

# A Small Monthly Contribution Makes a Big Difference: Fund Raising for Wah Yan College, Kowloon



Waterloo Road Campus in 1953



Wah Yan College Past Students' Association (WYKPSA)  
Waterloo Road Campus 50th Anniversary  
Fund Raising Committee

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November 2002,

Dear fellow Wahyanites, parents and friends,

2002 marks the 50th anniversary of the Waterloo Road campus of Wah Yan College, Kowloon. Over the past 50 years, we have made our marks in public exams and many extracurricular activities and our graduates have also contributed greatly to society. However, recent visits to the school made us realize that maintaining a 50-year-old campus is not easy and therefore the Past Students' Association has decided to organize this important fund raising program.

If the wood-paneled School Hall, the huge veranda of the 1st floor classrooms, the soccer fields and the odor of the boys' toilets are not enough to remind you of how Wah Yan boys have been brought up, take some time to view the attached excerpts from the various issues of the Shield. Old boys may also try to find your own graduation photos at our website, [www.wyk.edu.hk](http://www.wyk.edu.hk) (click on WYK PhotoBank). And be mindful of the fact that WYK may soon be in dire straits if we do not all pitch in with helping hands now.

WYK has been facing a number of difficulties in recent years. Although numerous efforts have been made and options considered, there still seems to be a perpetual shortfall in running the school the way it has been and should be (See "Problems Faced and Solutions Considered".)

Wah Yan has contributed to the formation of men like us in the past and now we have a chance to help the school keep going for the next 50 years and beyond. Please consider helping to make a big difference in any of the following ways:

1. Make regular monthly contributions of a few dollars, a few hundred dollars or more; whatever you are comfortable with. Please make the contribution to the "Fr. Kelly Educational Fund", a trust fund set up in 1988 to help raise funds for Wah Yan College, Kowloon. Simply complete and sign the direct debit authorization form attached and return it to the school. You may like to top up your monthly contributions with an initial one-off donation for more imminent needs of the school. But remember, a monthly contribution, no matter how small, is going to make a big difference.
2. Extend this fund raising call to as many old boys, parents or supporters of Wah Yan, Kowloon as possible. A small contribution from each of us is going to mean a lot to the school that helped prepare us for the world. You can get extra copy of this letter and donation form by visiting the school office, calling the office at 2384-1038, or clicking onto the school website at: [www.wyk.edu.hk](http://www.wyk.edu.hk). Alternatively, photocopies and facsimiles of the blank form are also acceptable.

Our Waterloo Road campus has been standing gracefully for 50 years. What happens in the next 50 years and beyond depends on whether you act now or not.

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P.S. This fund raising program is on-going and does not have a deadline for contributions. However, our campus is getting more badly weathered everyday and the sooner financial relief arrives, the better our chances at keeping our alma mater running. Please also try to extend this fund raising call to at least 10 other supporters within a month of receipt of this letter.

## Problems Faced and Solutions Considered

The cost of maintaining the campus has been escalating. Here are but a few examples on our long maintenance list: washrooms renovation (\$1,000,000), replacement of old French windows in classrooms (\$800,000), renovation of portico and foyer of School Hall (\$200,000), library facilities upgrade (\$240,000) and football field maintenance (\$300,000 a year). Many items on the list are not subsidized by the Education Department. The Government provides subsidies to WYK based on "average" school requirements. But as we all know, Wah Yan is in many ways different from the "average".

Outside of maintenance, funding for anything important outside of the Education Department curriculum, does not receive any assistance or subsidy at all. Examples include, training students in logical and critical reasoning in Mathematics and the emphasis on phonics and basic grammar in English. (Two of our retired teachers, Mr. Francis Kwong and Mr. Yu Poon Leung are kindly helping to run the English program on a voluntary basis.)

To keep the school going, numerous efforts have been made and options considered. In 1995, the school applied to modify the land lease and sell part of its land to raise funds, but this was turned down by the Government.

Since 2000, the Government has been encouraging the formation of Direct Subsidy Schools. Typically, a Direct Subsidy school charges high fees, may be selective with students and receives government subsidies. Despite these apparent 'advantages', Wah Yan Kowloon has chosen to remain in the public sector. Fr. Deignan, Regional Superior of the Jesuit Macau-Hong Kong Region, has made it clear that we should continue to have a preferential option for the poor. If Wah Yan is to operate in the Direct Subsidy Mode, we will have to charge high fees and students with good qualities but poor family backgrounds will be barred from the school. Many of us who have since succeeded against all odds would not be where we are now, if our alma mater had instituted this plan when we were children.

Various fund raising programs have been organized and generous contributions have been made in the past. However, most of these programs called on only a small group of supporters and contributions were sporadic. Based on previous programs, it has become difficult for the school to meet the seemingly perpetual shortfalls in running the school the way it used to and should be.

### Donation Form

#### Wah Yan College Past Students' Association (WYKPSA) Waterloo Road Campus 50th Anniversary Fund Raising Program

I'd like to make fixed amount monthly contributions.

HK\$100

HK\$300

HK\$500

HK\$1,000

Others HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Please fill in the attached direct debit authorization form.)

I'd like to make an one-off donation of HK\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Send crossed cheque payable to Fr. Kelly Educational Fund Ltd.

Deposit payment directly to any Wing Lung Bank Branch (A/C No. 020-601-206-2013-6) and send your pay-in slip to us.

#### Donor's Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Form 5 Graduation (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

In accordance with the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance, all information will be used for data processing, liaison and statistical use only. All information will not be used for other purposes or transferred to other organizations without prior consent from the data subject. The data subject has the right to access their data and make corrections upon request.

**Please return this form by mail to:**

**Wah Yan College, Kowloon, 56 Waterloo Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong**

**Remember, a monthly contribution, no matter how small is going to make a big difference.**

**Please return this donation form with the direct debit authorization form for monthly contributions.**

# Wing Lung Bank Limited 永隆銀行有限公司

## Direct Debit Authorization 直接付款授權書

Name of Party to be Credited (the Beneficiary) 收款人(受益人)姓名	Bank Code 銀行編號	Branch Code 分行編號	Account No. to be Credited 收款賬號之號碼													
Fr. KELLY EDUCATIONAL FUND LTD.																
Bank Name: WING LUNG BANK LIMITED	0	2	0	6	0	1	2	0	6	-	2	0	1	3	-	6

I/We hereby authorize my/our below-named Bank to effect transfers from my/our account to that of the above-named beneficiary in accordance with such instructions as my/our Bank may receive from the Beneficiary from time to time provided always that the amount of any one such transfer shall not exceed the limit indicated below.

I/We agree that my/our Bank shall not be obliged to ascertain whether or not notice of any such transfer has been given to me/us. I/We jointly and severally accept full responsibility for any overdraft (or increase in existing overdraft) on my/our account which may arise as a result of any such transfer(s).

I/We agree that should there be insufficient funds in my/our account to meet any transfer hereby authorized, my/our Bank shall be entitled, in its discretion, not to effect such transfer in which event the Bank may make the usual charge and that it may cancel this authorization at any time on one week's written notice.

If the Beneficiary shall inform your Bank any change of the account above mentioned into which the transfers are to be made, your Bank shall be entitled, at your Bank's discretion without consulting me/us either to accept or reject such change.

A five days notice in writing from your Bank not to comply with or act further on this instruction should be given (with a copy being sent to the Beneficiary), provided always that such notice shall deem to be received by me/us if posted to my/our address on your record, its subsequent return undelivered notwithstanding.

This authorization shall have effect until further notice or until the below written expiry date (which shall first occur).

I/We agree that any notice of cancellation or variation of this authorization which I/We may give to my/our Bank shall be given at least five working days prior to the date on which such cancellation/variation is to take effect.

本人/吾等現授權本人/吾等之以下銀行，根據受益人不時給予本人/吾等銀行之指示，自本人/吾等之賬戶內轉賬予上述受益人，惟每次轉賬金額不得超過以下指定之限額。

本人/吾等同意本人/吾等之銀行毋須證實該等轉賬通知是否交予本人/吾等。

如因該等轉賬而令本人/吾等之賬戶出現透支(或令現時之透支增加)，本人/吾等願共同及個別承擔全部責任。

本人/吾等同意如本人/吾等之賬戶並無足夠款項支付該等授權轉賬，本人/吾等之銀行有權不予轉賬，且銀行可收取慣常之收費，並可隨時以一星期書面通知取消本授權書。

若受益人通知貴行更改上述接收轉賬戶，貴行有權根據貴行的決定是否接受，而毋須諮詢本人/吾等之意見。

貴行可以五天書面通知不再履行本指示(該通知副本應同時送受益人)。如該等通知郵寄到本人/吾等在貴行記錄之地址，即使郵遞延誤或退回，本人/吾等當作已收到。

本授權書將繼續生效至另行通知為止或直至下列到期日為止(以兩者中最早之日期為準)。

本人/吾等同意，本人/吾等若取消或更改本授權書之任何通知，須於取消/更改生效日最少五個工作日之前交予本人/吾等之銀行。

My/Our Bank Name and Branch 本人/吾等之銀行及分行名稱	Bank Code 銀行編號	Branch Code 分行編號	My/Our Account No. 本人/吾等之賬戶號碼
My/Our Name as Recorded on Statement/Passbook 本人/吾等在結單/存摺上所紀錄之名稱	My/Our Signature(s)* 本人/吾等之簽名		
Limit/Amount for Each Payment 每次付款之金額/限額			
Day Time Contact Telephone No. 日間聯絡電話	Expiry Date (optional)** 到期日(可留空)	Date 日期	
	年 月 日	年 月 日	
Debtor's Reference 債務人參考編號			
For Bank Use Only 以下由銀行填寫			
Signature Verified 簽署核實	Remarks (if any) 其他備註		

Notes:

\* Please ensure that you sign the form in the usual way that you would sign on your Bank Account.

\*\* You may cancel this authorization any time by instructing your own bank with a 5-working-day notice.

## How Wah Yan Boys Have Been Brought Up



1953 Graduation Class 5A

### Mr Norman So, Principal

"In trying to give you a broad and liberal education, we have gone so far as to force you to take cultural subjects like history... and geography irrespectively of your professed discipline. Some may think that we are wasting their time. Our answer is that we consider nurturing an ability to discern from different angles the world and its problems more important than perpetuating narrow-mindedness... We aim at producing men who can think sympathetically and feel empathetically. We want you to develop your learning faculties and cultivate an interest in learning. We hope that you will go on learning for the rest of your lives."

### Father Naylor

魏神父...表示自己向來都是不鎖房門睡覺的。難道他不怕小偷？神父笑說他不怕任何人。就算真有小偷入來，他要拿什麼就隨他拿吧，反正房間裏又沒有什麼貴重的東西。我們環顧魏神父的房間，又確實是沒有甚麼貴重的東西。除了一部學校分派給老師用的手提電腦外，有的只是一張床、一張書桌和一書架的書。

### Mr Donald Tsang, Chief Secretary for Administration

"...from the late 70's to the mid 80's... I interviewed about three to four hundred young men and women (every year for the recruitment of Administrative Officers for the Hong Kong Government)...I could be at least 70-80% correct in identifying the Wah Yan boys, without referring to their application forms. They bore strikingly common traits. That typical young man is usually bespectacled, tense but not nervous, articulate but not as voluble or eloquent as the boys coming from LSC and DBS sausage machines. He is an intellectual, although his presentation is often clumsy. He thinks about what he says. And what he says has substance".

### 梁定邦先生，前證監會主席

梁定邦先生一九六二年轉讀九龍華仁書院中六理科班。最令他難忘的是幾位曾經教導過他的神父，好像 Fr.Moran, Fr.Doris 和 Fr.Farren 等。『誠懇待人，勤奮工作，不斷思考』是梁先生給我們的勸勉。他認為這不但是華仁的一貫傳統，也是儒家思想之一『素其位而行』的理想。

### 梁家傑先生，大律師公會主席

梁先生對現任校監徐志忠神父有頗深刻印象，他還記得徐神父上課還教學生打坐、呼吸，而他說人生道理的方式很特別，沒有說教式的訓話，有很平易近人的感覺。另一位印象深刻的老師是江之鈞老師，(梁先生)現在仍會說自己英文...從他那裏學回來。

### 李柱銘先生，立法會議員

"I was sitting for my final examination in Form 3... And suddenly I saw a chocolate bar in front of me and I looked up and saw Father Sullivan. So I said, "Is it for me?" And he said, "Yes, it is for you". I said, "Thank you very much, Father. I'll eat my chocolate bar during the recess." "No", he said, "Eat it now!" I said, "What, Father? This is an examination". "Well, am I not the invigilator", he said, "Eat it now!" So I ate it and as a result thereof, I came first that year... It occurs to me that there is some philosophy, hidden somewhere (in this incident)... It is this - We should always try to find joy in our work.

### 吳浩強教授，香港首位九優狀元，現職病理科醫生

『不要輕視文科，因為在文科裏所學到的，對將來做人處事，甚至工作都有莫大的幫助。』

### 涂謹申先生，立法會議員

『中六時，學生會舉行活動，神父還會主動協助聯絡其他學校。他們會與其他學校的修女神父們聯絡，替我們鋪橋搭路；又怕同學不懂和女孩子溝通，長大後不能有正常社交，就常常催促我們舉辦聯校活動！』

『我認為華仁仔主要的是正直、有修養、有內涵。...華仁的教育不是要網羅精英，成為年年出狀元的學校——她是要讓每個華仁仔，雖然不是精英，但也可以成為一個對社會、對家庭盡責任的人，一個自主獨立的人。』

### Father Finneran

"A learned man is someone who knows everything about something and something about everything."

(Extracted from various issues of the Shield, official journal magazine of Wah Yan College, Kowloon)

## A Brief History of Wah Yan College, Kowloon

- Wah Yan College was founded by Mr Peter Tusi Yan Sau on 16th December 1919. Prior to this, Chinese youth had access only to very poor education.
- On 1st December, 1924, the Kowloon branch was set up at 70 Portland Street. This school later became Wah Yan College, Kowloon.
- Father John Neary was the first Jesuit Father to enter Wah Yan. The Society of Jesuits took over the management of the College on 25th December, 1932.
- Construction of the main building was finished in September, 1952. This became the school we all attended in Waterloo Road.
- In 1962, Mr. Lee Yu Tai became the first student in Hong Kong to get seven distinctions in HKCEE.
- In 1966, Fr. Reid became the Principal. In that same year our Students' Association was formed by Mr. Kwok Siu Tong. WYK remains one of the very few schools in Hong Kong to have an autonomous Students' Association with a democratic election system, and a Student Council.
- In 1968, the East Wing was completed under the leadership of Fr. Reid.
- From 1969 to 1988, the Caritas Bazaar was held in our school.
- From 1971- 1981, our tennis team, under the training of Fr. Finneran, achieved the Inter-school Championships in 10 consecutive years.
- In 1975, Mr. Ng Ho Keung was the first student to get nine distinctions in HKCEE.
- In 1987, Mr Lo Man Chu was among the first group to get 10 distinctions in HKCEE.
- In 1988 and 1991, the swimming pool and the Law Ting Pong Building were established.
- In 1995, Wah Yan College Kowloon celebrated her 70th Anniversary and in that same year, our past student, Mr. Wong Man Lung broke the 42-year-old A grade 100m track record in the Inter-school Athletic Championships.
- 2001 was a particularly fruitful year for the musicians. We scored 9 champions, 2 second places, 6 third places, 5 merits, 1 honour and 15 distinctions, in choral singing, solo singing and musical instruments.
- In 2002, WYK was the overall champion of Inter-school Chinese Chess for eight years in a row.

### Fr. Kelly Educational Fund

In 1988, a group of past students headed by Wilson Cheung, celebrating their 30th anniversary of graduation, gathered together to form a trust fund in the form of a limited company to help raise funds for Wah Yan College, Kowloon. In honour of their former Form-master Fr. James Kelly, the company was named the Fr. Kelly Educational Fund Ltd. The current Director of the fund is Fr. A. DEIGNAN, and the Secretary is Mr. So Chung Ping, Norman. The fund has been granted a charitable organization status and donations to the fund are tax deductible.

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