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DIOCESAN GIRLS' SCHOOL

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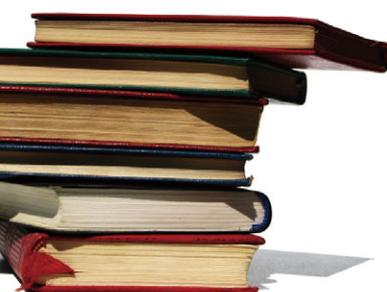
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# A Fond Farewell, a New Beginning

## The Farewell Service cum Time Capsule Ceremony

It was a fine day on 26th March, 2009 when a record number of guests, parents, old girls and friends of the school gathered at 1 Jordan Road with teachers and students from the Senior and Junior Schools for the Farewell Service cum Time Capsule Ceremony to formally bid farewell to the school grounds before the commencement of the Redevelopment Project.

## The Farewell Service

The Headmistresses, Mrs. Stella Lau and Mrs. Emily Dai, began the Service by reading out several Bible passages. This was followed by an address from Revd. Menear of St. Andrew's Church, who reminded us of God's constant love and guidance for the school. Lastly, a special choir comprising old girls and Senior and Junior School choristers led the congregation in singing the hymn "Te Deum" to thank and praise God for His numerous blessings: the miraculously fine weather, the smooth beginning to the day's events and the support of many friends.



The School Supervisor and Headmistresses past and present join with one acclaim to mark farewell to the school campus at 1 Jordan Road prior to redevelopment. From left, Headmistresses Mrs. D. Blomfield, Mrs. E. Dai, Supervisor Mrs. D. Ho, Headmistresses Mrs. S. Lau, Mrs. E. Lau



One of the time capsule items that holds fond memories – the 1 Jordan Road sign.



Old girls, Senior and Junior School choir members singing with one voice and one heart to praise God.



## The Time Capsule Ceremony

Fourteen items, from both DGJS and DGS, were put into a time capsule in the shape of our beloved Centenary Hall. These items, representing fond memories of our old campus and life at 1 Jordan Road, included:

- The puzzle put together at the opening of the Mini Bazaar 2008
- A red roof tile taken from the Middle Garden
- The clock at the back of the Centenary Hall
- A DGS hymn book
- The 1 Jordan Road road sign
- A handwritten report card
- A DGS panoramic photograph
- A DGJS panoramic photograph
- 2008-2009 DGS timetables
- The Headmistress Award
- The 2008-2009 DGS School Calendar
- A card from the Junior School staff
- A copy of *Quest*, the Giennial School Magazine
- A Junior Prefect's badge



After each item was placed inside the time capsule, our supervisor Mrs. Doris Ho joined the two Headmistresses in sealing the capsule. Then, the congregation sang the School Hymn, their voices resonating throughout 1 Jordan Road. Tears welled up in the eyes of many as Diocesans sang with one heart, one voice uplifting, glorifying God's name. Next, Bishop Thomas blessed the school and the Time Capsule Ceremony ended with the hymn "Lord dismiss us with thy blessing".

The congregation, led by the platform party, then proceeded to the SIP covered playground to take part in the ceremonial cutting of the farewell cakes, which were in the shape of two DGS girls and the school hall. This marked the end of the Farewell Service.

With hopeful and joyous hearts, members of the DGS family look forward to witnessing the completion of the new school campus in 2011.



*Revd. Menear leading the platform party in prayer.*



*Parents, teachers, students and other friends of the school showed their love and support by attending the Ceremony.*





# MUSIC

## The Last Easter Show

It has been a tradition to hold the Easter Concert after the Music Festival to celebrate the fruits of our labour and to thank our parents for giving us wonderful opportunities in music. This year's concert was held successfully despite the busy decantation schedule.

In addition to the usual performances from our choirs, orchestras and the Junior School percussion band, the Wells Cathedral School orchestra, our first guest performer in the history of our Easter Concerts, made it even more special by mesmerizing the audience with Weber's Euryanthe Overture and a special Chinese piece.

The rousing finale performance of Holst's 'Jupiter' was followed by the School Hymn which brought parents, old girls and students alike to join in 'one heart, one voice uplifting to glorify Thy Name'. Afterwards, there were spontaneous encores as the ensembles clambered up the familiar stage and ardently performed their pieces one last time.

It was with tears in our eyes that we bid our old campus goodbye at the end of the Easter concert in the DGS Centenary Hall at 1 Jordan Road.



*"One heart, one voice uplifting"*



*Mr. Ronnie Cheng and the Senior Mixed Choir*



*Junior School Percussion Band*



*The School Orchestra was moved to play Tchaikovsky Symphony No.5 once again after the concert ended.*



*The Senior Choir in Commendation of Music – another post-concert treat for audience who lingered in the hall.*



*Our guest performer: The Wells Cathedral School Orchestra*



# SPORTS

## Going for Gold

Backed by the enthusiastic cheering from the DGS Cheering Team, the 2008-2009 Inter-School Athletics Championship Finals got well underway on Friday 13th March 2009 with athletes putting their all in seeing off the competition, recognizing it as the pinnacle event of the year for school sports in Hong Kong.

This year was especially challenging as a number of our star athletes had left the team to further their studies overseas, whilst others were busily preparing for their public examinations.

Yet, the spirit and faith of the team burnt brightly throughout the three days of competition. We were neck-and-neck with Good Hope School as we led by the increasingly small margins of 16.5 points and 8.5 points after the first and second day of the competition respectively. In the end the title depended on the last event, the A grade 4X400m relay. Our team comprising Cherie Yiu, Hui Man Ling, Sophia Au and Leung Hau Sze pulled through with a new meet record.

It was indeed a joyous occasion when we realized we had won the overall champion for the third consecutive year, as well as recognizing the fact that this was the second time that our team captured a Grand Slam in athletics in DGS history. Moreover, our athletes had broken a number of meet records. Our results stemmed from the tenacious determination to do our very best for ourselves as well as for the team. We aimed at breaking our own records, but we never lost our team spirit. In a word, we were united. This year's Inter School Athletics Championship had given us memories we would all treasure for the rest of our lives.



*The Go! Fight! Win! spirit of DGS athletes*



*Rainbow Woo on her way to setting a new javelin record*



*DGS are the Champions!*



*The sweet smiling faces of success of the DGS athletes*

# OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCES (OLE)



## Chess, a rediscovered frontier for DGS

The first chess function held at school in over forty years made its mark in DGS history on 28th February, 2009. The School Hall was transformed into a grand arena as row after row of tables featuring chessboards, clocks and players were arrayed with participants competing for the coveted Joint School Chess trophy. It was also a significant occasion in that it was the last Inter-school event taking place in the School Hall before redevelopment of the old campus at 1 Jordan Road.

Representatives from other schools including Maryknoll Convent School, Wah Yan College (Kowloon) and La Salle College joined us in a day of action and excitement which included fun activities for all. A diverse assortment of chess games including International Chess, Chinese Chess, Go Chess as well as Scrabble created an environment for participants from different schools to socialize and provided opportunities for enthusiasts to try their hand in competitive but friendly matches. Eight DGS representatives took part the tournament, and after several rounds of intense competition, our team tied for second place with La Salle College, while Wah Yan College (Kowloon), who have a strong chess tradition, captured first place.

With over one hundred students participating from the various schools, the DGS Chess Club members certainly had their work cut out for them as hostesses. It proved a memorable experience for this fledgling club, showing that there is immense interest in the intellectual pursuit of chess. The results are very encouraging, and as a club we endeavour to engage ourselves in more such chess events in the years ahead.



The prizewinners from Wah Yan College (Kowloon), La Salle College, Diocesan Girls' School and Maryknoll Convent School



Scrabble aroused the interest of many



Intense concentration in the School Hall

## OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCES (OLE)

### A Chance to Speak Out

On April 2-5, a group of seven students from F.4 and F.6 took part in the Cornell Model United Nations Conference (CMUNC) organized by the Cornell University International Affairs Society. Over the four days, intensive committee sessions were held on the picturesque Cornell campus in Ithaca, New York, to debate life-changing issues.

The delegation of DGS represented Turkey in various committees of the United Nations. Delegates spoke out for the interests of their nations while diplomatically negotiating with others to find solutions for the common good. Students learnt now to critically analyse global issues and honed their debate and public speaking skills. The Conference also raised the students' awareness on issues plaguing the world every day. Some students were allocated to crisis committees when urgent issues broke out, sometimes in the middle of the night. As leaders, they were left with no time to panic or moan, but responded with calm and decisiveness, keeping in mind the overarching goals of international peacekeeping.

The excitement of the Conference never stopped at the intellectual level. DGS was the only Asian school that was invited to take part in this event that drew participants primarily from North America and South Africa. DGS students enjoyed their interactions with their American and African counterparts and the chance to introduce the unique culture of Hong Kong to their foreign friends.

Thanks must be given to the school for the organization of the trip and to the teachers-in-charge of the DGS MUN Team for organizing the numerous preparation meetings and mock MUN sessions, enabling students make the most of their CMUNC trip.



Delegates from a vast range of backgrounds



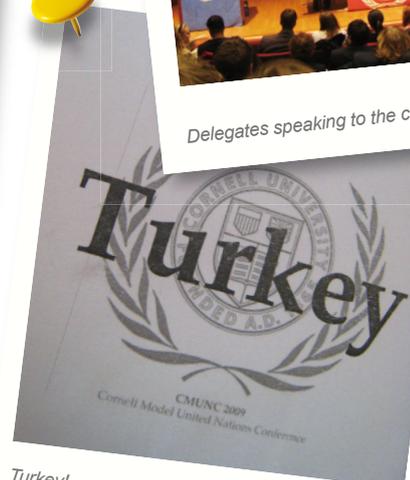
A warm welcome to the Cornell Model United Nations Conference from the Cornell University International Affairs Society



Delegates speaking to the committee



The delegation of DGS at the picturesque Cornell University campus



Turkey!



# SERVICE

## The Young Rehabilitation Worker Training Workshop

During the Easter holidays, we had the privilege to participate in the Young Rehabilitation Worker Training Workshop co-organized by the Kowloon Central Cluster Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Centre and DGS. Wanting to offer future assistance to disabled schoolmates, we were eager to acquaint ourselves with the principles of rehabilitation. The two-day workshop comprised lectures, case studies and hands-on medical practice. Eminent experts conducting the workshop not only displayed comprehensive knowledge on rehabilitation, but also used concise and interactive presentations to make the abstruse information more digestible for us.

One invaluable message we got from the workshop was that contrary to our presumptions, the disabled do not necessarily lead a less dynamic life than an average person. We were especially enlightened by the sharing delivered by Miss Jennifer Lui, who was confined to a wheelchair at the young age of sixteen. Nevertheless, her optimism and staunch determination helped her transcend her physical limitations and empowered her to achieve her ambition – to be the first wheelchair-bound medical student in Hong Kong. Her achievement is substantial proof of the capabilities of the disabled. We were stunned by her remarkable feats and inspired to reach beyond our perceived limitations to emulate her success and reach for our own goals.

The invaluable knowledge and insight garnered during the workshop instilled in us a sense of responsibility towards the disabled in our school community and in society. We look forward to putting our skills into good use in the near future. We are truly grateful to the teacher-in-charge, Miss Suthiphongchai and the coordinator, Miss Lydia Cheung, for enabling us to have such a rewarding experience.



Closing ceremony of the Young Rehabilitation Worker Training Workshop



Putting into action Daily Giving Service



Trainers and trainees together, ready to serve

