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School Life

Thanksgiving Service for 150 years of DGS

On 22nd December, the whole school, Council members, past Headmistresses and honoured guests assembled at St. John's Cathedral to give thanks to the Heavenly Father for leading us in growing and learning for the past 150 years. On this moving occasion, we celebrated our school and its history, which has proved to be a path of grace and blessings; remembered those who have served the school community over the years; and above all, gave thanks to God for His love and guidance, and for making all things possible.

As Reverend John Menear led the congregation in his opening prayer, we thought of the continuing legacy of Diocesan Girls' School and her history of educating girls through different eras, nurturing them in character and humility.

The Bible readings given by the Supervisor, and the present and former Headmistresses of both Senior and Junior schools firmly echoed the school vision and the values inculcated, which serve as the base of all knowledge and skills.



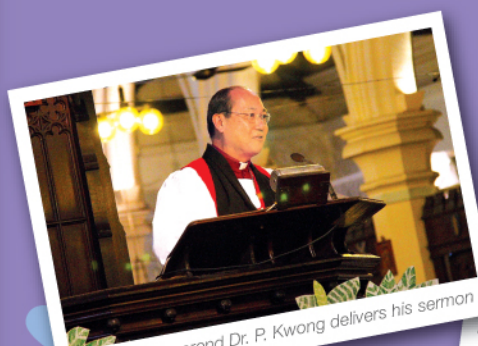
After the service

In his sermon, the Most Reverend Dr. P. Kwong expounded upon the relevance of these readings, particularly that of *Matthew 5:13-16*, asking us to consider the true spirit of the unique education offered at DGS. Using the example of light shining over the world, we were reminded that the Diocesan Girls' School still has an important role to play in society: all of us should strive, in any context, to set a good example and make our works of value. When we combine our efforts as part of a single community, then our power for good can be greatly magnified. It was a powerful reminder of the School's mission, and the true meaning of becoming a 'Woman of Excellence'.

With this in mind, the congregation united in an uplifting rendition of the school hymn, with each member ready to play her part in continuing the Diocesan legacy. Immediately after the service, a delegation went to the 1, Jordan Road site to perform the Topping-out Ceremony. With the students ready, our mission clear, and the school redevelopment almost physically complete, we can look forward to the next 150 years, under God's guidance.



Reverend Menear addresses the congregation



The Most Reverend Dr. P. Kwong delivers his sermon



The string ensemble plays

DGS Asian Games Tour

A DGS girl describes the experience:

The Asian Games is held every four years. This year, the Games were held in Guangzhou, and a total of 76 of us, including our headmistress, Mrs. Lau, five teachers, seven parents and 63 students, went to the Asian Games and watched some of the events from 20th to 23rd November.

During the four days, we watched six events, including synchronized swimming (team free routine-final) held at the Foshan Aquatics centre, the tennis match (women's singles-semifinal) between Peng Shuai (CHN) and Date Krumm Kimiko (JPN), archery and athletics. Students were most excited to see Liu Xiang running in the men's 110 hurdles (heat); they cheered loudly for him, and they couldn't bear to miss any opportunity to take pictures of him. We also watched the men's 100m and the women's 100m (semi-final and final) cheering for and supporting our old girl, Leung Hau Sze, and the Hong Kong team.

Apart from watching the competitions, we also visited several scenic spots, including the Chan Clan Ancestral Hall, the statue of five goats and the Guangzhou Science Centre. The visits were both educational and enjoyable.

The tour was indeed a precious learning opportunity for us.



Students enjoy the excitement of the games



Arrival at the Guangzhou Games centre



Mrs. Lau with old girl Rosanna Sze, Bronze medal winner

Diocesan Girls' School has a long tradition of sporting excellence; the following table shows the achievements of DGS girls, and old girls, who have participated in Asian and Olympic Games, over the years.

Asian Games

Year	Venue	Swimming:
1982	New Delhi, India	Winnie Lai
1986	Seoul, Korea	Rebecca Chau
1990	Beijing, China	Rebecca Chau, Karen Cheung
1994	Hiroshima, Japan	Robyn Lamsam, Katie Lau, Snowie Pang
		Women 4x100m Freestyle Relay (Silver): Representative from DGS: Robyn Lamsam
		Women 50m Freestyle (Bronze): Robyn Lamsam
1998	Bangkok, Thailand	Robyn Lamsam, Sherry Tsai
2002	Pusan, Korea	Sherry Tsai, Liu Ka Lei, Chan Wing Suet, Jennifer Ng, Joyce Wong, Tang Hing Ting
2006	Doha, Qatar	Sze Hang Yu, Tse Kin Hay Sally, Fung Wing Yan Michelle, Nam Car Man Carmen
2010	Guangzhou, China	Swimming: Claudia Lau, Fiona Ma, Natasha Tang Women 4x100m Medley Relay (Bronze): Representative from DGS: Claudia Lau, Fiona Ma Athletics: Hui Man Ling Golf: Tiffany Chan, Kitty Tam

Olympic Games

Year	Venue	Swimming:
1992	Barcelona, Spain	Robyn Lamsam
1996	Atlanta, USA	Swimming: Snowie Pang
2000	Sydney, Australia	Swimming: Sherry Tsai, Chan Wing Suet
2004	Athens, Greece	Swimming: Sherry Tsai, Chan Wing Suet, Sze Hang Yu
2008	Beijing, China	Swimming: Sherry Tsai Triathlon: Tania Mak Table Tennis (Reserve): April Yu

Educational trip to the World Expo 2010



Cheese! The entire DGS group poses for a photo in Shanghai

Overseas educational trips have always been highlights of the DGS education, and to kick off a brand new school year, the school arranged for around 150 girls to visit the World Expo 2010. Led by the headmistress, Mrs. Stella Lau, and accompanied by teachers and parents, the 4-day education trip took place from 2nd to 5th September. The girls spent two days visiting pavilions at the Expo; these included the China Pavilion, the Pavilion of Urban Footprints and the Pavilion of Future, as well as pavilions hosted by various countries and international agencies.

The theme of this year's Expo was "Better City, Better Life". Visiting the Expo, the girls managed to gain a deeper insight into the rapid development of the world and the benefits of global urbanization. From the animated Ching-ming scroll in the China pavilion to the gigantic e-books in the Pavilion of Future, this trip certainly helped the girls learn much more about life: the Shanghai Expo allowed a detailed look into lives and lifestyles, from ancient times to modern times, and into the much-anticipated future world. Besides providing the girls with a chance to have a literal taste of the cultures around the world in the form of delicacies like Belgian chocolates and Turkish ice-creams, this trip also allowed the girls to have a deeper understanding of all the unique and special neighbours in this global village.



Mrs KY Lam and students pose for a photo at the Expo site



Entering the Expo site...



China Pavilion, here we come!

Besides visiting the World Expo, the girls also managed to see other aspects of Shanghai. One morning, a visit to Zhujiajiao, the water village, was arranged. In addition to being an enjoyable and fascinating expedition in its own, this visit allowed the girls to see for themselves the way Shanghai might have been in ancient times; by way of contrast, a trip to the Bund at night allowed the girls to witness Shanghai's rapid urban development. The chance to see the changes taking place across China was, in its own way, an important part of the learning experience. Another highlight of the trip, one which the girls particularly enjoyed, was a chance to visit Shanghai's largest bookstore: the girls were happy to indulge themselves in books and literary materials. All those who went on the trip agreed: being able to visit the Expo, and Shanghai at this important moment in its history, was truly an enlightening learning opportunity and an unforgettable experience.

A Kaleidoscope of Music

**The 6th World Choir Games, Shaoxing
20th – 27th July, 2010**

A note. It thrums, flickers through the choir, and dies down, like a candle that has not yet caught flame. Sixty five gazes converge on the hand which goes up, anticipating, and then –

Sanctus

An explosion of sound, proclaiming "Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD God of Hosts." Rewind, back to the rehearsals in a function room at the Shaoxing Flower Hotel before our competition; further back, when our choir was still in Hangzhou, practicing in the cosy stillness of Tian Shui Tang; back to the Hong Kong International Airport at 6 am where sleepy choristers gathered for the flight to Hangzhou. God was watching over us then, all throughout our rehearsals from Hong Kong to Shaoxing. Of course, the trip was by no means easy, and we had very little time to perfect the four songs on our repertoire. We would find out, though, that this test of our strength and unity would pay off. Hosanna in excelsis – "Praise God in the highest"!

Cai Cha

An arrangement of the traditional Chinese folk song about young girls picking tea leaves. Four of our dancers flit across the stage, the rest of us giving our best impressions of delicate leaf-picking hand movements. The repeated consonance and sibilance in the lyrics even sound like the soft rustling of leaves. We sing this especially proudly, because it showcases the vibrancy of Chinese culture. Our experience on this trip also brought Chinese culture to us. With our visits to Qing Ming He Fang Street Night Market and a World Cultural Heritage site, we greatly enjoyed learning more about local culture.



Cai Cha: the performance of a lifetime



*Reach for the skies!
Diocesans give their all in rehearsal*

So Many Angels

A cheeky, spirited piece about the angels around us in everyday life. With the spotlights on us, we sing joyfully, and think of our friends who share the stage with us. What ties these 65 girls together is more than the blue ribbons in their hair. In this choir, every one of us has found true friendship and support; the troubles of everyday life can be lost, however temporarily, in laughter and singing. This song tells the truth – in our choir, we are indeed surrounded by so many angels.



Final preparations...



Invocation- an unforgettable experience

Invocation

A plea to never be forgotten. All our emotions pour out into this song, and, we remember everyone we have ever loved. We remember what we've gone through as a choir, and we remember that this performance may be the last time we sing this song together. We put our hearts and souls into singing, and the wave of our emotions sweeps over the audience too. As the music swelled, we knew that we would never forget. The same feeling held for our Senior Mixed Choir performance in the category of Musica Sacra the next day; it intensified the day after, when we rushed onstage at the prize-giving ceremony as the World Champions in our category of Youth Choirs of Equal Voices. As Miss Wong raised the gleaming trophy high, we knew that this had been the experience of a lifetime.

The last lingering chord fades. The performance may end, but the music of a Diocesan Chorister will never die.



Crowned Champions!