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School Renovation

Welcome back to school, LKKCers! It has been a splendid summer vacation. Once you step onto our campus, most probably all of you would express boundless pleasure when seeing such massive changes.

The centre stage of the renovation is definitely our canteen. It has been transformed to a multi-lecture theatre. It will uphold its function as a canteen and is open to all schoolmates. But with the installation of air-conditioners, projectors and screens, it will be used as a venue for special indoor activities as well. Activities such as lectures, talks, and even performances can be conducted with the special design. There are also shelves and cabinets as storage spaces for different departments of our school.



Since the opening of the school, many students have spent their time after school in the theatre, including some junior form students. They enjoy using the room as a place for revision and communication, particularly enjoying the new tables and chairs. Some even joked they might break the glass surrounding the theatre! Some teachers cherish the room equally, as a meeting place with colleagues and students. While some school team players rest there during their break, some are on the search for the old water fountain. They believe the school will install a new one in the future.

Miss Lai Ching Man, who teaches English and History, was walking through the corridor one day. She was amazed to see trophies nicely and neatly stored in new glass shelves. She then looked at the clear window of the "new canteen" and commented that "it was much brighter than before."



Janitor Mr Wong Gwai also shared his thoughts when he was working a shift in the evening: "I am happy to see all schoolmates enjoying a better and cosy canteen. They are less sweaty there for lunch and revision now." But he claimed that there was less air flow on the G/F, and sitting at the entrance was not so comfortable. "There are pros and cons, however overall it is still a remarkable achievement."

The covered playground is covered by new tiles. The sharp colour of red and green give the floor a more energetic and youthful mood to athletes and people visiting the playground. Behind the covered playground is the tuck shop. It has a new host this year. *Murray Catering* of the *Sizhou Group* will be the new tuck shop owner. Let's hope it will provide good appetites to our students and teachers.



Teachers benefit from the renovation this year too. Formerly part of the Art Room, the once vacant room is now a new staff room. Some teachers have already moved into this room, while some teachers either stay in their original rooms or have moved to other rooms.



"I feel like I have gone to a different school, once I stepped onto the campus." Mr Fong Ho Nam, the History teacher said. He expressed his gratitude for the new staff room on the 1/F. "Our colleagues can now have more space and can work for comfortably. Along with a new teacher resting room (Common Room) in Room 104 soon, I believe the great working environment provides us with motivation. All credit goes to the principal and teachers who have dedicated their effort to plan the biggest renovation in recent years."

Besides teachers, the Student Union Room has been moved to a new place. The Student Union used to have their base on the G/F. The next elected cabinet will be the first occupants of the room and have the privilege to make use of this room. That room is on the 2/F which used to link with the Home Economics Room. It is next to the Campus TV Room.



Speaking of Campus TV, its renovation work will begin in late autumn. It will have a grand opening in March next year! All eyes are on the new network! As a member of the Campus TV, the best I can share right now is, "stay tuned for more shows and programs!"

Classrooms on the 1/F have undergone renovation works, too. Room 105 is the room with the biggest change, as windows are installed once again. Students of 1D can enjoy the view outside from inside the classroom now.



Other renovations included new floor tiles in several rooms, such as the Music room and classrooms on the 4/F. There are now a total of four meeting rooms on both the G/F and the 2/F. More spaces is provided for teachers for meetings and conferences.

With no doubt, positive changes are a stunning beginning. We wish all of our readers good luck and have a fruitful year in LKKC. With care and respect, let's strive for the best in learning and continue to be active in participating in school activities!

Interview with our beloved Miss Chiu Fung Yee 6B Cherry Lam



Miss Chiu has always been dedicated to her education career over the past decades. After years of devotion, she is now ready to embark on a new journey. Today, we are very happy to have Miss Chiu to share her feelings as well as her exciting future plan.

R=reporter C=Miss Chiu

R: Good morning Miss Chiu. First of all, congratulations on your retirement! We are grateful to have you in LKKC over these years. How do you feel about your retirement?

C: I am blessed to have had the chance to teach and work here as well. I have a mixture of different feelings. On one hand, I am overwhelmed by the beautiful imagination about my life after retirement. At school, I am very busy at work. Even after school, I need to prepare for my upcoming lessons and mark my students' homework. I barely have time to enjoy my life doing something I am really interested in like travelling. That's why I look forward very much to my retirement because I can finally have time to start my "second life". On the other hand, I don't want to leave LKKC. I have been working here for so long that I have already built a strong bond with everything here. I love my working environment. I love my colleagues, not to mention my lovely students. I treat LKKC as my second home. It would take me a long period of time to adapt to a life without all these incredible elements.

R: I truly understand your mixed feelings. Despite the sorrow of leaving LKKC, I believe you have already scheduled a fruitful "second life". Could you share your future plan?

C: Sure. I can't contain my excitement when I talk about my retirement plan. The most crucial part of my plan would be taking a rest. Being a teacher means you have to be completely equipped with enthusiasm every day. Sometimes, we may get exhausted. So, after retiring from my position, I've decided to take a long rest to clear my mind. When I'm fully recharged, I will travel to Australia and stay there for some months. I look forward to the reunion with my friends as one of my best friends lives there. I can't wait to embrace the dynamic city landscape and the magnificent natural beauty of Australia too. After returning to Hong Kong, I may take up a job of a supply teacher. You might see me in LKKC again in the near future!

R: Really? I am sure all LKKCers will be delighted to hear this piece of news. Last but not least, can you say a few words to LKKC students?

C: I am sure all LKKC students are talented and you will shine in your own field. Make every endeavour to reinforce your aspiration. For 4B students who I have taught last year, no more sleeping in class. Strive for good results in Maths. For F.2 students, I believe in your unlimited potential. Make great effort in your studies and I am sure you will taste the fruit of success very soon.

R: LKKCers will always remember your words and try their best in exams. Thank you for being in our interview. We wish you a happy "second life"!

A message from Ms Wong Chun Yu:

Leaving LKKC has been a difficult decision for me as this is where I have been nurtured and supported since I was in Form 1. Yet, I believe a change in the working environment would benefit me in terms of personal growth and a change of staff members may also initiate a breakthrough in LKKC. From now on, I hope I can stay in touch with LKKC as a pure alumnus. I wish my home away from home the very best future. And Best of Luck for the Drama Team, Guidance Prefects, 5D, 6B and 6D ! :)

A message from Ms Mak Ka Hung:

I'm glad I was your teacher and will surely miss you. Wish you good health, happiness and success in life!

Farewell to Mr Tang Sai On

Albe Chik

A: Albe Chik T: Mr. Tang

A: Good afternoon, Mr. Tang.

T: Good afternoon.

A: I heard about your retirement. Best wishes for a happy retirement. We are going to miss you a lot.

T: Thank you so much. I will miss all of my students also.

A: Speaking of the ones who are leaving, what do you think of the F.6 graduates? Do you have any special impression of them?

T: Definitely. They are very creative and energetic. They often bring me different interesting moments while teaching them. They are also very hardworking. Asking questions is like their everyday habit.

A: Wow. Do you have any unforgettable memories with them?

T: Once, I went on a study tour with a group of F.6 students. That day was just after a typhoon and it was raining so heavily that I had originally wanted to cancel the tour. However, they were very much enthusiastic about the tour that they still continued to travel around in the heavy rain. Their spirit of acquiring knowledge was unforgettable.

A: That's marvelous. As for the F.5 students, who are fighting for DSE, do you have any words of encouragement for them?

T: I think a clear short target is the most important. The target you have should be relatively achievable. When you achieve one of your targets, the encouragement can push you to work harder. In the long run, they will be able to make their dreams come true.

A: That's true. A clear target can boost us to success. I know that students in different forms also have some wishes for the future. Do you have any words for them?

T: They must be eager to try new things as the society is changing so quickly. Non-stop acquisition of knowledge is the only way to adapting to the society and to striving for success.

A: It must be quite sad to leave LKKC as you have made tonnes of memories here through your years of teaching. In general, which part of LKKC is the most memorable to you?

T: LKKC is a unique school as students don't only have excellent performance in the academic area, but also other aspects such as extra-curricular activities. They can face different challenges with their enthusiasm to pursue excellence. I know that they can continue to make remarkable records in the future.

A: They are very encouraging words. Thank you for the interview today.

T: You are welcome.

Interview with the F.5 students about the study tour to Japan 5B Selby Ho

Travelling overseas is always an exhilarating thing. I can still remember the excitement of my first trip to a foreign country, which made it almost impossible for me to fall asleep that night. 20 students from F.5 and F.6 were no exception when they participated in the study tour to Japan in July this year. Today, we are glad to have two school-mates, Hikki So from 5B and Chloe Lam from 5C to share their precious memories during the trip.

S=Selby H=Hikki C=Chloe

S: Hi Hikki and Chloe. Do you still remember the study tour to Japan that you guys joined in July? What did you do there?

C: It was a journey that brought me knowledge and surprise. I will never forget it!

H: Right. The trip mixed learning with pleasure. The whole atmosphere was both relaxing and enjoyable. We looked around the Seikei University's school building, and learned about the subjects that local students study. We also visited many museums. It gave me a chance to experience the local life and culture and learn Japanese etiquette from it.

C: We were separated into groups and led by some passionate local university students. They guided us around the whole campus and we had lunch together in the canteen. What shocked me the most was that the library inside is huge, delicate and full of books, which is really a good place for students to do self-study and group learning. I hope that one day, I will be able to study in such a library.

S: Wow, your journey sounds wonderful. Can you share with me what the most impressive attraction is?

C: Oh yes! Among the two universities we visited, Seikei University attracted me more. The famous Japanese drama "Boys Over Flowers" was shot inside Seikei University's campus. It made me feel like I was in the drama.

H: For me, I think the most impressive one is the Disaster Museum, which exhibits issues about earthquakes. Apart from learning what measures can be taken to make us safer when earthquakes occur, I also learned that we can use plastic bags to bind up wounds.

S: After listening to your experiences, I would like to know how you guys feel after the journey?

H: This journey gave me a general understanding of the life in a university. It gave me a new perspective too. The Japanese

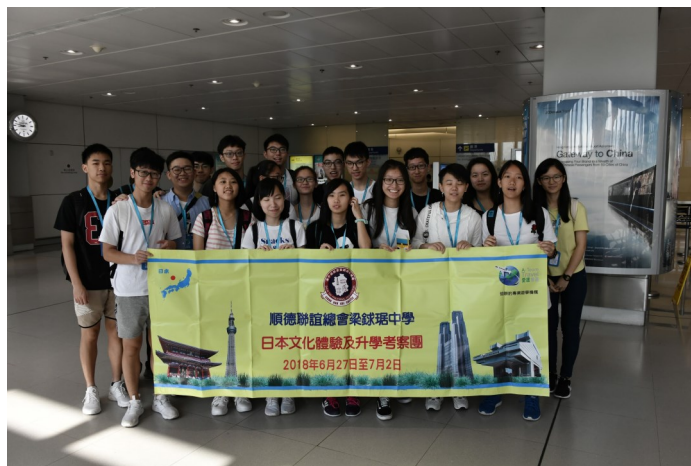
pay great attention to punctuality, commitment and courtesy, which are essential in our life, and also an indispensable factor in the society. At the end of the journey, I finally figured out the reason why the Japanese are so polite and nice to others.

C: You're right. I would like to thank the two teachers who took good care of us in Japan. They kept reminding us to be careful while walking on streets. They also told us to follow the local customs, like to lower our voice especially when we were on the JR.

S: Taking care of a group of children, the teachers must have been exhausted. What did you guys learn after the trip?

C: Compared with Hong Kong, the Japanese will often experience some unexpected calamity. We are very lucky here. I think we need to live in the real moment, be grateful and love our life. Don't let yourself regret the decision you have made. I benefited enormously from this trip. I believe this is a milestone in my life.

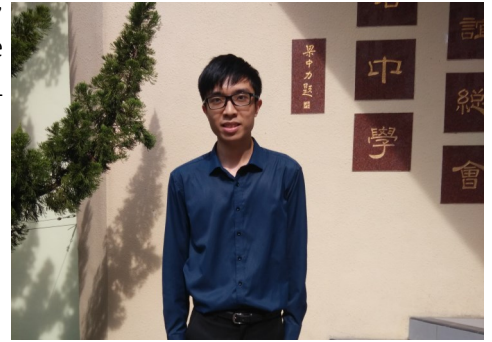
S: The trip really helped you guys gained a lot of new knowledge. Thank you for doing this interview. We wish you good luck in the new academic year.



Interview with a new teacher—Mr. Chou Cheuk Fung**4D Linda Chik**

A new year means more new blood in our team of teachers. This year, may we welcome one of our alumni returning to LKKC to teach us. He is the first teacher returning to our school who has taken the DSE. Today, we invited him to share his feelings of coming back as a teacher.

R= Reporter C=Mr. Chou



R: How do you feel, coming back to LKKC? Have things changed?

C: I see the renovation the school has undergone, the walls painted green and the new lobby. The brand new canteen is beautiful too. I have kept on teaching the Form 6 students for the past years so nothing feels very new. The students are all good and polite so there's no change in that.

R: Why did you become a teacher and come back to teach at LKKC?

C: Since primary school, I liked to help out my fellow schoolmates. My primary school teacher and later Mr. Yau encouraged me to make question papers for my classmates. It really inspired me to become a teacher later on. I want to teach Mathematics and make it fun. I know many students dislike Mathematics because they think it's all about constantly doing practices. I like to teach the logic behind the equations so students can know more.

R: What is your most memorable experience here?

C: None and I regret it. I was a quiet person so I didn't join any sports teams or clubs during my studies here. I felt like I missed something. I hope students can join different clubs and teams so they don't miss out on anything.

R: What is the greatest difference from being a student and a teacher here at LKKC?

C: Students have a simpler life. I only had to listen to the teacher and care for my own needs before, whether I understood the curriculum. Now, as a teacher, I have to care for the needs and abilities of each student.

R: Is there any advice you want to offer to us students?

C: Work hard, play hard. Enjoy your school life. Exam results are not the most important. Your grades may not be the best but if you put effort into your studies, your teachers know. We will all appreciate the hard work you put in.

R: Thank you for the interview, Mr. Chou.

C: You're welcome.

Interview with a new teacher—Ms. Dian Tai Nga Yan**by Jimmy Fung**

This year, LKKC welcomes four new teachers, including Miss Tai Nga Yan Dian, who teaches F.3A, F.4C and F. 5D English . Unlike the other teachers, she prefers students calling her Miss Dian instead of Miss Tai. She explains that calling teachers by their surname seems distant, but calling them by their given names is a friendlier approach taken by children, especially kindergarten kids, as in the Western countries. So, by calling her given name, she can always remember that we are still adorable children!

Miss Dian studied a combined degree with English and Education as her major at university. She didn't expect to be a teacher at the very beginning but after a few years of teaching, she started to enjoy it as she treasures the relationship with students. She explains that the students in the former school she worked in had a less hectic life than here, so she spent a lot of time having lunch with them, and chatting with them about their lives and personal matters, while the students would call her 'mom'. She also thinks that teaching teens can keep oneself young and updated. So after experiencing the enjoyable teaching life, she decided to choose it as her career.

As an English teacher, Miss Dian thinks that English, compared to other languages such as Cantonese, enables her to express herself the most comfortably, so she wants to share this feeling with her students who are experiencing a stage where they start to find their own identity, thus providing a channel for them to express and explore themselves.

She is now in LKKC because she wanted a change of environment after 6 years of teaching in the last school she worked in. LKKC appeals to her because of the diligent, high-achieving students. Generally, she thinks that our students are good and true, especially when compared to her former students, who live in Kowloon. She is quite surprised to see such a difference across the region, and she is still figuring out the reason why. She also appreciates that the senior form students who have high English proficiency and large potential, and thinks that the F3 students are adorable and willing to learn.

Miss Dian has a few tips and advice for our students in learning English. She wants our students to find the true reason for studying English, because it's not only for the DSE, but also for expressing our own and for our future lives. She says that learning English is like a journey to the moon; once you have achieved a high proficiency in this language, you will find that you can interpret the world around you in a different angle because learning a new language provides you with a whole new perspective in your world view. Therefore, she thinks that English teachers are more liberal and have a more interesting perspective when discussing different topics. She also thinks that successful students are good readers and active participants, so she suggests learn through reading and join exchange programmes.



Aside from her teaching and learning, Miss Dian enjoys reading, watching American and British TV programs, baking and travelling. She also reveals that she used to do oil painting, and she likes day-dreaming, which she deems to be healthy!

Let's wish Miss Dian a joyful teaching experience in LKKC!

Quiz about this issue!

After reading this issue, let's see how much you remember!

- 1) Which two new teachers were interviewed here? What do they teach?
- 2) How many teachers left the school for their retirement last year? Who were they?
- 3) Where did the F.5 students go for a study tour this July?
- 4) Fill in the blanks with suitable words. The first letter has been given to you:

This year, our school has a) u_____ renovation, giving our school a fresh new look. The old canteen has been replaced—it is now called the multi-lecture b) t_____. Air-conditioned and brightly-lit, students can feel more comfortable when they have their food or do their revision there. Because of the newly installed c) p_____ and screens, teachers can use this area to conduct lessons, talks and even performances.

We will also see a new Common Room apart from new d) s_____ rooms for teachers. The Student Union also has a new place, next to the e) C_____ TV Room.

YOUR say!

If you would like to add your thoughts or suggestions here for our next issues, feel free to message the editors or the teachers in charge.! Happy reading!

- Answers:
- 1) Mr. Chou and Ms. Dian—Maths and English
 - 2) 4—Mr. Tang, Ms. Chiu, Ms. Wong and Ms. Mak
 - 3) Japan
 - 4) a) undergone b) theatre c) projectors d) staff e) Campus

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