

Impressive results on the 41st Inter-School Swimming Gala

Our school continued to obtain extraordinary results during the Inter-school Swimming Gala, by winning all 3 boys' team champions (A, B and C grades) as well as 1st runner-ups in girls'A grade and C grade. This is the result of our students' solid efforts and we offer our utmost congratulations to the winners. The details are as follows:

Events		Awards	Winners
Boys'A Grade	50 M Freestyle	Champion	NG YING LUN (5F)
	50 M Breaststroke	Champion	CHEN ZHENHAO (4F)
	100 M Freestyle	1 st runner-up	YANG JIALUN (4E)
	50M Backstroke	1 st runner-up	NG KIT (4D)
	50M Butterfly	Champion	WONG WAI TONG (4F)
	100M Breaststroke	Champion	WU JIA FEI (5F)
	4x50 Freestyle Relay	Champion	LI HAN LU (3D) NG KIT (4D)
			CHEN ZHEN HAO (4F) GUAN JINGREN (4F)
Boys'B Grade	50 M Freestyle	Champion	LI WANG LEUNG (PS3)
	50 M Breaststroke	Champion	ZHAO FENG (5E)
	100 M Freestyle	Champion	CHIU MAN KWAN (1E)
	50 M Backstroke	Champion	LI GUIHUA (2E)
	50 M Butterfly	Champion	LAU WING LEONG (4F)
	100 M Breaststroke	Champion	ZHAO FENG (5E)
	4x50 Freestyle Relay	Champion	LI WANG LEUNG (PS3) ZHAO FENG (5E) LI GUIHUA (2E) MEI XINYU (4F)
Boys'C Grade	50 M Freestyle	1 st runner-up	LIANG JIAZHEN (2E)
	100 M Freestyle	Champion	YE ZIHAO (PSS)
	50 M Backstroke	1 st runner-up	LUO SHIHUI (3E)
	100 M Breaststroke	Champion	XU YINGBAO (1E)
	4x50 Freestyle Relay	1 st runner-up	CHIM TO WAI (2E) CAI HAIGENG (2E) LIANG JIAZHEN (2E) LUO SHIHUI (3E)
Girls'A Grade	50 M Freestyle	1 st runner-up	YUEN SZE KEI (3D)
	50 M Breaststroke	1 st runner-up	ZHANG JIAQI (2E)
	100 M Freestyle	1 st runner-up	ZHONG QISHA (3E)
	50 米 Backstroke	2 nd runner-up	XU YELI (PSS)
	50 米 Butterfly	1 st runner-up	NG YING LAI (5E)
	4x50 Freestyle Relay	1 st runner-up	NG YING LAI (5E) XU YELI (PSS) YUEN SZE KEI (3D) MAI JUAN LAN (3D)
Girls'C Grade	50 M Freestyle	1 st runner-up	ZHONG QISHA (2E)
	50 M Breaststroke	1 st runner-up	YANG QIMEI (3E)
	100 M Freestyle	2 nd runner-up	CHAN PO WAN (2E)
	50 M Backstroke	2 nd runner-up	TANG XIAO TUNG (2E)
	4x50 Freestyle Relay	1 st runner-up	WU AIQI NAUGIE (2D) YU KA WAI (1E) LUO WEI (2E) LAI HUI QING (2E)

Our outstanding alumni Wong Ka-hung won international art contest award

According to the reports from the Oriental Daily news, Wong Ka Hung, one of our alumni who graduated in 2008, beat nearly 16, 000 contestants from 31 countries and won the 'outstanding exhibits award' in the 8th International Art and Graphic Design Contest held in Belarus. His painting was also displayed in the global exhibition in Belarus National Art Museum. Ka-hung's ideas came from one of his visit in Tai O, which is also regarded as 'the water town Venice in Hong Kong', in which he reminisced the rivers near his residence in Thailand and most importantly, expressed his love to his mother.

Ka Hung's success is not mere coincidence but his solid effort. During his 7 years of learning, he created numerous masterpieces and has won over 20 international painting awards so far. This year is one of his most successful ones— another artwork of Ka Hung named 'Galloping' also won the 'the top 8 best artworks', beating over 6, 000 contestants in the French International Visual Arts Contest 2014, held by the UNESCO. We offer our most sincere compliment and wish Ka Hung will win further glories for us.

Our alumni received praise and scholarships

Five alumni, who are now currently studying associate degree courses in the International College in the Baptist University in Hong Kong, received academic appreciation and scholarships with impressive academic results. We offer our congratulations to them.

- DO TUNC KWAI
- PO TUNG KWAI
 President's Honour Roll
- AYEISHA SHAFANA President's Honour Roll
- HUI PAK YIN Dean's List
- TANG YAN LIN Dean's List
- HA GIA BAO Dean's List(*)
- Ha Gia Bao received the Reaching Out Award, under the Self-Financing Post-Secondary Scholarship Scheme, from the Hong Kong SAR government.

Congratulations to the Top Ten Outstanding Students

All-rounded development is our teaching philosophy and the core of modern quality education. In order to recognize students with extraordinary non-academic performance and achievement, the selection of Top Ten Outstanding students (non-academic) will be held every year. The selection this year has come to a close and 10 winners were elected. We offer our congratulations and the Top 10 Outstanding Students (non-academic) are as follows:

MOHAMED ASHIFF (3A) ANANDPARA SALONI (4C) SHARMA VISHAL (4C) PUA CHRISTIAN (5C) FUNG NGA PAN (PSS) WENG JINGCHAO (PSS) CHEUNG KA KI (5D) LO DAN (5D) CHEUNG YAT SAU (5D) NG YING LUN (5F)

Educational visits of Singapore by the HKDSSSC yielded fruitful results

During 18/5 to 22/5, Miss Helena Chan, the head of Teaching and Learning Division, represented the Delia Group of Schools and took part in an educational visit in Singapore. During the 5-day trip, the delegation paid visits to various schools and institutions, such as Anglo Chinese School, Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' School (Secondary), Raffles Institution (Secondary), The Chinese High School, Australian International School, and Regional Language Centre (Singapore). Through this visit, further understanding is enhanced in terms of the Singaporean educational system, policies and their implementation, especially the bilingual policies and curriculum planning, aiming at catering the eductional needs of different ethnicities. Not only it this an inspiration to the launch of multicultural education, we have also established connections with different schools and institutions in Singapore, which facilitates future collaboration. 2014 Taiwan study trip

One of the core missions of career planning is to expand multi-pathway for overseas studies for our senior secondary students. Apart from workshops and seminars organized by our Career Planning and Guidance Committee, it is equally inspiring to enable our students to experience through overseas study trips. It is already the third consecutive year for the Taiwan study trip since 2012. From 1/5 to 3/5, 98 Secondary 5 students, together with 11 teachers, went to Taiwan. During the 3-day trip, students paid visits to I-Shou University, Ming Chuan University as well as Fo Guang University and they gained more understanding concerning the features of various faculties and facilities. Students had the opportunities to experience the city development, culture and cuisine in Taiwan. The trip strengthened students' determination to study in Taiwan. Overall speaking, students experienced a fruitful trip.

Teachers' Professional Development Day for 'Information and Communication Technology Learning Scheme'

On 5/5, teachers from 5 Delia branches gathered in the Yuet Wah branch and a teachers' professional development day concerning 'Information and Communication Technology Learning Scheme' was conducted, which enabled seed teachers to display and share valuable experience of raising teaching and learning effectiveness using tablet computers. (Note : Following the rapid technological development, computers hardwares become more portable, more comprehensive, which brings deep impacts on education. Because of this, the Delia Group of Schools launched the 'Information nad Communication Technology Learning Scheme' in 2013/14 and distributed tablet computers to all students in different stages. The objectives of this scheme are to facilitate self learning and raise the effectiveness of teaching and learning via the use of information and communication technology.)

Roll-Cake Workshop – Family events by the Parent-Teacher Association

On 8/5 and 15/5, a roll-cake workshop was organized by the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) in the Clubcake Kitchen. There were a total of 47 parents, students, teachers and their family members. During the 3-hour workshop, each family member created beautiful roll-cakes and brought them home to share with their families. For many families, they felt amazed and intrigued, as this was their first time making roll-cakes. Most importantly, family relationships were strengthened and enhanced. We hope that parents can stay tuned for our future PTA activities.

The 49th Speech Day of the Secondary Section of Delia Group of Schools

On 30/5, the 49th Speech Day of the secondary section of Delia Group of Schools was held in the school hall of the Yuet Wah Branch. Graduates of various branches attended the ceremony. We had the privilege to invite York Chow, the president of the Equal Opportunities Commission, to be the guest of honour and witness graduates' vital stages in their lives.

Delia Group of Schools upholds equal opportunities of education

Mr. C. C. Lee, the executive director of the Delia Group of Schools, addressed the 49th Inter-School Speech Day under the theme of 'equal opportunities of education'. The excerpts are as follows: 'Hong Kong appears to be more of a predominantly Chinese society rather than an all-around multicultural society. However, the minorities must not be ignored. The Delia Group of Schools is committed to admitting a large number of students of ethnic minorities and the newly arrived from the mainland. We have quite a profound understanding of equal educational opportunities. Equal educational opportunities are not merely equal chances of schooling exclusively in terms of quality and quantity. In other words, one must cater for the special needs of the underprivileged in our society so that everyone has equal opportunities to achieve success and upward mobility through education.

Life is often referred to as a 'race'. With that in mind, one must consider whether there is a problem with the 'starting line' of the underprivileged; otherwise, it would be difficult to implement genuine equality of educational opportunities. According to statistics, many of Hong Kong's students of ethnic minorities and the newly arrived from the mainland are from grassroots families and the socioeconomically disadvantaged. Furthermore, the linguistic predicament is a major learning difficulty for them; the medium of instruction and their competence in the Chinese language and the English language are of particular concern.

Since 1965, the Delia Group of Schools has been committed to equal opportunities in education. Being a private-schoolturned DSS school, we believe that we should help students who need help the most. We are not looking for the best students to teach but to make the best out of any student, turning adversity into a meaningful endeavour. We have become an educational institution with 'character', 'characteristics' and 'courage'. Moreover, we have become successful in the field of education, with the efforts of all our staff not taken for granted.

Taking care of the special needs of the minorities and providing quality education for them is the promise of the Delia Group of Schools. With long-accumulated experience, we have developed distinctive educational programmes and remedial support.

Taking the linguistic predicament into account, we have CMI (*Chinese as Medium of Instruction*) as well as EMI (*English as Medium of Instruction*) sections to cater for the different learning needs of our non-Chinese-speaking students and the newly arrived students from the mainland.

For non-Chinese-speaking students, in addition to enhanced English learning to play to their advantage in terms of English, we have also developed our own school-based Chinese curriculum. Based on the mainstream curriculum, with the strategies of teaching Chinese as a second language, it aims to improve the Chinese of the non-Chinese-speaking

Delia Memorial School (Hip Wo)_DHW_Newsletter_Issue6|75_Jun2014 Page 3 of 4 students to help them to integrate into the community, to further their education and to develop their careers. Moreover, we offer PMI (Putonghua as medium of Instruction) and Putonghua language learning opportunities for non-Chinese-speaking students. For the newly arrived students from the mainland, in addition to Cantonese, we also pay special attention to remedial work in English. We hope to provide students with a better foundation to improve their Chinese and English.

As for the families with low incomes, the school council has set aside a contingency fund and a fund for study tours so as to address any financial burden that life or education may bring them. Further, as more and more schools are offering elearning, we are also providing our students with free tablet computers with the launch of our Delia ICT learning project. Our belief is that socioeconomically disadvantaged students should not be denied equal educational opportunities.

With regard to future prospects, we emphasize that the sky is the limit. In Hong Kong, there is still a shortage of university places. In light of this, we are committed to providing diverse education opportunities in the mainland as well as Taiwan, with our non-Chinese-speaking students as pioneers in Taiwan. In addition, for students whose interests are vocational and practical, we offer advice on further education in vocational studies and employment opportunities.

'Every profession produces its own best,' an old Chinese saying says. This is quite encouraging and very appropriate for the underprivileged. We believe that education can change the future of a child, owing not only to one's educational background, but also to his or her career planning, attitude towards life-long learning and his or her ability to keep learning for a lifetime.

In the past half-century, the Delia Group of Schools has been pursuing fairness in quality and quantity that is at a deeper level to satisfy the educational needs of the underprivileged. 'Virtue is not left to stand alone. He who practises it will have neighbours,' said Confucius. We believe that our effort will appeal to those who share the same vision and mission, and this will make Hong Kong fairer and more just.