

# “WORDS OF GOLD”



At the bi-monthly luncheon meeting of the Past Presidents of the Past Students Association (PSA) held on Friday, 18th July 2003, Mr. William Kwan, Legal Advisor of the PSA and a Patron of the School Development Project (SDP), made an appeal to all old boys for further donation to the SDP under a brand new Gold Donor instalment plan.

An appeal letter jointly signed by SDP Patrons Sir Gordon Wu, Dr. Patrick Wu and Mr. Kwan was issued to all Past Presidents

and Ex Council Members of the PSA urging them to join hands to make contributions collectively and to launch the Gold Donor instalment plan.

Under the Gold Donor plan, a donor makes 10 annual contributions of HK\$10,000 each.

A Gold Donor Plaque will be displayed in a prominent position in the School. “\$10,000 each year is translated to under \$1,000 per month and there is no legal binding obligation,” says the jubilant Mr. Kwan. “Your word is as good as gold,” he added.

*Please use the enclosed Gold Donation Form to make your contribution as a Gold Donor.*



Dears Friends,

I was a student of Wah Yan Hong Kong from 1945-48 (Class 8 to Class 6) when the School was at Robinson Road.

I was then transferred to Wah Yan Kowloon and was a student there from 1948-1950 (Class 6 to Class 5) when the School was at Nelson Street Kowloon.

I was then sent to England.

As you can see, I have not attended classes in the new building of both Schools (as they then were). As a matter of fact, the uniforms I wore most were scout uniforms with different colour scarfs for 15<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong and 11<sup>th</sup> Kowloon. I knew of no School songs. As a matter of fact. I was a disgrace academically and in behaviour and I was sent to England by my parents in May (and not end of term) probably to save me from expulsion.

Nevertheless, as soon as I came back from England in 1962, I was roped in and served on the Wah Yan Past Student's Association Council in various capacities.

I have not sent my sons to Wah Yan because I did not want people to say I used my influence or that of my father (my father was both student and teacher at Wah Yan).

I said all that above to show that I have no, absolutely no, personal interest in accepting the role of Patron of the School Development Fund.

I do that because I feel honoured to be a Wahyanite. I feel good when people asked me where I went to School (normal people only go to one school all their lives) and I said " Wah Yan ". I feel comfortable when I talk to Alumni. I feel at home when I go back to visit the School, even though I was not educated there.

But the School cannot live on past glories alone. It must keep up and improve. To do so, classrooms, halls and other activity centres must be updated.

My pride in being a Wahyanite can only be upheld by the next and the next and the next generations of teachers and students. They must be placed in a situation where they can teach and learn comfortably and in a modern environment.

I am sure you all feel the same pride as I do and I am sure you will do your best to make sure that the next generations will not fail us.

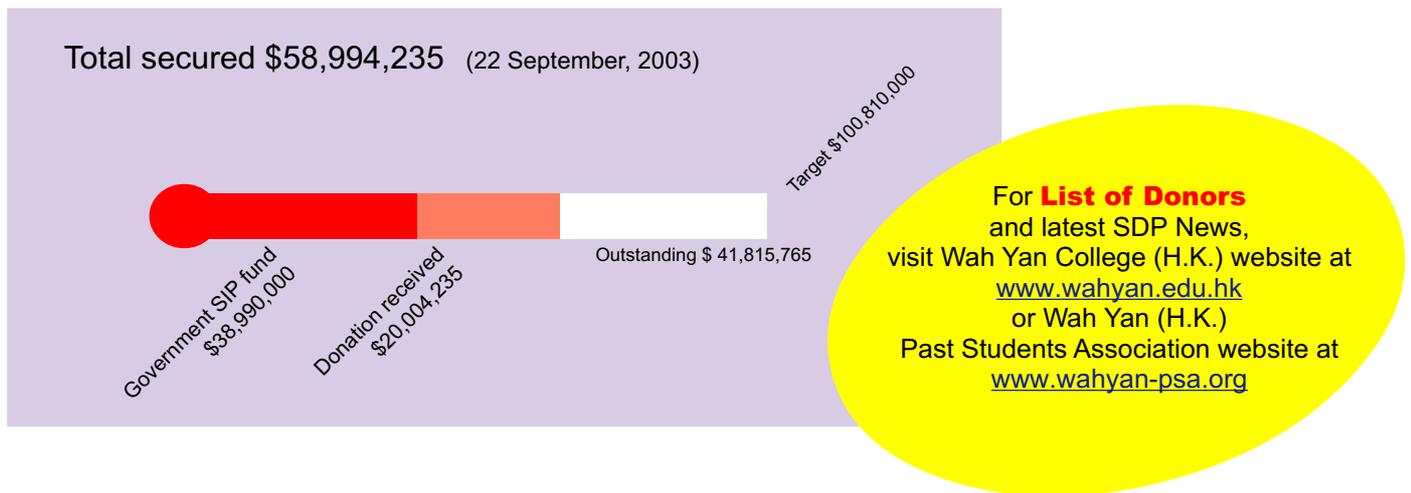
Yours sincerely,



William Kwan



Construction progress photos taken on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2003.



## ESTIMATION OF SDP ANNUAL EXPENDITURE

Year	Estimated Expenditure (HK\$)		
	Phases 1 & 2 (SIP annex)		Phase 3 (Hall)
	Funded by Government	Funded by School	Funded by School
2002-03	1.38M (pre-construction)		
2003-04	1.09M (pre-construction) 10M (post-contract)	4.82M top up * (post-contract)	2M
2004-05	25.02M (post-contract)		15M
2005-06	1.5M (post-contract)		30M
2006-07			10M

\* 1.3M higher than previous estimation

The above estimation is made based on the following assumptions:

1. Total cost of Phase 3 is \$57,000,000
2. Design work commences in 2004
3. Demolition work commences in first quarter of 2005
4. Project completion in first quarter of 2007



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# NEWS

## SDP WATCHES - AN EXCLUSIVE COLLECTORS' ITEM

Thanks to the kindness and generosity of Dr. Winnie and Paul Tse, parents of Pun U Association Wah Yan Primary School, a batch of six hundred elegant looking watches will soon be added to our collection of SDP mementos. According to Fred Tse who is in charge of the design and production of the watches at Genic Electronics Co. Ltd., "An eye catching Wah Yan school badge will be printed on the face and *School Development Project* will be inscribed on the back to commemorate the project. What makes these watches so special is that they belong to a limited edition production and each watch is numbered individually on the back."

Demand for the SDP watches is expected to be overwhelming and a distribution plan will be announced soon. Tentatively, Fr. Deignan has agreed that some of these watches carrying the *good numbers* may be offered to collectors by auction at the Past Students Association Annual Ball to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2003 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Proceeds of the auction will go to the SDP of course.



## JOINT WAH YAN CONCERT

Old boy Lawrence Tse ('70) has organized a group of oldies from both Hong Kong and Kowloon to hold a large scale pop concert at the HKCEC on **17th December 2003 (Wed) 2003**. Details will be available soon. All proceeds will be donated to our SDP and the Kowloon campus paint project. Old boy **Hacken Lee** has also agreed to perform at the event. This concert promises to be the largest event ever organized in the history of Wah Yan! **A BIG EVENT not to be missed!**