

Principal's Message

2025/26

Dear Parents,

As we embark on a momentous academic year, I am thrilled to announce that *Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)* is celebrating its 25th anniversary. Our journey began in 1891 with the *Ellis Kadoorie School For Indians*, dedicated to providing educational services for non-Chinese speaking students in Hong Kong. Today, our diverse student body represents a rich tapestry of nationalities, reflecting our commitment to inclusivity and multiculturalism. We embrace universal values such as equality, compassion, respect, and tolerance, inspiring our students to live by our motto, *Carpe Diem*.

Over the past year, we have remained dedicated to our mission of fostering academic excellence and holistic development. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our teachers and students, we have achieved remarkable accomplishments in both areas.

Recognising the importance of language education, we promote numerous English and Chinese learning activities. Our partnership with *Fanling Government Secondary School* created a vibrant learning environment, allowing students to engage in oral practice, drama, and pen pal exchanges. Our students excelled in the *Inter-government Secondary School English Debate Competition*, securing the runner-up position, and showcased their talents in the *Inter-government Secondary School English Drama Competition* and the *Hong Kong School Drama Festival*.

In Chinese studies, we established the 嘉文軒, supported by government funding, to promote Chinese culture. I am proud to report that several students achieved Grade 9 - the highest grade - in the IGCSE Chinese examinations. To broaden our students' perspectives, we organised exchange activities in cities such as Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, and Zhuhai. I am thrilled to announce our partnership with *Chuan Sha High School* in Shanghai, which will further enhance our exchange programmes.

In pursuing holistic development, we encourage students to establish personal goals early in their journeys. Collaborating with organisations such as the *Security Bureau* and *Kids4Kids*, we orchestrated various career planning initiatives. Our collaboration with the *Hong Kong Design Institute* led to an Applied Learning course in Fashion and Image Design, allowing students to apply their skills in makeup for our English drama performances. Our students also triumphed in the *Inter-government Secondary Schools Chinese-style Apron Design Competition*, showcasing their design ingenuity.

Aligned with Hong Kong's progressive educational policies, we are committed to advancing STEAM and AI education. Our students actively participated in external activities and competitions, earning accolades such as bronze in the *Inter-Government Secondary AI Innovation* and the *United Labour Chi Hong Association – STEAM Science & Technology Competition 2024*.

I am particularly proud to share that our remarkable student, Nsubuga Bethany Anison from Uganda, was featured in the Hong Kong media after being accepted directly into the Social Work programme at the *University of Hong Kong* through the *School Nominations Direct Admission Scheme*. Her enthusiastic involvement in exchange programmes and community service exemplifies our commitment to diverse development.

The ongoing success of our school relies on your steadfast support and collaboration. I encourage you to continue championing our institution, participating in parent activities, and sharing your valuable insights on our policies. Together, let us create a new chapter of achievement for our beloved school.

LEE Tung-ching
Principal

