



Diocesan Girls' School  
Parent Teacher Association

# PTA – Message from the Chairman



PTA Executive Committee at PTA 62nd Annual General Meeting

## PTA Executive Committee 2012-2013

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Speech Day with Mrs. Stella Lau and Mrs. Emily Dai

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

Like Jack who travels back in time and marvels at the evolution of Hong Kong from village to metropolis in the "House of Wonders", I cannot revisit my 15 years in the PTA without feeling extraordinarily blessed and grateful.

Riding on yet another roaring musical success, I will be stepping down as Chairman of the PTA. It is a privilege to have witnessed our PTA blossom into one of the most well-established ones in Hong Kong. Beyond the School's vote of trust in me, I have had the good fortune to work with remarkable individuals that constantly humble and inspire me.

First and foremost, I wish to thank our headmistresses Mrs Stella Lau and Mrs Emily Dai for their unwavering support and our School Supervisor Mrs Doris Ho for her insights and guidance. The work of the PTA would not have been possible without our Executive Committee and Subcommittee members and the hundreds of parent volunteers who selflessly and tirelessly devote their time and expertise. All of you have been instrumental in shaping and perpetuating the PTA. I must thank you from the bottom of my heart.

On behalf of all grateful parents, may I also take this opportunity to thank all teachers, for instilling in our daughters an urge for learning, for treating them with love and care, and for teaching them to acquire the basic knowledge and skills in their pursuit of wisdom and excellence.

In facilitating further collaboration between DGS and DGJS, the PTA has been well-seasoned with myriad milestones. From the "Wizard of Oz" in 2000 to "DGS Girl" in 2005 to "House of Wonders" this August, our musicals have enjoyed well-deserved triumphs. Our beautiful campus now is also evidence of the success of our redevelopment project. Jordan Road has never brimmed with more energy and pride.

Beyond accomplishments, we celebrated two consecutive anniversaries—150th of DGS in 2010 and 60th of the PTA in 2011, rendering us the oldest in HK. This is not only a reminder of the time-honored heritage of our school, but also how far we have all come and how far we would certainly go.

It is an honor to be able to serve the school that my daughters and I love so dearly. It has been a phenomenal 15 years. The PTA cannot be in better hands now and I have every reason to trust that it will reach even greater heights from now on. Always a believer in the DGS PTA, this is really all that I wish for.

Warmest Regards,

Yvette Ho  
PTA Chairman



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## The Parenting Teenagers Course

In April and May 2013, the DGS-PTA Seminars Subcommittee, in collaboration with St Andrews' Church, organized a Parenting Teenagers Course for DGS parents.

The course was held on five consecutive Friday evenings and was well attended by over 40 participating parents. With Reverend Dan and his assistant Lisa Card of St Andrew's Church as moderators, parents were guided through an internationally acclaimed parenting course by Holy Trinity Brompton, an Anglican church in London. It focused on pertinent issues such as how to build stronger communication within the family, setting important boundaries and fewer rules for teenagers, how to handle their emotional health, and how to build their self esteem.

Judging from the encouraging and positive feedback from parents after the course, we hope that DGS-PTA, through the Parenting Teenagers Course, has created an opportunity for parents to share and learn from each other's experience, and has helped to provide an environment of mutual support and encouragement within the school.



## Mother-Daughter Retreat – Ma Wan Park, January 2013



A mother and daughter retreat was organized for the first time by the PTA in collaboration with St. Andrew's Church and HK Pro Train Alliance at Wan Ma Park in January 2013.

Upon arrival, the group of mothers and daughters gathered for an introductory talk before splitting into groups of mothers and daughters only. The mother group was led by the St. Andrew's team whereas the daughters spent time with Pro Train Alliance. Besides exploring the topic of the Five Languages of Love, the mothers also shared openly their experiences of parenting and relationship with their daughters. Further sharing between mother and daughter individually afterwards gave each pair of participant a unique opportunity to further understand each other.

*"I found the retreat to be informative, structured and heart-warming....all the time spent with my daughter was well worth it."*

After a session of sharing by Reverend Dan at the hilltop during sunset, the party moved on to a scrumptious BBQ dinner at the camp site filled with fun games and activities for both mothers and daughters.

The following day started off with a demanding game of Treasure Hunt around the island and rope-climbing activities led by Pro Train. Reverend Dan then gave a talk on grace-centered relationships. The retreat ended on a touching note as mothers and daughters wrote letters and cards to each other.

Overall, parents and daughters found the retreat a good experience in enhancing their relationship..... *"During the sharing part, my daughter shared about her feelings in our relationship...it was great for her to open up."....."A good time for mom and daughter to take a break, to think about relationship, to forget about school and work!".....*

