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### Concluding Report on School Development Project (SDP)

- 1) The School Development Project (SDP) was implemented in three phases. Phase I and II commenced in 2002 with the construction of a new teaching block (now known as Francis H.B. Wong Teaching Building) in the area covering the former upper car park, and the old block consisting of the music room and the Fathers' Chapel. These two phases also included the conversion of outdated rooms such as staff rooms and the students' library, and some other rooms in the teaching block and the Gordon Wu Building. The total cost for Phases I and II amounted to HK\$45M with HK\$38M subsidy from the government while the school had to cover the balance.
- 2) To support the school development project, the School Development Project Committee, co-chaired by **Fr. Alfred Deignan S.J. and Dr. Patrick Wu**, together with representatives from the PSA, the PTA, the teaching staff, the Society of Jesus and several invited professional alumni, was established at the **first SDP meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2002**. Since then, we have met every 6 - 8 weeks to discuss a series of fund raising activities to support the project and to monitor the progress of the SDP.
- 3) A series of fund raising activities were organized and the launching ceremony of the SDP started off on **26<sup>th</sup> January 2003** with a donation of **\$5M by Mr. Stephen Yow and another \$5M donation from Dr. Patrick Wu**.
- 4) To enhance communication with our benefactors and report the progress of the SDP, the first SDP Newsletter, edited by **Mr. Nick Tsui**, was published on **5<sup>th</sup> July 2003**. The **12<sup>th</sup>** and the last issue was published on **20<sup>th</sup> September 2014**.
- 5) At the PSA past presidents bi-monthly luncheon held on **18<sup>th</sup> July 2003**, **Mr. William Kwan**, the legal advisor of the PSA and a patron of the SDP, appealed to the past presidents of the WY(HK)PSA for further donations and initiated a **"Gold Donor"** Plan to encourage donations of \$100,000 in 10 years. To date, we have in record 135 gold donors for the SDP.
- 6) The contract signing ceremony of Phase I (covered by government grant of \$38M) and Phase II (privately funded SIP building) was held on **27<sup>th</sup> September 2003** with AGC Design Ltd, in collaboration with Architecture Design & Research Group Ltd. as the architect, Ove Arup & Partners Hong Kong Ltd. as the engineer and Rider Levett Bucknall Limited as the quantity surveyor. The construction work of Phases I & II was completed in 24 months.



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- 7) The first SDP fund-raising concert, organized and supported by **Mr. Laurence Tse, Mr. Fong Hup, Dr. Chung Ka Leung** and many Wahyanites, was held on **17<sup>th</sup> December 2003** at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center and it successfully raised over **\$3M**, with several additional millions of undesignated donations for the SDP.
- 8) Other fund-raising including Walkathons, Casual Wear Day, Art Exhibition and the selling of postcards, watches and DVD etc. were organized between **January 2004 to December 2005**, and raised another **\$1.5M** for the SDP.
- 9) Phases I & II of the SDP amounted to **\$43.68M**, with a **subsidy of \$38M from the EDB**, providing a **total floor area of 3064 square meters** for new facilities including a new staff room big enough to accommodate all teaching staff, a conference room, a music center, a student library, a computer-assisted learning center, a creative learning room, a Student Activity Center and some rooms for small class teaching, was **officially opened on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2006** by **Sir Donald Tsang, the CE of the HKSAR and Patron of the SDP**.
- 10) The **Wah Yan Dramatic Society**, headed by **Mr. Wong Chin Wah, Mr. Philip Ching, Mr. William Kwan, Mr. Peter Ho and Mr. Chan Cho Chak**, with special invited guests **Dr. Stanley Ho and Ms Pak Suet Sin**, put on the Cantonese Opera in English in the Grand Theatre of the H.K. Cultural Center on **7<sup>th</sup> February 2007** to celebrate their **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**, and successfully raised **\$4.8M** for the SDP. The Society led by **Mr. Alfred Wu (Class of '82)** put on another Cantonese Opera at the Drama Theatre of the H.K. Academy for Performing Arts on **22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2009** to celebrate the **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of Wah Yan College Hong Kong and successfully raised another **\$3M** for the SDP.
- 11) The School Management Committee (SMC) decided in the SMC meeting on **15<sup>th</sup> December 2008** to begin Phase III of the SDP and select option 1 to rebuild the school hall on its existing site, which was envisaged to be large enough to accommodate all the students in an assembly. The proposal (Phase III of the SDP) was officially approved on **13<sup>th</sup> September 2010** by the **Superior General of the Society of Jesus in Rome** in the form of a letter, under the condition that we had to ensure enough funding for the whole redevelopment project.



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- 12) By 2010, we were still far from the estimate sum in 2006 of **\$78M** for Phase III of SDP. To show our appreciation and sincerest gratitude to **Dr. Patrick Wu and his Wu Jieh Yee Charitable Foundation** for the generous donation of **\$40M** to the SDP in 2010, which initiated the planning process for Phase III of the SDP, the new annex (Phases I & II of the SDP) was subsequently renamed Francis H.B.Wong Teaching Building on **11<sup>th</sup> November 2010**. With Dr. Wu's donation, the demolition and construction work of the school hall went full steam ahead.
- 13) In **January 2011**, when we called tenders for the Phase III development in 2011, the minimum returned tender cost **\$120M**, which was **\$40M more** than the amount we had raised. The SDP Committee finally decided to go ahead with the project and signed the contract for the building of the new school hall on **18<sup>th</sup> December 2012**, hoping that we could raise \$40M before the completion of the Phase III development in 2013.
- 14) Tremendous effort was made between **Jan. 2011 to Dec. 2013** to solicit donations through different activities including the Black Tie Dinner to farewell the old school hall, the sponsoring of the stars on the Wall of Stars, the Principal Tam vs Principal Tam Concert, the selling of raffle tickets and the naming of different rooms in the New School Complex, we still fell short of \$13M by the end of 2013. Thanks to the **\$5M from the WYOFF, \$1.5M from Mr. Victor Cheung and the additional \$6.5M from Dr. Patrick Wu and his Wu Jieh Yee Charitable Foundation**, we finally had sufficient funds for the New School Complex Phase III, which was the last phase of the SDP.
- 15) The occupation permit (OP) for the school hall was issued on **30<sup>th</sup> June 2014**, six months later than originally scheduled. Our main contractor, B.L.Wong & Co. Ltd., officially handed over the building to us on **31<sup>st</sup> July 2014**.
- 16) The **Blessing and Opening Ceremony of the New School Complex held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2014** and the **Official Opening Ceremony of the Wall of Stars held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2014** indicated the completion of the 3 phases of the School Development Project, which had taken 12 years from 2002 to 2014. Phases I and II provide a total floor area of 3064 sq. m. and Phase III provides 3585 sq.m.



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- 17) A total of 86 SDP Committee Meetings were held with the first meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2002 and the last concluding meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018 after the settlement of all claims from the contractors and consultants, following the official final account for the three phases of the School Development Project.
- 18) By **31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**, a total of **\$137,468,000** had been raised since the launching ceremony of the SDP on 26 January 2003. The total expenditure on the three phases of the school development project amounted to **\$126,086,000**, with a balance of **\$11,382,000** in the SDP account to be officially transferred to **the newly established "Maintenance Fund"** for upgrading and maintaining the school facilities.
- 19) With your dedicated support and the close monitoring of our teachers representatives, the three phases of school development project can be completed and you have helped to create a permanent fixture which holds a memory of Wah Yan you cherish. We need your continuous donations to the "Maintenance Fund" through two channels – the "Wall of Stars", which can be dedicated to the clubs, teachers, friends, and school leaders that have shaped you; or through the naming rights of the rooms in the new hall and the existing buildings so that you or your family is forever a part of the school and its history.
- 20) On behalf of the School Development Project Board, we would like to thank all board members and professional alumni, organizers of different fund-raising activities and our project consultants who have rendered their time, efforts and expertise to this School Development Project throughout the past sixteen years, and above all our generous benefactors, parents, past and current students and our friends of Wah Yan for their indispensable financial support to make this School Development Project a success.

Prepared on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Signed by

**Dr. Patrick Wu**  
C0-Chairman

**Fr. Alfred Deignan, S.J.**  
Co-Chairman

**Mr. George Tam**  
Convenor

## School Development Project

	HK\$ '000	HK\$ '000
Donation (including Naming Rights)	108,677	
Donation for Wall of Stars	6,716	
Donation from Fund Raising Activities	6,502	
Donation from Wah Yan Dramatic Society	7,825	
Sales of Souvenirs	129	
Interest & Dividend	7,619	137,468
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Less : Expenses		
Construction fee of Francis H.B. Wong Buidling [Including top-up funding (\$1,786,122.14) refunded from the EDB]	4,103	
Hall re-building (Phase III)	118,651	
Wall of Stars	209	
Costs for Fund Raising Activities	640	
Furniture & Fixture	1,736	
Financial Charges	217	
Maintenance Charges	403	
Miscellaneous	127	126,086
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Balance as at 31 May 2018		<u>11,382</u>