

Wah Yan One Family Foundation



281, Queen's Road East, Hong Kong

REPORT OF THE WAH YAN 2008 MARATHON TEAM

I have pleasure to submit the following information and financial report in respect of the participation of the WY Marathon Team in the Standard Chartered Bank International Marathon 2008 to the WYOFF Committee.

The WY Marathon Team is led by a group of three WYHK71 with the aims to;

- a) encourage the Wah Yan boys, past and present, to adopt an active, healthy lifestyle;
- b) raise the profile of our alma mater; and
- c) raise funds for WYOFF; in that order.

Planning started in Oct. 07 upon the return of a member of the group from overseas and the team is led by Professor Sydney Chung with technical support from Philip Kwok. Emails were sent to all class representatives of the PSA, announcement was made in the WYOFF website and students were encouraged to join by the teachers and principals of the two Colleges. A few training runs were organized in WYK and several press interviews were given by Professor Chung to generate public awareness of the participation of the WY Team. Despite the short lead time and the fact that nearly 20 boys from WYK were barred from participating because of over-subscription well before the deadline of enrolment, Wah Yan was well represented in the marathon as demonstrated by the figures below;

No. of participants:

WYHK students	16
WYK students	2
Old Boys from both Colleges	15
Total	33

Donations pledged:

From WYK 68 and 69	\$319750
Other sources	\$137000
Total:	\$456750

Expenses:

Reimbursement of enrolment fee @\$320 each to 18 students who have completed the race \$ 5760

Purchase and printing of 100 running shirts with WYOFF logo for runners, organizers and cheerers (sponsored by Laurence Tse)

Production of marathon banner for publicity and photo-taking (sponsored by Daniel Mak)

The Team is still soliciting more donations so that the target of \$500,000 could be reached.

Because of the enthusiastic response this year, the Marathon Team has decided to join the marathon again next year and has invited Father Chow and the two principals to join the 10Km. run. They have accepted the challenge on the condition that we are able to raise \$500,000 for them each. Professor Sydney Chung has also agreed to visit the two Colleges after the summer to talk to the students about the benefits of marathon running and encourage more students to join.

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The Marathon Team takes this opportunity to thank the WYOFF Committee for allowing the Team to use the WYOFF logo on its running shirt and invites Members of the Committee to accompany Father Chow and the principals in the 2009 marathon and help raise the donations required to support them. Students and their parents of the two Colleges will also be invited to donate for this good cause.

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