

## Principal's Sharing (Oct 2013)

Dear Parents and Students,

Autumn comes with the gentle breeze after the Mid-Autumn Festival. The School has been pretty busy since September as it is our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. The School Board, Supervisor and everyone at Confucius Hall Secondary School (CHSS) are involved in the celebration activities. The Lecture Hall of Confucius was established in 1928 and Confucius Hall Secondary School was established in 1953 to promote Confucianism. In 1928, Mr. Kan Hung Chiu generously donated land to build the Lecture Hall of Confucius. Many scholars including Mao Dun, Guo Mo Ruo and Xiao Hong gave speeches in the Hall. The memorial meeting of Lu Xun was also held in our Hall. In 1939, a lot of Hong Kong children were illiterate. Mr. Lei Yin Sun suggested running a child health centre with Mr. Zhu Ru Zhen as the dean. The centre provided free education and accommodation but it was forced to stop running because of World War II. After the war, Confucius Hall still contributed significantly to the charity and education in Hong Kong. While founding CHSS, assistance and donations were given by different parties in the community. Our supporters were Mr. Xu Rang Cheng, Mr. Cen Wei Xiu, Mr. Yu Jin Qing, Mr. Gu Chao Wen, etc. CHSS could never achieve today's success without the unconditional giving of all these generous gentlemen.

Ms. Law Pui Sze and I attended the affiliation ceremony with universities from Taiwan. We signed the collaboration agreement with Chung Yuan Christian University and Tung Hai University. Any CHSS students nominated by the Principal will be given priority by these 2 institutes which are generally recognized as having the same standard as the universities in Hong Kong. After graduation, students can apply for a masters degree in Hong Kong. The School has obtained donation from one more education fund this year which allows us to set up 2 subsidised places with HK\$20000 each. These spots are for students seeking further education in China, Hong Kong and Taiwan. The subsidy will be distributed in 4 phases in order to alleviate the financial burden on the underprivileged.

Our celebration for the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary started on 27<sup>th</sup> September. I was very happy as most of the principals within the same district came to celebrate with us. They were the principals from Queen's College, Hotung Secondary School, Buddhist Wong Fung Ling College, Pok Kok Primary School, Buddhist Wong Cheuk Um Primary School, Li Sing Primary School, etc. All of our teachers and students were so delighted

to have the support and recognition from them. We presented flowers to Confucius and signaled the commencement of our celebration. From this year, the names of our former and current Supervisors, Principals and students who contributed significantly to the School will be engraved on the walls in the Hall. Mak Man Yee, Li Ching, Cheung Hoi Yan Zoe, Hong Zhong Yong, Lee Ying Kin and Li Wenting are the first cohort of students who have their names engraved. We hope that they will feel proud of themselves when they come back and see their names in the future.

Our students were invited to attend the Flag-Raising Ceremony of the National Day on 1<sup>st</sup> October. Beyond our expectations, a lot of students applied for that event. Vice-Principal Chow reported that our students were highly disciplined and attended the ceremony seriously. I do feel so proud of them.

Many parents applied for the Parent-Teacher Association this year which shows that the parents love and care for their children very much. We hope that we can foster every student to be the future pillars of society, with the help of all the parents.