

Looking into the Future with Faith and Love

The Homecoming Concert at Hong Kong Coliseum brought down the curtain on our 90th anniversary celebrations. What's next? We get back to the ground and do our best: AMDG, for the greater glory of God. Our heritage is vibrant and offers the best quality of education for many generations of Wahyanites and our heritage will live on.

In embarking on a new era of the post-90th anniversary, we will challenge ourselves to confront new frontiers, realize our vision, blossom like Edelweiss and evoke another glorious decade. We treasure our traditions but we will not be tied down to traditionalism. As Fr. Jose Mesa, Secretary for Education, Society of Jesus, reiterated at the Jesuit Education Forum in April, "TRADITION invites us to faithful creativity; traditionalism fixes us to the past. TRADITION encourages us to have the same generosity and energy of our forebears to face our challenges; traditionalism impoverishes our vision and makes us reproduce the past... TRADITION sees the present and future as a new opportunity; traditionalism sees the present and future only as threats." Wah Yan must grow organically, welcome change and accommodate traditions and innovations.

Our education aims at nurturing Human Excellence and Wahyanites are students of competence, commitment, compassion and conscience. We can achieve success and change the world; we are brave to take action and respond to the needs of our time; we can love and have a sense of justice; we understand ourselves and discern the right and the good. We shall be better Men for and with Others; we shall be leaders-in-service.

In the coming academic year (2015-16), our school objective is "**Be a Reflective and Active Learner; Build a Caring Learning Community.**" Wahyanites can develop to be reflective and active learners; they form their character, living out the spirit of Magis and Jesuit values; both the teachers and students love to learn and learn to love. Our caring learning community starts with the class and every day starts with Morning Formation, complementing knowledge with values and generic skills. We will have the Examen in the afternoon so that students can learn and grow through reflection, and research findings prove that the Examen improves academic performance, at every school level. We will also have a newly designed winter uniform, which helps to bring unity and a stronger sense of belonging. Our green blazer will be fitter and lighter and the colour tone is more mature. With a mature self-image, Wahyanites will look like and behave like young gentlemen. For our F.6

students, we will arrange revision tests after school on Monday. The tests offer a platform for our teachers to give feedback on students' performance so as to help them to upgrade to a higher level, and we hope that our F.6 students will make good use of the weekend to do revision, in preparation for the HKDSE.

My dear Wahyanites, let's join hands to build our caring learning community with faith and love!

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