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Message from Mrs. Stella Lau, JP



I am happy to announce the inauguration of the DGS Kaleidoscope, a newsletter shared by all members of the DGS family who love and cherish our School and help write our school history with us.

This is the first time our partners and stakeholders are linked and represented in one publication, after receiving feedback, comments and suggestions from different parties. On behalf of the School, I would like to thank all of you for making our labour in education worthwhile and fruitful all these years.

The DGS Kaleidoscope provides you with the latest news from DGS and DGJS, updating you twice a year on our events, programmes and student achievement. The School Development Office, our liaison department, also pledges to report regularly on the profile of the school community that is ever-expanding to include new friends and ties that support us in our education mission.

School information would not be complete without reports on the work of our PTA and DOGA, who have always worked seamlessly with us in all aspects, including resources provision and material support. They are the warm hands that prop us up whenever they see an opportunity to lend us help.

As one unbroken family, we need to unite all efforts in the predominant task of redeveloping our school premises, news of which will be regularly disseminated by the School Redevelopment Office through this newsletter. Exciting schemes and plans can only be realized with your input and suggestion. Indeed, the DGS Kaleidoscope is not meant as a means of one-way communication, as your suggestions and proposals are most welcome and can always reach us through different channels.

Please join us in celebrating the 148th anniversary of the School, as we carefully cultivate various programmes that will, with God's blessings, bear us sweet fruits in DGS girls one generation after another.

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DGS Academic Achievements

2006 -2007 Scholarships

Dr. C.J. Symons Scholarship

Shek Junes L6Sc

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Prizes for Senior Secondary Students

Tse Ivy 5Sc

Tsui Therese L6Sc

Sir Edward Youde Memorial Award

Shek Junes L6Sc

Woo Hay Tong Scholarship

Lam Tiffany L6A

Lee Carrie L6A

Tsay Lucy L6Sc

HKU Sports Scholarship

Kot Shirley U6Sc

Pang Ingrid U6B

HKUST Sports Scholarship

Ng Carrie L6A

Chinese University Scholarship

Tong Janis U6Sc

Murjani Scholarship

Yeung Jessica L6Sc

Ng Cynthia L6B

AmCham Charitable Foundation U.S.

Studies Scholarship

Chan Christine L6Sc

Waseda University's 125th Anniversary Scholarship

Tiu Tiffany L6A

University of Michigan Scholarship

Ng Jarita L6Sc

Dr. Cheng Yu Tong Scholarship (University of Toronto)

Chan Ally U6A

Wellesley College Book Award

Chang Helen L6A

Brown University Alumni Book Award

Chen Megan L6A

Harvard Book Award

Kwa Carina L6Sc

Cheung Christina L6B

AmCham Charitable Foundation Prize Book Award

Tryde Jacquelyn L6A

New Zealand Student Ambassador Selection Programs 2006-07

Lee Tracy 4Sc

Tertiary Destinations of Students in 2006-2007

Form 6 (2006-07)

Hong Kong	Chinese University of Hong Kong	5
Hong Kong	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	4
Hong Kong	University of Hong Kong	14
Canada	Langara College	1
China	Peking University	2
Japan	Waseda University	1
United States	Cornell University	1
United States	New York University	1
United States	Pepperdine University	1
United States	Stanford University	1
United States	University of Chicago	1
United States	University of Illinois	2
United States	University of Michigan	1
United States	University of Rochester	1
United States	University of Wisconsin	1
United States	Wheaton College	1

Form 7 (2006-07)

Hong Kong	Chinese University of Hong Kong	26
Hong Kong	City University of Hong Kong	6
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Baptist University	4
Hong Kong	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	5
Hong Kong	Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	7
Hong Kong	University of Hong Kong	23
Canada	St. Stephen's College	1
Canada	University of Toronto	2
United Kingdom	Chelsea School of Art & Design	1
United Kingdom	King's London	2
United Kingdom	University of Bristol	1
United States	Manhattan School of Music	1
United States	University of Illinois	1
United States	University of Michigan	1



Multi - disciplinary Learning Programme

Mini Summer Term

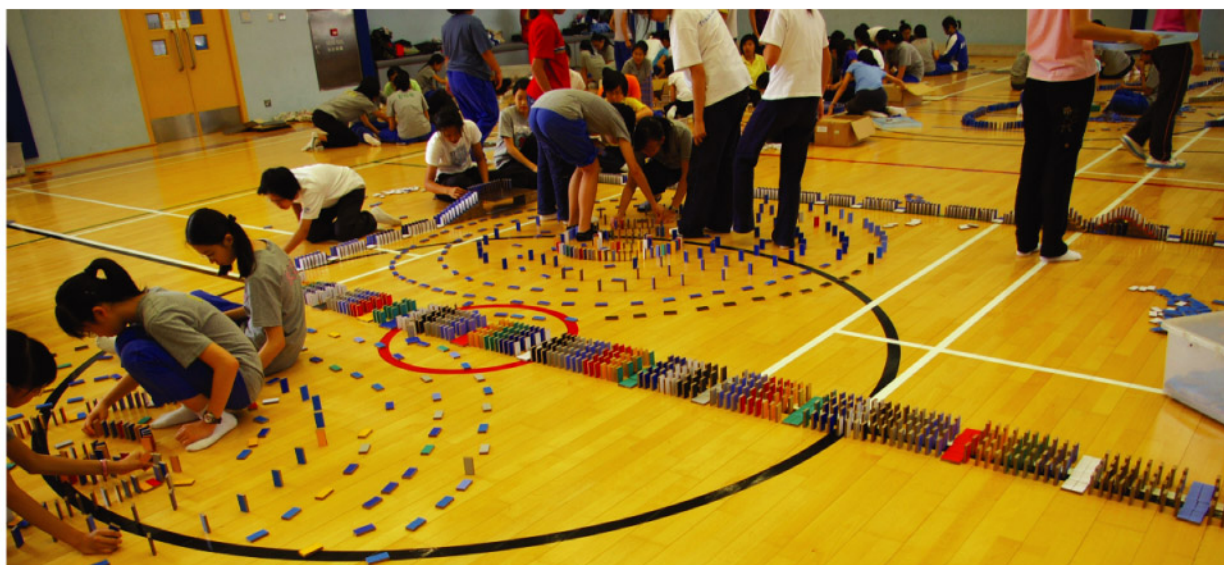
The Mini Summer Term 2007 spanned nine days from 27th June to 10th July 2007, providing students from Form 1 to Form 4 and Lower 6 with various learning opportunities. The programme focused on life skills for Form 1, community service for Form 2 and leadership skills for Form 3. Other areas of exposure incorporated elements of creativity, civic education, moral education, environmental education, technology education, business education, legal education and religious education, hence promoting overall social awareness among the students.

The Form 2 Service Learning Project, an innovation this year, opened students to opportunities in community service, and instilled in them the right attitude towards serving others, facilitating their continuous personal growth. Thanks to four organisations, namely, the S.K.H. Lok Man Alice Kwok Integrated Service Centre, The Hong Kong Society for the Blind, The Hong Kong Down Syndrome Association and Hong Kong PHAB Association, five service programmes were designed for the five classes.

Run for the seventh consecutive year and conducted by the Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong (Jordan), the Form 3 leadership skills programme aimed at developing students' qualities of holistic leadership in relation to both their skills and competencies.

The same service provider was again invited to organise a life skills programme to help Form 1 students develop effective interpersonal communications and social skills. Besides, a new activity, "My First Year at DGS", was conducted also for our Form 1 students to heighten their awareness of environmental changes and personal development during the important transitional stage of adapting to secondary school life.

The 10-day programme concluded with the "Chastity Training" programme for students from Form 2 and above, led by Rev. Paul Ng, to encourage students to value the virtue of purity, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The short annual programme has offered students at different levels a unique enriching learning experience, awakening them to the joy of serving, sharing and leading a pure and simple life.



Service Projects

Qing Yuan Report

I. Background Information

Last year, a series of service trips to Qing Yuan were arranged for Form 3 students. The four trips took place during Christmas, Chinese New Year, Easter and the summer holidays respectively. Each time, a group consisting of eighteen Form Three girls were given the chance to take part in the service, accompanied by two teachers and Rev. Kun's family.

Qing Yuan, a state in Guangdong, has a much lower standard of living than Hong Kong. Not every child can receive education there. The hygiene knowledge of the people is limited. Despite the harsh living conditions there, the students were provided with a comfortable place to stay.

II. Accommodation

The block the students stayed in most of the time consisted of three levels, and the dormitories were on the second and third floors. Six students shared a dormitory as well as a bathroom. The rooms were just next to the classroom, thus making it more convenient for the students to prepare lessons. For lunch and dinner, they walked to a restaurant nearby to enjoy typical Qing Yuan meals, which were scrumptious and nutritious.

III. The lessons

The trips were held successfully and the DGS students benefited a lot from the students in Qing Yuan. Their main objective was to teach the students English vocabulary and the correct pronunciation of words. Before the trip, they created lesson plans and prepared the required teaching materials in order to increase their efficiency of teaching. They had to plan their lessons carefully to make sure that the level of English they used would be suitable for the Qing Yuan students.

The DGS students were divided into groups, each teaching a different topic. After conducting all the lessons, the Qing Yuan students were given a review of what had been taught. The class, which consisted of approximately thirty Form 1 to Form 2 students, was enthusiastic in learning new vocabulary and sentence structures. While teaching English, the DGS students also tried to communicate and interact with them, thus developing a closer bond.

IV. Other activities

Besides teaching, other activities were specially arranged for DGS girls. As they were accompanied by Rev. Kun and his family, Christian-related activities were arranged every night; for example, watching Christian films, singing hymns and playing inspiring games. There were also other activities for them in their free time, such as learning how to roller-skate on grass slopes, making dumplings, making home visits, shooting fireworks, and even visiting an emu farm. There were evaluation sessions held at the end of each day, so that they could reflect on the whole program and discuss ways of improving their teaching.

At the end of the trips, the Qing Yuan students were grateful for all they had been taught. The DGS students felt greatly blessed to have the opportunity to teach them, and they look forward to further opportunities to spread their knowledge and love to different parts of the world.



The famous Qing Yuan chicken is the food we enjoy most!



The students are very attentive and enthusiastic! Their English level is much higher than we expected!



I'm so exhausted now. Grass skiing isn't easy business.

The Elderly Academy at DGS

Mini Summer Term Service Project

During the Mini Summer Term, Form 2 students participated in two service projects organized for the elderly from the S.K.H. Lok Man Alice Kwok Integrated Service Centre. One of the programs was a computer course which aimed at teaching the elderly some basic techniques in making their own electronic photo albums. In another program, the students also made a photo album for each of the elderly participants. Instead of making an electronic one, however, they made a traditional one by using sketch books. They spent three days at the elderly centre talking with the elderly, familiarizing themselves with their life experiences and designing the album together with them. At the end of the visit the girls performed a one-hour variety show, which included singing, dancing, drama and games for the elderly. The audience enjoyed the show and participated enthusiastically in the games.

Health Education Program

Shortly afterwards, the Health Education Group conducted a series of education programs for the elderly. Girls prepared games, exercises and drama performances for the elderly to enjoy, and provided them with a free healthy lunch, during which they chatted away joyfully. Throughout the process, girls not only increased their sense of responsibility and citizenship, but also showed their care and love for the elderly.

It was an honour to have Dr. Hon Leong Che-hung, JP attending one of the sessions and giving the girls valuable suggestions. It was also a great pleasure to have a group of students from “中國青年政治學院社會工作學院” joining them in the education program, during which valuable and fruitful ideas and thoughts were exchanged with students from Beijing.

All the girls and the elderly had fun playing and learning together. Even though the programs have come to an end, both parties will cherish the enjoyable memories they shared.

The School is proud to see the girls serve the community with love. As long as girls remember the school motto, Daily Giving Service, they will always dedicate themselves to various kinds of services and never forget to live out the school spirit.



Shanghai Charity Concert

In early July, 56 musicians, along with 4 teachers, embarked on a 5-day trip to Shanghai to perform in a charity concert, jointly organized by the Shanghai No. 3 Girls' High School, the sister school of DGS, to raise funds for the Spring Bud Project, the aim of which is to provide education opportunities for girls brought up in the rural hill areas of China. This was the first time the Symphony Orchestra was given the opportunity to perform outside Hong Kong, and participate in this kind of event.

The musicians and teachers left Hong Kong on the morning of 4th July. The first few days of the trip were spent on intensive rehearsals, including sectional rehearsals, full orchestra rehearsals, and rehearsals with students from the sister school. In the charity concert, musicians from the concert band of the No. 3 Girls' High School joined DGS to perform two pieces, led by their conductor.

The third day of the trip was the day of the concert. The No. 3 Girls' High School performed first, followed by DGS, then finally the joint orchestra. During these few days of music-making, the DGS musicians were exposed to an orchestra of a similar standard, and they were thoroughly impressed by the enthusiasm and skill of the student musicians from their sister school.

The trip was not only about music-making. The musicians had the chance to visit Nanjing Lu, a famous shopping district in Shanghai, and Zhou Zhuang, a famous water-village in the rural parts of Shanghai, as a treat from the School. These visits gave them a taste of their motherland from two contrasting aspects – the bustling city life of Shanghai, and the traditional village life and beautiful scenery of the rural areas of China. The musicians were also invited on the last night by friends of the School, Mr and Mrs Au, to a barbeque dinner at their home in Shanghai, which was highly enjoyable.

This trip was an eye-opening and rewarding experience. The musicians are very grateful to everyone at Shanghai No.3 Girls' High School for making this meaningful event possible. They would also like to thank their teachers Mrs. A. Lee, Mr. M. H. Au and Ms J. Leung, as well as their conductor, Ms M. Chan. Finally, thanks must be given to the Headmistress Mrs. Lau, for her unfailing guidance and enthusiastic support throughout the trip.



Overseas Projects

Chinese Orchestra Competition in Beijing

In early August, the School's Chinese Orchestra participated in the 4th National Chinese Youth Orchestra Invitational Competition in Beijing. This was the first time they participated in this competition in the name of the School.

The Orchestra took part in the Small Orchestral Category, playing "Beautiful Clouds". They also joined Diocesan Boys' School to participate in the Large Orchestral Category, playing "Singing and Dancing in Celebration" and "Festive Lanterns".

The students practised intensively for this competition, with two or three rehearsal sessions each week from June onwards. Under the baton and guidance of distinguished conductor Mr. Kwok Heng-ji, not only did the standard of the orchestra improve significantly, their team spirit and ensemble skills were also much enhanced.

22 students of the Chinese Orchestra, including students from DGJS and old girls, along with 4 teachers, left for Beijing on 8th August for the 6-day trip. Once in Beijing, they were taken to visit the "Bird's Nest" stadium – where competitions are to be held for the 2008 Olympics. They then prepared themselves for final rehearsals before the competitions.

The competitions were held on the third and fourth days of the trip. The students were rather nervous, afraid that something might go wrong; however, all of them gave their best during that last performance, and they even earned enthusiastic applause from the audience!

The results were extremely encouraging. The School Chinese Orchestra received the Sunshine Prize (First Honour Award), and the combined orchestra with DBS was also awarded the same prize under the Large Orchestral Category. Two months of hard work had finally paid off, and all the students were left in high spirits.

The last two days were dedicated to sightseeing. The students visited the Imperial Palace, the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square and the Temple of Heaven. These world-renowned heritage sites definitely left vivid impressions on their minds.

This trip to Beijing was indeed very rewarding for all involved. Besides gaining experience through participating in such a large-scale competition, participants also learnt a lot from listening to other orchestras. At the same time, they also learnt to take care of themselves and others, and lastly had a much deeper understanding of their mother country.

The students would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to their teachers Mrs. C. Chiu, Ms K. Y. Wong, Mr. W. H. Chu and Ms J. Leung for accompanying and looking after them during the trip; their conductor, Mr. Kwok, for his utmost patience in training our orchestra; and last but not least, the Headmistress Mrs. Lau for this precious learning opportunity and for her continuous support for the Chinese Orchestra.



Sports Camp in Bao-an

This summer, the DGS Sports Camp was held in Tsinghua Experimental School in Shenzhen from 21st of August to 24th August 2007. Six of the DGS sports teams participated in it: the Athletics Team and Club, the Cross-Country Team and Club, the Badminton Team and Club, the Basketball Team and Club, the Swimming Team and Club, as well as the Table Tennis Team and Club.

Although the weather was unstable on the first day, the participants still went on their trip filled with joy and excitement. They were warmly welcomed by the representatives from the school there.

All the teams trained hard during the four days. Not only did they improve their skills, but they also formed stronger friendships with each other. A variety show which was held on the last night of the camp was one of the highlights of the trip. Since the training schedules were very packed, none of the teams had much time for preparation. But they all tried their best and made the show enjoyable for everyone.

The Teams and Clubs would like to thank all their teachers, especially Mr. S.K. Lam, Mr. K. L. Tang, Mrs. A. Cheng, Mr. N. B. Wong, Mr. Shek, Ms K.M. Tsui, Ms D. Yeung and Ms W. Cheung for accompanying them during the camp. Also, they would like to thank Mrs. Lau for paying them a visit during their stay in Shenzhen.



Overseas Project

13th Student Leaders' Convention

Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.

John Kennedy

From the 28th May to 3rd June 2007, 12 girls attended the 13th Student Leaders' Convention (SLC) in Singapore. The Student Leaders Convention is an annual convention organized and hosted by Hwa Chong Institution. The 13th SLC was co-organised by three other schools in Singapore. Participating schools came from all over Singapore and the Asia-Pacific countries such as India, Indonesia, Australia and Hong Kong. In a united effort, these units aimed to attain a new milestone in the development and success of this year's SLC.

The 13th SLC served to inculcate awareness of societal challenges in youth leaders of today, via interactive discussions of pertinent and relevant world issues held at an international level. The organising committee provided a viable platform for youth leaders of different cultures, backgrounds and perspectives to come together, discuss and deal with global issues. With the theme "Youth Improvement: Making an impact on society" set as a goal for all the youngsters, the organisers invited all participants to impact society through Community Involvement, Social Responsibility and Youth Empowerment.

Apart from learning how to cooperate with team members and how to come up with organized resolutions, the DGS girls acquired leadership skills through the 5-day convention. They exchanged views and ideas with participants from other Asia-Pacific countries such as China, India and Indonesia.

The girls were able to broaden their horizons and they witnessed how the organizing team, composed of secondary 2 and 3 Singaporean students, was able to plan and conduct a large-scale international convention for around 400 participants.

The 14th Student Leaders' Convention will take place in May 2008. It is hoped that parents and students will respond enthusiastically to this upcoming opportunity when the relevant notice is distributed.





Focus on Sports: Swimming and Lifesaving

The Blood, Sweat and Toil Behind the Glory

The DGS Kaleidoscope is running a series on different sports teams from the girls' perspective, and in this first issue the girls of the School Swimming Team and Lifesaving Team have their say.

An interview with members of the DGS Swimming and Lifesaving Team: Karen Lee, Stephanie Ng, Jacqueline Wan and Charity Choi

Q: When did you start swimming and why did you choose to continue swimming?

Charity: I started swimming out of interest, and because my mother suggested it to me. I find it an enjoyable and relaxing sport, especially after a long school day.

Jacqueline: Although swimming takes up a lot of my time and effort, I am still motivated to continue because I am driven by the passion and the high spirits of everyone in the team. I also want to improve my skills.

Stephanie: One of the reasons I continue swimming even though training can be very demanding is because I want to break my personal best time.

Q: What goes on during swimming training sessions? Do they take up a lot of time?

Jacqueline: Because I train immediately after school every day, I get home quite late and I need to work efficiently and manage my time well. As for my training sessions, I have fitness training occasionally, or I have endurance and sprinting sessions, depending on what program the coaches set. One thing that is certain is that by the end of the day, I am exhausted. But I still have to force myself to revise for next day's test!

Karen: My training schedule has taught me to complete my schoolwork as fast as possible so I can get enough rest for the next day's training.

Q: What do you consider most rewarding about taking part in this sport?

Stephanie: I feel extremely happy when I do well in competitions. It makes all the "pain" I go through worth it. Being congratulated by my friends is also a wonderful feeling.

Charity: I am delighted when I secure good results, especially when I am able to break my personal best time. I feel triumphant when I manage to make constant improvements.

Q: Do you have any advice for students who are interested in joining the Swimming Team or Club?

Jacqueline: To aspiring swimmers, I'd like to remind them to have enough rest before competitions. Don't ever give up even if you get tired of the "never-ending" training sessions. Also, don't aim too high at the very beginning. Instead, set reasonable and achievable goals. Lastly, don't forget that there are many people supporting you who you can reach out to.

Karen: If you can overcome the hardships you face, you will shine in the end.

Stephanie: Forget about the troubles and stress of daily life. Just have a good swim and feel your muscles working!

Charity: Don't forget to manage your time well. Juggling school work and training may be difficult for beginners, but once you learn to do it, you will find swimming a joy and something to look forward to every day!





Message from Mrs. Emily Dai



“How good, how delightful it is for us to come together like sisters.” (DGJS Hymn Book)

The usual clover leaf has three petals and has been used to symbolize Faith, Love and Hope, whereas the rare fourth leaf in a four-leaf clover stands for Luck. If each petal represents a component of the DGS family – students, parents, old girls and teaching staff, their coming together is a rarity, because the DGS family has been founded upon 147 years of tradition, teaching dedication, pride and honour for the Alumni, trust for the best education offered to their children and a commitment for “building on excellence”.

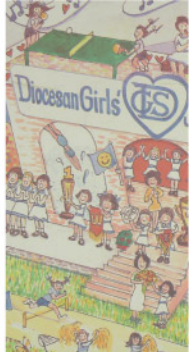
The computer age has reduced a tradition of communication to an electronic message on a screen, which can be stored and retrieved at a touch. But the letter, to many of us who have sprung up before the computer era, is regarded as a prized item to be kept in possession, sorted and retrieved by hand. This augural issue of the DGS newsletter has been completed with love and sincerity from all members of the DGS family. The newsletter is now ready to be inserted through the slit of the mailbox, the hand is also passed through the slit as a final gesture to bid the newsletter a bon voyage. The sender is now in good faith that it will reach far and wide to the hands of our sisters in the DGS family, to be read eagerly by a 6-year-old kid or an 86-year-old alumni alike.

Our newsletter is meant to be written for the four petals of the DGS connection. News can be good and bad; messages can be about the past and present, but these all serve to enrich our lives and bind us even closer together. It is in this way that our newsletter will remind us of our past, encourage us to make the best of our present, and prepare us for an unlimited hopeful future.

My grateful thanks and congratulations to the DGS newsletter team for your innovative endeavour.

Mrs. Emily Dai
Headmistress, DGJS





DGJS Prize-Giving Ceremony 2006-2007 and Farewell Concert

At the end of the school year, DGJS yet had another successful Prize Giving Ceremony. The event not only honoured many of the outstanding students over the past academic year, but also those who performed extremely well in external language and arts competitions, Speech and Music Festivals, and many Sports activities. DGJS continued the legacy of excellence and was awarded with many prizes. Mrs. Dai also presented a farewell gift to Miss O.L. Ma on her retirement after serving the school for forty years.

Following the Prize Giving Ceremony was the Farewell Concert. Playing to a packed hall, the commanding Junior Orchestra commenced the concert with an intriguing "Polka" and the popular "The Phantom of the Opera". Then the Primary Ones sang with their angelic voices followed by the Primary Sixes Musical – "David". The performances were very enjoyable and were rewarded with hearty applause.



Primary 6 Farewell Luncheon

On 6th July, the Primary 6 girls and PTA jointly put together a Farewell luncheon in honour of Mrs. Dai, all the teachers and staff. Every member of the staff was invited to the function. Speeches of heart-felt thanks were delivered in the beautifully-decorated Junior Hall, followed by the presentation of gifts to the staff (flowers, environmental bags and a students' year book), buffet lunch and picture taking. The class also donated some umbrella stands to the school as a token of gratitude.



Sports

Sports Achievements

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Athletics Competition

Girls A Grade: Champion

Girls B Grade: Champion

Girls Overall: Champion

Kowloon West Inter-School Swimming Competition

Girls A Grade: Champion

Girls B Grade: Champion

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Badminton Competition

Champion

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Table Tennis Competition

Girls A Grade: Champion

Girls B Grade: Champion

Kowloon Area Two Inter-School Fencing Competition

Girls A Grade: Second

Girls B Grade: Second

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Basketball Competition

Second

Kowloon West Area Inter-School Volleyball Competition

Second

Inter-School Gymnastics Competition

Girls' Junior Section: Third

Sports Achievement

For the 2006-2007 school year, DGJS was awarded the "Gold Cup" for overall outstanding sports achievements in the Kowloon West District. A special gold cup was also awarded to the school for being the Overall Champion for the 18th year running.







童心同聲賀回歸



With Heart and Voices, the Children celebrate the Handover

A special choir of 30 girls was formed to participate in a choral singing competition entitled 童心同聲賀回歸 to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the return of Hong Kong to China, organised by the Hong Kong Aided Primary School Heads Association at Queen Elizabeth Stadium. The competition was open to all primary schools in Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and Mainland China. Competing groups in the Final included 15 choirs from Hong Kong and 11 choirs from different provinces in China. Our school was awarded the top 3 prizes of the competition:



- "Gold Bauhinia Cup"
- "Trophy for the Best Hong Kong Choir"
- "Trophy for Best Interpretation"



Congratulations to teachers with new babies



Mrs. P Lee's baby:
Jay Lee

Born in July 2007

Jay is the name of our little guy
A precious gift from heaven above
You bring us joy beyond measure

Love to hear you burp and gurgle
Every smile and grin on your face
Enchants and captures everyone of us



Mrs. E Chan's baby:
Kaylia Chan

Another sweet smile to brighten our day,
another small hand to hold all the way!



Speech & Drama

Romeo and Juliet (Drama)

Having our Drama Club set up for four years, working in partnership with Shakespeare4All Limited, this is already our school's fourth year participating in the Gala Production at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Grand Theatre. Macbeth, A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Merchant of Venice and now Romeo and Juliet...our girls' professionalism was showcased on stage.

Working together with students from 28 other schools, Celeste Chan (Pr. 6) and Jasmine Loke (Form 1) played the parts of Romeo and Juliet respectively. Set in feudal Japan, students had the chance of learning more about Japanese culture – wearing kimonos and performing Kendo sword fighting, apart from theatrical skills.

The two shows were held on 27th and 28th October, 2007.





EatSmart@school

DGJS Eating Smart

Over the course of the school year, we participated in the "EatSmart@school.hk" Campaign organised by the Department of Health. The main purpose was to raise awareness of what healthy food is and to inspire our girls to put theory into practice and "eat smart".

Various activities were organised with the help of the PTA, including a Parent and Child Cooking Competition; a "Two Vegetables and One Fruit" stall and a "Milk Moustache" photo session at the mini-bazaar; and "Fruit Day" when the girls all brought their own creative fruit platters to school. DGJS is participating in the EatSmart Campaign again this year and everyone is encouraged to take part in the many informative and fun activities. The school received a Gold Prize in the School NutriAgent Project for enthusiastic promotion of healthy eating.



Parent volunteers manning the stall at the mini-bazaar



Selecting two portions of vegetables and one portion of fruit



Milk moustaches make us want to sing and dance!



Some Fruit Day competition winners



The Parent and Child Cooking Competition winners



Panel judges deciding on who the winners are



Science Adventures

The PTA has sponsored several science assemblies and hands-on activities for all the girls from Primary 1 to 5. Activities included fun projects such as making slime, building roller coasters, dissecting squids, learning about bones and constructing a pyramidal kite. We hope that the students have enjoyed this fun and educational programme!





Outing



Creative Thinking and Expression Skills Day Camps

The School arranged a 3-day programme entitled "Creative Thinking and Expression Skills Day Camps" for our Primary 5 girls on 12th, 14th and 18th June, 2007. This programme was designed and conducted by the College of Lifelong Learning of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology at the university campus. The PTA sponsored part of the programme fee.

The Creative Thinking Workshops included activities that encouraged students to be aware of their daily life and current environmental issues in a creative and reflective way. They were introduced to creative learning strategies and thinking tools, such as concept mapping. In the Creative Expression Workshops, students learned to communicate and express their ideas creatively through various forms, including English drama, graphic design, 3D animation and environmental science activities.





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Message from Mr. Kenneth Ting, SBS, JP Chairman of the Fundraising Campaign Committee

Diocesan Girls' School is widely recognised as a leading girls' school in Hong Kong. Since its inception in 1860, DGS has been committed to providing an all-round education based on Christian principles. The School takes pride in the fact that girls at DGS excel in academic work, languages, sports, music, service to the community, and receive numerous scholarships and awards.

The School is now embarking on a major redevelopment programme in order to meet the educational demands of Hong Kong's future generations. A fundraising committee has been set up to raise funds for a variety of purposes, which will include modernizing the campus, upgrading resources and equipment and increasing the scholarship fund, financial aid and staff development fund. All these are necessary in order to ensure that DGS continues to educate present and future students with our greatest care, dedication and expertise that will equip them to be women of excellence.

The success of our campaign depends on your generous support. Here is an opportunity for every friend of DGS to establish a lasting legacy. Please join us in this exciting quest to build on excellence.

Mr. Kenneth Ting, SBS, JP
Chairman
Fundraising Campaign Committee



Meet the Fundraising Campaign Committee

The Fundraising Campaign Committee comprises a dedicated team of volunteers from the School Council, former and current parents, alumni and friends of the School.



(From left to right)

Third row: Ms Loretta Pang, Dr. Vivian Taam Wong, JP, Mrs. Sheilah Chatjaval, Mrs. Daisy Ho, Mrs. Yvette Ho, Ms Audrey Au
Second row: Mrs. Josephine Chang, Mrs. Isabel Huen, Mrs. Ng Saw Kheng, JP, Mr. Hardy Lok, Mrs. Tammy Fan
First row: Mrs. Stella Lau, JP (DGS Headmistress), Mr. Kenneth Ting, JP (Chairman), Mrs. Doris Ho, JP (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Emily Dai (DGJS Headmistress).





Message from Mr. David Eldon, GBS, CBE, JP Chairman of Diocesan Girls' School Education Foundation Limited

On behalf of the Board of the DGS Education Foundation, let me say how pleased we are to be part of the DGS family, as the School embarks upon a visionary rebuilding programme to strive for yet higher levels of excellence.

We are excited to see the fundraising campaign launched in 2007 making such good progress. This tremendous show of generosity is testament to the continuing firm belief in the qualities that are present in the ever-growing DGS community, out of which is developed the DGS dream.

As custodians of these contributions from students, parents, old girls, and friends, we are particularly mindful of our responsibility to safeguard these precious gifts and ensure that they are properly placed and utilised. It is with these gifts that the DGS dream will be realised.

May we wish the School every success.

Mr. David Eldon, GBS, CBE, JP
Chairman
Diocesan Girls' School Education Foundation Limited



Meet the DGS Education Foundation Board

Our Foundation Board is dedicated to supporting the School by performing due diligence in accepting and safeguarding funds and assets donated for the benefit of the School.

(Pictured above) Mr. David Eldon, GBS, CBE, JP (Chairman)

(From left to right) Mr. Vincent Cheng, GBS, OBE, JP,
The Honourable Mr. Justice Bokhary, Dr. Vivian Taam Wong, JP, Mrs. Annie Lee Liang



Message from Mr. Hardy K.C. Lok Chairman of Building Sub-Committee



Diocesan Girls' School is embarking on a comprehensive redevelopment scheme requiring major changes in its operation and provision of much enhanced facilities to the students so as to fulfill its vision and mission. The magnitude of this Redevelopment project is of such a scale that both DGS and DGJS have to be temporarily relocated to make way for the heavy construction work that will closely follow - and this cannot be implemented without everyone's support, understanding and patience.

We are most fortunate to be blessed with enthusiastic support from all of our members who have devoted their effort, time and skills in spearheading this significant and meaningful project.

We now look forward to working with the selected architect and other professional consultants who will unveil the design that will not only encompass all our demands for upgrading school facilities to meet both current and anticipated challenges and requirements but also provide an inspiring and enriching place for all who will learn, work and visit our campus.

Mr. Hardy K. C. Lok
Chairman
Building Sub-Committee

Meet the Building Sub-Committee

(From left to right)

Second row :

Mr. Conrad K.K. Fung, Mrs. Susanna Wong, Mrs. Winnie Hioe, Ms Jane Ng, Mrs. Sheilah Chatjaval, Mrs. Josephine Chang, Mr. David Mong

First row:

Mrs. Stella Lau, JP, Mrs. Doris Ho, JP, Mr. Hardy Lok (Chairman), Mr. M Y Wan, BBS, JP (Vice-Chairman), Mrs. Emily Dai

Not in photo: Mrs. Ng Saw Kheng, JP (Vice-Chairman)



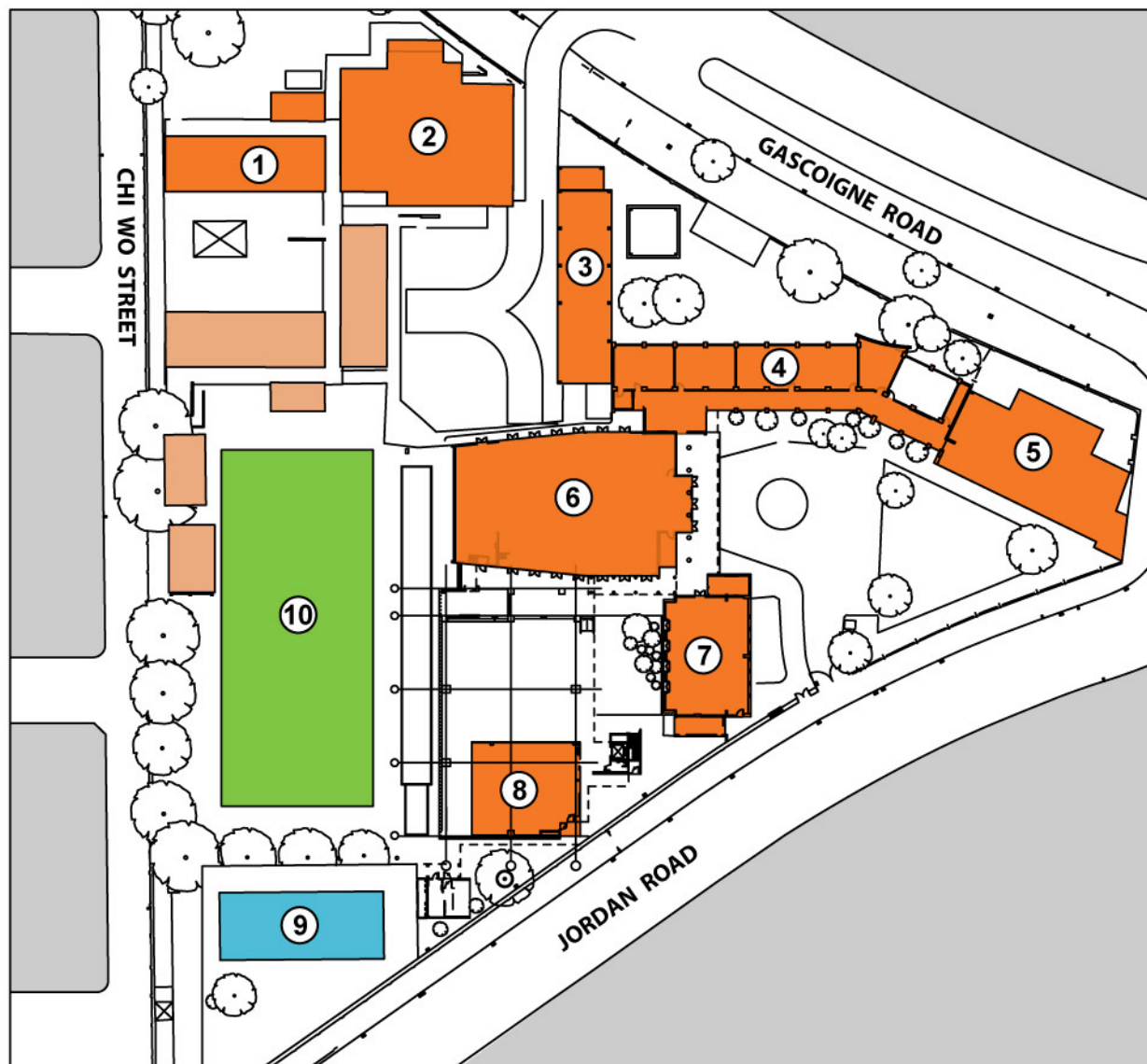
The Redevelopment Project Office (RPO) was established in Apr 2007 with Mr. Marco Wu, SBS, JP as the Hon. Advisor and Mr. Bobby Lin and Ms Alice Yim as the Senior Project Manager and Project Manager respectively. The Office is assisted by teachers from both Diocesan Girls' School and Diocesan Girls' Junior School.

(From left to right)

Mrs. Paulina Hui, Mrs. Michelle Kwan, Mr. Marco Wu, SBS, JP, Ms Alice Yim, Ms Becky Lee, Ms Ella Chan, Mr. Bobby Lin, Ms Erika Poon



Existing School Site Before Redevelopment



1. DGJS
(1975)



2. Extension II
(1996)



3. Extension I
(1993)



4. Symons Block
(1959)



5. Gibbins Block
(1940)



6. Centenary Hall
(1959)



7. Hurrell Block
(1950)



8. SIP Building
(2006)



9. Swimming Pool
(1965)



10. Field & Court



DGS Redevelopment Plan

To enable us to realise our vision for the future and to better fulfil our mission, the School Council has adopted a strategic plan, which it sees as being critical to the development and success over the next five years for both Diocesan Girls' School and Diocesan Girls' Junior School.

Operational changes

- Joining the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) to allow Junior School students to continue their education in the Senior School up to university entrance level

Structural changes

- Class expansion in both the Junior School and the Senior School
- The Senior School to cater for admission of new students coming into Form 1 other than from Junior School alone

Enhancement of teaching and learning

- Streaming of classes into smaller sets
- Improving teacher/student ratio
- Continuous development of extra-curricular programmes
- Strengthening administrative support

Overhaul of existing facilities

- Building new facilities to enable the School to operate a 36-Classroom Senior School and a 24-Classroom Junior School
- Renovating existing facilities to provide a more suitable venue for all school programmes
- Improving recreational areas and promoting a healthy school environment with a green campus

Provision of student financial aid / scholarships

- Offering fee remission to any eligible applicants with financial needs
- Recognising scholastic merit

Proposed changes to physical facilities

- The entire Junior School will be rebuilt, doubling the usable area

- The Senior School will be rebuilt with more facilities added
- Major facilities: recital halls, a new swimming pool, more recreational areas such as tennis and basketball courts, an outdoor playing field, rooftop playgrounds and gardens

Changes programmes

- Expand Collaborative Learning Groups for small group learning in the three core subjects: English, Chinese and Mathematics
- Strengthen the science and technology curriculum
- Develop a Modern Language Department, initially offering French, Spanish, Japanese and Putonghua
- Launch Putonghua stream in teaching and learning of Chinese language
- Install video conferencing facilities to enhance academic and cultural exchange programmes with overseas sister schools
- Recruit more qualified native speakers for language teaching



Extension II – DGJS Hall



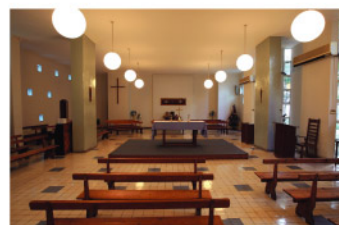
DGJS Middle Garden



Extension II – Physics Laboratory



Field



Hurrell Block – Chapel



Gibbins Block – Science Laboratory



Centenary Hall



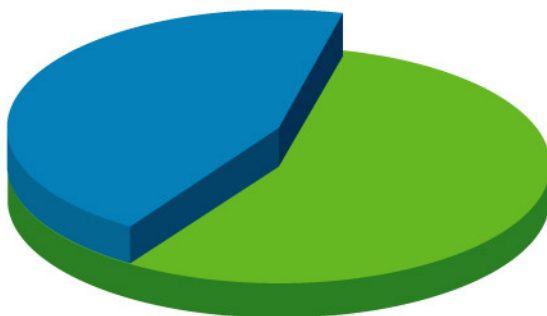
Symons Block – Reception Room

Campaign Progress

Since the launch of the fundraising campaign *The DGS Quest: Building On Excellence* (卓育菁莪), responses from the DGS community and beyond have been most encouraging; but we are still far from reaching our goal. Your generous support will enable DGS students and teachers to enjoy the new campus by the 2011 school year, and leave a lasting legacy for future generations of DGS girls.

菁莪，比喻英才。
卓育菁莪乃「培育許多優秀人才，使更臻卓越」之意。

We are thankful for your unfailing support, without which this a major in-situ redevelopment project at 1 Jordan Road cannot be achieved. We deeply appreciate your financial contributions, your time as volunteers and helpers, and so much more.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNFAILING SUPPORT

- Funding required – HK\$380 million
- Contribution + pledge: HK \$177 million (46.5%)

We will be delighted to discuss with potential donors their interests and wishes and to explore how these may be matched with the needs of the School. All gifts will be appropriately recognised.

Examples of gifts:

Facility Gifts

Assembly Halls
Chapel
Classrooms
Computer Rooms
Gymnasium
Laboratories & Lab Prep Rooms
Language Rooms
Lecture Rooms
Libraries
Music Rooms
Performing Arts Centre
Reference & Research Library
Student Activities Centres
Swimming Pool
Tutorial Rooms

Celebration Wall Gifts

Gold: HK\$500,000 or above
Silver: HK\$400,000 to \$499,999
Bronze: HK\$300,000 to \$399,999

Special Gifts

Scholarship Fund
Staff Development Fund

Class Gifts

Students and alumnae can create a greater impact by making a class contribution, and as a class, decide on how to match the gift with an appropriate need of the School. To facilitate efficient handling of your donations, your class may elect to set up a class account with the School Development Office. Our office will liaise with your designated class gift representative(s) regularly on the status of the account.

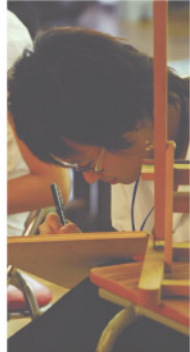
Contributions from donors in US and Canada

You may send your contributions to Give2Asia and receive tax deductible receipts in your local currencies. Please visit www.give2asia.org click on Giving then Client Funds, our project name is "Diocesan Girls' School Fund". Give2Asia and credit card companies will charge DGS handling fees.

The School Development Office was established in May 2005 with the mission to support the School's fundraising drives to meet her specific needs and to enhance relations with alumnae, thereby contributing to supporting the development of DGS, DGJS and their students and faculty.

School Development Office

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e-mail: development@dgs.edu.hk
website: www.dgs.edu.hk/development
contact: Mrs. E. Pong



Activities

Some of you may recall that a conceptual model of a new campus was on display at the venue of "The DGS Girl" musical performances in September 2005. Since then the redevelopment project took root and now is progressing smoothly and receiving tremendous support from everyone involved.

A project of this colossal size calls for leadership and commitment from our dedicated team members:

May 2005	Development Office established
Jun 2006	Fundraising Campaign Committee formed
Dec 2006	Diocesan Girls' School Education Foundation Board formed
Feb 2007	Building Sub-Committee formed
Apr 2007	Redevelopment Project Office established

Communicating the vision and project status is the key to success. Here are some events which took place where information was shared amongst our stakeholders:

Sep 2006	Information sharing with parents concerning the redevelopment of DGS & DGJS at the AGM of PTA
Nov 2006	Informational session with staff concerning facility planning on <i>Staff Development Day</i>
Jan 2007	Announcement of the School Redevelopment Project on <i>SIP Opening cum Speech Day</i>
Mar 2007	Information sharing with alumnae concerning the School Redevelopment Project at the " <i>Spirit Of Sharing</i> " Gathering
Apr 2007	Information sharing at the Parents' Informational Session: <i>School Redevelopment and Fundraising Plans</i>

The buildings' plan began to take shape as the following milestones were met:

Apr-Jul 2007	Consolidation of the development brief
Aug 2007	Ground investigation
Sep-Dec 2007	Interviews with tenderers
Dec 2007	Agreement Signing Ceremony with P & T Architects and Engineers Limited and Rider Levett Bucknall Limited

Our students took part in the redevelopment project too!

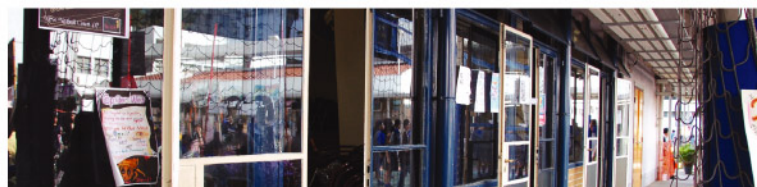


Our students participated in the 2007 Read-A-Thon and raised over HK\$1.44M during their summer holidays. The top class fundraisers from DGS and DGJS were treated to pizza parties, and top individual fundraisers were awarded book voucher prizes.

Future Fundraising Events	
May 2008	Walkathon Family Day (Joint event with PTA and DOGA)
Jul 2008	Students' Read-A-Thon



Message from the PTA Chairman



PTA Executive Committee 2007-2008

Supervisor:
Mrs. Doris Ho, JP

Headmistresses:
Mrs. Stella Lau, JP
Mrs. Emily Dai

Teachers:
Ms Kathleen Ng
Miss M. Lam

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Mrs. Sheilah Chatjaval

Vice-Chairmen:
Mrs. Yvette Ho
Mrs. Linda Chan

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Ms Jane Ng

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Mrs. Betty Kwok
Mrs. Wendy Li
Dr. Lettie Loke
Mrs. Emmy Mong
Mrs. Grace So
Mrs. Agatha Tang
Mrs. Katherine Tong
Dr. Daniel Wong

Dear members of our DGS family,

On behalf of DGS-PTA, I would like to congratulate the School's newsletter team for this inaugural publication. Our PTA newsletter committee, headed by Mrs. Yvette Ho, is proud to be part of this effort and we will continue to re-direct our energies from the now-superseded PTA newsletter to this bi-annual comprehensive newsletter from the School.

What is the PTA?

As most of you who attended our Annual General Meeting in September would know, our PTA is now 56 years old! We are one of the oldest, if not THE oldest, parent-teacher association in Hong Kong and we are involved in many important activities in the school. Our purpose is to foster communication and build a sense of community among parents, students and the school. We support the school when needed, and organize activities throughout the year for the benefit of our school and students.

What does our PTA do?

Our PTA organizes the following subcommittees and activities:

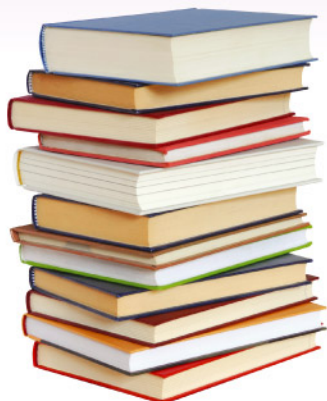
- Chinese Book Club – Compiles Chinese reading lists. Headed by Mrs. Katherine Tong.
- English Book Club – Compiles English reading lists. Headed by Mrs. Gina Ho.
- Library – Runs the Junior School library. Headed by Mrs. Emmy Mong.
- Outings – Plans and organizes special activities and outings for students throughout the school year. Headed by Mrs. Daisy Ho.
- Lunchbox – Runs the school lunch programme. Headed by Mrs. Wendy Li.
- Brownies – Runs a brownie pack. Headed by Ms Jacqueline Kwan.
- Seminars – Organizes parent and student seminars. Headed by Dr. Daniel Wong.
- School Bus – Oversees the school bus routes. Headed by Mr. Patrick Sun.
- Uniforms – Liaises with the school uniform and tracksuit suppliers. Headed by Mrs. Linda Chan.
- Newsletter – Provides content to the school's newsletter. Headed by Mrs. Yvette Ho.
- Computer – Works closely with the school to advise and support its expanding IT programme. Headed by Mrs. Sheilah Chatjaval.

Your help and feedback are welcomed!

All of these subcommittees and activities are coordinated by a dedicated group of parents who volunteer many hours to make them happen. Working with the PTA is an excellent way to make new friends and get involved in our school. We welcome all parents who wish to volunteer at our various PTA activities and we also invite your feedback so we can improve and best tailor our activities to meet the needs of our school community. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me or our Executive Committee members in charge of specific events and activities.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Sheilah Chatjaval
Chairman
DGS-PTA





PTA 56th Annual General Meeting 24th September 2007

The Senior School Hall was filled to capacity with over 930 parents and teachers attending our PTA's 56th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on the evening of 24th September 2007. Prior to the start to the AGM, the parents and teachers were treated to refreshments and specially prepared video programs from both the Junior and Senior Schools. The AGM was presided by Mrs. Sheilah Chatjaval, our PTA Chairman, Mrs. Doris Ho, our School Supervisor, Mrs. Stella Lau, our Senior School Headmistress, and Mrs. Emily Dai, our Junior School Headmistress. After the Chairman's opening remarks, the minutes of last year's AGM were duly approved. The Chairman then presented her report for the year 2006-2007 and Mrs. Margaret Chen, our PTA's Honorary Treasurer, presented the PTA accounts for the year ended 31st July 2007. This was followed by an election of Executive Committee members for the year 2007-2008, and addresses from Mrs. Lau and Mrs. Dai.



After the AGM, parents and teachers were invited to take refreshments in the Junior School Hall. The evening concluded with small parent-teacher sessions where all parents present were invited to meet their daughters' class teachers for a discussion of their general progress.

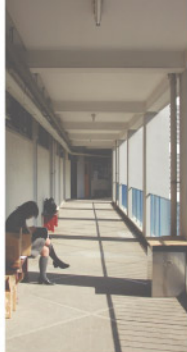
PTA Seminar

Mrs. Anson Chan spoke to over 190 parents and teachers from the senior and junior school on 26th January 2007 on the topic "Priorities in Educating the Hong Kong Young Generation and Equipping Them to Face Future Challenges".

In the seminar, she highlighted the need to instill good moral values in young people enabling them to differentiate between right and wrong in the ever-changing society. She also added that a caring attitude is an important pre-requisite in nurturing our young generation, while a loving heart reflects on how we treat them, helping them to meet the multitude of challenges. Despite the importance of academic achievement in young people, she concluded the seminar emphasizing the need of a healthy body and a healthy mind.

Prior to the conclusion of the seminar, Mrs. Chan responded practically and wittingly during the Q & A session, which lasted for over 45 minutes.





PTA Outing

Macau Trip - Primary 6 Educational Visit

On 25th May, 2007, the PTA organized a one day trip to Macau for our Primary 6 student. This trip also marked the school's first educational visit outside of Hong Kong. The purpose of this visit is to enable our Primary 6 girls to learn about the cultural differences between the Western world and Chinese civilization through visits to well-preserved heritage sites within the Historic Centre of Macau which is recognized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). This was an extremely fun yet intense trip that started from 7:15am to 5:30pm and was packed with a full programme comprising visits to Ruins of St. Paul's, Mount Fortress, Na Tcha Temple, Macau Museum, A-Ma Temple and Taipa House. Our Primary 6 girls had a sumptuous lunch at Macau Tower where they also enjoyed a panoramic view of different landmarks in Macau and part of Zhuhai at the observation deck.

A big thank you to the four teachers, Ms Ma, Ms E. Chan, Mrs. Fan and Mrs. J. Leung and the 24 parent helpers who have accompanied and supervised our girls throughout this trip.



PTA Outing

PTA Educational visit

On 15th June 2007, the PTA arranged a series of educational visits for our Primary 1 to 5 girls with specific focuses for different age groups. Purpose of these visits was to enrich our students' knowledge of different aspects in their daily lives through learning beyond classrooms.

60 parent volunteers have helped in supervising and guiding our girls during the visits on that day. A big Thank You to all of them!!

Science Museum for Primary 1

Primary 1 girls visited the Science Museum where they observed and tried hands-on experiments on the topic of Life and Sound Science. They also visited a dinosaur exhibition and participated in interactive games.

Coca-Cola Factory for Primary 2

Primary 2 girls went on a guided tour around the Coca-Cola Plant where they were able to see, amongst other things, the fastest canning machine in action. They also visited the Coca-Cola Museum and watched a video on the history of Cola.

Hong Kong Museum of History for Primary 3

Primary 3 girls were on a guided tour for "The Hong Kong Story" Permanent Exhibition where there is a display of over a few thousand exhibits, a number of dioramas and multi-media programmes and through which they learnt about the natural environment, folk culture and historical development of Hong Kong.

Crossroads International for Primary 4

Primary 4 girls visited the facility which housed all the used items that were collected for shipment to different needy countries. They learnt about the mission and history of Crossroads International but most importantly the fact that there are many people in other parts of the world who are much less fortunate than they are through participation in a simple but meaningful game which a lot of the girls also found very touching.

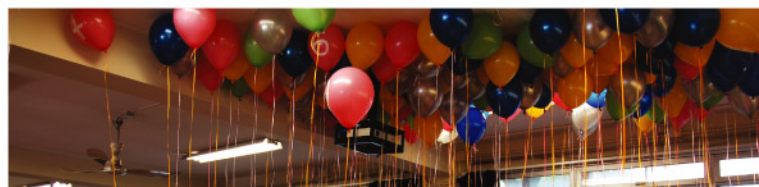
Buddhist Li Ka Shing Care & Attention Home for the Elderly for Primary 5

Primary 5 girls paid a visit to the elderly who lived in this home. Not only did the students chat with the elderly, they also gave some musical and drama performances which the elderly found entertaining.





Message from the **DOGA** President



DOGA General Committee 2007 – 2008

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Loretta Pang

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Eva Lau
Grace Lee Lam
Esther Ma
Teresa Tse
Helen Wong
Vivian Taam Wong

We were delighted to learn that our *alma mater* was to launch a school newsletter and accepted with great pleasure the invitation to take up a few pages of alumni news and activities.

In this inaugural issue, the Diocesan Old Girls' Association Limited is happy to share with readers recent alumni events, notably the Annual Dinner, held for the first time on campus with participation of 1,101 old girls whose graduation years spanned over 60 years. We are also proud to introduce to you the Dr. C. J. Symons Scholarship and its very first recipient. Featured also are the activities of the various interest sub-committees of DOGA.

For old girls, we hope the following pages will bring you closer one to another; for students, we hope they give you a taste of life in the DGS family after graduation.

We look forward to participating in each future issue of the DGS Kaleidoscope and welcome feedback and comments from readers on what you would like to see in this section.

Ms Loretta Pang
President
Diocesan Old Girls' Association Limited



An Eventful Year

2007 was a busy year for DOGA. A desire to connect and to reminisce brought old girls back to the school grounds for several events organized by the various sub-committees.

Arts & Crafts Day – June, 2007 *Art Club*



Various arts and crafts activities held at the Senior Hall

Class Representative Dinner – April, 2007 *Membership Sub-Committee*



After a delicious meal, it's time to sing our favourite hymns



Mosaic artwork done by the girls

Salvation Army HK & Macau Command Elderly Centre – September, 2007 *Community Services Sub-Committee*



Participants gathered at the centre to lend a helping hand

Message
from
the
DOGA



An Eventful Year

Diocesan Graduate Singers Concert – November, 2007 *Choir Sub-Committee*



The Singers with their wonderful performance for the evening

Annual Dinner 2007 – October, 2007 *Social & Membership Sub-Committees*

Well, it's not one of our famous "Hung Won" numbers but guess the number of girls who showed up at the DOGA 2007 Annual Dinner on 27th October?

1,101 – Yes, over one thousand!

Thank you, from the Class of 1940 all the way to the Class of 2006, and to three generations of girls, for making this such a special event. Special thanks to the class representatives for working hard to arrange for their classmates to come for the happy gathering.

With so many old girls showing up, our 90 tables filled the Junior Hall, the Senior Hall, the SIP covered playground – and even spewed over onto the Netball Court! Each of these venues was decorated to give the event a special festive atmosphere. The Best Turnout Class was Class of 1992 with yet another new record of 84 attendees. There were also 330 girls from 11 classes celebrating their particular special anniversaries.

With the record number of attendees, the sale of souvenirs was also a roaring success. Items such as the "1 Jordan Road" environmental bag, the towels, the alphabet jewelry bracelets and school rings were sold out at record speed.



Standee photo-taking

Throughout the evening, the School bustled with girls renewing ties with other graduates, making eager purchases, taking pictures with old friends, colleagues, and in particular the headmistresses. In fact, Mrs. Elim Lau, Mrs. Stella Lau and Mrs. Emily Dai were made to feel like movie stars at the Academy Awards, such was the number of girls from different classes inviting them to take pictures the whole afternoon and evening. They must have been exhausted from smiling!

The school bell rang at 6:00 pm., summoning all girls to the field to attend Assembly, an event many of us missed over the years since graduation. But instead of going to classes after assembly, we proceeded to enjoy a superb buffet dinner with great choices of food and drink, all impeccably prepared and served. Tables were, as usual, full of souvenirs donated by different girls and organizations.

Overheard over the evening were remarks such as:

"Great Fun!"

"Will miss the Senior Hall!"

"Nice Arrangements!"

"Good Souvenirs!"

"Good Decoration, Ambience and Logistics!"

Finally, Ms Shirley Chan, Chairperson of the Annual Dinner Organizing Committee and leader of the evening's event, expressed heartfelt thanks to the headmistresses, DGS staff, janitors, members of the untiring organizing committee, all class representatives, the helpers, the ushers and all who had contributed to make this year's Annual Dinner a great success. We look forward to continuing support from all old girls in the coming years. Who knows – perhaps 2008 will be another record year!



Photo of Class of 1982 inside the Senior Hall



The Dr. C.J. Symons Scholarship

For many DGS old girls, the mention of the two letters - "CJ" immediately brings a smile to their faces. That smile represents an array of emotions: pride, respect, affection, nostalgia... CJ was our headmistress – a symbol of authority and leadership. CJ was also our role model – an embodiment of grace, strength and integrity.

CJ – Dr. Catherine Joyce Symons was headmistress of Diocesan Girls' School from 1953 to 1985. She led the school from those critical post-war years to the period when Hong Kong emerged as a thriving modern metropolis. Dr. Symons was instrumental in establishing DGS' reputation as a leading school in Hong Kong.

In the same year Dr. Symons retired, the Diocesan Old Girls' Association established the Dr. C.J. Symons Scholarship in her honour. This annual award does much more than commemorate a well-loved headmistress; it bestows upon the recipients an important legacy, a unique opportunity to carry her torch and uphold the very values that Dr. Symons instilled in us.

In selecting recipients of the scholarship, DOGA seeks candidates who best exemplify the qualities of a DGS girl as envisioned by Dr. Symons. In her own words, a DGS girl ought to display "womanly patience, poise and gentleness, and innate toughness in a world of empty-headed noise and empty-headed indifference."

Dr. Symons tirelessly reminded us of the relevance of our school motto: "Daily Giving Service". It was her conviction that an educated woman not only achieves academic excellence, but also challenges herself daily, and gives to others daily. Dr. Symons passed away in 2004, but we shall continue to celebrate her legacy in the years to come. Through this annual scholarship, the spirit of CJ will live on as a beacon to us all.



Dr. Catherine Joyce Symons,
CBE, OBE, LLD (Honoris Causa),
1918-2004

First Recipient - Jane Ng

The very first recipient of the Dr. C.J. Symons Scholarship was Jane Ng of the class of 1984 and DGS Head Girl of 1985. With the benefit of the scholarship, Jane entered the London School of Economics where she obtained her Bachelor of Laws degree, followed by a Master of Laws degree where her subjects were Intellectual Property law, Company law, Competition law and International Finance law. After spending 8 years in England studying and working, she qualified as a solicitor on returning to Hong Kong to practise. Jane is a partner with a major international law firm where she specializes in Corporate Finance, in particular mergers and acquisitions with a PRC focus.

In the meantime, Jane dedicates her time to DGS as DOGA Vice President and as Honorary Secretary of the PTA. As you will gather from her PTA appointment, Jane has a daughter in the primary school. Jane expresses the hope that her daughter will be able "to make life-long friends from her days at school and discover her passion and make something out of it."

Jane fondly remembers Dr. Symons' inspiring words at morning assembly. Dr. Symons often reminded her students to carry an educated heart, to have the courage of one's convictions and to have a sense of

fairness. She also stressed the importance of an all round education. In addition to being Head Girl, Jane was a well-rounded student who was involved in various extra-curricular activities. She recalls spending a lot of time at the piano, playing for the assembly, accompanying the choir or just playing duets for fun. Jane was also Netball captain, a member of the Athletics Team, chaired the Current Affairs Club, edited Quest and was in the Debating Team. She also had interests beyond what was taught inside the classroom. She remembers working in Upper Six, on a project on "Community Theatre" which was, at the time, a new movement in theatre. Her team won a prize to attend an exchange program with students from Zhongshan University.

Together, these were the contributing factors which Jane felt helped her in being awarded the Symons Scholarship, and gave her the opportunity to go abroad, learn to be independent and see the world. This is what Jane has to say to current students, "Make the most of what DGS has to offer, and find your own interest and pursue it. It is important to be true to yourself."



DOGA Sub-Committees

In addition to ad hoc committees formed for specific purposes, DOGA has the following 12 standing committees. All DOGA members are welcome and encouraged to join one or more of these working groups. Please feel free to contact the DOGA office.

Art Sub-Committee (Art Club)

For the serious as well as amateur art enthusiasts. Meets monthly to paint, make handicrafts and join other cultural activities. Provides artistic support to the School and other sub-committees in their activities.

Choir Sub-Committee

Oversees the "Diocesan Graduate Singers" for alumnae with interest to sing in a choral setting.

Careers and Scholarship Sub-Committee

Provides career counseling and guidance to current students and recent graduates of the School. Also responsible for the selection of the annual recipient of the Dr. C. J. Symons Scholarship.

Community Service Sub-Committee

Organizes activities for members to continue the tradition of "Daily Giving Service" in serving the community.

Editorial Sub-Committee

Responsible for the editing of all information posted on the DOGA website. Also conducts interviews of old girls and teachers with interesting backgrounds.

Finance Sub-Committee

Responsible for preparing the accounting records and handling the treasury functions, financial reporting and all accounting matters of DOGA Limited (DOGAL) and DOGA Foundation Limited (DOGAFL).

Information Technology Sub-Committee

Undertakes the tasks of designing, upgrading and maintaining the DOGA website, developing a user-friendly member database application system and dealing with all information technology and related matters.

Legal Sub-Committee

Provides legal advice to DOGAL and DOGAFL on miscellaneous matters that arise from time to time. This sub-committee comprises members with a range of legal expertise.

Membership Sub-Committee

Responsible for organizing events in relation to recruitment, serving as the contact point for members, non-members and class representatives, and coordination of the mentorship program of DOGA.

Secretarial Sub-Committee

Provides company secretarial support and other administrative support to DOGAL and DOGAFL. This sub-committee comprises members with a variety of legal and management backgrounds.

Social Sub-Committee

Organizes fellowship events, such as the Annual Dinner, luncheon seminars and workshops, interest visits and other periodic social events.

Sports Sub-Committee (Netball Team)

For the physically fit old girls with strong interest in netball and who do not mind the regular training. Some members also participate in the training of girls in netball at DGS.

Upcoming Events

DOGA Calendar 2008

Jan 9, 2008	"Total Image Makeover" Luncheon Workshop
February, 2008	Community Service: Heep Hong Flag Day
March, 2008	"Spirit of Sharing" Gathering
April, 2008	Class Representative Fellowship
April, 2008	Community Service: Teaching English
May, 2008	Walkathon Family Day (Joint event with DGS, DGJS and PTA)
May, 2008	Netball (Sports Festival)
June, 2008	Annual General Meeting
September, 2008	Luncheon Seminar
October, 2008	Graduate Singers Concert
October, 2008	Annual Dinner
December, 2008	Alumnae Family Day
December, 2008	DGS/DGJS Mini Bazaar

Details of the events will be updated periodically. Please visit www.doga.org.hk to obtain the latest information.

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Joining DOGA

Any old girl of DGS or DGJS (whether resident or abroad) who has completed at least one academic year at DGS or DGJS is eligible to apply for membership of DOGA Ltd. Details of the application can be found at www.doga.org.hk.

Class Reunion Gathering

Alumnae who are interested in organizing their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact the DOGA office for further information.