



20<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Dear Generous Donors and Friends,

We are happy to inform you that we have received a total of \$ 82.11 million from very generous benefactors and various fundraising events up to July 2009. Unfortunately our investment has also been affected by the recent credit crunch. However, certain member of the Investment Committee has pledged to make good the shortfall so incurred. Therefore, we wish to keep you up-to date concerning the progress in our recent use of these funds made available through the Foundation.

The members of the Foundation Board agreed in September 2008 to grant the two schools \$3.5 million for small class teaching and to employ extra teachers. We have implemented small class teaching in Forms 1, 2, and 3 in English, Chinese, and Mathematics. Besides, we have further enhanced our support and services to our students and teachers in many creative ways. We have also subsidised our students to perform in Beijing and take part in 2 overseas exchange programmes in 2008-2009. (a summary of the measures taken is attached for reference)

It will take some time to evaluate these measures but so far, the feedback is very encouraging, especially the effectiveness of the small class teaching. The exchange programmes are certainly very valuable experiences for the students and teachers. This is a summary of the efforts being made to make the Wah Yans better centres of learning and formation of character, thanks to your generosity.

The New Senior Secondary (NSS) curriculum that will be launched in September 2009 puts more weight on liberal studies, whole person development and other learning experiences (OLE) for students. In order to help young Wahyanites cope with these challenges, we are working with the schools to implement new initiatives in the coming



months. We will allocate \$4.5 million to support these measures in 2009-2010. We have to sustain these programmes in longer term to help our boys learn and grow steadily.

The 2 Wah Yans will celebrate their 85<sup>th</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries starting September 2009. There will be 3 major programmes, namely the Walkathon on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009, the Gratitude Dinner on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2009 and the Night of Performing Arts on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2010. So keep these dates in your diary, join us and give us your kind support. You will galvanise many others into helping our Dream come true.

With very best wishes,

Rev. Alfred J Deignan, S.J.  
Chairman of the Foundation

Rev. Stephen Chow, S.J.  
Director of the Foundation/  
School Supervisor



#### Efforts made in enhancing our teaching and supporting staff in 2008/2009

1. Employment of extra Chinese, English and Mathematics teachers to implement small class teaching in F1-F3 in both Wah Yans
2. An educational psychologist was employed to provide quality support for students and teachers in Wah Yan Kowloon
3. Two teachers will be sent to attend an English teaching enhancement course in the University of Oxford in July 2009

#### Further support for students in 2008/2009

1. We subsidized the Student Exchange Programme with Belvedere College (Jesuit) Dublin, Ireland for Wah Yan Hong Kong in January and March 2008
2. Also subsidized was the Wah Yan Hong Kong Student Exchange Programme with Beijing Eleventh Secondary in October 2008 and January 2009

#### Plans in 2009-2011

1. Employment of a native teacher of Putonghua in each school to strengthen language teaching
2. Employment of an educational psychologist to provide quality support for students and teachers in both Wah Yan
3. A pastoral assistant, a drama coach and a sports coach to be employed in each school to further enhance our whole person development for students
4. A 2.5-year small class teaching enhancement programme for teachers
5. Other learning experience programmes for students such as English Building On-line Exercise Programmes and exchange programmes with China and Ireland for Wah Yan Hong Kong and other projects on need basis