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The study tour to Singapore

5A Kyle Leung, 2C Hanson Lam



Hello LKKCers! How did you enjoy your summer vacation? 19 F.1-F3 students from the last academic year participated in the study tour to Singapore in July. It was an unforgettable experience for them.

In this tour, the students joined the English Course held by the British Council. The English course was mainly split into two parts, English and Singaporean culture and history. For the English part, the students had lessons with a foreign teacher. They focused on grammar and honing their English speaking skills. The second part was about the culture and

the history of Singapore. The students experienced the culinary culture of Singapore, including local snacks and visiting various eateries. Students are sure to have learned a lot in this tour.

Also, students visited the main attractions of Singapore, such as the Merlion Park, Marina Barrage, Kreta Ayer and Universal Studios Singapore.

One of the participants, Hanson Lam from 2C said, "It was a wonderful journey. During the course, I have not only achieved great improvements in English speaking and grammar, but also gained a better understanding of Singapore's culture, history, geography and customs."





In these nine days, we didn't just stick to museums and famous attractions. The tour guide, Johnny, arranged the itinerary very well. Not only did he make the facts interesting, the arrangement of games and rest time freed us from the usual stress of learning. He is the best tour guide I have met.

For me, having supper in Kreta Ayer was one of the most memorable experiences of the tour. Kreta Ayer is the Chinatown of Singapore. Inside, you can try out a variety of international cuisines, and you can experience the lively

atmosphere there. Although I had some communication difficulties with the owner of the restaurant, I tried my best and overcame the obstacles and communicated with the owners in English bravely. This is an important breakthrough and experience for me.

Despite the fun and knowledge, the one thing that could have been better was the time given for Universal Studios —we didn't have much time to completely enjoy Universal Studios because we didn't have good time management.



Interviewing the Chinese Orchestra 5D Erin Wong, 2B Alvin Keong

LKKCCO is a big part of our school, performing at most important events. Today, we are honoured to invite Mr Lau Wai Kei, the conductor of LKKCCO, for an interview:

(L: Lau Wai Kei; E: Erin Wong)

E: When was LKKCCO first established?

L: It was established in 1982-1983. As the Shun Tak Fraternal Association wanted to promote Chinese music and provide diverse learning opportunities, our school started to develop Chinese music. For the first year, we borrowed classrooms from another school in Sam Shing for students to learn Chinese music. In the following year, the Chinese orchestra was established.

E: Are there any obstacles in running the orchestra? How are they usually sorted out?

L: Everything is not always smooth. Before, there was less entertainment for students. Nowadays, it has become hard to recruit members when there are so many choices of activities nowadays. It has also been more difficult for all members to gather for practice. At present, each member is involved in many extra-curricular activities, so their absence isn't uncommon. Each song takes a long time to harmonize and every member has important positions in all songs. With only one person missing, the whole instrumental section might not be heard.



Furthermore, as the caliber of Chinese music is rising, so are the requirements of instruments. When some instruments are damaged, we can only repair them instead of buying new ones. Our instruments are always of the older variety, compared with other schools'. Also, more kinds of instruments are required as songs become modernized and are combined with elements of Western music. Usually, we cannot afford common instruments for competitions, like the timpani, vibraphone, harp, etc, so we try to imitate those we don't have. Though these can be borrowed during formal competitions, it's hard to master a new instrument that we have never encountered before within a short period of time. Changes in the training course must be made to satisfy that.

E: What does LKKCCO mean to LKKC?

L: The most vital role of LKKCCO is to connect every LKKCer. Since the second year of our schools' establishment, we have continued providing training courses as an approach to learning Chinese music. It is a linkage of all LKKCers, a common topic and collective memory for the alumni. The alumni eagerly attend and support us, and even join us for an ensemble with the current members during special events. Some especially come back to school and revisit the music room again on Saturday morning to see our weekly practices. As this has been the place where all members stayed every Saturday morning for most of their secondary school lives, it has become a memorable place for us.

E: Do you have any words of advice to members in

LKKCCO or LKKCers ?

L: To members in LKKCCO, cherish our LKKCCO, stand by our rules and stick to LKKCCO. It's the simple things, like being punctual, being disciplined in practicing our songs—not being absent, and cooperating with one another.



To provide more chances for students' development, there are also many different teams in school, like the Sports team, Debate team, Campus TV. Therefore, to all LKKCers, cherish all these opportunities. Because once you graduate, you will find everything in LKKC precious and regret if you don't seize the chances.

E: Thank you for your time in answering these questions!

L: You're welcome!

Here is one of the members of LKKCCO, Alvin, who recently joined, on some of his thoughts about the orchestra:

LKKCCO is a team that has witnessed many improvements with lots of fascinating performances.

I joined the LKKCCO in March 2019 because I had attended the F.1 training course before. I felt really worried when I first joined as the songs practised and performed were quite hard. Also, I was a bit confused with its operation—it has a lot of departments and I didn't know how they cooperated together.



After a few months of training, I learned that the most important thing in the CO is to practice. None of the songs can be performed well without all the members' own effort into practicing. However, this is still not enough. Cooperation needs everyone's patience and care. Knowing what the other members are doing can help us have a better performance.

One of my most unforgettable memories in the CO was the show at the Confucius Birthday Banquet on 25/9. On that day, nearly all members were invited to go to the banquet to perform two songs for the guests, principals and teachers in STFA. It was one of the biggest shows that I have ever gone to. One of the songs we played was a chapter that can be found in a very famous musical composition. This song is much harder than the last one as it was very long and required changing the musical instruments. In this show, I not only improved my performance in Chinese music, I also learned more about dealing with a more complicated song, which is an amazing experience for me.

I think that joining the CO and learning Chinese music is not just about learning a new skill, it also builds character. The CO can help students relax during our busy studies. I hope that the CO can keep improving and the members can try their best to sharpen their musical skills as well.

An interview with Mr Yeung

4C Bosco Cheung, 4D Hannah Wong

Have you noticed some new faces in our school? Are you curious about who they are? One new teacher that we are going to introduce today is Mr. Yeung Wah Ming, who teaches Physics.

On the outside, Mr. Yeung looks quiet and he does enjoy doing passive activities such as listening to music, reading poems and watching films. But what you may not know is that he actually also likes to play basketball and even video games.

Mr. Yeung worked in a business firm after graduating. He did not plan to be a teacher at first but he found that doing the same task in the office repeatedly was so boring and meaningless that he decided to change his job. As a volunteer in church, he found that talking with teenagers and forming precious relationships were actually more worthwhile. Therefore, he ended up being a teacher. He thinks that the relationship between teachers and students should be more like a friendship instead of being alienated from one another. Thus, he hopes that he can have more time to talk with students in order to know more about them.

He has chosen to teach in LKKC as the learning environment here is good and has lots of special traditions, for instance, the inter-class dodgeball competition, the fashion show and so on. He also appreciates that students in LKKC are self-disciplined, polite and dedicated.

As a Physics teacher, Mr. Yeung finds it challenging to make abstract ideas concrete. Therefore, he usually encourages students to ask questions actively so as to help them have a better understanding. He also thinks learning is not only for results, but it also helps us discover our own

interests. He advises students to learn by reading extra-curricular materials. He said that it is more important to know how to apply the knowledge we have learnt than just memorizing them, especially nowadays, with the advancement of technology. Last but not least, he hopes students can treasure the memories and time spent with classmates and also learn to forgive, respect and be grateful for what we have now.

Sports Day 2019

5D Chole Ng, 5B Katrina Po, 5B Yannes Chan

A few weeks have passed since the 2019 Sports Day officially came to an end. Let's all give a round of applause to each and everyone of you who participated in this year's Sports Day. Enduring the two days with a temperature of over 30 degrees Celsius, this is something truly remarkable.

Unfortunately, there were several injuries. We hope that all the students are now feeling much better and continuing on with their next journey.

Now let's do a recap on that day:

Man House: *Big success, tried their best*

First runner-up may not seem like much but the Man House Captains were still grateful for their great success and accomplishment. They were glad that the awards gave them validation for the members' participation. *'The key to every winning team's success is harmony, communication and cooperation. Conceivably, it's difficult to achieve. But we did it,'* Kaylie Sze, Chairperson of Man House acknowledged the entire Man House's effort for the awards. Despite getting the second runner-up, they were happy to retain the Cleanliness Award. She said she relied on everyone's cooperation. However, Kaylie still thought they still had room for improvement. She thought that their team could be more diligent with the board decoration and the cheering team could leave no stone unturned. She would back them up with heart and soul. Both the House Captains lastly expressed that all the members in their house could do much better and strive for their targets next year. It's not easy, but give it a try!



Hung House: *Support Us, We are a union*

'It's incredible that we have obtained the championship of the Cheering Team. Thanks to all the students who took part in each of the events in the competition. We can see that our team invested a lot of time and energy before and in the competition. We had a great time in the sports competition.' Rachel Kan, Captain of Hung House, expressed her deepest gratitude to all the Hung house members. Nonetheless, Rachel thought that they could enhance the efficiency in the board decoration. She said that they needed to do more preparation before the sports day, such as setting deadlines for themselves or measuring the size of the mascot more accurately.



Chung House: *Did Their Best, No Regrets.*

2019 was an unsettling year for Chung House, as this Sports Day, they had the least number of members (so they hope to have the same amount of members as other houses next year) and at the same time, a handful of injured athletes. Michael Kam, the Vice House Captain admitted that these were the dominant reasons for their low participation and the primary disadvantages to their relay score. Chung House Captain, Jacky Leung, mentioned that it was refreshing to have English as the main language of the Sports Day and wishes for this to continue in the future. Despite all the misfortune and difficulties, Jacky and the other House Captain, Jessica Lo, together with their team members said that they have no regrets. *"Even though we didn't win the Decoration Award, the banner decoration brought us all together," said Jacky.*



Jessica also admitted that it was slightly disheartening that they didn't win the Decoration Award. But she said at least every member tried their best and that's enough. *"Seeing all the guests, alumni and lots of students taking photos in front of our banner, we immediately knew that it was worth it. We are so grateful to see our hard work pay off and earn others' recognition,"* said Jessica. Alice Liu, the Vice Captain of the house also commented, *"Even though we lost the award for decoration, we worked in unison, did our best and have no regrets."* Lastly, they hope that all the Chung House members will continue to strive for the best next year and be a responsible member by participating in all competitions.

Shun House: *Twice in a row, they kept the flow*

Congratulations to Shun House on your well-deserved success! Winning the overall championship and gaining the greatest applause from LKKC schoolmates will undoubtedly be the most invaluable reward for your endless endeavors. *'Getting recognition from the school encourages us to strive for the best in the future,'* said Vianne Chan, the Captain of Shun House. During the interview with Vianne, we were told that despite the absence of an elite athlete that day, both their fellow members and house teachers overcame this obstacle. Instead of feeling disappointed, they went through each hurdle wholeheartedly. *'We sincerely appreciate their efforts given and we would like to say all your perseverance and devotion have paid off!'*



When asked about the prospects this year, Vianne hoped that friendship comes first, then the competition. She added, *'keep that fire in your heart and strong sense of belonging in Shun House forever.'*

Last but not least, congratulations to the accomplishment of the 'House Decoration Award'. Without everyone's help, the house's decoration, especially the house banner, could not have been more perfect. Once again, thanks to every Shun House member's effort and enthusiasm!

School Renovations

5C Sharon Lo

It has been a month since the start of our school term. Despite all the heavy workload we all have been drenched in, I bet you have noticed some notable changes on our campus.

Starting off with some basic necessities, the lavatories for both genders on the second floor have been renovated. The deprived quality of our school's washrooms had always been our students' primary concern. Indeed, most fixtures of our restrooms had fallen into disrepair which caused nuisances to us when it came to using toilets, such as the lock of the door being broken or the flushing system not functioning. With the growing problems brought by this, a substantial amount of construction was put in to ensure the quality of our school life. The toilets, the flushing system, toilet doors and walls have been redone.



Walking down the stairs from the second floor, let's move towards the hall. I have always found the basement beneath our hall to have an uncanny resemblance with some ghastly chambers that appeared onscreen. Thanks to the renovations done in the previous year, one of the rooms is now reconditioned and transformed into a place where students studying Visual Arts can store their assignments and reference books. The interior embodies the idea of contemporary art—wooden desks and chairs along with wooden cupboards, which gives me a sense of artistic vibes.

Not only does the caliber of our learning environment matter, but also the teaching environment. In line with the friendly working environment culture, our school refurbished Room 104 into a teachers' common room in an effort to raise their job satisfaction, productivity and sense of belonging. The interior of the room was redecorated in a minimalistic style. Inside, several cozy couches are placed for teachers to stretch out on, a couple of desks and chairs for a coffee break, some microwave ovens and fridges for heating food and storage respectively and a television that offers a relaxing activity for them.

More ongoing renovation work can be expected, so stay tuned to see what new look our school campus will have!

Writing Competitions

Do you have a flair for writing, or do you want to just try and improve your English writing through writing competitions? This is your chance!

Magazines International (Asia) Limited is organizing once again an English writing competition for all forms. There are two sections for entry: Junior section for S1-S3 (Year 7-9) and Senior section for S.4-S.6 (Year 10-13). Each section is assigned with a topic. This year, the theme for Junior section is "My Hero." and for Senior section is "One thing I really wish I could do. And Why?"





Another writing competition you can try out for is organized by the HK Young Writers Awards., which focuses on writing about global issues. The topic this year is Future Adventures of the Greater Bay Area.

If you're interested, contact Ms. de Guzman or Ms. Ho in Room A for entry details. They will gladly guide you along, so don't worry! Come and join!



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