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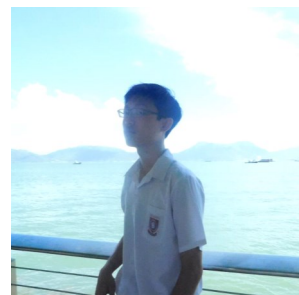
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The 35th Anniversary Chinese Orchestra Concert

5D Alex Ma

Do you still remember the 35th Anniversary Concert of our school 's Chinese Orchestra? I believe that all of you must have enjoyed a wonderful afternoon surrounded by sweet-sounding music. The performance was simply superb! As a member of the big family myself, I am pleased to share this great event with you, together with things behind the scene.

Though it has been weeks since the concert, the impression is still fresh in my mind. That day, I could feel my heart pounding violently while waiting behind the curtain beside the stage. So did every member of the Chinese Orchestra as we were all eager to show our best to the audience. This nervous feeling dissipated quickly though as soon as the stage light came on and we set foot on stage. The performance started and finished. Some of the members were F.1 students who just joined us in the summer holiday, so it was a big deal for them - a huge achievement.

Backtracking to late July, when the fruitful summer holiday had just begun, members of the Chinese Orchestra had already been working on preparation for the concert. If you had gone back to school that time, you would have heard the pleasing music flowing out from the music room. Every note we played on stage was practiced for dozens of times in fact. It was a precious experience for students to learn from mistakes and overcome the difficulties. It was also a great task for the senior members since they had to take part in decision-making and daily management of the orchestra. The challenge was certainly not easy. Without the hard work and cooperation of every individual, the concert would not have been so smooth.

One thing about the concert that surprised me was the commitment and participation of the alumni who are former members of the Chinese Orchestra. If you observed the stage carefully during the concert, you would find some familiar faces who are our present teachers. Many of the decisions were in fact done by those alumni, such as setting of the stage. They are undoubtedly good role models for current members of the Chinese Orchestra. A huge “thank you” to them.



“Being a member of the Chinese Orchestra not only improves your musical skills, but also in other aspects, like learning to cooperate with others and learning about self-discipline,” said Yoyo Lau, current President of the Chinese Orchestra. “We believe that our members will have greater achievement in the future.” Let’s keep this up, LKKCers!

Thoughts on Mid Autumn Festival

- *Is the festive spirit still there...?-*

5B Cherry Cheung

Every year during the Mid Autumn Festival, people get together with their family, eat moon cakes (usually the conventional lotus seed paste or the icy ones) with relatives they rarely see and watch the full moon like they have never seen such a natural phenomenon before. They come home past midnight exhausted and decide that they will sleep in. A few weeks later, they will still be complaining about the endless number of moon cakes they have received and how they will have to feed on them continuously for the next couple of days. Sounds familiar?

Perhaps without realizing it, what we do during the festival has become more like a monotonous ritual instead of a celebratory nature. The profound meaning of the reunion with your loved ones is lost. The beautiful myths about the moon cakes and the jade hare have been forgotten. What is left behind is like an extra way for the businessmen to earn profits, an extra holiday for students and office workers.



Despite the day off that we still get, the older we grow, the less fun we seem to have. I still remember how I used to play with lanterns and the glowing sticks. This flickering stuff could always amuse me, but not anymore. It also seems like the schoolwork is always too overwhelming to let us relax, let alone hanging around and enjoying ourselves. The change in people's attitude towards the festival and the advanced technology that is replacing the old toys are the reasons why some traditions don't stay as they once used to be. If only we would look up at the sky and truly admire the beauty of the luna instead of taking pictures of it and posting them on social media, that would be great.

Hung House

5D Leo Chan

The rapturous applause and cheer marked an end to this year's Sports Days. As a participant for the past few years, I used to think that victory was the most important for a house. After this year's unforgettable experience as a Hung House committee member, I realized it is teamwork and friendship that really matter.

Our house's appealing house decorations and mascot won positive comments from the schoolmates. Our designer team tried their very best to create the enchanting mascot for our house, *Uriel*, with the elements of lightning, wind, and thunder. The captivating *Uriel* was symbolic of good luck and the power of members and athletes of our house. Finally on the first day of Sports Days, despite the rainy weather, our enthusiasm remained undampened. The mascot was under great protection and it was not damaged seriously, and it was beautifully presented to our guests at last.

Apart from our designer team, our athletes were the tremendous assets to our house. All our athletes, went all in to compete with others in the track and field contests through blood, sweat and tears with arduous training. Win or not, they were still copiously welcomed by our team members with their laughter and cheer.

'H-U-N-G Top of the house...' Had it not been for the vibrancy of our cheering team, our athletes would not have performed well on the track. The energetic cheering team who was well-trained by our seniors chanted slogans enthusiastically and provided warmth to our brilliant athletes, which led to their phenomenal success. Although the weather was bad, their passion never faded.

With our relentless efforts, we received stellar results in this year's Sports Days. Though we didn't win the championship this year, our invaluable friendship and the unity were worth more, and our members spared no effort from start to finish. I especially want to say thank you to our House Captains Nick Yeung and Fiona Fung for their best endeavours. To wrap up, that any house was crowned championship does not matter as much as the fact that all of us did our best. And that was enough. And that is the meaning of true sportsmanship.

Man House spirits never die!

5D Kathy Chan

WE ARE WE ARE MAN HOUSE!--- this was one of the slogans you might have heard continuously when our vibrant cheering team was cheering for Man House. *Fenrisulfr*, a monstrous wolf in Norse Mythology, was our mascot this year.

Thirsty, exhausted, dizzy... Yet, we enjoyed ourselves working together, fighting for Man House.

The weather of the two consecutive Sports Days was fluctuating. Torrid sun was followed by heavy rain unexpectedly and we had to rush to cover our decorations. Although our decorations were not honored with awards, we appreciate all committee members and helpers who devoted themselves to the work. Time was filled with happiness and joy and most importantly, we developed good team spirit. Dressed up in specially designed green T-shirts, those energetic Form One students rooted for all Man House members rhythmically after four days of training. As one of the leaders of the cheering team, I was so proud of these newcomers and especially their vocal cords! I wish all the cheering team members to get into swing of new school lives and enjoy themselves on Sports Days in the future.



Thanks to our House Advisor Miss Law, house captains Alex Chan from 5A and Natalie Yeung from 5D, and of course all Man House members for devoting themselves and fighting for the best. Man House spirits never die! SET THE TARGET, NO REGRET! MAN HOUSE SUCCESS, BE THE BEST!

Chung House wins again...

5C Justin Hom

"We are the champion! We are the Champion! CHUNG HOUSE spirit never die!"

We are so proud to tell you that Chung House grabbed so many awards this year - AGAIN! I am so proud to be in the committee of Chung House this year, which received the grand inter-house championship. We had an interview with the house captain of Chung House, Jason Wong from 5C.

We want to thank our house committee members and all helpers who came back to school during the summer vacation. They are the anonymous heroes behind our victory. Grateful to them."

Last year, we lost the grand award by ONLY 1 point. When asked about the feeling of the successful return this year, Jason was so overwhelmed and impressed, *"The two house captains last year taught me a lot,"* he added, *"It was so exhilarating to win back the awards, including the Best House Decoration and the Best Cheering Team. The reason why we achieved this is simple: all of the housemates*



were so united, aiming for the same target and did our very best. We didn't care about the difference of positions and helped with each other's jobs. The bond between us is the hidden card of Chung House. Of course, the other houses did well, but I'm honored to know we won this year."

What is his hope for the future? *"I hope the vice house captains can strive for bigger success next year. Students of lower forms should look up to the house committee members and helpers. When you become the seniors, you will be the role models of the juniors. Please, spread our 'Chung House Spirit' to everyone. All LKKCers should join and enjoy the competitions and get good results."*

We also received the "Best House Decoration" prize, proving that we can also be creative! We also want to thank all housemates who helped us to protect the banner from the rainstorm on Day 1. Due to your support, our banner remained intact the next day.

Here lies Shun House's reputation

5D Yoyo Lam

First of all I have to send my sincere gratitude to House Captains Jason Fu from 5A and Li Tsz Yan from 5C for their tremendous help.

This year, I was again the "dictator" of decoration for Shun house, and that was such a special experience for me. As a typical shy and coy person, this was my biggest fear because I have never learnt how to command unfamiliar faces. But the committee members were so responsible and that encouraged me to be myself.

Surprisingly they were all eager beavers, even the boys, and this sped up the whole process. For this I was completely blessed for the cooperation between us. Thanks for not leaving me and decorations alone! Especially with the command of the two House leaders, I at least did not have to sweat through running an errand to buy the ingredients. This was already the biggest compromise.

The design this year was completely different. It was a lot more comprehensive than the previous year. As we always wanted to blaze on trails, we took the risk to the cliff, and created an enormous 3-D metallic scorpio with claws. But that did not go on very well because of the unexpected rain on the first day of the event. The card-made 3-D structure got wet and its center collapsed, so did our patience. The results were that the fury did not mix well with arts, and I blamed myself for placing a Chinese Wok on a Scorpio. Besides the wok, our main parts for the Scorpio fell apart before we could reassemble it with nylon string and weak double-sided tape. This was the reason the House leaders and committee members, including me came out so roughly that day because we thought that we could not make it on time. Eventually the whole piece came out pretty well in the last minute!

Sports Days had become my top sports-related item on my agenda since that day. We were proud to walk with the committee members dressed in white and violet T-shirts on the lane. The unforgettable applause and our earth-shattering cheering team screaming for Shun House in the prize-ceremony was the best part as well. I believe our legendary miracle of climbing up from the bottom to 1st-runner-up will never be forgotten, and that this will never be an intermittent success only.

Who said we felt frustrated about losing the deco prize?! We will return!
SHUN HOUSE IS UNBEATABLE!!!

TODAY IN HISTORY

The second episode of *Today in History* over the PA system taught us some interesting words about our National Day – words that some of us may have been using incorrectly.

See if you can spot the mistakes! (There are 5.)

This year's 1st October was the 68th anniversary of the finding of the People's Republic of China, marking the start of the Gold Week in China. Like every year, the event took off with the flag-rising ceremony at the Golden Bauhinia Square and the singing of the country's song while spectators watch the flag of the national

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Our New Student Union — CLARIS

5A Kary Huang

"Claris, the Clever Way."

After a long election campaign, cabinet "CLARIS" eventually became the Students' Union of LKKC this year. Right after the election on 29/9, we invited Hom Long Hin from 5C, the chairperson of the upcoming Students Union CLARIS, to have an interview with us. He shared his reasons why they decided to join the election, difficulties they had faced throughout the preparation period, and most importantly, some of their upcoming events.



K: Kary J: Justin

K: Congratulations! As we all know, the Students Union is always on the go. Why did you join the election?

J: Thank you. We have always wanted to create a wonderful school life for our schoolmates. However, there weren't any appropriate chances until this year, until we become F5 students and are eligible to enter the SU election. In addition to nine sincere hearts, being the role models of our schoolmates also contributes to our entry to the election. We think a student union needs to keep its word and be down-to-earth, so we want to be a role model in order to encourage students to take more initiative in joining and contributing to the school. As a result, we hope to become someone who conforms to the word "CLARIS", which is the plural form of a latin word "clarus" which means "clear", "renowned" and "upstanding".

K: What difficulties did you encounter during the preparation period?

J: Members of our cabinet have their posts in other committees so it is quite difficult for us to hold a meeting and discuss. You know, I have to attend different courses outside school as well and I am also the technician of *What's Up*, which is what you are reading. Apart from that, we also worried about if we should come up with some more popular policies. With so many factors to consider, we decided to choose some achievable and dependable policies as our platform.

K: We all know you proposed a variety of policies. Schoolmates await the coming activities, so would you mind telling us about your next step?

J: We haven't deliberated with the school about the arrangements so we are still in the process of planning. Nonetheless, we have been zealously preparing various joint-school events. Of course, one of our main events ahead is the 2017 LKKC Halloween party. We are now actively preparing for the party, so don't miss it!

K: I am anticipating the event! Apart from the Halloween party, what else do you think is the most important platform? Is it the upcoming joint-school activities?

J: Thanks to our wide social web, we met different cabinets in the district, which some you may know. However, I think another focus among our platforms, should be our multi-functional website (lkkccclaris.wixsite.com/claris). As the only IT technician in the cabinet, I put so much effort into the website. It went well, and now has a very attractive appearance. Now, the only problem for me is to name the site! I think the name CLARInet is good... but let's get back to the functions it has. Mostly we will develop an item pre-order system. When students need the item the next day, they can order the item with a few simple clicks on the site. This is an innovative idea. It may not be perfect but we will try our best to put it to work. Other than the system, we also want to offer space for online communications. For example, we know some senior students or graduates will be starting tutorial classes, and we will provide a page for them to promote themselves.

K: Wow! It must be so difficult to create the site. Going back to the election, what was your feeling after knowing that you had won the election?

J: Apart from whether our policies were interesting and attractive enough or not, I had been very worried about whether we could win during the promotional period. Fortunately, I have a group of committee members of Claris who are willing to contribute their time doing jobs that demand perseverance. You may think I'm kidding, but I was quite calm when I knew we had won the election.

K: Why do you think you could win this election?

J: I think there are three chief reasons. Firstly, I think our publicity strategies and the propaganda materials designed by our members have successfully improved our profile. Secondly, we built a good and positive image to let everyone know we aim for credit and practicability. We are a crew that will strive for success. Most significantly is the close relationship between our members. We help and support each other to strive for the best.

K: Is there anyone you want to thank?

J: Without a doubt, I would like to thank my 8 cabinet members. I know they are extremely busy with their own work, especially in F5 when there are lots to do. As we always say, we couldn't even match our schedules to have a glee feast (laughs). Despite the limited time and never-ending work, they still shoulder the heavy burden with me which I really appreciate. Without their support, I think I'll probably be stressed. I also want to thank those people who did not show us their vote of confidence. You let us become aware of our weaknesses and shortcomings so improvements can be made, based on your opinions. We have really read all your comments. We work together to provide a better school life.

**K: Once again thank you for your time and congratulations again on your win. We look forward to our coming school year with Claris!**

J: Thank you. Of course please look forward to our coming plan! We will continue to do our best as "Claris" and not to disappoint our supporters.

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Interview with the new teacher

5D Albe Chik

A: Albe C: New Teacher—Miss Choi

A: Hi, Miss Choi, let's start off with an easier question. Which grade and subject are you teaching?

C: I am teaching F.2 and F.3 Mathematics. I am also the class teacher of 3D.

A: Many students want to ask - why have you chosen to be a teacher?

C: Because I enjoy the sense of achievement while teaching. It is really satisfying to help students with their problems. I also enjoy interacting with students. It is a really enjoyable job for me.

A: Oh, that sounds meaningful. Why did you choose to teach in this school?

C: Actually, I gained the opportunity to teach here by chance. And I am really attached to LKKC, as I had graduated here.

A: Oh, you are one of the LKKCers? That's marvelous! What do you think is the main difference of our school comparing the past and the present?

C: The students nowadays are very fortunate. They have a much better learning environment than when I was here as a student. The facilities are also much improved. As you can see, our front gate was refurbished about a month ago. It is to ensure students study more comfortably.

A: Yes, I totally agree. We got much better facilities than the old days. By the way, what is your expectation towards your students?

C: We may be one of the top band one schools in Tuen Mun, but there is still room for improvement compared to all the schools in Hong Kong. I hope students can gain better results in their studies. Moreover, I hope that we can also gain more awards in other areas, like sports, and come first in Hong Kong someday.

A: I also share the same wish! I hope that we can strive for excellence in both academic and non-academic aspects. This is also almost the end of the interview, can you tell as some fun facts about yourself?

C: Let me think about it. I was part of the school team of track and field when I was studying here.

A: Wow. That is surprising news! Now to my last question - do you have any words to the students?

C: I hope that you guys can have a sense of belonging as a student here. Remember to enjoy your life as a secondary school student and cherish your friends. When you grow up, friendship in college still won't fade. The memories with your classmates and friends will last permanently. To me, this is the most memorable part of my time as a student. So, treasure your moments with them here.

A: Thank you for all your answers. I am sure that our students will know more about you after reading this interview. Last but not least, thank you for accepting today's interview and we hope you continue to enjoy teaching.

C: You are welcome and thank you!



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