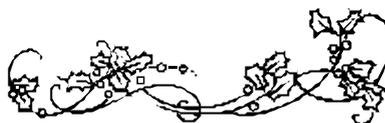


# Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)



## Episodes



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### Welcoming the new Principal and the new teaching Staff

**O**n the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2001 when the 2001/2002 school term began, students assembled in the hall to have their first assembly. The old students did not expect to see their former Principal, Mrs. PANG CHEUNG Yee-fan, as they had learned of her transfer to another school in the last assembly before the summer vacation. When they were introduced to the new Principal, Mr. TSE Sik-yan, they applauded, giving him a truly hearty welcome. In his address to the school, Mr. TSE reminded the

students to maintain cultural harmony in our school.

Besides the new Principal, the students also met some new teachers. As the school is expanding, from 17 classes to 19 classes, 9 new teachers have taken up teaching in the school. Among them are two teachers who will teach mainly Chinese. The Chinese Panel also includes a teaching assistant who will help prepare teaching materials and aids. It is also part of the assistant's duty to prepare the materials for GCE O-level Chinese, which will be introduced in 2002. It is the school policy and the parents'

wish to strengthen Chinese and raise the students' standard of Chinese so as to help them integrate into the local society. Other subject teachers include a PE teacher, a Maths teacher, an English teacher, a PA teacher and a Computer teacher. With the injection of new ideas from the new members, and under the leadership of the new Principal, it is expected that the school will continue with its mission: to develop in students all-roundedness and multiple intelligences, respect for other cultures and social awareness and responsibilities.

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### Visit by the Consul General of India and the Deputy Director of Education

The 24<sup>th</sup> September 2001 was made a big and memorable day for SIR ELLIS KADOORIE SECONDARY SCHOOL (WEST KOWLOON) with a visit by the Consul General of India and the Deputy Director of Education.

Mr. Anthony TONG Kai-hong, JP, Deputy Director of Education came to the school at noon and had lunch with all the teaching staff in the Home Economics Room. After a friendly chat with some of the staff, all members moved to the Needlework & Craft Room next door to hear a talk by Mr. TONG. Mr. TONG discussed with us

our missions at SEKSS (WK). While we make an effort to help our students to integrate, we need to maintain cultural diversity. He reiterated "Changexchange" and he concluded his speech by emphasizing the importance of achieving creativity and social harmony.

The Consul General of India and his assistant arrived at around 2:00 p.m. They were led on a tour of the school premises, visiting some of the classes. Afterwards they were invited to the History & Conference Room to have tea and a chat with some of the students. The Consul General did not come



empty-handed. He brought to the school some Hindi books and other souvenirs. Then on behalf of the school, the Principal also presented him with some souvenirs from the school, including the school profile and the School

Opening Ceremony Commemorative pamphlet. These printed materials will surely help him to understand more about the school and the students' school life.



## Orientation Day

On 30<sup>th</sup> August 2001, before the school actually began its new term, there was a special morning for the new students and their parents/guardians, giving them information about our school and the teachers' expectations. With around 400 parents/guardians and new students, the hall was filled with happiness.

The programme began with the Principal's welcoming speech. Then the Assistant Principal provided the audience with some general information. PowerPoint was used to make the presentation clearer and more interesting. The class structure, subjects offered, medium of instruction, languages offered, ECA, and students' lunch and transport arrangements, etc were included. The presentation was followed by the Discipline Master's

explanation of school rules and the Guidance Mistress' description of support services for the students. The Question and Answer Session and the meeting with the Class Teachers were the highlights of the morning.

The two-and-a-half hour programme ended with satisfied parents and happy smiles on the faces of the new students.



## The 6-day Cycle and Multiple Learning Period

To accommodate more subjects, the school will adopt the 6-day cycle system from this year onwards. One multiple learning period is included in the normal timetable. In this period, the class teachers can deal with class affairs. Other committees like Cross-curricular Education can also make use of this period to pass some important messages to the students. If possible,

outside speakers will be invited to give talks to the students. So far, in September and October, there have been talks on Fire Safety and Fire Drills, "Hong Kong 2003-Town Planning for Future Exhibition" by the Environmental Education Committee, the Geography Department and the Planning Department, a drama "The Most 'in' classrooms in the 21<sup>st</sup>

century" by the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre and a police talk on "Triads and Gangs". With various topics and activities, it is sure that students will enjoy learning in a more pleasurable way.

## The Annual School Sports Day

The first school function of the year and the most popular among the students, the School Sports Day, was held on two sunny days, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2001 (Heats) and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2001 (Finals) at Sham Shui Po Sports Ground. The students were so excited and enthusiastic that the number of participants hit a record this year - 676! There were 52 events altogether, including both track and field events.

Displaying great athletic talent, six students earned themselves wondrous glory by winning the overall championship in their respective grades. These future 'Athletes of The Year' are Kaur Harvinder (4C) (A Grade Girls), Arshad Shakilah (4A) (B Grade Girls), Nadia (2B) (C Grade Girls), Mahmood Waheed (5B) (A Grade Boys), Magar Wangchuk Samdup (4C) (A Grade Boys), Itongi Koli (4C) (B Grade Boys) and Adeel Latif (1C) (C Grade Boys).

In the Inter-school cum Old Boys 4X100 M Relay, amidst the cheers and applause of the spectators, Jockey

Club Government Secondary School won the championship, with Lung Cheung Government Secondary School and Kowloon Technical School winning first runner-up and second runner-up respectively.

The climax of the Finals was the Game For Fun. In the midst of the exciting and breath-taking events, all the guests, teachers and students were submerged in the merry and amusing Game For Fun led by our respectable and yet amiable Principal, Mr. Tse.

The Guest of Honour, Madam Chau Ying-yu, Chief Inspector,

Police-Community Relations Officer (Mongkok) of the Hong Kong Police Force concluded the Meet by presenting the prizes and medals to the winners. Also present at the Prize Presentation

C e r e m o n y w e r e Mr. K. M. Malik, Chairman of Yau Tsim Mong District Nationalities Fraternity and Mr. A. Razzaq, Parent Committee Member of our Parents-Teachers' Association, giving their full support to our students' and the school's function.



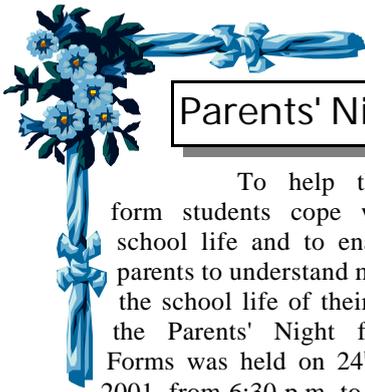
## Multi-Media Learning Centre

All site preparation works, except security measures and cleaning, were completed in September. The installation of security measures started on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2001. Cleaning will be carried out after completion of the installation.

The layout of hardware has been confirmed with the system contractor. Installation of 40 computers with multi-media hardware and software will begin in November.

If things go according to schedule, the MMLC is expected to be

operational around January 2002. At that time, the teachers will have more aids to make teaching more enjoyable and learning more pleasurable. The jobs of the teachers will be made easier, and benefits to the students will be greater.



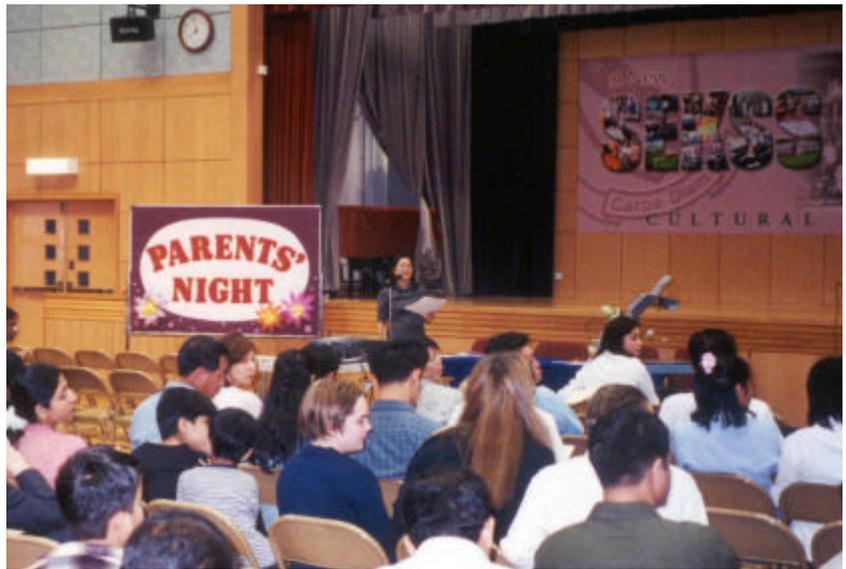
## Parents' Night for Junior Forms

To help the junior form students cope with their school life and to enable their parents to understand more about the school life of their children, the Parents' Night for Junior Forms was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2001, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Around 150 parents, teachers and students were present.

The night began with the Principal's welcoming speech. In his speech, he reiterated that the parents' concerns were also the teachers' concerns as the students were just like our children. It has always been the school's policy to do the best for the benefit of the students. Following the Principal's speech, the school social worker showed a video about the kind of social services offered for young people in Hong Kong by the Social Welfare Department and other voluntary organizations. Then Mrs. HUI CHAN Man-yee (MSW, Ohio State University), a very senior and experienced social worker, was invited to organize a workshop for

the parents. The theme was "**Building a harmonious parent-child relationship on mutual respect by establishing the roles and responsibilities of parent and child**". The parents showed great interest in the workshop and they participated enthusiastically in the role-plays.

After the talk, the parents had a chance to meet the class teachers of their children, discussing with them some of their children's problems. The night ended at around 9:00 p.m. It was a great success.



## Sharing of the School Premises

In this school year, 2001/2002, to help solve the problem of lack of secondary premises in the Kowloon district, we need to share our school premises with another school, Po Leung Kuk Tse Wan Shan College. Before the school term began, a

number of meetings had already been held by the administrators of the two schools, trying to work out a way which could maximise the benefit of the students of both schools without depriving either of them of the privileges. With careful and detailed

planning, it is hoped that the students of the different schools can understand the importance of "caring and sharing", learning under the same roof, and achieving "cultural harmony".

### Announcements to make

#### **PTAAGM : 9 November 2001 (Friday)**

Don't miss the chance to not only witness, but also play your part in the future of our school.  
Proceedings will begin at 6:30 pm.

#### **Speech Day : 14 December 2001 (Friday)**

Another occasion to pen into your diaries. In addition to an address by the Deputy Director of Education, Mr. Anthony Tong Kai-hong, J.P., you will also be treated to a string of performances by our students.  
The day will begin at 10:30 am.