

Lisa Lau – Caring for the HK Community

Miss Lisa Lau (Class of 1980) has served as the Chairman of the **Hong Kong Council on Smoking and Health (COSH)** for 6 years till October 2014. During her tenure, she successfully headed an anti-smoking promotional campaign which left a lasting legacy of a healthier Hong Kong, and brought about a heightened awareness of the perils of smoking. Under her chairmanship of COSH, significant progress was achieved through the education of the public on the hazards of secondhand smoke, the ban on display of all forms of promotion of tobacco products, cumulating in the successful lobbying and the eventual passing of various legislation amendments, including the increase in tobacco tax and the implementation of comprehensive tobacco control measures.

In 2013, Lisa was awarded the **Bronze Bauhinia Star** by the Hong Kong Government for meritorious public and community service, particularly for her valuable contribution to the advocacy of tobacco control. After handing over the reins of COSH to the next generation of tobacco fighters, Lisa continues to serve the HK community on various quasi-governmental boards and charitable organisations such as Sir David Trench Fund Committee, The Sports Commission, Action Committee Against Narcotics, Independent Police Complaints Council and Hong Kong Sinfonietta.



After completing her studies at DGS, Lisa pursued undergraduate studies in the USA, majoring in advertising, and eventually started her own graphics and advertising consultancy after working for her family garment manufacturing business. DOGA Editorial Sub-Committee met with Lisa to explore the factors which led her to devote herself to service in the community.

I: Interviewers L: Lisa

I: What were the factors which shaped your involvement in community service?

L: My father was a big believer of community services, and devoted many years of his active life to serve on the board of charitable organisations and many education related groups. Following in his footsteps, I started volunteering for the “Summer Youth Program” of the Home Affairs Department, where I served as the program’s publicity and education sub-committee convener. In 2000, I became a member of COSH, and eventually taking the role of chairman in 2008 before retiring in October 2014.

I enjoy identifying problems and tackling them with solutions from different angles. From the varying roles I play on volunteer organisations, I derive an enormous level of satisfaction from learning about the multi-faceted needs of the community, and challenging myself to finding solutions for them.

I: Did your time at DGS shape you towards servicing the community?

L: Dr. C J Symons definitely had a huge influence and instilled in us the motto of “Daily Giving Service”. I recall in one morning assembly, Dr. Symons spoke about a girl who lost her wallet at school. Instead of criticising the morals of the pickpocket, Dr. Symons placed emphasis on the responsibilities of the girl who did not take care of her own belongings in the first place. From Dr. Symons, I learned to view societal responsibilities from multiple angles, instead of from any single perspective.

I: What advice do you have for DGS girls?

L: My advice for DGS students today is, “As you encounter different responsibilities at different stages of your lives, it is crucial to set goals as to what you aim to achieve. Trying your best is often far more important than mere eventual achievements. DGS girls have often demonstrated that they can work with confidence. This self-belief will eventually translate into success in achieving your objectives.”

I: Would you like to share any of your future goals?

L: Going forward, my goal is to better manage my time between personal, business and community service work. For the community, I would like to focus on the development of arts, culture and sports for the youth. My passion for the arts remains unabated, as I run a graphics design company and will continue to help to place internships for art school students.

We applaud Lisa’s contribution to our society and wish her every success in all her pursuits.

Activities

30th Anniversary Reunion of the Class of 1985

It was an unforgettable evening of happy reunion after 30 years for over 30 alumnae from the class of 1985 on 3 January. Many of them made a trip back to Hong Kong from all corners of the world, including Australia, Vietnam, the USA and UK for this milestone. The 30th anniversary celebration began with a tour of the state-of-the-art new campus. The alumnae from overseas were especially fascinated by the school's development and expansion. Afterwards, they returned to the DOGA Room for refreshments and had a good time choosing attractive DOGA souvenirs they missed at the Mini Bazaar. A lot more picture-taking, sharing and updates carried on over an intimate dinner at the Kowloon Cricket Club. The highlight of the night was a slide show about the good old school days which filled everyone with memories and laughter! The class looks forward to many more reunion celebrations to come!



"Cantate Domino" – Diocesan Graduate Singers Annual Concert

Choir Sub-Committee

The Diocesan Graduate Singers held its annual concert on 17 January at the DGS Auditorium, with a record attendance of over 750 people. We were very honoured to have Diocesan Riga Choir and The Diocesan School Old Boys' Association Choir (DSOBA Choir) as guest performers for the evening.

In line with the concert theme of "Cantate Domino", Sing to the Lord, the repertoire that evening was mainly songs of praise and prayers to our Father, including classics such as Sanctus, Kyrie Eleison, Alleluia, Gloria, and Benedictus, some of which were sung in traditional Latin texts. In addition to enjoying the rapturous performance by the DSOBA Choir, we were thrilled to jointly perform with them. It was a delightful evening, and all who attended the concert came away with music still ringing in their ears!



Legacy and Succession Planning Talk

Social Sub-Committee

On 11 April, we were honoured to have barrister Ms. Thelma Kwan to speak about Legacy and Succession Planning. Given Ms. Kwan's 24 years of private banking wealth management experience together with her legal expertise on family and trust law, the 67 attendees gained valuable tips on better asset planning for themselves as well as for their family. The talk closed with an interactive Q&A session and some attendees even requested for another session to follow up on the same topic.



Shirley Chan, Chairlady of Social Sub-Committee, presented a souvenir to Ms. Thelma Kwan

Interhouse Netball Tournament

Sports Sub-Committee

The annual DOGA Inter-house Netball Tournament was held on 7 February where over 60 DOGA players represented their respective houses. Notwithstanding the fierce competition between the houses, all of us enjoyed reuniting with old school friends and cheering for our houses. After a grueling 3-hour tournament, Hurrell claimed the overall champion by beating third-time returning victor Sawyer, which came second. Symons secured third place.



Membership Sub-Committee Events

Membership Sub-Committee

The Membership Sub-Committee rounded up several annual activities with success. In December 2014, we embarked on our 9th Mentorship Programme. Following the previous success of this programme, we received an overwhelming response with 55 pairs of mentor-mentee matched this year.

Over 60 alumni visited the DOGA Room at the Mini Bazaar held on 18 December, 2014. DOGA members enjoyed refreshments and good fellowship while taking a break from the fun-filled activities at the Mini Bazaar.



9th Mentorship Programme



Dinner gathering with HKUST alumna

On 10 February, about 20 HKUST students joined our Sub-Committee members for a meaningful dinner gathering. Through sharing of our experiences, we were able to help newly-graduated S6 girls better cope with university life and allow them to strengthen their bonding with fellow alumnae now at HKUST.

Around 150 S6 students participated in a talk at the school campus on 9 March, where we discussed how to and encouraged them to stay connected after graduation. We also introduced DOGA to these students on their last day of school before the DSE Exams.

On 28 March, we enjoyed a delightful tea gathering with over 50 new members, class reps, mentors, mentees, and senior committee members of the DOGA. It was a great turnout supported by alumni from 1960-2014!



Mini Bazaar



S6 Talk



Members Tea Gathering

Art Club Spring Activities 2015

Art Club

What's better to celebrate the Year of the Ram than with your own personalised red packets, designed and printed all by yourself? A special workshop was held on 7 February at the Senior Art Room where alumnae and their families (over 90) rolled up their sleeves and got their hands (plus faces for some) dirty to craft unique red packets with great enthusiasm. Our artistic members and their children created original designs ranging from popular Frozen characters, ram drawings, traditional Chinese New Year motifs to even impressionist images! All designs were then carefully printed with red paint on blank golden lai-see packets. Everyone was eager to impress friends and relatives with their distinctive hand-printed red packets in Chinese New Year!

On 28 March, members and their families gathered for a fun-filled Easter Basket Workshop. Alumnae busily stuck multi-coloured yarns onto the eggs, while the children were having an exciting time sticking different sizes of pompoms, felts and beads together to make their beloved bunnies. As a final touch up, they decorated their baskets with colourful ribbons and tiny chicks. All participants were happy with their baskets filled with bunnies and rainbow-coloured eggs to celebrate Easter.



Red Packet Design and Print Workshop



Easter Basket Workshop

Congratulations

DOGA is happy to announce that Kimberley Vanessa Cheung (Class of 2012) has been awarded the Top 10 Outstanding Youth Awards presented by HKSAR Home Affairs Bureau and Commission on Youth to commend her outstanding achievements. Kimberley is a Year 3 student at HKUST and has won bronze for the Women's Foil Team event in the 17th Asian Games in Incheon.



Upcoming Events

July	Careers Talk; Support of Job Shadowing Programme (S5)
August	Entering University Students Gathering
September	University Groups Gathering; Art Club Event
October	DOGA Annual Dinner (30 Oct); DOGA Netball League; Medic Group Gathering; Community Services Event
November	Mentoring Programme Kick-off Meeting
December	Art Club Event; Careers Talk; DGS Mini-Bazaar; End of Term Netball Match DOGA vs DGS

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 organising their class reunion gathering at the School, please contact DOGA office for further information.