

BHJS Canada Alumni Newsletter

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Another successful Annual General Meeting & Dinner:

A quiz for you first

Here is the question:

Do you know what is the difference between 「真銀」 and 「鍍銀」?

Those who got it right will be awarded *entrance fee* to the next AGM and annual dinner. Wow!

Oh, sorry! It should be *entrance free.* Yes, the entrance to the event will be freely opened and you will not be intercepted even if you have not prepaid the fee. Just pay on the spot. It's that easy.

You still need the answer? Well, just read through the whole newsletter and you will find it.

Another worth-memorable event

Our 11th Annual General Meeting and Dinner was held successfully on March 30th, with an attendance of 67 including 4 former teachers and schoolmates as well as some of their spouses. Under the leadership of our president Christina Chan and a group of dedicate executive members, the effort in organizing this event was not in vain. It is the encouragement and support from teachers and alumni that keep the Executive Committee gaining momentum to move forward. We are all proud to be Jubileans.



Congratulation from overseas

The current principal of our alma mater in Hong Kong Ms Wong Lee Lee had sent us the following message congratulating our event. This encouragement that came from afar definitely will stimulate a tighter bonding among Jubileans everywhere.



Picture 1 Current BHJS Principal Ms Wong Lee Lee.

Dear Alumni,

One afternoon in early March, two special visitors stopped by and paid me a visit. I was very pleased, surprised and honoured to meet them – Ms. Christina Chan and her husband. Their visit gives me a wonderful opportunity to connect with you, alumni in Canada.

We had a good chat, and the chat makes me know more about the Canada Alumni. Though you live far away from Hong Kong, you are never away from your alma mater. You meet regularly to share stories and recall fond memories of your prime time at BHJS. You continue to sing the school hymn proudly at the annual AGM. You miss and care about your beloved teachers. I am very touched by your faithful support to BHJS.

You may want to know more about me, the 5th Principal of BHJS. Indeed, it is my great pleasure to communicate with you. After graduating from the University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in History, I took up my first job at BHJS. In 2008-2012, I served as the Vice Principal of the school when Ms. Agnes Lin retired. In 2012, I took up the post as the Acting Principal, and in 2013, the Principal of the school. When I helped the school produce the Golden Jubilee Special, a publication to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary, I was privileged to get in touch with some alumni from different generations. Many graduates in the 1960s and 1970s shared with me their gratitude of the efforts put in by our founding Principal, Mrs Helen Wong. She was definitely a devoted, charismatic and successful leader of the school. As a new Principal, I will continue to learn and work towards what is best for the school so as to touch the minds, dreams and characters of our students.

I have never been to Canada. If I am given an opportunity to visit, it will be an honour for me to visit you and chat with each of you personally about the days gone by. You can always keep yourself updated about the schools' recent developments by visiting the school website. Technology in the 21st century affords us many opportunities to communicate without boundaries. Keep in touch and enjoy your annual AGM and have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,
Ms. Wong Lee Lee Principal

In memory of the late Ms Lau Suk Ling劉淑玲老師

Most of our alumni have fond memory of our dance teacher Ms Lau who has led our school winning various trophies and recognitions in dancing performances. It was sad to learn of her pass-away on January 29 this year. A floral wreath on behalf of the Canada Alumni was sent to her funeral service which was held on February 28. Recalling the dancing performances taught by Ms Lau, Adonza put on her dancing costume of a Taiwanese native girl which she has been keeping all these years (mind you, it's well over 40 years!) and danced around the venue during the annual dinner. Alice Chin, who had also been taught by Ms Lau, was also very carried away to the dance and joined with Adonza.



Picture 2 Adonza & Alice were dancing in the AGM.



Tribute to graduates of year 1964 & year 1974

This year marks the 50th anniversary for our alumni who graduated in 1964. The tribute had been paid to Edward Lee Chau-wing, Matthew Lam Kai-ching, Danny Ng Chung-kit and Edwin Wong Yiu-wing. These 4 big brothers represent few of the very first group of Form 5 graduates nurtured successfully and brilliantly by a team of dedicated teaching staff since our school established in 1962. Mathew had shared with us his recent experience of running a few restaurants which are highly rated at the west end of the city.



Picture 3 Group picture of 1964 graduates with Christina

Another tribute was paid to 7 graduates of 1974. They are Adonza Chan Mui-kwan, Judy Choy Ka-yu, Rosita Ho Pui-yee, Richard Kwong Tung-choi, Martin Leung Koon-hung, David Li Yiu-chung and Vivian Li Yuk-bing. This group of alumni has been very supportive to the local yearly functions, whilst Adonza and Rosita are current members of the Executive Committee. Alfred Tang Yiu-tung, who was a Form 7 graduate in 1974, was also among the group whom we had paid tribute to.



Picture 4 Group picture of 1974 graduates with Christina

The LED mini flashlights shown in the following picture inscribed with our school motto were given to them as souvenir.



Scholarship in memory of the late Mr. Sen Tai Pang 洗大鵬老師

Contribution to this scholarship initiated by Kalvin Tam Kwok Hing 譚國興(1965) has gained the generous support from the Alumni EXCO and individual alumnus.

Dear Alumni of Canada,

" 冼Sir (Mr. Sen Tai Pang) Memorial Scholarship"

I am the one to initiate this scholarship through the help of the BHJS Alumni Association of HK/ Ms. Agnes Lin. My purpose is to raise the interest of those who have strong interest and performance in Chinese Literature from the Class of Form 2 and Form 3. I put up HK\$10000 as the initial fund and hope to have more donations from Alumni in overseas especially in North America no matter you just donate \$10, \$20.

I know that you will have annual dinner on March 30 that please spread this news to everyone especially those who were taught by Mr.Sen years ago like me.

Thanks for your help.

Best regards, Kalvin Tam 1965 CM Section

In response to the above appeal, the Executive Committee of BHJS Canada Alumni has agreed to contribute Can\$300.00 from our accumulated reserve as a support to this scholarship. At time of writing this newsletter, the total contribution received is Can\$1180.00.

All alumni are welcome to make personal contribution by contacting directly with Ms. Agnes Lin, current president of Bishop Hall Jubilee School Alumni in Hong Kong.

Photo-booth in the AGM

Thanks to Steve Chan (Adonza`s husband) who set up a photo-booth that helped digitized many happy faces that evening. You can watch them by clicking the following link:

https://drive.google.com/folderview?id=0B2YzEJLHoRNwenBYQThleTdOb2c&usp=sharing

Emily Yan also helped as volunteer photographer taking many memorable photos of the event. Do not miss opening the following link:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/7437098@N02/sets/72157644200581703/

Answer to the quiz

「真銀 - those who started from lower forms and finished as Form 5 graduates. They are <u>true</u> Jubileans.

「鍍銀」- those who finished Form 5 from other schools, then joined Form 6 classes and graduated. They are <u>silver-plated</u> Jubileans.

These two funny terms referring to two categories of graduated students were introduced by Paul Li Kam-por (1971) during a speech he shared in the AGM. Regrettably, his wife Brenda Wong Wai-yin (1972) was not able to enjoy the applaud laughter from the audience due to sickness.

Wish you have got the correct answers! No matter what, you are going to receive the prize when you come to join the next AGM in 2015 ---- an evening full of fun and laughter.

Coming event:

Summer BBQ

Since we have organized similar event successfully in the past few years, the EXCO has decided to hold another BBQ on Saturday August 23rd this year. Please reserve the date and join with us for a fun-filled outing. Details announcement will follow.