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拔萃女書院

DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL



150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner at the Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre in May 2010

# THE EPITOME OF DAILY GIVING SERVICE

Because it is not Mrs. Doris Ho's nature to talk about herself, we must. Though our words cannot adequately express our gratitude to her, we must thank her for her service to our alma mater since 1984 – not counting her contributions before she was Supervisor.

Only those who have served with her will know how she has tirelessly worked behind-the-scenes to shape DGS into what it is today. In 2005, she was behind our exciting transition from a grant school to a Direct Subsidy Scheme School with more flexibility in curriculum design, diversity in student intake and resources to nurture each student over the course of 12 years of DGS education. Thanks to the 'One School' concept, we are, as our school hymn declares, 'one family unbroken'.

When this growing family needed a new home, she rallied everyone to put aside feelings of nostalgia and fund a state-of-the-art campus to prepare DGS girls for the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond. The new sporting and performance facilities more than doubled the built-up density on campus, enabling us to offer the widest array of sports teams, musical groups, and interest clubs among secondary schools. The outdoor swimming pool became an all-weather indoor one; not surprisingly, our swimmers have ruled the water for thirty-two of Mrs. Ho's 37 years as Supervisor.

Even before the pandemic made home-based learning essential, the IT infrastructure, included in the School Redevelopment Project Mrs. Ho oversaw back in 2009, enabled us to pioneer mobile learning and brought the world into our classrooms, as well as planting the seeds for learning about Artificial Intelligence, Blockchain and Mathematical Modelling today. Hearing that our parents were looking for an alternative curriculum in 2016, she supported the more cost-effective GCE A levels so that every child can learn to her full capacity.

To anyone who thinks Mrs. Ho cares only for the students, she has just surprised the community with a farewell gift. She is dedicating funds for staff development because she believes that there are no better role models for lifelong learning to inspire students than teachers and non-teaching staff at school.

In the new year, a new generation of DGS girls will be able to enjoy the boarding facilities completed in 2020, which she helped make possible and whose blessing ceremony she attended. She has supervised the transformation of this campus and invested generously in its people over nearly four decades of service. As a token of our gratitude and with the support of the DOGA, we are setting up a green corner inside DOGA Place for everyone to enjoy.

Mrs. Ho will be the first to tell you that what she has done is nothing to speak about for she follows a long line of Diocesans who loved and served this school. We are indeed blessed with alumnae who give back to the community in daily giving service, as she has.

Let us salute this Diocesan: a Christian at heart and in deeds.

Dear Mrs. Ho,  
Thank you for your devotion, support and guidance to the school for the past 37 years. I still vividly remember your warm smile in prize-giving events as you shook my hand on stage and the care you expressed through your eyes in our conversations about my life at DGJS.  
I'll miss you a lot! Wishing you a blissful retirement!  
Yours sincerely,  
Kaylie Wong

Dear Mrs. Ho,  
Thank you for...  
Devoting your life so we may soar;  
Imbuing our lives with joy galore.  
Our paths will shine with fire you lit,  
Cascade your love to us you did.  
Embrace your guide for us to glow,  
Seeds you have sown will thrive and grow.  
A kind of love that'll not retire,  
Nor cease to be the fuel for fire.

Calissa Poon







DGS Redevelopment Project Topping Out Ceremony in December 2010



Campus Redevelopment Opening Ceremony in January 2013



140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in January 2000



Alumnae Wall Opening Ceremony in January 2013



PTA Stall at Mini Bazaar in December 2018



Dear Mrs. Ho,  
I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your valuable contribution and selfless dedication over the past decades. May I wish your retirement be filled with love, joy, and many wonderful memories of DGS and DGJS.  
Sincerely,  
Cherlin Chow

Dear Mrs. Ho,  
I'm Charlie Ng from IC.  
Do you feel sad to retire?  
Please don't! You can bake cookies, do some exercise or come back to visit us anytime. I can perform the trombone for you when you are back.  
Happy retirement and wish you good health!  
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DOGA is extremely proud that Mrs. Ho, their ex-President and alumnae, has made such an indelible contribution to the school. Knowing Mrs. Ho cares for the environment and had always wished for a quiet corner within DGS for students to converge, DOGA will dedicate a green corner inside DOGA Place in her honour. We hope this will augment any conservation initiatives within the school and provide another reason for Mrs. Ho to visit DOGA Place after her retirement!