



We're delighted to share this latest issue of *News from St. Paul's*, a reflection of the vibrant creativity and collaborative spirit that defines our College community. This edition has been thoughtfully curated under the guidance of the editorial board: Principal Dennis Yuen, Mr. David Chan, Assistant Vice Principal, Ms. Jade Lai, School Development Director and Miss Katherine Au, Publicity and Publications Officer.

The cover, designed by Mr. Anson Chiu (Class of 2024), features Principal Yuen in a moment of reflection — beautifully captured by Mr. Kelvin Tso (Class of 2003), whose photography adds depth and authenticity to this issue.

News from St. Paul's began with the vision of our former teacher, Vice Principal and Careers Master, Mr. Geoffrey Emerson, whose passion for storytelling and College heritage set the foundation for this publication. Today, it continues to serve as a vital link between the College and its alumni — offering a space to share achievements, stories, and reflections that keep the spirit of St. Paul's thriving beyond graduation.

This issue highlights the vibrant life of our community, celebrating both the milestones of our alumni and the dynamic happenings on campus. We thank our students, staff, former teachers and alumni for enriching this ongoing legacy.

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2024-2025 has really been a roller coaster ride for all of us.

We began our school year with a remarkable celebration, welcoming a number of Chinese National Olympic Gold Medalists to St. Paul's College — a moment that filled us all with pride and left many envious of our unique close encounter with these national legends.

Yet, our journey also had its challenges, notably the Hangzhou incident that left us all battered, bruised and shattered in its wake. It tested our resilience, but we are emerging from this trial by showing strength and unity across the entire St. Paul's College community.

The belief that "the Lord is my shepherd and I shall not want" encourages us to celebrate and to count our blessings. One of the highlights of this year was our inaugural homecoming event, where we joyfully reunited with our alumni. Even though we have hosted various class reunions throughout the year, it was the first time that the College took the lead to organise a Homecoming Day for all our alumni and their family members. The theme of the day was "Reconnect, Relive

and Rediscover" - to reconnect with the College and their fellow classmates, to relive their fond school memories, and to rediscover some of the changes that the College has made since their graduation.

It was heartwarming to see familiar faces, especially when our former Principal, Mr. Timothy Ha, took the stage once again in our 'assembly' to read notices. Our alumni were visibly excited about putting on their school ties again and it was a



touching moment to see them taking their class photos with whom are now in their late 70s or early 80s. The friendly ping pong match between Mr. Ha and our former Maths teacher, Mr. Ho Ting Ho, stole the show, bringing much laughter and nostalgia to the assembly.

This year also marked the opening of our new main entrance and the swimming pool. This historic moment marks not just a physical transformation, but a profound spiritual dedication: an opportunity for the College, set up by the Anglican Church in 1851, to rededicate ourselves to God, to reaffirm our commitment to our guiding principle.

"We build our school on thee O Lord, to thee we bring our common needs." This powerful line from our College hymn serves as a reminder of the foundation upon which this College was built. It signifies our collective aspiration to seek God's wisdom and guidance in all that we do. The anthem "Be Thou My Vision", sung so beautifully by our students and alumni in the opening ceremony, encapsulates the need for the College to focus on God in its ever-evolving journey. Psalm 100 was chosen as the Bible reading passage because it is about God's faithfulness, to which the 173 years of history of St. Paul's College is a testament. Throughout these years, we have faced myriad challenges, yet through it all, we have

experienced the unwavering goodness and love of God. His blessings have guided us, reminding us that we are never

alone on this journey.

The College English Debate Team's advancement into the Grand Final of the 40<sup>th</sup> Sing Tao Debating Competition was another highlight, and a fitting



conclusion to my principalship in St. Paul's College. Ten years ago, in my first year as the Principal of the College, our debaters were up against two girls' schools in both the Chinese and English Sing Tao **Debate Competition Finals. It was** just déjà vu when I stepped into Queen Elizabeth Stadium again, exactly ten years on, to watch the Sing Tao Debate Competition English Final on 7 May 2025 in which our SPC debaters were competing for the championship title: the same venue, the same competition, the same month and the same battle of the sexes. It may seem I have finally come full circle, though I hope I have made an impact during my tenure as the 12th Principal of the



As I conclude my thirty-two years of service at the College, I carry with me countless cherished memories and a deep sense of gratitude to this community. Thank you for your support, dedication, and the love you have shown me throughout the years.

Mr. Dennis D. Y. Yuen Principal



On 30 August 2024, St. Paul's College hosted a remarkable event as part of the new academic year — a visit from the Paris 2024 Olympic Games National Team Olympic Athletes Delegation.

The delegation engaged in a lively and meaningful exchange with over 700 students from 13 primary and secondary schools across Hong Kong. The athletes participated in interactive games and shared personal stories, offering insights into the challenges and triumphs of their professional journeys.

The event was attended by several distinguished guests, including Dr. Choi Yuklin, JP, Secretary for Education of the Hong Kong SAR Government; Dr. Arnold Cheng, Chairman of the School Council of St. Paul's College; Mr. Jasper Tsang GBM JP, former President of the Legislative Council; and Dr. Ian Chan SBS MH, Vice Chairman of the St. Paul's College Foundation.

During the session, the Olympians spoke candidly about handling pressure, overcoming adversity, and the importance of perseverance. Their messages encouraged young people to set purposeful goals and remain resilient in the face of challenges.

The event also featured cultural performances and interactive segments that fostered meaningful connections between students and athletes. Attendees expressed admiration for the athletes' spirit and left the venue feeling motivated and uplifted.

This unique occasion not only highlighted the values of determination and excellence but also facilitated cultural exchange between Mainland China and Hong Kong, with a strong emphasis on sportsmanship and youth development.

St. Paul's College was honoured to co-host the delegation and remain deeply grateful for the opportunity. The lessons and inspiration shared that day are expected to resonate with students throughout the school year.

















## St. Paul's College Hosts Inaugural Homecoming Event

On 25 January 2025, St. Paul's College hosted its first-ever Homecoming event, which proved to be a resounding success. The gathering welcomed 418 participants, including more than 300 alumni spanning the graduation years from 1961 to 2024, creating a day filled with reconnection and celebration.

The College's main entrance was decorated in elegant blue hues, setting a warm and inviting tone for the day's proceedings. A curated display of memorabilia from various decades evoked nostalgia among attendees, while special photo sessions arranged for



graduates from the Classes of 1974, 1984, 1994, 2004, and 2014 — alongside former teachers — left a heartfelt impression on many.

Guests were treated to custom-made biscuits and wine embossed with their respective graduation years, adding a thoughtful and personalised touch. The morning assembly, co-led by former Principal Mr. Ha Wing Ho Timothy and Principal Mr. Dennis Yuen, featured the singing of the College song and hymn, fostering a moment of unity and pride.



During a light-hearted selfie session, students showcased their science education projects, inviting alumni to explore the campus and engage with current academic initiatives. The highlight of the event was the friendly table-tennis tournament, which saw spirited competition between teams comprising alumni, current students, and teachers. The team led by our Assistant Vice Principal Mr. David Chan emerged as the winner in this lively contest.



Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive. Dr. Paul Yung '61 praised the event for building bridges between alumni and current students. Dr. Shing Kwong Fung '63 expressed admiration for the students' enthusiasm and the College's commitment to sustainability and innovation. Mr. Jackson Cheung '77 appreciated the strong alumni support and highlighted the donations raised through the tournament to benefit the College's sports programme. Professor Chi Ming Shun '80 commended the students' STEM achievements and was encouraged by the school's continued sustainability efforts. Ms. Connie Chan '90 and Mr. Roy Chan '01 both reflected warmly on the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and the deep emotional significance of returning to their alma mater.

The Homecoming event marked a meaningful milestone in the College's community engagement and reinforced the enduring bonds between alumni and the current student body. eKINSON°

## A Morning of Grace and Celebration – Grand Opening of the New Main Entrance and Tse Yu Chuen Indoor Swimming Pool

On the morning of 10 May 2025, the campus of St. Paul's College was filled with joy, reverence, and anticipation as we gathered to celebrate the grand opening of two transformative additions: our new Main Entrance and the Tse Yu Chuen Indoor Swimming Pool. Though the skies were overcast, we were fortunate to be spared from rain — allowing the event to unfold smoothly and memorably. This milestone, made possible by the generosity of our incredible donors, marks a new chapter in the College's legacy of excellence.





The ceremony began with the stirring harmonies of our College Hymn, followed by heartfelt blessings from The Rt Revd Dr. Matthias Der and a scripture reading from Psalm 100 by The Rt Revd Dr. Thomas Soo Yee Po. As the Combined Choir performed "Be Thou My Vision", the music resonated through the gathering, reminding us how faith and support help our students discover their purpose and potential.

We were honoured by the presence of The Most Revd Andrew Chan Au Ming, whose closing benediction beautifully captured the spirit of the day: these new spaces are not merely architectural achievements — they are sacred foundations for faith, learning, and growth.



Later, Principal Dennis Yuen warmly welcomed the community with heartfelt words, celebrating the realisation of a shared dream. Four student representatives — Anton Au-Yeung (6B), Toby Chue (5B), Carlson Ku (5E), and Ian Li (4A) — led a guided tour of the new Main Entrance, highlighting its remarkable features.





The journey began at the History Gallery, where treasured artefacts from our 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Heritage Exhibition bridge the past and present. Gallant Ho Hall, named in honour of a distinguished alumnus, now stands as a vibrant venue for exhibitions, seminars, and performances — breathing new life into campus culture.

One of the most meaningful additions is the Sustainability Pledge and Commitment Wall, a striking visual declaration of our College's dedication to environmental stewardship. The tour concluded at the Legacy Circle, a graceful tribute to our major donors whose belief in our mission made this transformation possible.

This new entrance is more than a gateway — it's a living embodiment of our values, a space where history, vision, and community converge to shape a brighter future.















A particularly moving moment unfolded during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the swimming pool. Former Principal Mr. Timothy Ha Wing Ho was joined by Mr. Michael Tse Kin Wang, grandson of the late Mr. Tse Yu Chuen, whose family's extraordinary generosity brought this vision to life. Their joint gesture symbolised the enduring legacy of giving and the profound impact one family can have on generations of students.

Guests were then invited to witness the unveiling of the indoor swimming pool — a gleaming, state-of-the-art facility where future champions will be nurtured, friendships will blossom, and confidence will take root.

As we step into this exciting new chapter, the spaces we've unveiled are not just bricks and mortar — they're a reflection of SPC's unwavering commitment to faith,

excellence, and community. With heartfelt gratitude for everyone who helped bring this vision to life, we look ahead with hope and anticipation, knowing that the legacy we build today will inspire generations to come.











## 星島第四十屆全港校際辯論比賽



## A Celebrated Return to English Debate Grand Final

For the first time in a decade, the College English Debate Team proudly advanced to the Grand Final of the  $40^{th}$  Sing Tao Debating Competition, standing out among 64 participating schools.

The final match against HKBUAS Wong Kam Fai Secondary School was held in Queen Elizabeth Stadium on 7 May. The motion was: "The public healthcare reform on fees and charges will promote the effective use of Hong Kong's healthcare resources.", and we represented the Opposition.

The debate was closely contested, and our team delivered an impressive performance to secure second place.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our grand finalists:

Captain: Shiu Chun Fai Alson (6C)

1<sup>st</sup> Speaker: Yeh Ka Hei Jeremy (5B) 2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker: Wong Pak Yin Jacky (4B)

2<sup>nd</sup> Speaker: Wong Pak Yin Jacky (4B) Floor Speakers: Wong Kin On Christopher (6F),

Lau Yiu Fung Wyatt (5E), and

Tse Shing Yau Samuel (4B)



Standby Debater and Floor Speaker: Liang Yuezhe (6E)

Over 100 members of our school community — including College Councillor, Mr. Alan Chiu, Principal Mr. Dennis Yuen, Primary School Headmaster Mr. Michael Mak, teachers, parents, alumni, and students — attended in support, offering a tremendous boost to our debaters' confidence.

Their presence spoke volumes about the spirit of our school – a truly supportive and encouraging community that extends far beyond the brotherhood among Paulines.

We offer our sincere thanks to all who took the time to be with us. Your company made a lasting impact. We were deeply impressed by our grand finalists, as well as the entire team of debaters and researchers, for their tireless effort and unwavering commitment throughout the six rounds of the tournament. Their success was supported by the guidance of the teacher advisors, Mr. Alvin Yu and Mr. Allan Jolly, who worked closely with the team during the competition.

The College takes great pride in the outstanding achievement of the English Debate Team. We are confident in their potential to deliver an even stronger performance in the coming year.











Two visually impaired students, James Zheng (5A) and Billy Chen (5C), have recently achieved remarkable success in two prestigious competitions, showcasing their talent, resilience, and innovation.

In the Australasian Economics Olympiad (AAEO), organised by the University of New South Wales Business School, James and Billy joined three other schoolmates, Lam Tsz Kiu (5B), Lau Tak Ho (5B) and Ngan Ka Hung (5B), to form a team representing SPC. After winning the Team Champion title in the Hong Kong Selection Contest held on 12 April 2025, they represented Hong Kong in the international round in Sydney this July, which led by Ms. Solly Ngan, Mr. Neville Ho, and Ms. Chloe Lam. James also earned a Silver Award for his individual performance. Despite their visual impairments, they worked tirelessly with organisers to secure fair accommodations, including extended time and accessible presentation formats, ensuring equitable participation.

In the Hong Kong Youth AI Master Applied Tech Innovation Awards, co-hosted by HKAGE and ASTRI, James and Billy represented Ebenezer School alongside two peers. Their project, a Braille OCR web application, addresses the communication gap between sighted and visually impaired individuals by instantly converting Braille into readable text. Supporting both English and Cantonese Braille, the app boasts over 95% accuracy. Their innovation earned them the Champion title in the senior secondary section, a \$10,000 scholarship, and HKAGE nominations through the "Nurturing the Gifted Scheme."

Their achievements are a testament to their determination and a powerful reminder of the potential of inclusive innovation. At SPC, we have a longstanding tradition of supporting visually impaired students, ensuring that every learner is provided with the resources and encouragement they need to excel. Our commitment to inclusivity fosters an environment where talents like James Zheng and Billy Chen can thrive, breaking barriers and setting inspiring examples. Since 1970, fifty visually impaired

students have received education offered by the College. Through dedicated staff, tailored accommodations, and innovative learning opportunities, SPC continues to empower visually impaired students to reach their fullest potential and contribute meaningfully to our community and beyond.





## **Highlights from** the 10<sup>th</sup> **Hong Kong Group**

10<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Group, the Scout Group of St. Paul's College, would like to share with the SPC community its achievements in the 2024-2025 academic year.

Distinguished Group Award: Once again, all 5 sections (Grasshopper Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venture Scouts and Rover Scouts) have been selected to receive the Distinguished Group Award for 2024.





Competitions: The Group and different sections have won various competitions in the past year:

#### 1. Island Scout Trail Walk 2025 (30 March 2025):

- (I) 50km youth members category Champion
- (I) 50km youth members category 4<sup>th</sup> place
- (I) 25km youth members category 1st runner-up
- (I) 50km leaders category 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up









- **2. Raffle Sales 2025:** We have won the following prizes:
- (I) Best Selling Group Champion
- (I) Best Selling Group (Per Member) Merit

This is the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that we have won the Champion. We won 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up in the Best Selling Group competition in the 3 years before that.



3. Western District
Commissioner Cup
(Grasshopper competition):
2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up



4. Western District President Cup
(Cub Scout Competition):

1<sup>st</sup> runner-up



#### Joint investiture and Group photo:

This annual event has been successfully held on 23 November 2024. Around 270 members (including Group Council members, Scouters, youth members and BP Club members) attended this event which was also supported by around 300 parents and family members present.















#### Personal Award – Bronze Lion:

Ho Chuen Yan Robert has been presented with Bronze Lion by the Scout Association of Hong Kong at the Scout Rally held on 27 October 2024 in recognition of his long and tremendous contribution to our Group which he is very well deserved.



Scout of the Year 2024: Our Form 1 Scout Lam Pak Ting Bryan has been selected as one of the Scouts of the Year 2024. He is the 17<sup>th</sup> Scout of the Year coming from the 10<sup>th</sup> HKG. Our Scout Group now holds the record for producing the highest number of Scouts of the Year in Hong Kong (17 out of a total of 218 Scouts of the Year selected since 1987).











Hong Kong Outstanding Teens 2025: Our Form 3 Scout Au-Yeung Nicholas has been selected as one of the Hong Kong Outstanding Teens 2025 (香港傑出少年 2025). Nicholas is also the Scout of the Year 2023. The Hong Kong Outstanding Teens Election is a biannual election in Hong Kong. It aims at recognising exceptional personal achievement or overcoming of challenges, encouraging contribution to society, and impacting other young people with winners' personal stories.









## **Spotlight Feature**

### Guided by Grace: Reflections on the Journey of Principal Dennis Yuen

After years of dedicated leadership at St. Paul's College, Principal Dennis Yuen reflects on his path — from unexpected beginnings and defining moments to transformative visions and cherished traditions. His journey reveals a quiet strength, enduring faith, and deep commitment to community.

#### A Principal with Personality and Purpose

Beyond the title, Principal Yuen's character shines through in subtle ways. His favourite colour, blue, symbolises the calm and harmony he brings to his leadership. He's drawn to places rich in history and culture — Nepal, Cairo, Istanbul, Dunhuang — and appreciates music that stirs the soul, especially choral works like *Elijah* and *Messiah* by Mendelssohn, as well as the Chinese piece 遺忘 by 黄友棣.





He finds deep meaning in Psalm 121:

"I lift up my eyes to the hills – where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth."

If not a principal, he imagines he might have pursued a pastoral path. He offers his successor a guiding verse from 1 Corinthians 16:14:

"Let all that you do be done in love."

#### A Calling That Found Him

Yuen's journey into education wasn't linear. Initially aspiring to be an educational psychologist, lawyer, or accountant, he ultimately found his calling in the classroom:

"Through all the twists and turns in life, God led me to the teaching profession — which turns out to be the one that suits me best."

His early teaching experiences felt surreal, especially instructing students close to his own age. Though he lacked a formal mentor, he was influenced deeply by figures such as Mr. Ha, Mrs. Too, Revd Wong, and Mrs. Masie Chan, whose people-first approach shaped his leadership style.

#### The Unexpected Principalship

Becoming principal wasn't part of the original plan:

"Six months earlier, no one expected me to take the role — not even me. It all happened so quickly."

Yet, he embraced the responsibility wholeheartedly. Among many traditions, he holds the anniversary reunion dinners close to heart, moments where alumni from around the world reconnect and reflect. He is especially moved by how former students support retired teachers, even those once considered strict — a testament to lasting bonds.

#### **Understanding Students & School Spirit**

Reflecting on student growth, Yuen observes:

"Boys are boys — playful, competitive, forgetful, and full of life. But today's students, while better provided for, often lack grit."

On campus, one spot carries special meaning: the mosaic mural near the Gallant Ho Hall.

"It's a beautiful Christian motif and a reminder of our school's identity."



He describes how the school's values framework emerged from aligning Christian teachings with the Education Bureau's core values, creating a unified culture embraced by students and staff alike.

#### Visionary Leadership: The Enhancement Project

Yuen's role extended beyond everyday administration. He believed that principals should define the school's very soul:

"It's about communicating the culture, the character, and the raison d'être of the school."



Despite juggling multiple responsibilities, he remained present with students:

"There's always time for things that are important to you."

This belief fueled the School Enhancement Project — a vision of greater connectivity and lasting impact. Planned features include:

- · A recital hall and practice rooms
- An indoor sports complex
- · A two-level library and learning commons
- A memorial garden honouring WWII alumni
- · Additional archival space
- And deeper alumni engagement through class gifts and regular donations

"Our students deserve better facilities for learning and growth."

#### **Looking Forward With Grace**

As he approaches retirement, emotions remain fluid:

"I'm not sure yet what I'll miss most — I haven't left! Maybe ask me again in a few months."

His post-retirement dreams are rooted in simplicity — calligraphy, travel, learning, and perhaps even picking up a musical instrument. His message for the community echoes with humility and hope:



"Learning is not just for university admission — it's about becoming better versions of ourselves and building a better world for others."

#### A Quiet Reflection on Achievement

When asked about accomplishments he's proud of during his tenure, Yuen's humility is unwavering:

"Not sure how I can answer this question as accomplishments or not is not something for me to say. I will have to leave it to others to talk about my accomplishments or legacy."

Instead, he offers a deeply personal answer:

"To me, my greatest accomplishment is to have raised a loving family."



With grace at the heart of his leadership, Principal Yuen's legacy speaks not only through projects and policies, but through the relationships, values, and spirit he nurtured — an enduring gift to generations of students and educators at St. Paul's College.



## Generations in Dialogue

## Head Prefects, Past and Present: A Conversation on Leadership, AI, and the Pauline Spirit

By Percy Shek, Class of 2024

In an inspiring dialogue bridging generations, Dr. SK Fung (Class of 1963 and former Head Prefect) sat down with Percy Shek (current Head Prefect and 6B student) to reflect on leadership, the impact of AI, and the enduring values that make St. Paul's College (SPC) unique.

#### Meet Percy: The Curious Explorer

A self-described "weird" student, Percy embraces his curiosity. His diverse subject choices — Ethics and Religious Studies (ERS), Business, Accounting and Financial Studies (BAFS), Visual Arts, and M1 (Calculus and Statistics) — speak to his eagerness to explore. "SPC gives us freedom to choose," he smiled.

Though drawn to studying law, Percy expressed concerns about AI's growing influence in the profession. Dr. Fung offered reassurance: "AI lacks imagination, ethics, and curiosity. Machines process data, and humans create it." He applauded Percy's choice to study Ethics, noting its strong connection to his own interest in philosophy. "AI's values come from us. That's why ethics matters."

#### Head Prefect vs. Students' Association: Leading from Different Angles

While the duties of a Head Prefect have evolved, the heart of the role — upholding discipline — remains. Appointed by the then-Principal Reverend Speak, Dr. Fung recalled an era when "teachers were like gods and students feared them!" As the Head Prefect, he was chosen based on his academic performance and maturity, tasked with maintaining order.

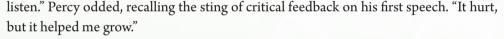
But alongside his classmate Mr. Tsang Yok-shing, Dr. Fung noticed a need for student advocacy. Together, they founded the Students' Association (SA) to give students

a voice, organise clubs, and campaign for practical improvements — like a canteen. "Back then, lunch was a scramble — no seats, no time," Dr. Fung laughed. Their solution? A partnership with local restaurants for preordered meals, an idea Reverend Speak personally tested and approved.

Today, Percy's leadership looks different. Prefects manage recess, lead assemblies, and mentor junior monitors. "Social workers taught us conflict resolution — we're outsourcing the tough stuff!" he joked.

#### Lessons in Leadership: Humility, Vision, and Resilience

Both leaders agreed: a Head Prefect must lead with humility, confidence, and integrity. "Power corrupts," warned Dr. Fung, quoting Machiavelli. "Good leaders



Failures, they agreed, are a part of the process. Dr. Fung candidly shared his setbacks, from being rejected by HKU to taking up programming during a gap year, which led to subsequent opportunities in university studies and career. "Life is a long-distance journey — practise lifelong learning." Percy echoed the sentiment: "Don't compare yourself to others. Focus on mastering your own skills."

#### The Pauline Brotherhood: Unity Beyond Differences

For Percy, SPC is defined by camaraderie; for Dr. Fung, by inclusivity. "Rich or poor, we all played together," he recalled. "Even visually impaired students thrived." He fondly remembered Mr. John Eynon — a teacher who fostered curiosity and once treated the whole class to lunch after a Sports Day victory. "Great teachers make you unafraid to ask questions."

As Percy prepares for the DSE, he expressed gratitude for the opportunities SPC offers — from open days to debating and public speaking. Dr. Fung left him with this wisdom: "Your first job won't define your life. Stay curious, keep learning, and remember: machines may help you use your mind, they can't replace your heart."



# The Untold Story of the Paulines A Life-Long Passion in Bridge



by Samuel Wan, Class of 1969





Looking back at my journey in bridge, it's hard to believe it all began more than half a century ago. I'm proud to say I'm an alumnus of St. Paul's College, Class of 1969, and even prouder to still be flying the flag for Hong Kong in international competitions. This year, I've had the honour of playing for the Hong Kong Senior Team at the 54<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Bridge Championship in Hefei, Anhui.

My partner, Roger Ling, and I were the anchor pair according to designated team strategy. As the tournament wrapped up, I would climb the Huangshan with my teammates — a reward for body and spirit after ten days of intense focus. In fact, at the

time of writing, through a stroke of luck, our team was awarded a berth to play in the World Championships in Herning, Denmark in August.

My bridge journey began at St. Paul's under the guidance of Mr. Cheong Chi Lap. Roger and I started as classmates in the primary school, but it was in the secondary school that we first discovered the pleasure of contract bridge. Since then, our partnership has withstood the test of time, and it feels incredibly special to still be competing as a pair after all these decades — believe it or not, because of our tenure, we are currently the two highest ranked National Grand Masters in Hong Kong!

I've been fortunate to represent Hong Kong in many major events:

- In the 1980s, Roger and I first represented Hong Kong in the World Bridge Olympiad in Valkenburg, the Netherlands.
- In 1987, our team (again, Roger and I) came first in the Open Team at the Far East Bridge Championship (now called the Asia Pacific Bridge Championship) held in Shanghai — nosing ahead of the China National Team remained one of our memorable and emotional moments.



- In 1991, Roger and I played in the World Championship in Yokohama.
- In 2018, I partnered Derek Zen, President of the Hong Kong China Bridge Association, at the Jakarta Asian Games, where our team took home the Silver Medal.
- And in 2019, Derek and I played in the World Team Championships in Wuhan.

In recent years, I've seen the Hong Kong bridge scene become more matured and the participants stronger in technique. The Government gave tremendous support to the Association ahead of the 2018 Asian Games. We invited Taiwan's bridge maestro Patrick Huang to coach us in 2017, and his training paid off — with our Hong Kong teams earning two silver and two bronze medals in that event.

Then, to prepare for the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, we invited the Italian world champion Giorgio Duboin to coach us. Although he only trained us online due to travel restrictions, his impact was significant — this time the Hong Kong team brought home a Gold Medal as I reported the historical achievement while serving as the Chief Bulletin Editor.

Now, as part of the senior team, I am playing alongside five teammates — all over 70 years old, and most of us are proud grandfathers. We've known each other for more than 50/60 years through inter-school competitions, and the friendships are deeply profound.



Nowadays, I teach at bridge clubs and mentor younger players from time to time, and I remain active and compete in multiple tournaments every year — it keeps the mind sharp and the spirit vibrant.

"As we grow older, we continue to enjoy bridge just as much — but we also cherish the chance to explore the scenery and culture wherever we travel and compete. That's one of life's greatest joys."



## "La Famiglia, St. Paul's Forever"

by Dr. Robert Lam, Class of 1962

Homecoming to St. Paul's is always exciting. Not only to be amazed by the latest achievements and developments of our school, but also it is a trip down memory lane.

I was a special guest at the 2024 Speech Day. It was a memorable homecoming day for me. Sixty years ago, I attended Speech Day as I graduated from Upper Form 6 in 1964. It was the first year for this ceremony to be held at the newly completed school assembly hall. This time I attended as the Vice President of the Ontario Alumni Association, bringing the scholarship cheque for the recipient Yang Fechi who had brilliant achievements in the 2024 HKDSE.

The Hall looked very different with the nicely crafted wood panels, giving me a sense of warmth. The photos of the Principals on the wall reminded me how fast time has gone by. I still remember the looks of Col. E.G. Stewart and Rev. G.L. Speak at the morning assembly. The only thing remained unchanged was, of course, the College Song that every Pauline loved to sing with heads raised in pride.

Back in my school days school-wide activities organised by the school were scarce. The biggest annual event was not Speech Day but Sports Day, held in autumn at the South China Athletic

Association Sports Stadium on Caroline Hill. While student attendance was "compulsory", many of us would remember how we sneaked out to have fun, went to the movies or home early. Only the sportsmen participating in competitions, the boy scouts on duty and a handful of rule-abiding students would stay till the end. For my Class of 1962 (Form 5), there was one exception we cannot forget and keep talking about. It was the 1961 Sports Day. Realising this could be our last year at the school, we treasured it and



stayed to cheer for the sports stars of our class and witnessed them winning numerous honours. Not only that, even those who were never good at sports made their first attempts in the track and field events.

I participated in 100m and 200m, and as expected was eliminated before the finals. However, thanks to the outstanding sportsmen in our class and our collective effort in participation, I had the honour to receive the Stewart Shield on behalf of Form 5A in my capacity as the class monitor who had served for five consecutive years since Form 1A.

Though our classmates are now scattered in different places around the world, we still meet regularly, mainly in Hong Kong, Toronto and Vancouver. Our gatherings were filled with fun and laughter, reminiscing on the good old days.



SCAA Stadium in the 1960s, venue of SPC Sports Day



Form 5A classmates on the spectators' stand

We love to talk about the naughtiness and outrageous deeds of teenage boys like how Leo took his watch apart and re-assembled it in class without paying attention to the teacher; cherish memories of how we helped each other out like how Ron shared his bursary with a classmate in need; and are still excited about how Desmond threw the basketball into the net from long range just before the whistle to win an interschool game. Through our beloved *alma mater*, we are family.



My honour to represent Form 5A to collect the Stewart Shield



Guess which four were the outstanding sportsmen of Form 5A



Newspaper Clip reporting on SPC Sports Day 1961



## A Conductor's Journey Home

by Stephen Lam Lik Hin, Class of 2003

My name is Stephen Lam, Class of 2003 (Form 5), and since 2023, I have had the honour of serving as the Music Director at St. Paul's College. This campus is more than just a workplace — it's the place where I first stepped on stage as a student conductor, joined my first overseas music tour to Japan, sang my earliest notes as a chorister, and was introduced by my music teacher to the world of church music and opera.

Returning to lead the Music Department has been both a homecoming and a challenge. As I observe the daily rhythms of our students, their experiences feel both familiar and worlds apart from those of my own school days. Stepping back onto campus, the music instantly reconnected me to the vibrant artistic soul of



the place. Students remain devoted to singing and playing music. Our school hymn reminds us of the enduring presence of "the same good master, teacher, friend". The sound of piano melodies drifting from the main entrance and quiet corners echoes this continuity.

And yet, the times have certainly shifted. Post-COVID, we've needed to reacclimatise students to traditions such as hymn singing in morning assemblies. The digital age has reshaped attention spans, prompting us to implement creative "detox" strategies during rehearsals and tours to refocus minds on the joy of music-making.



At the heart of my leadership lies a fundamental question: What is the musical tradition of St. Paul's College that I should preserve and evolve for the next generation? And equally: What lessons from my time as a conductor abroad can be brought back to enrich our programme here in Hong Kong?

#### Reimagining the Music Union

Over the past two years, we've restructured the Music Union into focused teams to serve the varied talents and passions of our students:

- Symphony Orchestra
- Symphonic Band
- Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Chapel Choir, and A Cappella Group
- Piano and Organ Team
- Chinese Music Team
- Chamber Music Team
- Pop Music Team
- Stage Management Team

This change opened my eyes to aspects of music education I hadn't fully appreciated as a student. Music at SPC is more than melody — it's leadership, brotherhood, and holistic development.



#### **Lessons Beyond the Score**

#### 1. Music Education Is About More Than Music

Students today learn to organise events, communicate with peers, present on stage, and embrace both excellence and failure. Each team now has 4-6 student leaders who handle planning and communication. Some even begin rehearsals as early as 7:15 a.m., demonstrating a level of dedication that inspires all of us.



#### 2. Striving for Excellence and Embracing Failure

Students are busier and, frankly, even more talented than in my day. Many Form 1 students arrive already proficient in multiple instruments at diploma level. The competitive landscape — especially at events like the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival — has intensified, with success often tied to instrument quality and ensemble cohesion. To meet these demands, we provide weekly professional coaching and masterclasses, featuring musicians from the Hong Kong Philharmonic Orchestra, Opera Hong Kong, and top international institutions.

#### **Expanding Global Horizons**

Our students regularly perform in prestigious venues around the world:

- The Stoller Hall, Manchester
- Trinity College Chapel, Cambridge
- Royal College of Music, London
- Esplanade Concert Hall, Singapore
- Shenzhen Concert Hall
- Art Institute of the Orient, Guangzhou
- St. Dominic's Church, Macau



These tours develop both musical excellence and global perspectives.

#### Why I Returned

My dream of conducting began in Form 4, when I first led the Intermediate Choir. After graduating from the National Music University of Vienna and conducting in various countries, the desire to bring my global experience home never left me.

Hong Kong has one of the most robust music education systems in the world. Yet, despite widespread school training, support for classical music remains relatively niche. I believe education is the key to transforming this landscape — and it begins here at SPC.

### **Reflections on Progress and Purpose**



Since taking on this role, my main mission has been rebuilding the College's music life post-COVID. While the initial stage was difficult — students didn't know what they'd missed — it also presented a powerful opportunity to reimagine our future and build something new.

I have loved this work. And I believe we're on the right path towards a music culture that meets the needs of our time without losing the heart of what makes SPC's musical tradition so special.

#### **Personal Notes in Harmony**

- Favourite Music: Classical will always be my foundation, but I also love Cantonese pop.
- Favourite Pastimes: Lately I've been enjoying the gym and hiking.
- Recommended Listening: Mahler and Richard Strauss. Their works especially
  from Vienna's golden musical age represent, to me, the pinnacle of human
  artistic achievement.

#### **Looking Ahead**

The untold stories of the Paulines are not only found in performances or achievements — they live in the quiet moments of connection, the unspoken mentorship, and the shared belief that music can shape character. These stories are stitched into every chord and chorus we produce.

As we continue this musical journey together, I invite all Paulines — past and present — to reconnect with our Music Department, follow our updates, and share your stories. Let's make music that echoes through time, in both heritage and heart.





# **Event Recaps and Upcoming Gatherings**

## From 1969 to Today:

## A Reunion of Gratitude, Memory, and Harmony

We held our 55<sup>th</sup> reunion dinner at the school hall one crisp evening on 30 November 2024, attended by 45 brothers and their spouses. This dinner kicked off a series of reunion events that last through 11 December 2024.

The dinner was certainly festive and memorable. A few moments that were especially touching are,

- The few times when we rehearsed at SPC, Mr. David Chan, the Assistant Vice Principal was always supportive and Mr. Dennis Yuen, the Principal was ready to help. Ms. Jade Lai, the Director of School Development, was another keen supporter. We started nervously to invite our former teachers in late August and to our relief, all of them responded enthusiastically.
- Right before the dinner, we enjoyed a guided tour of the school campus, and were impressed by the welcoming space of the new entrance lobby. Majestic aerial shots were captured with our brother's drone.

- We were honoured by the nine former teachers who attended the dinner, and especially Mr. Cheong Chee Lap, Mr. Chow Hoi Ping, Principal Mr. Timothy Ha, the late Ms. Theresa Kwan, Mrs. K.C. Too, and Mr. Yuen Chik Kam who joined all our previous reunions.
- Both 陳啟雄老師 (in his pre-written calligraphy) and 佘汝豐老師 (in his impromptu remark) mentioned 小雅伐木 嚶其鳴矣. That phrase lovingly described our innocent 小鳥爭鳴,但求知音 of 1969 days.
- Mr. Andrew Cheng, one of our form masters in 1967, was in the US and could not attend the dinner. We were moved when his greeting video was shown.
- We were solemnised when a video in memory of passed teachers and brothers was screened.
- The singing by Stephen Tung, and Valerie and Jonathan Kwok, children of our late brothers William Tung and John Kwok, beautifully personified the extension of our Pauline family.
- And of course, we sang the school song with our lungs and hearts. Fifty plus years have gone, but we are more cohesive than ever.

#### 嘤其鳴矣: A Reunion That Resonates!





**School Visit** 



Class Reunio



Principal Timothy Ha and Principal Dennis Yuen attended the Roast Pig Ceremony



College Song



**Teachers and Classmates also Celebrating Birthdays** 



Children of Late John Kwok Singing



**Classmate and Son Performing** 



## Class of 1974 Golden Jubilee Celebration Reunion

From any perspective, 50 years is not a short time! We do not want to celebrate our graduation's Golden Anniversary with just a meal with teachers and alumni, but wanted to do something more meaningful and memorable. We set the following goals:

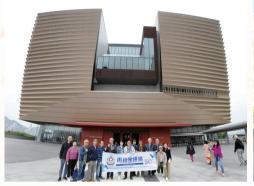
- 1. Longer gathering time
- 2. Activities that are beneficial to the society
- 3. Organise a visit to the *alma mater* to interact with teachers and students
- 4. Give the alma mater a unique gift
- 5. Customise souvenirs specifically for the Golden Jubilee event

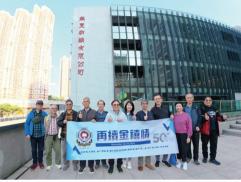
After long deliberation, the Class of 1974 commemorated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation with a three-day celebration that satisfied the above aims:

#### Day 1: Local one-day tour

To kick off the celebration, we had a one-day tour in Hong Kong. We visited the Hong Kong Palace Museum (香港故宮文化博物館), had buffet lunch in a hotel, visited Nina Park (如心園,舊稱如心木化石公園), finished off with the Mills (南豐紗廠). The first and third place doesn't need much explanation but Nina Park is really a gem hidden in the bustling city! It houses large number of wood fossils, some are among the longest in the world. The Wood Fossil Experience Centre is highly educational and immensely enjoyable.

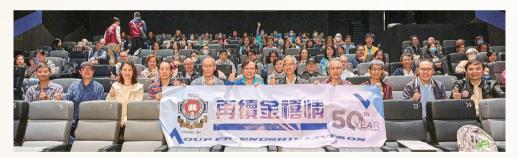
On the whole we had a nice time with ample opportunities and time to share each other's situation of recent years. Our first goal was achieved.





#### Day 2: Charity fundraising movie show

There were several movies to pick from and we chose the right one! The Last Dance (破地獄) was the talk of the town, it broke the box office record! Many people were put off by the Chinese name of the movie but it's a thought-provoking film and for some the best for many years. The event was sponsored by an alumnus' company as a charity activity that raised sixty thousand dollars and thirty-seven retirees received free tickets. The second goal was met.



# Day 3: Homecoming Highlight of the celebration must be the homecoming!

We organised four short talks and invited students, their parents, alumni and staff to attend. That would meet our third goal. Siu Leung Hing (蕭諒興) talked about postage stamp mosaic pictures and gave the school one of his masterpieces, Dragon of Ancient China



(中國古龍), as a souvenir to our *alma mater*, fourth goal achieved. He also arranged with the Philatelic Bureau of General Post Office to issue a commemorative envelope for our celebration, so all five goals accomplished! Damian Wan (尹德勛) talked about the changing life of a medical doctor of the past four decades.

Norman Ng (吳永康) explained what is non-destructive testing and AI technology in industrial quality inspection. Finally, Kelvin Wong (黃以立) told us how he became a professional photographer after retirement from the Correctional Services Department.





Then we entered the Lower Playground to run fifty arounds, but by ten of us in aggregate. Others played table tennis with present students while others stroll around the premises, once familiar but now a bit strange after half a century! That brought back heart-warming reminiscences and waves of nostalgia.



The Poon Choi dinner (盆菜宴) in the school hall was attended by the Principal, an Assistant Vice Principal, teachers, the Presidents of the St. Paul's College Foundation and the Alumni Association. Several alumni from the Class of 1975 came to "steal the skills from the masters".



We wouldn't mind that as we did also learn a lot from the Class of 1973. After the group photo, we sang the school song, and then the formal dinner began. During the period, the branding video produced by the foundation for St. Paul's College was played. The film explained that the school's philosophy is Nurture the Brain, Nurture the Heart and Nurture the Hand. The video of our three-day activities was also played.

Class Reunion

Class Reunio

Apart from that, there were no long speeches or any performances. Everyone flew around the venue, exchanged a few words with this teacher, and reminisced about the old times with that classmate. Some people expressed admiration when they saw the stamp mosaic paintings. The Class of 1975 envied our stylish windbreakers and commemorative envelopes. Near the end, each classmate shared a few words. The Principal encouraged us to keep in touch with alumni and the school, who welcomes alumni visits. We have to express our greatest gratitude to Ms. Jade Lai, School Development Director, for her immense help, without which this event would not be so successful!

## 《誌保羅 1974 畢業五十年聚》

袁慰深

畢業轉瞬五十載

球場繞跑拾憶絮

難得有緣共酌傾

乒乓桌畔訴心聲

故宮織廠留倩影

師生半世情誼盛

破獄影會貼時興

攝影大師記全程

郵票篩畫心機勝

天功造美賀隆情

護體講座説分明

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風樓送暖共溫馨

兄弟齊心事必成

A heartfelt poem by our alumni, capturing the warmth of reunion gatherings and the cherished memories of school days — a timeless reminder of friendship, shared experiences, and the lasting bond with our alma mater.

# Celebrating 50 Years of Brotherhood (& Sisterhood) – Class of 1975



## **Golden Jubilee Celebration Reunion**

Fifty years ago, we walked out of the halls of St. Paul's College as fresh graduates, eager to carve our paths in the world. Today, as we mark our Golden Jubilee, we return — not just to reminisce but to reignite old friendships, honour our shared legacy, and pass the torch to the next generation.

From May to December of 2025, we have curated a series of exciting events to celebrate this milestone. Some have already taken place, bringing laughter, heartfelt conversations, and unforgettable memories. For those who have yet to join, the doors remain open — especially for our grand 25 October Golden Jubilee Reunion Dinner

at the school hall, where we will gather for a night of warmth, gratitude, and camaraderie.

We warmly invite SPC alumni of Class of 1975 (Form 5) and Class of 1977 (Upper Form 6) — whether based locally or abroad — to join any of the upcoming events and reconnect with old friends. Your presence will make these gatherings even more meaningful. Whether through monthly meetups, tours, or special programmes, there's an opportunity for everyone to take part in this historic moment.





## **Event Highlights & Upcoming Gatherings**

As at the writing of this message, we have held the following celebration events:

Month	Event	Details
25 May	Alumni Dinner Gathering	A welcome dinner for friends returning from North America.
25 May	Visit to Former English Teacher Mrs. Langenberg	A chance to reconnect and reminisce with a beloved mentor.
27 May	M+ Art Tour and lunch at Hong Kong Palace Museum	Guided exhibition tour featuring Picasso and other masterpieces.
10 June	Nostalgic Movie & Tea Gathering	Watching movie (水餃皇后) and enjoying eating dumplings at lunch
18 June	Visit to Bishop Hill Water Reservoir and lunch at Sham Shui Po	A trip to the historical site of an old water reservoir of Roman and European Architectural construction. Some other classmates joined the group at a Yum Cha lunch afterwards, followed by a casual walk around the area of Shek Kip Mei to a church and an old police station
June 22	Silk Road Photo Sharing Party and Farewell Dinner to classmates who are returning to North America	We were entertained by the marvellous photos and videos of the scenic natural spots and birds-eye views using flying drones of the Silk Road. During the dinner, the speakers shared their experience and reflections about cultural and historical impacts of East Meets West along the famous Silk Road.





#### Join Us & Stay Connected!

Apart from the above, we still have other exciting events like, a one-day visit to Shenzhen Huawei Town, and a group trip to Chengdu, and paying visits to some of our retired teachers. Of course, the highlight is the Golden Jubilee Reunion Dinner to be held on 25 October 2025 (Saturday) at the School Hall.

For further details, registration, or inquiries, please refer to your class representatives, or call Antonio CHING at +852 9092 5782 or antonioching@spc.edu.hk.

Together Once More, Our Legacy Soars! (金禧團圓・薪火相傳)



### Class of '94 – Reunion Dinner

by Alfred Lau Sze Lok Class of 1994

December 14, 2024, marks a significant occasion for our Class of '94, as we return to our *alma mater* to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of graduation. After nearly a quarter of a century, reuniting with friends is truly special. It is a rare opportunity to gather together with teachers and classmates, reminiscing about the joyful times we shared — both in our studies and our mischief.

However, the most precious moments came after the event concluded. After the venue was cleared, we lingered at the school entrance for three to four hours, reluctant to part ways. With glasses in hand, we engaged in unstructured conversations about everything and anything. There were familiar classmates you cherished, those you once avoided, others you rarely interacted with, and even those you disliked or had

conflicts with in the past. Yet, on this night, we all reflected on our carefree youth, each having embarked on different life paths.

This is the vibrancy of life we seek to reclaim, and this is the youth we must cherish.







# Family, Friendship & Festive Cheer

A Christmas celebration for the Class 3E (1991-1992), with families of Dr. David But, Jonathan Chan, Danny Fung, Marvyn Hung, Ethan Leung, Maurice Ng and Bobby Poon. We have a great time of celebration, with great food and great chats, sharing of a great time of love!





# The Class Reunion for 6E, One Years On: The Enduring Bonds of 6E, Class of 2024

by Anson Chiu, Class of 2024

Life after graduation for the Class of 2024 (Class 6E) has been a whirlwind of excitement and nostalgia. Series of class reunions have brought brothers from different career path together to celebrate not just our achievements in Universities, but also the bonds we forged during our school years.

Just after a year after graduation from St. Paul's, we had numerous opportunities to reconnect and share what we've been up to. We held a farewell party for brothers that are going to study overseas; we had "hoi sem rice" which refers to a meal before the beginning of University's semester, symbolising fortune and blessing. These gatherings are vital to provide a platform for reconnecting, sharing experiences, and reflecting on our journeys. Even though sustaining these connections requires effort and time, everything works out well with dedication and passion.

Looking ahead, we aspire to keep a network that transcends mere nostalgia. As more and more reunion events will be organised, the future holds limitless possibilities, and by staying connected, we can inspire one another to achieve great things. The bonds we nurture today will undoubtedly shape our paths tomorrow, reinforcing the importance of unity as we embark on our next adventures.

# Class Reunion Class Reunion



## Calling SPC Alumni Celebrating a Special Anniversary!

Are you preparing to celebrate your graduation year — whether coming up soon or recently passed? We'd love to hear from you! Whether it's planning a reunion, organising festivities, or reconnecting with old friends, we're here to help make your celebration meaningful and unforgettable. Honestly, we're just as excited to join in the fun and enjoy the energy, laughter, and shared memories that define the SPC spirit. Let's make it a moment to remember — together!

Please reach out to Miss Jade Lai, School Development Director, via jal@spc.edu.hk.

# **Alumni Triumphs**

# Mr. Cheung Wing Kwong, Jackson (Class of 1977) Appointed to HKUST Council

Congratulations to Mr. Jackson Cheung (Class of 1977) on his appointment as Council member of the University of Science and Technology of Hong Kong for 3 years effective January 2025. He has also been appointed Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of Main Transaction Committee and as well Member of the Campus Development Committee.

His leadership and dedication to the education field continues to make the SPC community proud!

## Mr. Edward Au Chun-hing (Class of 1987) Appointed HKICPA President

Mr. Edward Au Chun-hing was named President of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants in November 2024. He also serves as the Managing Partner of Deloitte China's Southern Region, overseeing operations across Hong Kong, Macau, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Hainan, Changsha and Xiamen. With deep expertise in auditing and capital markets,



he has led IPO engagements across major financial hubs including Hong Kong, Singapore, the US, and China. Beyond his professional roles, he contributes to public service through appointments to the Financial Services Development Council Board, the MPF Schemes Appeal Board, and the Hong Kong Red Cross Finance Committee. He is also a member of the Jiangsu Provincial CPPCC and actively supports academic development in the Greater Bay Area.

The SPC community extends its warm congratulations to Mr. Au on this well-deserved appointment.

# Celebrating Excellence: Professor Patrick Ip's Remarkable Year

2025 has been a defining year for Professor Patrick Ip — SPC alumnus (Class of 1987) and Clinical Professor at the University of Hong Kong. Recognised globally for his work in child health, developmental paediatrics, and community-based care, Professor Ip continues to make a lasting impact in both academic and clinical circles.

In November 2024, he was appointed to the prestigious Tsao Yen-Chow Professorship



in Paediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, a role that honours his decades of dedication to improving the lives of children through research and innovation. Earlier this year, he was also named a recipient of HKU's 2023–24 Outstanding Researcher Award, the University's highest recognition for research excellence.



Professor Ip is among the top 1% World Scholars ranked by Clarivate Analytics in 2025.

His research — spanning areas such as early childhood interventions, ADHD, child mental health, growth standards, and vaccination — has shaped policy, enhanced public services, and contributed to meaningful changes in local and international practices. His work led to the creation of a holistic

community-based early childhood development model that integrates medical, educational, and social services, benefitting underserved communities and informing global approaches to child wellness.

As co-chair of *The Lancet Psychiatry's* ADHD series, his studies have guided new thinking in clinical care and education, while helping to establish updated growth benchmarks and school readiness assessments that are now adopted in policy frameworks.

The SPC community proudly celebrates Professor Ip's achievements and is deeply inspired by his unwavering commitment to advancing scientific knowledge and improving the lives of children. His legacy is a shining example of how compassion, expertise, and innovation can come together to shape a better future.



## Mr. Chow Yat-ming, Joe, PMSM (Class of 1990) Appointed Commissioner of Police

Joe Chow completed Form Six education from St. Paul's College in 1991 and was admitted into the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Upon graduation, he joined the Hong Kong Police Force in 1995 as an Inspector of Police. He worked mostly as a crime detective at various levels covering the field of criminal investigation, intelligence gathering and policy making. While as Superintendent, he was seconded to INTERPOL General Secretariat in Lyon, France as a Criminal Intelligence Officer.



As Chief Superintendent in 2016, Joe Chow commanded the Criminal Intelligence Bureau, and became the District Commander of Yau Tsim District in 2017 as well as Deputy Regional Commander of Kowloon West Region in 2019.

Rising from Assistant Commissioner to Deputy Commissioner between 2020 and 2023, Joe Chow took charge of various departments under the operations and management stream. With effect from 2 April 2025, he was appointed as the Commissioner of Police.

Chow was awarded the Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service in 2020, and the Hong Kong Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 2021. The St. Paul's College community extends its heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Chow on his well-earned promotion and distinguished career in public service.

## Mr. Ng Man-kit, Donald, JP (Class of 1990) Appointed Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene

Mr. Donald Ng Man-kit, JP, was appointed Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene on 18 November 2024. A seasoned Administrative Officer, Mr. Ng has extensive experience in public administration, having previously served as Deputy Secretary for Housing and Deputy Director of Housing (Strategy). His leadership and dedication to public service have been widely recognised, and his new role reflects the government's continued confidence in his ability to serve the community



with professionalism in the new post. The SPC community extends its warm congratulations to Mr. Ng on his well-earned appointment and wishes him every success in this important role.



# **Legacy Lane**

# A Tribute to Dedication: Miss Josephine Ho's 80<sup>th</sup> Inspires Generosity and Innovation

On 10 April 2025, the SPC community came together to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Miss Josephine Ho — SPC Foundation Secretary (2008-2022) and Teacher (1973-1991, 1996-2007) — one of the College's most respected and cherished figures. Over 100 alumni from across graduating years gathered to honour Miss Ho, making the occasion both grand and heartfelt. The celebration featured musical tributes performed by her former students, reflecting the lasting impact she has had on generations of SPC students.

To mark this milestone, a group of devoted alumni led by Mr. Vincent Fung, JP (Class of 1983), former Chairman of the Alumni Association, launched a fundraising initiative in Miss Ho's name. The campaign raised over HK\$400,000 to support current SPC students in attending an international STEM competition in Paris later this year as well as the College's enhancement project. A commemorative plaque will also be placed on campus, ensuring Miss Ho's legacy continues to inspire the SPC community.

As a gesture of appreciation, a follow-up gathering was held on 28 June 2025 at the Gallant Ho Hall to thank those who contributed to the initiative. During the event, students who benefitted from iGEM-related funding showcased their innovative projects, underscoring the meaningful impact of the alumni's support. Attendees also enjoyed a guided tour of the College's newly completed swimming pool.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who supported this initiative and helped celebrate Miss Ho's enduring legacy and the generous spirit that defines SPC.











# **An Amazing Envelope**



by Mr. Geoffrey Charles Emerson



Life certainly is full of surprises! In May 2025, I received an email from a stranger, a retired Hong Kong businessman named Vincent Lau Hon Kwok. He is an avid collector of Hong Kong stamps. On E-bay he came across a 1967 envelope with a HK \$2 Queen Elizabeth stamp. The amazing thing is that I sent this to the United States in 1967 to Washington, DC, USA, with the return address as St. Paul's College. He bought the envelope.

Unlike some collectors, Vincent is interested not only in the object collected — be it stamps, coins, or whatever — but also he is interested in the history behind the object, in this case the envelope from St. Paul's College. He put the envelope on display at a stamp exhibition. Two SPC alumni visited the exhibition, saw the envelope and told him that I was still in Hong Kong. He searched the web, found my contact and learned of my connection with St. Paul's and also with the history of the war years in Hong Kong and Stanley Internment Camp. So he sent me an email asking to meet.

We subsequently met (at Starbucks!) and found our interests in Hong Kong history overlap in many ways. Regarding the envelope, I cannot recall exactly what I wrote to the Association in Washington. When I came to St. Paul's in 1964 from New York, I was the only American on the staff. Principal Geoffrey Speak asked me to help students applying to study in America. I was happy to do so and probably wrote to Washington for advice.

Vincent most kindly not only showed me the envelope and gave me a copy, but he also showed me information he had researched about St. Paul's and Stanley Camp. In addition, he presented me with a full set of Queen Victoria Hong Kong stamps and other Hong Kong historical items. Now friends with similar interests, no doubt we will be meeting again. It is truly amazing that my 1967 St. Paul's envelope has returned to Hong Kong. I am most grateful to Vincent for contacting me.



GCE and Vincent with the original 1967 envelope

# Global Alumni Highlights United Kingdom Chapter

This year, we've continued our tradition of meeting roughly every two months in London. As well as connecting with alumni based in the UK, we've been delighted to welcome retired teachers and visiting alumni to join our drinks and dinners.

This photo was taken at our May 2025 gathering. We were honoured to be joined by Mrs. Grace Payne and Mr. Graham Thomas, both of whom taught at the school during the 1960s and 70s.

If you're living in the UK, planning to move here, or simply passing through, we'd love to hear from you! We are also very happy to meet teachers and students, for example student exchange tour groups. Please feel free to get in touch with Francis Hon (Class of 1992) via email at <a href="mailto:reachers.hon@gmail.com">reachers.hon@gmail.com</a> or on WhatsApp at +44 7733 357203.

Francis Hon (Class of 1992)



(Back row, left to right: )

Andreas FOK, Nelson LO, Joshua WONG, John FUNG, Roderick YEUNG, Andrew SIU, Carlson HO, Lawrence TSE, Francis HON

(Front row, left to right: )

Jung JUNG, Timothy WONG, Mr. Graham THOMAS, Ronald LO, Paul TSANG, Mrs. Grace PAYNE

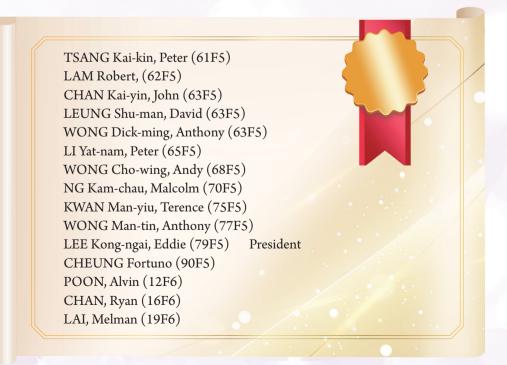
# Ontario Chapter: Global Alumni Highlights

Greetings from the members of Ontario Association of St. Paul's College (OAASPC).

We enjoyed another year of a variety of programmes and wonderful fellowships. Highlights included gathering to watch EURO2024 UEFA Final and Chinese New Year lunch for members and their family. We continued to raise funds to provide the OAASPC Scholarship to outstanding SPC graduates. The 2024 award was received by Yang Fechi, who scored Level 5\*\* in 6 HKDSE subjects.

The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting was held on 7 June 2025 with an attendance of 56 people, including 44 members and 12 guests. As a result of our attempts to connect with "new blood", it was excited to note that attendees spanned over several "generations" of Paulines (from Form 5 in 1958 to Form 4 in 2023). Once again Principal Dennis Yuen graciously provided the AGM with a short video informing us about the latest developments in our beloved *alma mater*. May we offer Mr. Yuen our best wishes and blessings for his retirement.

The following members were elected to the 2025-26 Board of Directors:













#### (From left to right)

#### Third Row (standing):

Serena LUI, Kitty WU, Terence KWAN (75F5), Sonia TSANG, Daniel SHAM (70F5), Peter LI (65F5), Cindy WONG, Amy IP, Sam WONG (71F5), Barry CHIANG (77F5), Hak-shing LUI (65F5), Patrick WONG (69F5), Clement CHENG (77F5), Andy WONG (68F5), Kenneth MA (77F5), Tak-cheung CHOW (68F5), Richard WU (70F5), Jimmy CHAN (70F5), Stephen TANG (70F5), Eric TSANG (70F5), Anselm LUI (70F5), Lester NGAN (84F7), Kenneth CHEE (84F7), Peter TSANG (61F5), Nora YIP, Tim KWOK (82F5), Mrs LO

#### Second Row (Seated):

Anthony DM WONG (63F5), Mabel LUI, Kai CHAN (63F5), Robert LAM (62F5), Ted IP (62F5), David LEUNG (63F5), Ken WONG (61F5), Percy LAU (61F5), Rose TSANG, Bianca CHAN

#### First Row:

Melman LAI (19F6), Dave KWAN (78F5), Ryan CHAN (16F6), Gladys KWAN, Peter CHOW (75F5), Helen CHU, Wing-kei CHENG (89F5), Fortuno CHEUNG (90F5), Jayden CHAN (23F4), Seraphina CHEUNG, Eddie LEE (79F5), Ben LO (77F5), Anthony WONG (77F5), Alvin POON (12F6)

The following 6 members attended the AGM but were not in the picture above:
Bennette MUI (87F5), Andy YUEN (84P6), Matthew CHEUNG (87F5), Henry LEUNG (86F5),

Wing-ka YU (88F7), Kenneth WONG (58F5).



# San Francisco Bay Area Chapter: Global Alumni Highlights

The San Francisco Bay Area alumni community is a close-knit bunch that truly enjoys catching up over dim sum and dinners. This past year was especially heartwarming, with many alumni returning to the Bay Area for short visits and spontaneous gettogethers.

One of the highlights was our annual Chinese New Year dinner, held this year at a cozy neighborhood spot in the East Bay. It was a joy to see so many familiar faces. A special thank you to Dr. Wayne Tse (Class of 2001), who generously donated raffle prizes once again — your support never goes unnoticed! We're also incredibly grateful to the team at Tin's Teapot Bistro, including the owners and chefs who share a connection with our *alma mater*, all hailing from Hong Kong. They went the extra mile to prepare traditional dishes just for us, including a beautifully crafted deep-fried chicken stuffed with sticky rice — a labor of love that took hours to make.

Throughout the past year, our members have been making memories across the globe, from Europe to Asia — and in some cases, even meeting up for dinners abroad! It's been a year full of reconnections, travel, and community. Here's to another year of meaningful journeys, joyful reunions, and good health for everyone. We can't wait to see what's next!

Frederick Wong, PhD (Class of 1988)





# **SPCAA** Bulletin 2024-2026 SPCAA Committee

St. Paul's College Alumni Association (SPCAA) successfully held its Annual General Meeting on 7 December, 2024. A new committee was elected. The SPCAA Council Advisory, Office bearers and Committees are as follows:

Patron	The Most Revd. Andrew Chan, Archbishop and Primate of HKSKH		
Hon. Advisor	The Most Revd. Dr. Peter Kong-kit Kwong, Archbishop Emeritus of HKSKH (1957)		
Council Advisory	Mr. Ho Y. T. Gallant (1960) Dr. Fung Kai Bun (1961), Dr. Chan Yau Nam, Ian (1967), Mr. Ma Ho Fai (1968), Mr. Ching Wai Chuen, Antonio (1975), Mr. Fung Hao Yin, Vincent (1983), Mr. Taylor Hui (1985), Mr. Chiu Pit Hong, Alan (1996), Mr. Hon Yee Leung, Francis (1992)		
Hon. Chairman	Mr. Yuen Dick Yan, Dennis Immediate Past Chairman Mr. Sam Chiu (1997)		
Chairman	Andy Law (1998)		
Vice Chairmen	Simon Lai (1990), Raymond Ho (1995), Lawrence Lui (2002), Ray Poon (2007)		
Hon. Secretary	Eric Lam (1998) Hon. Treasurer Carter Cheung (2001)		
Committees	Frank Fu (1966), Justin Wu (1986), Ronald Hui (1990), Bobby Poon (1994), Ken Cheung (1994), Philip Chiu (1994), Alan Chiu (1996), Arthur Mak (1998), Vernon Wong (1998), Wilson Yau (1998), Everest Yiu (2000), Bosco Lau (2001), Roy Chan (2001), Yip Wai Kit (2001), Kevin Leung (2002), Jacky Chan (2002), Lok Ho Sun (2002), Michael Chiu (2002), Stephen Chiu (2003), Steve Ngai (2003), Kelvin Tso (2003), Stephen Lam (2003), Tsang Nok Man (2004), Keith Wan (2004), Billy Yu (2007), Francis Lo (2009), Robie Wong (2009), Horace Yu (2009), Chase Ko (2010 F.7), King Chan (2019 F.6), Ugo Lee (2020 F.6), Anson Chiu (2024 F.6)		

### **Annual General Meeting 2024**





## **Regular Meeting**





## **Event Highlights**

#### Movie Screening: "An Abandoned Team"

SPCAA, in collaboration with two PTAs and five student houses, hosted an exclusive movie screening of "An Abandoned Team." One of the sessions is a charitable session supported the Fearless Dragon Running Team (for visually and hearing-impaired individuals). The event was vibrant, with special guests Mr. Cheng Tan Shui, Lawrence (Class of 1972), the directors, and the lead actress in attendance. Participants thoroughly enjoyed the engaging atmosphere.









#### **Homecoming Day 2024**

The Homecoming Day, held on 25 January 2025, was a resounding success. Organised by the School and co-hosted by SPCAA and the Foundation, it drew over 400 alumni who cherished reconnecting with their *alma mater*. Alumni from various classes, including 1971, 1974, 1977, 1984, and 2004, donned their school uniforms for memorable graduation photos, reliving their school days. The event fostered a strong sense of community and nostalgia among all attendees.













#### Alumni Engagement

SPCAA hosts monthly "Happy Hours" on the second Tuesday of each month, featuring diverse themes designed to foster networking among alumni from a wide range of professions, including healthcare, accounting and finance, real estate, mentorship, entrepreneurship, legal, and education. A special gathering was held on 17 June 2025, at the Gallant Ho Hall of the College, which included an exclusive tour of the newly completed swimming pool and an insightful sharing session by Mr. Antonio Ching and Mr. Arnold Wong on the school's latest developments. These events continue to provide enjoyable and meaningful opportunities for alumni to connect, engage, and share experiences.









#### Alumni Happy Hours: Diverse Paths — Shared Cheers









#### A Retirement Celebration for Principal Dennis Yuen

On 21 June 2025, SPCAA and the SPC Parent Teacher Association co-hosted a dinner to honour Principal Dennis Yuen's 32 years of dedicated service. The evening was a heartfelt celebration, filled with gratitude and warm memories. Alumni, parents, students, and both current and retired teachers gathered to celebrate Principal Yuen's leadership, marking a memorable end to an era and wishing him well in his next chapter. Attendees expressed immense enjoyment and appreciation for the event.





# Snapshots of Gratitude, Laughter and Farewell: Retirement Celebration for Principal Dennis Yuen































### **Mentorship Programme 2025**

The Mentorship Programme 2025 launched on 15 February, 2025, SPCAA collaborated with the College to organise this comprehensive programme for Form 4 students, including briefing sessions, inauguration, careers day, job shadowing, and a closing party, welcoming nearly 40 alumni mentors back to campus. The programme, themed "All Roads Lead to Success", highlighted diverse career paths. A key event was the Careers Day on 22 March 2025, where over 30 mentors from 10+ industries shared insights.











### SPC Primary School Visit & Headmaster's Sharing

On 13 July 2024, alumni parents visited the Primary School, where Headmaster Mr. Michael Mak shared updates on its latest developments. Participants enjoyed a comprehensive tour of the campus facilities, gaining valuable insights into the school's progress.





### **Quarterly Dinners**

In June 2024, Principal Dennis Yuen, Primary School Headmaster Mr. Michael Mak, teachers, alumni, parents, and friends attended the Quarterly Dinner. This lively and cheerful evening provided an excellent opportunity for connection and camaraderie, with all participants enjoying the vibrant atmosphere.



### Watermelon Cup 2024

Our signature event, Watermelon Cup 2024, a football tournament divided into Youth and Prime Age sections, successfully brought together over 200 alumni and their families as players and spectators. Held on 1 and 15 December 2024, the event

reunited alumni from the Classes of 1973 to 2022. SPCAA congratulates all winning teams and hopes every participant treasured the precious time reconnecting with their SPC brothers, enjoying the competitive yet friendly spirit.





### Run Ready Workshop

Alumni running enthusiasts regularly gather at Causeway Bay Sports Ground for the Run Ready Workshop, led by professional coach Mr. Kevin Poon (Class of 2002). These sessions help alumni sharpen their skills and maintain an active lifestyle, fostering a sense of community and shared enjoyment among participants.



### Alumni Basketball League

The fourth season of the Alumni Basketball League brought together seven spirited teams for 28 exciting matches. Congratulations to our champions, Clayers! Beyond the scoreboard, the league celebrated alumni connections and shared laughter. Each game reminded us of the enduring bonds formed at the College. Looking ahead, the 5<sup>th</sup> Basketball League will kick off this September. Lace up and join us for another unforgettable season of friendship and fun!



### **Welcoming Class of 2025**

At this year's graduation dinner, Vice Chairman Ray Poon (Class of 2007) and committee Anson Chiu (Class of 2024) from the Alumni Association joined the celebration to warmly welcome the newest graduates into the alumni community. They shared their personal journeys since graduation and highlighted how the association

supports young alumni through networking, mentorship, and career development opportunities. Their stories inspired the graduates, showing how staying connected can open doors and foster lifelong friendships. The evening ended with enthusiastic conversations and a renewed sense of community across generations.



### **Other Events**













# Tracing St. Paul's Legacy The SPCAA History Team and the Remarkable Journey of Chan Oi Ting, Class of 1863

Western Learning for Application: Chan Oi Ting in China's first modernizing reforms 《西學為用:中國第一次現代化改革下的陳靄廷》 (ISBN:9789620456282) is a long overdue tribute to Chan Oi Ting's often overlooked contributions to the foreign affairs and industrialisation efforts of the late Qing government. Known primarily as founder of the Chinese Mail《華字日報》, the first Hong Kong newspaper under Chinese management, Chan practiced what he preached as a newspaperman when he became a member of the first Chinese delegation to the United States in 1878. Thanks to his work as Chinese Consul at Matanzas (1879-86) and Consul-General at Cuba (1886-89), conditions of Chinese labourers in Cuba were much improved. Upon return to China, Chan took up various important roles in the industrial and railway ministries of the Qing government, such as the Directorship of the Kaiping Mines 開平礦務局會辦, and the Managing Directorship 總辦 of Shanghai-Woosung Railway 淞滬鐵路、



Canton-Hankow Railway 粵漢鐵路 and Shanghai-Nanjing Railway 滬寧鐵路. He was also heavily involved in the negotiation of the Mackay Treaty (1902) in which the first moves towards abolishing extraterritoriality for foreign nationals were made.

Western Learning for Application is a sequel to an earlier work Pioneer of Journalism: Chan Oi Ting and the Chinese Mail 《報業先驅:陳靄廷及其〈香港華字日報〉》(ISBN: 9789620456282) by the same author, Dr. David Poon, a friend of the College. Both books are now available at major bookstores.

The SPCAA history team is honoured to be invited to give an introduction at the book launch. The team was first formed in 2000 to carry out historical research and interviews that cumulated in the book *From Devolution to Plurality*, released in 2001 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the College. Riding on positive feedback, 《中國·香港·聖保羅:165年的人與時代》was published to celebrate the 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Paul's in 2016.

The team also organises visits to sites of historical relevance to the College from time to time. If you share our interest in one of the most fascinating subjects in modern history: the history of St. Paul's College, Hong Kong, please reach out to the SPCAA History Team at <a href="mailto:enquiry@alumni.org.hk">enquiry@alumni.org.hk</a>.



# The SPCF Chronicle

# A Message from the Chairman, St. Paul's College Foundation

As we reflect on the 2024/2025 academic year, I am filled with profound gratitude for the extraordinary support from our St. Paul's College community. This year has been one of transformation and celebration, made possible through the collective efforts of our alumni, donors, and dedicated committee members.

We marked several historic milestones, most notably the naming of the Gallant Ho Hall at our New Entrance — a permanent tribute to Dr. Ho Yiu Tai Gallant, whose visionary



philanthropy continues to inspire us. This multipurpose facility stands as a testament to the power of alumni generosity in shaping our campus landscape.

Our governance framework underwent strategic enhancements this year with two key appointments to the Executive Committee: Mr. Law Wai Hin, Andy, newly elected Chairman of the Alumni Association, and Prof. Wu Che Yuen, Justin, representing the School Council. Their diverse expertise brings valuable new dimensions to our leadership team. Complementing these additions, we consolidated our former Governance and Audit Committees into a unified Governance & Audit Oversight Committee — a structural optimisation that strengthens compliance while improving operational efficiency.

Special recognition must go to our outgoing committee members whose years of service laid the foundation for our current success. We also welcome Ms. Lai Yin Yee, Jade as our new School Development Director, who will strengthen connections between alumni, parents, and school initiatives.

None of our achievements would be possible without the exceptional leadership of Dr. Chan Yau Nam, Ian and the Fundraising Committee. Their tireless efforts behind initiatives like the Fundraising Gala Dinner and Primary School Entrance Project have directly enhanced our students' learning environment.

As we look ahead, I invite all alumni to join us in this meaningful work. Whether through committee participation, event attendance, or philanthropic support, every contribution helps write the next chapter of St. Paul's legacy.

Best wishes, Dr. Cheng Cheuk Sang, Arnold Chairman of St. Paul's College Foundation

# Message from Convenor of Fundraising Committee

The year 2024/2025 has been a challenging and yet a rewarding one. Fundraising under the present environment is extremely difficult and yet the team continues to work relentlessly to solicit support from different parties. Events were designed with the aim to bring the St. Paul's community closer together were launched with great results.

Following the footsteps of last year's positive feedback, the Gala Dinner was held at another great venue, SKY100 in February 2025. Besides raising 2 million dollars



from the evening, highlight of the evening was Mr. Cheng Wai Keung's Keynote speech. Wai Keung, from the Class of 1967, is a prominent businessman and the current Deputy Chairman of Temasek Holdings, Singapore's Sovereign Wealth Fund. He candidly shared with the audience his personal witness to how Singapore developed and grew to its present status as a modern and prosperous country. Wai Keung has lived there for over 50 years. On this trip, he also made a generous donation of half a million dollars to St. Paul's.

A Homecoming Day was organised for the first time by the Foundation's Annual Giving Committee, the College and the St. Paul's College Alumni Association. It was heartening to see a few hundreds of alumni returning to the School for a warm morning of programme that included a morning assembly presided by Mr. Dennis Yuen and Mr. Ha Wing Ho. A friendly table tennis match was also organised featuring alumni from different classes, teachers and above all, Mr. Ha Wing Ho who proved to be as agile as those 60 years younger. The match raised about 200k dollars earmarked for sports development.

To commemorate the completion of the new School Entrance and the Tse Yu Chuen Indoor Swimming Pool, both cornerstones of the School Enhancement Project, a dedication ceremony was held on 10 May 2025. The ceremonial opening was graciously presided over by The Most Revd Chan Au Ming, Andrew. The event was attended by Mr. Michael Tse, from the Class of 1972, and other major donors, whose names were inscribed

on the "Legacy Circle," a permanent display at the Entrance to honor their enduring contributions.

The work in front of us will not be easy but we will not let the flame of St. Paul's torch dies. We will continue to forge ahead. With the will of all stakeholders of St. Paul's, we will persevere.

Best Regards,
Dr. Chan Yau Nam, Ian
Convenor of Fundraising Committee
Vice Chairman of St. Paul's College Foundation

### Foundation structure (2024-2025)

### Chairman

Dr. Cheng Cheuk Sang, Arnold '78, Chairman of St. Paul's College Council

### Vice Chairmen

Mr. Yuen Dick Yan, Dennis, Principal of SPC

Dr. Chan Yau Nam, Ian, SBS MH '67

### Secretary

Mr. Ching Wai Chuen, Antonio '75

### **Executive Committee Members**

Mr. Law Wai Hin Andy '98, Chairman of SPCAA

Mr. Pong Yuen Sun, Louis, Supervisor of SPC

Mr. Mok Yu Sang, Wilson

The Bishop Emeritus Dr. Soo Yee Po, Thomas, JP '63

Dr. Fung Shing Kwong '63

Mr. Ching Wai Chuen, Antonio '75

Mr. Lau Man Fong, Julian '75

Mr. Lee Kai Yiu, Benjamin '76

Mr. Yeung Kwok Mung, Ken '82

Prof. Wu Che Yuen, Justin '86

The Hon Mr. Justice Au-Yeung Ho Wing, Herbert '91

### Honorary Patron

The Most Revd Andrew Chan

The Rt. Revd Dr. Matthias Der, Bishop of Diocese of Hong Kong Island

Dr. Ho Yiu Tai, Gallant '60

### Honorary Advisors

Mr. Mak Chi Ho, Michael, Headmaster of SPCPS

Mr. Ha Wing Ho, Timothy, MBE, JP, Former Principal of SPC

Mrs. Chan Chin Mo Chun, Yvonne, Former Headmistress of SPCPS

Dr. Fung Kai Bun '61

Mr. Cheung Kok Kee, Philip '66

Mr. Ma Ho Fai, GBS, JP '68

Dr. Chan Man-Chung, JP '72

Mr. Wong Chi Cho Joe, GBS JP '81

### Legal Advisors

Mr. Ma Ho Fai, GBS, JP '68

Mr. Hui Yeung, Taylor '85

Mr. Fong James Mathew '92



# Our Sub-committees (2024-2025)

### **Fundraising Committee**

Convenor - Dr. Chan Yau Nam, Ian '67

### Members -

Dr. Fung Shing Kwong '63 Prof. Lau Chun Hon, Anthony '78 Mr. Lau Man Fong, Julian '75 Mr. Yeung Kwok Mung, Ken '82

### Capital / Endowment Gifts Committee

Co-Convenor - Mr. Lau Man Fong, Julian '75

Co-Convenor – Dr. Yuen Wai Key '75

### Members -

Mr. Cheung Kok Kee, Philip '66 Mr. Cheung Wing Kwong, Jackson '77

Dr. Chan Sai Lok, Patrick '83 Mr. Lim Kin Kay, Martin '97 Mr. Chan Hang Chak, Chris '05 Mr. Cheung Yiu Kwong, Patrick '73

Dr. Cua Tin Yin, Simon '80

Mr. Yeung Ting Pong, Ronnie '92 Mr. Chung Chun Kit, Joseph '97

### **Annual Giving Committee**

Convenor -Dr. Fung Shing Kwong '63 (Alumni Group)

**Convenor – Prof. Jacky Tang (Parent Group)** 

### Members -

Mr. Cheung Wing Kwong, Jackson '77

Mr. Lai Tak Kin, Simon '90

### **Event Committee**

Convenor - Prof. Lau Chun Hon, Anthony'78

### Members -

Mr. Fu Yun Kwong, Raymond '71 Mr. Lai Tak Kin, Simon '90 Mr. Lau Man Fong, Julian '75 Mr. Lo Chin Lam, Roger '10

### Public Relations & Communication Committee

Convenor - Mr. Yeung Kwok Mung, Ken '82

### Members -

Mr. Yuen Dick Yan, Dennis Dr. Fung Shing Kwong '63
Mr. Cheng Yu Dong, Alvin '77 Prof. Wu Che Yuen, Justin '86

### Finance & Investment Committee

Co-Convenor - Mr. Mok Yu Sang, Wilson

Co-Convenor - Mr. Lee Kai Yiu, Benjamin '76

### Members -

Mr. Lau Man Fong, Julian '75 Mr. Lau Ho Kit, Ivan '76 Mr. Tan Yik Chung, Wilson '86

### Governance & Audit Committee

Co-Convenor - Mr. Pong Yuen Sun, Louis

Co-Convenor – Mr. Ching Wai Chuen, Antonio '75

### Members -

The Bishop Emeritus Tsui Tsan Sang, Louis

Mr. Chung Chi Tak, David '73 Mr. Cheng Woon Hung, Wilson '92

### **Vetting Committee**

### Convenor - The Hon Mr. Justice Au-Yeung Ho Wing, Herbert '91

### Members -

The Bishop Emeritus Dr. Soo Yee Po, Thomas, JP'63

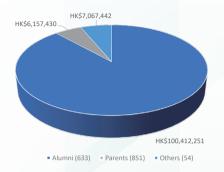
Dr. Chan Man Chung, JP '72

Mr. Chan Wai Tong, Christopher '75

Mr. Lam Chi Kong, Lawrence '91

	Foundation Chairman									
Vice Chairman				Vice						
Executive Committee (Ex-co) / Committee Convener										
Fundraising Committee							Advisors & Patrons			
Capital / Endowment Gifts Committee	Annual Giving Committee	Event Committee	Public Relations & Communication Committee	Committee	Vetting Committee	Finance & Investment Committee	Legal Advisors			

# **Total Funds Raised**(Since Inception to May 2025)



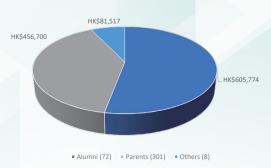
### Capital Fund (HK\$ 113,637,124.87)

In 2019, St. Paul's College began raising Capital Fund to finance its second phase of the School Enhancement Project to meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century education by improving school premises and facilities to support learning for our students.



### Endowment Fund (HK\$ 13,139,603.10)

St. Paul's College has a proud tradition of welcoming students from a wide spectrum of family backgrounds which creates a diverse environment for students. The Endowment Fund is set up to assist qualified students who may not be able to attend due to financial constraints.



### Annual Giving (HK\$ 1,143,991.91)

The Annual Giving campaign is made possible by the generous contributions of our SPC community, providing vital support for key projects and initiatives throughout the year.

# **Opening Ceremony of New Main Entrance and Tse Yu Chuen Indoor Swimming Pool**

The grand opening of our New Main Entrance and Tse Yu Chuen Indoor Swimming Pool on 10 May 2025 stands as a defining moment in our College's history, made

possible by our donors' extraordinary generosity. The morning began with the uplifting strains of our College Hymn and spiritual blessings from The Rt. Revd Dr. Der Tze-Wo, Matthias and The Rt. Revd Dr. Soo Yee Po, Thomas, followed by the Combined Choir's moving performance of "Be Thou My Vision".





Principal Mr. Yuen Dick Yan, Dennis welcomed all who made this vision reality while Dr. Chan Yau Nam, Ian acknowledged our major donors, inviting them on stage for special recognition photographs with our distinguished guests. The ceremonial opening was graciously presided over by The Most Revd Chan Au Ming, Andrew, whose blessing underscored our commitment to holistic education grounded in Christian values.





A particularly poignant moment came during the ribbon-cutting at the Tse Yu Chuen Indoor Swimming Pool, led by our former Principal Mr. Ha Wing Ho, Timothy alongside Mr. & Mrs. Tse Kin Wang, Michael grandson of the late benefactor. Also a special moment as guests enjoyed the first-ever viewing of the completed swimming pool facility. The celebration continued with an intimate luncheon at HKU Senior Common Room, where we presented Certificates of Appreciation to major donors

supporting room-naming initiatives in our School Enhancement Project. Mr. Ching Wai Chuen, Antonio, the Chairman of Special Project Committee, College Council further energised the gathering by unveiling exciting plans for Phase 2C of the Library Enhancement initiative.













This historic achievement reflects the power of our united community — from our valued guests and major donors to the Alumni Choir, student participants (including the College Choir, Scouts, Red Cross, and Students Association), and the teachers who executed the event flawlessly. These new facilities will nurture generations of Paulinians, embodying our shared commitment to excellence.



### The Legacy Circle Donor Wall

At the heart of our new main entrance stands the "Legacy Circle" donor wall — a permanent testament to our community's generosity. The circle display features tiered bronze plaques honoring gifts from HK\$500,000 to HK\$10 million, while an adjacent LED screen dynamically recognises donations above HK\$250,000 and class collective gifts. Each name, whether engraved in brass or illuminated digitally, becomes a part of St. Paul's living history. This evolving installation invites more alumni to join its rings of honour as we write the next chapter of our 170-year legacy. The wall embodies our profound gratitude to those investing in future generations of Paulines.





## **School Enhancement Project Fund**

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of Phase 2A+2B of our School Enhancement Project, featuring the New Main Entrance currently in use since September 2024 and the forthcoming Tse Yu Chuen Indoor Swimming Pool scheduled to open in the 2025/2026 academic year pending licensing approval. In recognition of Dr. Ho Yiu Tai Gallant's generous support, we proudly unveiled the Gallant Ho Hall on 18 December 2024, naming our new Multi-Purpose Hall in his honour.





These milestones were made possible through the remarkable fundraising achievements of our Fundraising Committee, whose dedicated campaigns and events have secured the necessary resources for these transformative campus improvements.

### **Fundraising Events**

This year's Sky100 Gala Dinner brought together 150+ alumni, parents, students, and partners for an unforgettable evening of connection and philanthropy. The event introduced fresh elements to enhance engagement, including extended mingling time during the cocktail reception, accompanied by breathtaking views and live music from the College's string quartet.







The Combined Treble Choir opened the dinner with stirring performances of "獅子山下" and the school hymn, setting a heartfelt tone. Dr. Chan Yau Nam, Ian then introduced keynote speaker Mr. Cheng Wai Keung, whose inspiring talk culminated in a \$500,000 donation to the Library Project — a moment that energised the room.







To maximise fundraising opportunities, we featured interactive games, lively auctions, and individual seat sponsorships for the first time, enabling broader participation from younger alumni and parents. We were thrilled to welcome two class-sponsored tables and extend special thanks to Mr. Wan Siu Kau, Samuel, who hosted student leaders, fostering intergenerational bonds.









The evening closed with remarks from our Principal Mr. Yuen Dick Yan, Dennis and a rousing sing-along of College songs — celebrating the unity of our community. Gratitude to all sponsors, donors, and attendees for making this night a milestone in SPC's legacy!



### Class Gift

### Class of 1978's Fundraising Campaign

Dr. Lum Chor Ming, Christopher spearheaded a fundraising campaign among his Class of 1978 classmates, resulting in a total of \$100,500 donation towards the room naming initiative in honour of their esteemed teacher, Mr. Lai Hon Cheung. This initiative showcases the class's deep appreciation and commitment to the betterment of St. Paul's College. The fundraising campaign to honour Mr. Lai Hon Cheung is still ongoing, and we encourage more alumni to participate and support this meaningful initiative.



### Donation from former Sports Team members

Another initiative led by Mr. Ho Teh Yao, Andrew, Class of 2004, a former sports team member. He rallied a group of 20 fellow alumni from various sports teams to donate \$92,500 for new fitness equipment, honouring their beloved Sports Teacher, Mr. Tang Wai Leung, who shaped their athletic careers and experiences. This collective effort showcases the lasting impact of dedicated educators and the power of alumni giving.

### **Endowment Fund**

The Endowment Fund, established by our distinguished alumnus Mr. Lo Hoi Kwong, Sunny, continues to transform lives through education. Since its launch in 2021, the Fund has grown to HK\$13.2 million, supported by generous matching donations from our alumni community.

Annually, we invite hundreds of primary schools to nominate outstanding students for scholarships. In the 2022/2023 academic year, we awarded five scholarships, with one recipient consistently ranking among the top three in Form 1. The 2023/2024 cohort also comprised five scholars, including one who maintained a position in the top ten.

While these achievements highlight the programme's potential, we have encountered recent challenges. The current 2024/2025 intake consists of only two students, both of whom have demonstrated academic performance below expectations. Similarly, just two awardees have registered for the 2025/2026 academic year.

The College is conducting a thorough review of all programme aspects — from selection criteria to academic support systems. This evaluation will ensure we continue to provide life-changing opportunities while upholding St. Paul's standards of excellence.

We remain profoundly grateful to Mr. Lo for his visionary leadership and to all our donors for their steadfast support. Your contributions make a meaningful difference in students' lives, and we are committed to ensuring the Fund's continued success and impact.

# **Annual Giving**

The Foundation's Annual Giving programme provides a vital platform for our community to contribute directly to the ongoing excellence of St. Paul's. Through yearly donations, alumni and supporters help sustain essential programmes, student opportunities, and the College's most pressing needs. Every gift, regardless of size, makes an immediate impact — ensuring we can continue delivering an exceptional education while preserving the traditions that define our spirit.

# St. Paul's College Sports Department Annual Awards Dinner Celebrates Outstanding Achievements

The Sports Department of St. Paul's College hosted its annual awards dinner on 24 May 2024 to recognise the exceptional accomplishments of our school teams. The event brought together over 120 students, parents, and faculty members in a festive celebration of sporting excellence.

This year, the St. Paul's College Foundation sponsored 50% of the event costs, enabling the Sports Department to specially invite contributing alumni to join the celebrations. The heartwarming gathering united current student-athletes, teachers, and alumni, showcasing the remarkable achievements of our talented sports stars.

We take great pride in our athletes' outstanding competitive performances, and the success of this dinner was made possible through the generous support of all participants. The Foundation considers it a privilege to support this meaningful event and looks forward to continuing our partnership in fostering sporting excellence in the coming year.







### Primary School Entrance Project

In July 2024, the Foundation collaborated with the Primary School and its PTA to launch the Entrance Enhancement Project. Spearheaded by the Primary School, this initiative highlighted the strength of community partnership, with the PTA mobilising parents to support the cause. We raised HK\$ 730,000, reflecting our collective dedication to improving the campus for students and visitors.

The project revitalised the front garden near the Primary School entrance into an interactive, school-themed 3D display, now a centerpiece for events and a symbol of SPCPS pride.

Over 300 parents and alumni contributed, with donations of HK\$ 5,000+ and HK\$10,000+ recognised on commemorative plaques — honouring their legacy in the school's history.

This initiative embodies the Foundation's mission: fostering school-community partnerships, celebrating donor generosity, and enriching the student experience through shared vision.



### Homecoming Day 2024

To foster a strong sense of community and pride, St. Paul's College held its first Homecoming Day in 2024, bringing together alumni across generations for a day of celebration and nostalgia. The event was made possible through the close collaboration between the Foundation and the Alumni Association, which played a key role in welcoming guests, organising refreshments, curating





a "Good Old Days" exhibition, facilitating the assembly, coordinating class photo sessions, and managing souvenir sales — all of which contributed to a memorable experience for attendees.

A highlight of the day was the fundraising Table Tennis Tournament, spearheaded by Mr. Cheung Wing Kwong, Jackson, a dedicated member of the Foundation's Annual Giving Committee. Jackson worked closely with Ms. Lai Yin Yee, Jade, the School Development Director, to organise the event and personally engaged his network — particularly his Class of 1977 peers and the Head Prefect group — to secure generous donations. His leadership

and deep connections were instrumental in the tournament's success, which featured competitive matches between teams led by Mr. Ha Wing Ho, Timothy and

Mr. Ho Ting Ho, sponsored by alumni from the Class of 1977 and 1975. Thanks to these efforts, the event raised an impressive \$190,000 in support of the College's Sports Department.



# Other projects

### Visit to BGI Company in China

On 14 June 2024, our Form 5F students visited the renowned BGI Genomics Company in China, gaining valuable insights into the fields of genomics and biotechnology. This field trip provided our students with a deeper understanding of cutting-edge research and technological advancements



### St. Paul's College F.1 Orientation Day (31 August 2024)

Mr. Ken Yeung, Convenor of the PR & Communication Committee, delivered a speech during the College F.1 Orientation Day to introduce the Foundation's mission,



functions, and funding initiatives to new parents. The presentation aimed to raise awareness among parents about the Foundation's role in supporting the school and fostering long-term engagement.

### St. Paul's College Primary School PTA AGM (27 September 2024)

Dr. Fung Shing Kwong, member of the PR & Communication Committee, gave a presentation at the Primary School PTA AGM, highlighting the Foundation's objectives, funding priorities, and ways parents can contribute. The session sought to strengthen connections with parents and encourage support for future fundraising efforts.



### New Internship Programmeme

Initiated by Dr. Cua Tin Yin, Simon, a member of our Foundation Fundraising Committee, and sponsored by Time Interconnect Technology Limited, an "Action Learning Programme" has been established for our Form 4 and Form 5 students to start this coming summer.

The programme emphasises experiential learning based on the principle of "learning by doing" in a real business environment,



combining theory with practice. The programme of two three-week terms during the summer holidays of two consecutive years. In the first term, selected Form 4 students would gain experience in a real work environment at the company under the guidance of professionals in product development and project management as applied to the field of medical engineering products, covering the process of identifying promising innovations from research entities, making prototype products for testing and clinical trials, and then commercialising the product through mass production.

The programme would include visits to a factory in the Greater Bay Area and testing facilities at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. In the second term, the selected students, now in their Form 5 year, would apply their first term learnings to a project involving a real product under professional guidance and present their recommendations to Company management.

A coordination committee including representatives from the College, Time Interconnect Technology Limited and the Foundation has been formed to oversee the programme.





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# A Tribute and Memories of Mrs. Christine Speak

The passing of Mrs. Speak was indeed a sad event for those at St. Paul's College who had known her. I first met her in July 1964 and last met her in December 2020, her last visit to Hong Kong. So, our friendship was for more than 60 years. Here I wish to pay tribute to her as a teacher, wife and mother. Also, I will relate some information and stories many St. Paul's alumni may not have known before.



In 1948, then known as Christine Myers, she met her future husband Geoffrey Speak, at a student Christian Study Group in Cambridge, England. They were married in 1951. Subsequently she studied Geography and was awarded a BA in 1951 and an MA in 1956. In 1952, Mr. Speak was ordained. During this time, they met the famous Bishop Robert O. Hall of Hong Kong. Expressing an interest to him in serving



Mrs. Speak with three students from the class of 1962, probably on a geography field trip, c. 1962

overseas, and with his strong encouragement, they came to St. Paul's to teach in September 1954. Mr. Speak later said, "it was easier to go there than to argue with R.O." as the Bishop was known, even though they had a small baby born in England earlier in 1954.

Remarkably by today's standards, Mrs. Speak gave birth to four more children, all in Hong Kong's Queen Mary Hospital between 1956 and 1964. She also taught at St. Stephen's Girls' College, where one former student remembers her as looking like the movie star Julie Andrews and thus was extra popular.

Most of her subsequent teaching was at St. Paul's from 1955 to 1970, and her many students remember her as a very kind, strict and demanding teacher. They especially enjoyed going with her on geography field trips to the New Territories.

In the Archives Room in Wong Ming Him Hall there is a model of a Thai royal boat or barge. For years I wondered why it was there. Finally, on one of her visits to St. Paul's after retiring to England, when we were in the Archives Room, I asked Mrs. Speak if she knew anything about it. Indeed, she told me that in about 1962, she and her family visited Bangkok, together with Phyliss Wong, the widow of Preston Wong Shiu Pun, the Vice Principal who was executed by the Japanese during their occupation of HK. There is a stone in his memory in Stanley Cemetery and visited every October by St. Paul's Boy Scouts because he was a Boy Scout leader. During the visit to Bangkok, Mrs. Speak and party were hosted by a number of St. Paul's alumni living there. The royal boat was presented to them as a gift. Mrs. Speak was full of stories such as this about the College and always willing to share them.



Mrs. Speak joining alumni gatherings in London, 2022

Mr. Speak resigned as Principal in 1967 to help with the establishment of the English Schools Foundation, serving for a time as Principal of Island School. Mrs. Speak continued to teach at St. Paul's until 1970 and later served as a Demonstrator in Geography at the University of Hong Kong. Both of them continued to be active at St. John's Cathedral as well as with musical activities in Hong Kong. After leaving St. Paul's, they lived at Island School and later in a house they built for retirement at Chung Hom Kok, near Stanley, until 1985 when they retired to Dorset in England.

In the 2017 Wayfarer, there is a very nice interview and photo of Mrs. Speak in Wong Ming Him Hall where she was interviewed on her last visit to St. Paul's. Also, later in England in 2022, she was interviewed by two alumni studying in England at that time, Ludovic Chan and Eugene Leung. Both interviews can be found, I believe, on the College's website.

There are two trophies in their names still awarded annually at St. Paul's Speech Day in December. One is in Mrs. Speak's name for excellence in geographical studies and

one in Mr. Speak's name for contributions to the Christian life of the College. Mrs. Speak as well as her husband will certainly be long remembered by St. Paul's College.



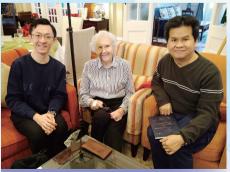
My last Meeting with Mrs. Speak at the Helena May in December 2023.



An interview with Mrs. Speak in Wong Ming Him Hall. The article "Telling Amazing Stories of Our Past" is published in the 2017 Wayfarer.



170+ St. Paul's Stories — An Interview with Mrs. Christine M. Speak during the 170th Anniversary in 2022.



An interview with Mrs. Speak as part of the SPC Heritage project, 2022, Hong Kong



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