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Principal's Address at the Prize Presentation Ceremony of the First Term of 2010-2011

Good afternoon, fellow teachers and students

I am happy to speak to you after six months of studies in this academic year. You have got your First Term School Report immediately before the Lunar New Year holiday. With the performance of the First Term, have you made your self-reflection and plan for your studies in the Second Term? As Aristotle, a Greek philosopher puts it, "Well begun half done." (好的開始是成功的一半), we are here in this assembly to present prizes to those who have attained outstanding performance in the First Term. On this special occasion, may we congratulate our prize winners for their outstanding performance! More importantly, I would like to congratulate all of us for the great efforts and hard work that we have made in the First Term. As shown on our school webpage under Campus Highlights, you can see how versatile and fruitful our First School Term has been. There has been a wide repertoire of activities which ranged from intellectual & languages development to all-round pursuits in moral, aesthetic, sport, service and career-related as well as environmental and green education. It is equally encouraging to note that there are quite a lot of attainments being awarded to our students and graduates of S. C. Gaw in this short period of six months, they include awardees of international, territory-wide, district and Inter-schools competitions, Higher Distinctions & Distinctions in international quiz, Student Sports Award and Outstanding JPC, being selected as gifted students in Mathematics & Leadership, to name a few. You can find all these on our school webpage. What is more encouraging is that our school has just undergone a Focus Inspection on the use of English as the Medium of Instruction in January 2011. The feedback from the inspectors of Education Bureau has been very pleasing. We endeavour to build a very conducive English environment and most important of all, our students are capable of learning effectively & comfortably by using English as the medium of instruction (this was what our S1 students told the inspectors). For all we have done and achieved so far, let's give ourselves a good round of applause!

To go further, we may have to plan how we can do better in our studies in the Second Term. Other than increasing your knowledge, you have to learn the art of time management. It is in fact a key survival skill in modern time. A skill that you have to master when you are in school, especially if you have to cope with examinations. What is the value of time? Here are some yardsticks.

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed in Final Examination.

To realize the value of one month: Ask your mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly magazine.

To realize the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no man. So treasure every moment you have, in particular, for the five months before the school term ends. For S7 students you will have your HKALE in a month while for S5 you will have your HKDSE this time next year. So do utilize your time effectively. I hope that when you leave school, you can look back with pride and say that, "Years at S. C. Gaw is the best years of my life." Thank you.