

Dear all,

Welcome back to this big family of Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon) after a long summer holiday.

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Mr. Fung, who has made tremendous contribution to SEKSS(WK) in the past six years serving as the Principal of our school. Without his enormous effort and devotion, SEKSS(WK) could not have been as it is. Under his principalship, SEKSS(WK) has achieved positive changes in increasing staff participation in school planning, the application of planning, implementation and evaluation cycle (PIE) for self-evaluation and improvement in student performance, as reflected in the recent report from the External School Review Team.. Basing on such a strong foundation, I promise to sustain the existing momentum to prepare SEKSS(WK) for further achievements in the coming years.

Moreover, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers for their great effort made for the students and the school.

Next, let me introduce myself to you all.

My wife and I have a son and a daughter. My son is working in an audit firm while my daughter has just been admitted to the Chinese University of Hong Kong. All the members in my family give me great support and inspiration on how to be a good school administrator.

I have been teaching Biology in secondary schools for more than 30 years. I graduated from the University of Hong Kong and took up teaching as my profession in 1979. I joined the government in 1981 as a Biology teacher. I had worked at Queen's College, my mother school, for 18 years before I was transferred to Queen Elizabeth School in 1999 and I worked there for another 11 years. I was posted to Lung Cheung Government Secondary School as Principal in September, 2010. In mid July this year, I was informed to take up the principalship of SEKSS(WK) in this school year.

It would be my great privilege to join this unique family in my career in education. SEKSS(WK) is a school with long history, having its uniqueness in cultural diversity and taking pride in its cultural harmony. Students of SEKSS(WK) have great advantages of having opportunities to learn how to get along with schoolmates of different cultures and thereby students learn how to respect and appreciate cultural differences in their teens. All students are enriched with life-wide learning experiences and well-prepared to get along with people of different cultures. As the world is getting smaller due to advancement in technology, all are to interact with people from all over the world frequently. Therefore, students of SEKSS(WK) are well-prepared to be a contributing world citizen immediate after their graduation from SEKSS(WK).

SEKSS(WK) is also unique in having English as the medium of communication within the school. Such an English enriched environment could foster confidence in our students on using English. In this respect, students of SEKSS(WK) are well-prepared to communicate with most of the people in the business world.

At the beginning of the school term, I would like to share with you the cue for success. The cue is 3 As.

What are the 3As?

The 1st A stands for a Clear AIM

The 2nd A stands for a Good ATTITUDE

The 3rd A stands for an immediate ACTION

Clear AIM

To set an aim, you need to have a dream ---'What do you want to be in the future?'

The aim that you set should be clear and measurable and it can be a short-term aim or a long-term one.

Short-term aim --- to have all subjects pass/ go to school on time

Long-term aim --- future career/ entering tertiary institutes.

Good ATTITUDE

You should be very serious about the assigned responsibility/task/duty and you should work with drive and determination as well as perseverance in order to accomplish the assigned responsibilities.

Immediate ACTION

You cannot succeed without any action. Only immediate action can make your dream come true. Nowadays, young people tend not to take immediate actions even though they know the task is important. Thus, students need to have good time management skills and strong drive for immediate action.

Equipped with all these cues, I wish you all another successful and enjoyable school year. Thank you.