in the Student of the Year organised by South China Morning Post, the eminent performance as Hong Kong representatives in international and regional competitions of Swimming, Gymnastics and Sportsdance, Student Ambassadors for "I can Fly" organized by Cathay Pacific, the outstanding awards in the Senior Secondary Group of "4 • 23 World Book Day Creative Competition 2014 - The Earth and I", Young Envoys in UNICEF Young Envoys Programme and the prominent performance in A. S. Watson Group HK Student Sports Awards, etc.

Our past achievements have helped found the comprehensive and holistic platform for the future development. Thanks to the generous support of Mrs Gaw, Chairman, School Supervisor, IMC, and our School Sponsoring Body (TWGHs), we are now undergoing more changes to contribute to the betterment of the school. For instance, there will be the whole-school Wifi coverage and the procurement of extra i-pads in the coming school year, which means that we can further enhance English learning, promote project-based learning, e-learning and self-learning. In terms of academic excellence, we will strengthen vocabulary learning together with the holistic reading curriculum in which all the students will be motivated to get involved in the fun and joy of cross-curricular reading. Knowledge is no longer confined to classrooms and learning capacity of our students should be substantiated and more diversified. We strive to enlarge and expand the learning environment of the students by setting up the holistic careers education and job placement programme, establishing the young achievers' gallery, building a lecture theatre, the podium garden embedded with elements of Chinese cultures, Environmental Nature Trail with a fish pond, a windmill and a wishing board, Creative Arts Room, and developing the curriculum of foreign languages and qualifications framework. Our devoted and diligent teachers and staff are dedicated to the betterment of the students because it is our aspiration and mission to raise their competitiveness in society, to cultivate their self-confidence and self-esteem, and to foster them with the well-equipped compass to navigate and anchor their desired North Pole Star mentioned by our Supervisor, Mr Sze in the previous year.

Lastly, to our graduates, I hope that the spirit of S. C. Gaw will be implanted in your life and be your walking stick in the state of confusion. May I wish all our S6 graduates a bright and prosperous future. Please do come back and join our 30th Anniversary Celebration together. Thank you.

東華三院吳祥川紀念中學
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今天十分榮幸邀請到東華三院新任主席施榮恆先生及我們剛履新的陳祖恒校監，以及狄恆神父蒞臨本校第廿九屆畢業典禮並作主禮嘉賓。你們出席與我們共享今天歡樂的時光及珍貴的回憶，就是對畢業生及本校同學的鼓勵和支持。

畢業標誌著中學生涯的結束，但也代表畢業同學踏上了人生的另一起跑線上。老實說，我不清楚將來你們會面對什麼困難，不清楚你們會遇到什麼挑戰，更不清楚世界的改變有多驚人，但我確信可以透過提升兩文三語的學習環境、照顧不同學習能力、在正規及非正規課堂發展同學的多元智能，以帮助大家增強競爭能力。我相信在全人及全方位的教育下，我們的畢業生會成為有才幹、靈活變通及多才多藝的人，前途無可限量。吳祥川的同學能不斷尋找自我及擴闊眼界的機會，盡顯所長。各位同學及畢業生，我們應該鞭策自己努力向上，不要為一時的失敗而放棄。在座各位，我想跟大家分享一首由麥克亞瑟將軍所寫的祈禱文《一位父親的祈禱》。

主啊！懇求你教導我的兒子，使他在軟弱時，能夠堅強不屈；在懼怕時能夠勇敢面對，在失敗中，毫不氣餒；在勝利中，仍能保持謙遜溫和。

懇求塑造我的兒子，使他有高瞻遠矚的理想，引導他認識你，同時又知道，認識自己乃是真知識的基石。主啊！我祈求你，不要讓他走在安逸、舒適的路途上，求你將他置於困難、艱苦和挑戰的磨練中，求你引領他，讓他敢於面對風浪，讓他對失敗跌倒的人滿有憐恤。

主啊！求你塑造我的兒子，求你讓他有一顆純潔的心，並有遠大的目標；讓我的兒子先懂得駕馭自己才去領導他人；懂得歡笑，但不忘如何哭泣；記取過去的教訓，又能擁抱未來。

主啊！祈求你成就他有了這些美德後，又求你賜給他充分的幽默感，以免他過於嚴肅，還苛求自己。求你賜給他謙卑的心，使他永遠記得，真正的偉大是單純，真正的智慧是坦率，真正的力量是溫和。然後作為父親的我（作為校監、校長、老師的我們），才敢低聲的說：「我(我們)沒有枉度此生了。」

我們的同學敢於釋放潛能，勇於接受挑戰，實在令我感到自豪。在藝術發展方面，我們希望透過藝術教育，帶出正面人生、發掘潛能、欣賞生命的價值。在學校的大力推動下，同學都熱情投入不同的藝術活動，如拉丁舞、中西方舞蹈、戲劇表演、武術、音樂欣賞、樂器演奏及馬賽克壁畫製作等，因此本校有幸榮獲香港藝術發展局頒發的藝術教育獎 --- 優異學校榮譽。在體育發展方面，本校同學在各項運動比賽中確有很大的進步。此外，為了給學生一個健康、關愛及愉快的學習環境，老師都竭盡所能照顧同學各方面的需要。為了擴闊同學的視野，老師又為同學安排了不同的參觀和工作坊，讓同學在求學之餘，又可接觸書本以外的知識，引發他們對社會的關注，為他們成為世界公民做好準備，為此本年度本校榮獲「關愛校園」獎。在學校大力推動學生發展多元智能的情況下，同學在不同範疇優異的表現均獲得肯定，如南華早報年度傑出運動員獎、由國泰航空主辦的「我要高飛」學生大使、在「4・23 世界閱讀日 2014」創作比賽-----「地球與我」的高中組中榮獲佳績、擔任聯合國兒童基金會大使、香港屈臣氏學生運動員獎等。

我們今天所獲得的成就，就是未來繼續發展全方位及全人教育的基石。在此要衷心感謝學校捐建人吳汪靜宜女士、施主席、陳校監、學校法團校董會及辦學團體(東華三院)無私支持學校的發展。我們現正進行硬件設施的提升，來年將會全校鋪設無線網絡，購買更多平板電腦以助提升同學學習英語的興趣、推行專題研習、電子學習及自主學習。在學業方面，我們會整合閱讀課程，透過有趣的跨學科閱讀，以助同學掌握更多英語詞彙。現在的學習已經不一定在教室裡面發生，而且更要注意學習的持續性及多元化，因此我們正積極建立全面的生涯規劃教育及工作實習計劃，以擴大同學的學習範圍。

為了讓學生有更優質的學習環境，學校又將設計一個優秀學生薈萃廊，展示學生努力的成果；建造一條自然教育徑，裡面會有魚池、水力發電等裝置，以提高同學的綠色環保意識；並增設藝術創作教室，發展同學的藝術潛能；又會鼓勵同學報讀外語課程，參與資歷認證考試，增強語文能力。

以上所做的一切，正如施校監在去年結業典禮說，都是為了提升同學的競爭力、培養同學的自信、自尊、幫助同學尋找自己心中的北極星。我們各個持份者，都會盡心盡力朝着學校的願景及使命奮鬥。

最後，我希望吳祥川精神會長存於大家的心中，並且在你感到迷惘時，它會成為你的手杖，幫助你走上正確的方向。在此，我祝各位畢業同學前程錦繡，並誠意邀請大家在十月回來母校參加三十周年校慶典禮，一同慶祝三十周年的喜悅。